

Newk Blames Self For Dodgers' Woes; Goes To Redlegs In Trade

Takes Blame For Team's Bad Showing

CINCINNATI — (ANP) — Before joining the Cincinnati Reds, big Don Newcombe, for many years a mainstay with the Brooklyn Dodgers, personally assumed blame for the Dodgers' poor showing this year.

The righthand fastballer, traded to the Redlegs recently in exchange for first baseman Steve Bilko and pitcher Johnny Klippstein, was asked by reporters who he thought was to be blamed for the Dodgers' showing. He promptly answered:

"Me, mainly. Everyone depended on me, but I couldn't win for losing."

Newcombe, a temperamental fellow, failed to win a single game this year.

The Reds are pinning their title hopes on him, despite his luckless performance. Said General Manager Gabe Paul, who clinaxed a two-year fight to sign Newcombe:

"If Newcombe goes big for us, it could mean the pennant. Taking him is a gamble we feel is justified."

Field manager Budie Tebbets concurred, saying:

"Newcombe could do a real big job for us and if he can regain the form he had in 1953, he can win the pennant for us."

That was a big year for Newcombe. He not only pitched the then Brooklyn Dodgers to the pennant, but wound up a 27-game winner and was voted the National League most valuable player, but he was a disappointment last season.

Newcombe made his best showing when the injured Ray Campbell was catching for the team. His chief trouble seems to be a tendency to rely too much on his blazing fast ball. He also has a good changeup. Campy, it was observed, saw to it that Newcombe mixed his pitches.

The Reds have a capable catcher in Ed Bailey, and it could be that Newcombe will overcome his difficulties with the power-laden Redlegs.

Virgil Stars In Briggs Stadium Debut

DETROIT (ANP) — Ossie Virgil, first Negro player for the Detroit Tigers, made his Briggs Stadium debut last week an auspicious one when he collected five straight hits and fielded flawlessly to lead the Tigers to a 9-0 victory over the Washington Senators.

Cheered lustily by a crowd of 29,794, Virgil hit a double and four singles and came up with some brilliant fielding. His teammates backed him up with 12 additional hits. For a total of 17 to Washington's 8, left hander Billy Hoefi pitched for the Tigers. Virgil, who was up once before with the New York Giants, was acquired recently by the Tigers from their Charleston, W. Va. farm team.



