

Mays, Aaron May Battle For League's Batting Title

Aaron Could Challenge Should Musial Falter

CHICAGO (AP)—Stan Musial and Willie Mays are still the principal contenders for the National league batting championship, but should they falter, they might find a familiar figure looking over their shoulders.

Bank Aaron, the National league's most valuable player, finally reached the .300 mark in batting after an uphill struggle with a slump that persisted in most of the first four months of the season.

Milwaukee's young outfielder, in nine games, collected 19 hits in 37 trips to raise his average from around .260 to .305. Aaron also was coming up on the outside to challenge the leaders in other offensive departments. He was pressing the leaders in runs (66), doubles (19) and home runs (20).

HOWARD WIELDS BIG BAT
In the American league, Elston Howard and Bob Boyd continued last week as hitting standouts.

Howard, who has taken over temporarily as first string New York Yankee catcher, was working on an 18-game hitting streak and his .358 average was tops in the American league. He was not considered the bona-fide leader, however, because he had been to bat only 181 times.

Boyd had made a steady climb from a lowly .175 mark to around .315. The Baltimore first sacker hit at a .400 clip by connecting safely in 28 of 28 games (18 for 18).

Home runs delivered by Gus Flood, Frank Robinson and Hector Lopez brought victories to their respective teams last week.

Flood, young St. Louis outfielder, hit a 14th-inning homer to give the Cardinals a 5-4 victory over Milwaukee.

Robinson banged a 10th-inning, two-run homer and drove in a pair of tallies with a double to lead the Cincinnati Redlegs to a 6-5 win over the Chicago Cubs.

GRANT, JONES WIN
Jim (Mudcat) Grant, Cleveland's young right-hander, spun a five-hitter to gain his first victory in

more than a month, a 5-3 decision over the Washington Senators. Grant had not won since June 22 when he twirled a 1-0 shutout against the same team.

Sam Jones, the Cardinals' curvballing right-hander, struck out 12 batters in hurling a 3-1 triumph over Cincinnati and Brooks Lawrence. It was Jones' seventh win against as many losses, and raised his knockout total to 124, highest in the majors. The loss was Lawrence's seventh, compared to six wins.

Jones won his eighth game by hurling a superb 1-0 shutout against the Braves. He allowed only four hits.

Musial, the Cardinals' veteran, with a .338 average, held a nine-point edge over Mays (.344) in the NL batting derby.

But the San Francisco outfielder remained among the leaders in several departments—runs (69), hits (129), doubles (19), triples (9) and stolen bases (17).

BANKS HOLDING OWN
Other NL fan players among the first 10 batters were Orlando Cepeda, San Francisco, .310, and Aaron and Flood, .305.

Ernie Banks, Chicago Cubs' shortstop, dropped back to second in home runs (26) and in RBI's (74). He led the league in runs (71) and was among the leaders in hits (111) and triples (8).

In the American league, Vic Power succeeded from the leadership in batting. The versatile Cleveland Indian dropped to 32nd, which placed him third.

Power and his teammate, Minnie Miñoso, were among the leaders in runs (59), and Vic also was among the pacesetters in hits (111), doubles (22) and triples (7).

The Cubs, seeking to strengthen their bid for a first division NL berth, called out Leo Jackson, a young outfielder from the Pueblo club of the Western league. He had batted .353 and drove in 32 runs in 85 games in the Class A league.



PRESIDENTS AT GOLF "SUMMIT"— Heads of the United Golfers Association and leaders in its affiliated units were in Dayton last week for important conference involving future plans of UGA to sponsor and promote the group's annual tournaments. Seen above, left to right, UGA president Franklin T. Lett, Detroit; Moss H. Kendrix, D. C. public relations firm head; Max Stanford, Eastern Golf Association president, Philadelphia; and Howard Anderson, president of the Midwest District Golf Association, all pausing between rounds in tourney sponsored by Dayton's Fairway Golf Club. The Moss H. Hendrix Organization was retained by UGA to handle certain aspects of its public relations and promotions.

Patterson Offered \$250,000 To Fight Sonny Liston, Conqueror Of Bethea

CHICAGO (AP)—Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson Wednesday was offered a \$250,000 guarantee to risk his title against fast-rising Sonny Liston of St. Louis.

The offer by Truman K. Gibson, Jr., president of the International Boxing Club, came after Liston scored a sensational one-round knockout over Wladimir Beetha in the Chicago Stadium. Liston stopped Beetha, rated among the top 10 contenders, in 1:02 of the scheduled 16-round bout, which was televised nationally from the Chicago Stadium.

Swarms Over Beetha
In the bout, Beetha never got started. Liston swarmed over him from the opening song.

