

The Times SPORTS SCENE

Hammerin' Henry Hits 700th Homer

ATLANTA — The countdown for Henry Aaron's begins in earnest now. The magic number is 14.

The Atlanta Braves' slugging superstar connected for his 700th career home run Saturday night in his quest to surpass Babe Ruth's all-time record of 714.

"I wanted to hit No. 700 before the All-Star break," Aaron said to a packed audience of newsmen, photographers and television cameras after drilling his 27th home run off Philadelphia left-hander Ken Brett in the third inning at Atlanta Stadium.

"That sounds a little better, only 14 to go," said the 19-year-old Aaron. "I don't feel any special thrill. It's just a number. The only real one is THE one."

Aaron's two-run, 400-foot blast into the left-center field stands came in the third inning on a 1-1 pitch, putting the Braves ahead 4-2. However the Phillies rallied for an 8-4 victory.

"It was a fast ball, down and in," Aaron said of his memorable homer as champagne was passed around to his teammates in a steamy dressing room.

The crowd of 16,236 gave Aaron a two-minute standing ovation and he had to emerge from the Braves' dugout twice before the crowd quieted

down.

"I felt it was going out," he said. "After hitting some 600, you kind of know when they're going."

On July 21, 1934, Ruth's next-to-last season, he had 701

home runs but added his 702nd the following day.

The homer was Aaron's 1,372nd extra-base hit, leaving him only five behind Stan Musial's all-time record in that category.

Aaron had singled in the first inning to extend his hitting streak to nine games, during which he has hit six home runs and driven in 14 runs.

Aaron was only five months old when Ruth smashed his 700th home run on July 13,

1934 off Tommy Bridges in Detroit.

Ruth, also 39 at the time he reached the milestone, hit only eight more homers that season and hit his final six the next year for the Boston Braves, smashing his last three on May 25, 1935 at Pittsburgh.



LISTEN TO RULES — Left: Nelson Hatcock, a student from Lenoir Rhyne College, and coach for this group of participants, points out rules and regulations in connection with the Capital City Basketball School, now being conducted at Saint Augustine's College. The students are Kenneth Morgan, age 13, Nathan Wilkins, 12, Leonard Alston, 13, Gilbert Rivers, 12 and Arthur Vines, Raleigh.



There It Goes... Aaron Watches Another Milestone Reach The Seats

SPORTS CAPSULE

Rod Milburn, last year's Olympic gold medalist in the 110-meter hurdles at Munich, recently set a world record in that same event in Switzerland with a time of 13.1 seconds, one-tenth of a second better than the old mark which he shared with three other Americans. The 23-year-old Milburn, from Southern University, also holds the world record of 13.0 for the 120-yard event.

Saying that he did not have jurisdiction in the case, U.S. District Judge Ralph Freeman recently dismissed a suit filed on behalf of a 12-year-old Ypsilanti, Mich. girl challenging the legality of the Little League's rule barring females.

However, he said he agreed with the argument of defense lawyers that participation in

contact sports such as baseball could jeopardize the physical well-being of the girl, Carolyn King.

Little League attorneys had contended that the difference in the physical composition of boys and girls would hamper "the goal of safety" of the Little League. Ms. King, who will be ineligible to play in league competition next year because of her age, was the center fielder of the Ypsilanti Orioles before the organization's national office threatened to suspend the Ypsilanti chapter for having a female player.

Despite a bad cold, Keny's Ben Jipcho last week continued to make lines by winning the 3,000-meter race in 7 minutes 55 seconds at an international track meet in Copenhagen. Just two weeks ago, Jipcho ran the third fastest mile (3 minutes 52 seconds) in history during an international track and field meet in Stockholm.

A week earlier, the world's No. 1 steeplechaser had knocked more than five seconds off the world record for the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 8:14.0

Rumors have been tossed around recently about the bad trade the Baltimore Orioles made to get catcher Earl Williams. The former Atlanta Braves star had a .259 batting average, knocked in 30 home runs, and batted in 87 runs during his last two

years.