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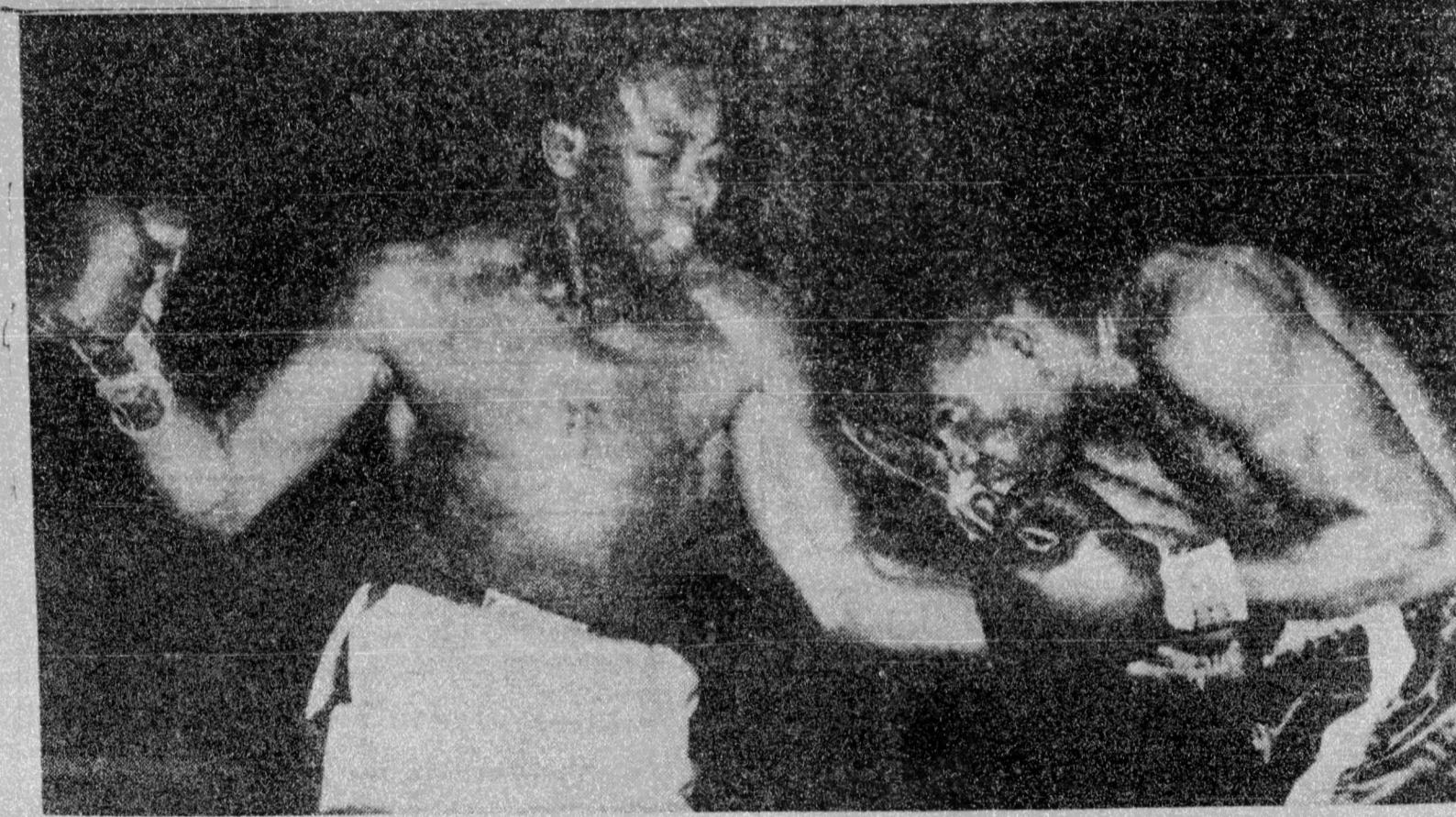
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"KEED" LANDS WITH A LEFT — Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, left, lands with a left to the mid-section of Yama Bahama, of Bimini, in the first round of a 10-round middleweight contest at Miami, Florida last Wednesday night. (UPI TELEPHOTO).



NET QUEEN UPSET — British tennis prodigy Christine Truman, 17 (right), shakes hands with American tennis queen Althea Gibson, following Miss Truman's upset victory over the Harbome in the Wightman Cup matches at Wimbledon, England. The American team lost the prized Wightman cup for the first time in 29 years. (Newspress Photo).

Final Baseball Standings Of Teams In State Listed

The final baseball standings were released from the office of the Commissioner last week. They represent those teams that were in championship play in North Carolina this season. Lion High School of Raleigh fought its way into the championship bracket by defeating Laurel Hill, and Person County Training School of Roxboro for the Eastern division Championship.

In the western division, Stephen Lee of Asheville won its way into the championship by defeating Reid High of Belmont and getting a default from Atkins High School of Winston-Salem. The finals between Lion of Raleigh and Stephen Lee of Asheville brought one of the largest crowds seen for High School baseball in Raleigh. Lion went on to defeat Asheville, 11-4, for the championship.

The Commissioner stated that several teams would have been eligible for participation in the championships but inclement weather delayed the completion of a large number of schedules and caused the championship play to be continued after the close of these schools.

Ward Singers Top Religious Group Of Twentieth Century?

NEW YORK (ANP) — Clara Ward and the famous Ward Singers have been chosen the "outstanding group of religious singers of the 20th century" by the special citizens voluntary committee of the Abyssinian Baptist Church and New York City, according to an announcement recently made by O. D. Dempsey, assistant pastor and director of the mammoth "Citizens Achievement Day" celebration scheduled for Sunday, June 29.

An annual affair at the well-known church pastored by Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, this year's "Day" will be the seventh yearly presentation of the event. In naming the Ward Singers as the top religious singers of the century the Committee said "We based our selection solely on the fact that in the midst of a changing world, where rock and roll has taken its toll of youngsters and adults, the Ward Singers have given something to God's music and to His gospel that has echoed around the world."