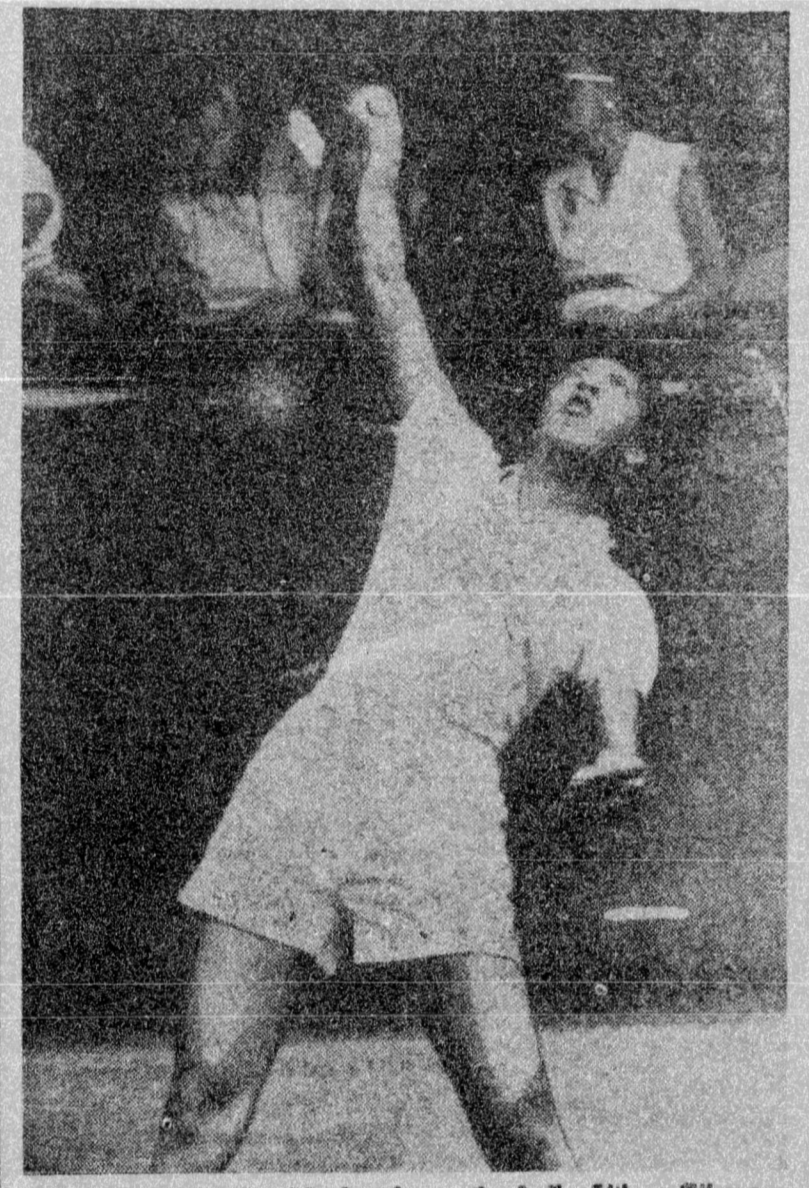
scoring with left jabs and hooks to the body and head. A jolting left hook delivered on top of a series of rights and lefts put Beetha on the deck at about the one minute mark. He struggled to his feet at the count of four, took the mandatory eight count required after a knockout in non-title fights, and tried to continue. However, Liston met him with another salvo that sent him reeling against the ropes.

As Beetha staggered along the ropes, Referee Bernio Weisman moved in to examine him. He stopped the fight after determining that Beetha was badly cut in the mouth and in no condition to continue.

Gibson Makes Offer
Immediately after the bout, Gibson, who was present at ringside along with such other boxing dignitaries as former heavyweight champions Joe Louis and Max Baer, Buddy Baer, and former middleweight titlist, Tony Zale, announced the guarantee.

Liston, meanwhile, was basking in his newly-found glory. In addition to scoring his most important victory to date, Liston, 26-year-old 204-pounder, posted his 19th win in 20 professional fights, losing only once.

In Beetha he conquered a man who has fought such veterans as Zora Polley, Nino Valdes, and Harold Johnson.



ALTHEA WINS—Moving in on the ball, Althea Gibson, America's two-time Wimbledon champ, prepares to uncork a forehand smash during play in the Eastern Grass Court Tennis matches at South Orange, N. J. Miss Gibson defeated Babe Lewis, 6-4, 6-1 in the quarter finals. (Newsphoto Photo).

In Chicago Friday: National Athletic Steering Committee To Fete 'Big Jeff'

CHICAGO (CIAA News Service)—The National Athletic Steering

Committee will honor Harry R. "Big Jeff" Jefferson for thirty-five

years "contribution to the development of youth through athletic coaching and administration" at the Washington Park YMCA in Chicago on August 15.

Jefferson, who is presently associated with Berea College in Philadelphia, ended his active coaching career at Hampton Institute in 1935.

The popular mentor's life time football record is 181-86-18. Jefferson's career began at Kelly Miller High School, Clarkburg, W. Va. in 1922.

He was at Wilberforce University in 1923 before returning to Kelly Miller in 1924.

His five year association with Bluefield State College began in 1925. His first term at Bluefield ended in 1929. Jefferson's 1927 and 1928 terms at Bluefield were league championships.

From 1930 to 1931 Jefferson coached at North Carolina A & T in Greensboro. He returned to Bluefield for the 1932-33 season.

At Virginia State College where he moved in 1934, Jefferson remained until 1936, producing CIAA championship teams in 1936, 1938, 1939, and 1945.

Jefferson was associated with Hampton Institute from 1949 to 1953.

In addition to active coaching Jefferson served as vice president of the CIAA Central district, one of the founding members of the highly successful CIAA Basketball Tournament Committee, and as Chairman of the influential Rules Committee on Committee.

He is now an honorary president of the CIAA.

From 1934-1936 Jefferson served as a member of the Rules Committee of the American Football Coaches Association. Since 1937 he has been a member of the AFCA's Fatal Injuries Committee.

Joe Brown Chosen 'Fighter Of Month'

NEW YORK (AP)—Lightweight champion Joe Brown last week was named "Fighter of the Month" by Ring magazine. Brown's selection was based on his performance in winning over Kenny Lane to defend his title. It was the fifth successful defense for Brown, who

hails from New Orleans. Also boosted in Ring ratings were Zora Polley, Chandler, Ariz., listed to No. 1 contender in the heavyweight ranks; and Gaspar Ortega of Mexico and Lee Espinosa of the Philippines, in the welter and bantamweight divisions, respectively.

Moore Fails In KO Bid; Held To A Draw By King

RENO, Nev. — (AP)—A much sought-after record eluded veteran Archie Moore for the 11th time last week when he was held to a draw by heavyweights Howard King, a frequent opponent, in a non-title 10 round bout before 4,000 fans at Moana Park.

Fighting King for the fifth time the pudgy light heavyweight champion, who came in at 199 pounds to King's 183, failed once more to set a new world record of 127 knockouts. He had failed four times previously.

The closest Moore came to knocking out a contender was when he pinned the 24-year-old King nearly

in the fourth round. Neither fighter was to see real trouble, however. Judge Bill Strammell scored the fight a draw, 47-47. Judge Tony Smorchina, 47-49 for Moore, and Referee Jimmy Olivas saw it 47-47. Moore had beaten King in their other appearances together.

United Golfers Association Announces Its Policy For Pittsburgh, Retains PR Firm

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The United Golfers Association last week issued a statement covering rules of play for its tournament to be held at Pittsburgh, August 25-29, and announced appointment of a Washington, D. C. public relations firm to handle certain aspects of its promotions.

Mrs. Paris Brown, UGA tournament director, released a statement outlining rules of play and announced that tournament will be played at North and South Park courses in Pittsburgh. Amateur men will qualify at North Park, while the women and senior men will play over the South Park course. All qualifying rounds must be started between 7 A. M. and 4 P. M. on Monday, August 25.

Junior entries will play in two age groups, 9 to 14 and 15 to 17, inclusive. This division will play its rounds over the North Park course on Thursday and Friday, August 28 and 29. The professional division begins play on Tuesday, August 26, in the afternoon. On the second day, the pro ranks will be cut to thirty-six players.

Men players will qualify in divisions of 32, which will be cut to flights of 16, while women players and the senior men will go from divisions of 16 to flights of eight. The juniors will play 27 holes. Other instructions and rules will be issued at tournament time.

The UGA statement also pointed out that the Moss H. Kendrix Organization, D. C. public relations firm, has been retained to promote the association's activities. A primary interest of MKKO will be to work with the UGA's tournament committee which will, after 1938, handle the annual tournaments of the national golfing body.

The Yorkshire Golf Club of Pittsburgh is host to the 1938 tournament, which will offer a \$1500 purse for the pros, plus a large array of trophies for men's, women's, senior men's, senior women and junior divisions. The championship trophies for all divisions are being donated by The Coca Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

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ARON SPARKS BRAYS
Hank Aaron's bat continued to speak forcefully as the Milwaukee savior opened up a big gap in the National League race by racking up four home runs and two RBIs in a Sunday afternoon game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

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