Others scheduled to receive awards and honors at the Har-



MAYS SEES DOCTOR — Willie Mays, of the San Francisco Giants, who was benched June 18 for the first time this season, arrived in New York June 19 for a physical examination at the Harkness Pavilion. Mays, who complained of feeling "weak and tired" the past few weeks, may not rejoin the Giants for a few days while he undergoes tests. Mays' physician, Dr. Stuart Gosgriff, declined to comment on Mays' condition. (UPI PHOTO)

Major League Roundup

CHICAGO — (ANP) — One of these days soon the name of Hank Aaron will be back where it belongs among major league baseball players.

The Milwaukee outfielder, batting hero in the 1957 World Series, has been in the neater regions of National League batters since the season began. But in the last two weeks he has been driving toward the 300 mark.

Consistent hitting since Memorial Day brought Aaron's average from .228 to .272, well below his norm, but encouraging. Aaron was home run king in the majors last season.

WILLIE SLUMPS
While Aaron was on the rise, Willie Mays was slipping at the bat. The centerfielder of the San Francisco Giants, skidded from 433 to 400 then to 392. He was still tied for the League, though.

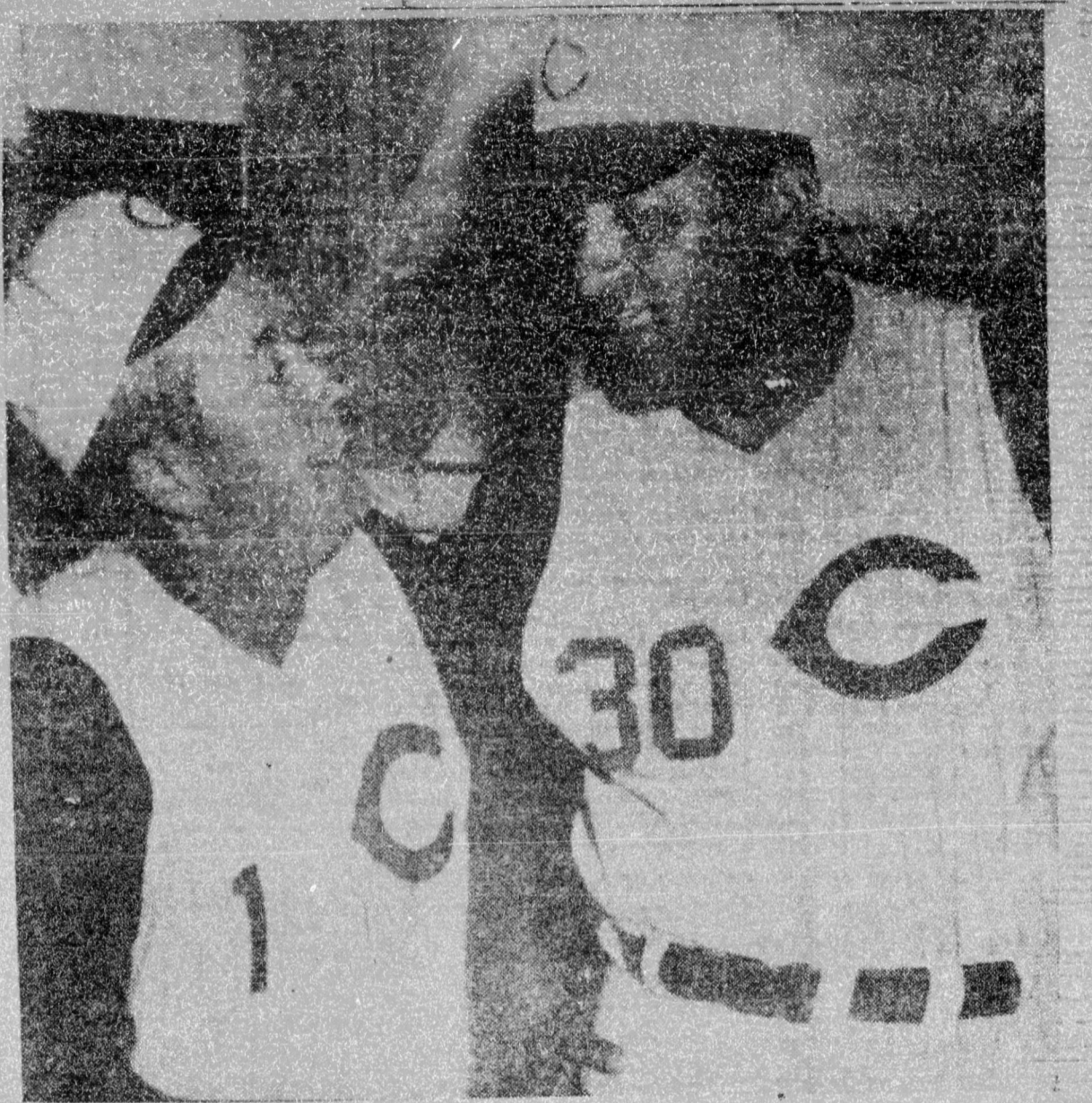
Ernie Banks lost—temporarily at least—the home-run and RBI leadership. Banks had 18 home runs and 52 runs batted in, but Frank Thomas of the Pittsburgh Pirates had collected 19 homers and 57 RBIs.

Banks, incidentally, was pressing Mays for the lead in runs with 49. Banks and Charley Neal of the Los Angeles Dodgers were tied for third in triples in the NL. Each had six. Tony Taylor, Chicago Cubs' rookie infielder, with eight, and Junior Gilliam, Los Angeles outfielder, hit seven were among the leaders in stolen bases.

Kitt Album Is Tribute To Handy

PHILADELPHIA — (ANP) — Eartha Kitt, talented singer and actor, recently completed an album honoring the late W. C. Handy, under the title, "Father of the Blues," for RCA Victor.

The album, now available, featured many of the blues and spirituals composed and admired by Handy during his lifetime. Among them are the title song, "Father of the Blues," "Memphis," "Atlanta," "Beale Street," "Yellow Dog," "Hesitation," and "Friendliness." The album also features blues and the spirituals "Street A-way" and "Hiss the Window, Noah." Miss Kitt played a leading role in the "St. Louis Blues," the movie depicting the life of the great Negro composer.



SIZING UP A NEW REDLEG — Manager Budie Tebbets, left, of the Cincinnati Redlegs, talks things over with his newest pitcher, Don Newcombe. June 18 Newcombe was acquired by the Redlegs in a trade with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Newk says his arm feels fine and he is very happy to be with the third-place Redlegs. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

Rodgers, Former Giants Shortstop, Developing Into A Power Hitter

PHOENIX, Ariz. — (ANP) — Andre Rodgers, a rookie sensation for a brief period last season, is giving every indication that he soon will be back in the big show.

Brought up amid considerable fanfare by the then New York Giants last season, Rodgers, for a brief spell, was living up to the predictions to baseball men who lavish praise, when he injured his leg and wound up riding the bench.

The inactivity plus over anxiety ruined his batting average and he was finally shipped to Minneapolis where his slump continued.

Rodgers refused to give up and soon his batting average began to soar. Now he is with Phoenix in the Pacific Coast League and has developed into a power hitter. At last report he was hitting above the .400 mark and his fielding left little to be desired. He also hit safely in 26 consecutive games.

So once again Rodgers seems to be on the threshold to the majors and it might be that the San Francisco Giants will be calling on him again soon.

A 23-year-old 195-pounder Rodgers is a native of Bahamas, British West Indies, where he formerly played cricket and softball.

Pianist Tells Why She Hasn't Married

CHICAGO — Playing the concert piano, travel to 41 foreign countries, and constant practice has not left time for Philippa Schuyler to concentrate much on getting married, according to her article in the July issue of EBONY.

Philippa, a former child piano prodigy, has definite ideas on the type of man she would consider ideal and says, "He must be handsome in a refined and cultivated way, yet without vanity or egotism; must not be interested in my money, must not be insanely jealous; must feel that people are more important than things; he must be gallant," and would like for him to be someone who brings good to society, not working merely for selfish gain, for himself.

In EBONY, Philippa tells of the numerous proposals she has received—and rejected, including the one of a Nigerian prince who wanted her to be his queen, but Philippa was only fifteen at the time.

She says of marriage, "each is led by God and marriage should and will take place when it is part of the fulfillment God has planned, and that to go contrary to His will only leads to unhappiness."

Of all the men she has met in her travels the three she most respects and looks up to are: Emperor Haile Selassie, King Mutesa II of Uganda and the King of the Ashanti, the Assantehene, Prempeh II, Kumasi, Ghana.

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