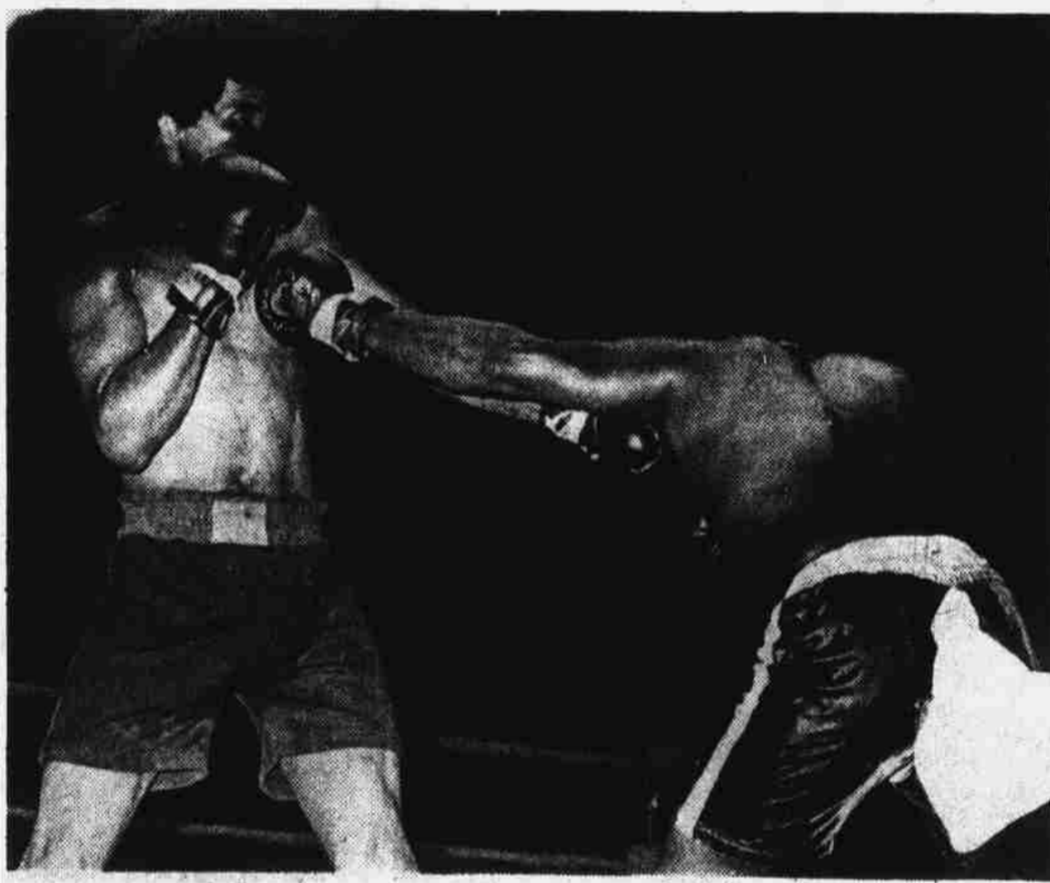
However, halfway through his season with the Orioles, Williams' figures read .233, 11, and 36 respectively. In addition, Williams and manager Earl Weaver have had a few words ever since the big catcher arrived, not to mention the fact that he has received some "anti" mail some of which contains racial epithets similar to those received by his former teammate Hank Aaron.

Ron Mix, executive counsel for the San Diego Chargers announced last week that he has reached an agreement with Duane Thomas' agent, Abner Haynes, on a new contract for the temperamental running back who was traded by the Dallas Cowboys last year.

Last year, the 25-year-old Thomas made a few false starts at Dallas and San Diego training camps, but not being able to get the kind of salary he wanted, the Cowboys No. 1 draft pick from West Texas State in 1970 parted company with the Chargers.

The shortage of labor in northern industries was the direct cause of increase Negro migration during World War I; the U.S. Department of Labor estimated this migration at from 400,000 to 500,000.

A Division of Negro Economics, directed by Dr. George E. Haynes, was established in the U. S. Department of Labor on May 1, 1918.



BOXING SHORTS RIPPED — TAMPA, FLA.: Heavy-weight fighter John Lee Carter (right) of Tampa had his problems recently during his bout with Nathan Gates. In a fourth round a Gates punch doubled Carter over, ripping his boxing shorts. Instead of postponing the fight, a towel was used as a patch. The boxers fought to a draw.

Lucas In Net Tourney Win

WASHINGTON — Durham's John Lucas, the Maryland basketball and tennis star, defeated Fred Drilling of Washington, D.C., 6-2, 7-5; in the opening stadium match Saturday of the Washington Star News International tennis championships.

This was one of the 20 matches involving players trying to qualify for one of the last 10 places in the 64-man main draw of the tournament.

Lucas meets Freddy DeJesus of Santurce, Puerto Rico, in his next match Sunday.



\$700 Winner Eighteen-year-old Robert Winborn of Atlanta poses with Atlanta Braves' slugger Hank Aaron and \$700 in silver dollars after he caught Aaron's 700th career home run ball. The \$700 was a reward from the Braves for the person recovering the ball.

Defensive Gem Helps Robinson Gain Stature

ATLANTA — Bill Robinson, once billed as the black Mickey Mantle, is now living up to the potential that led the New York Yankees to acquire him from the Atlanta Braves for Clete Boyer.

Floundering with the Yanks for three pressure-packed years, he was finally sent to the minors after the 1969 season. He eventually migrated to the Philadelphia organization, and hit .239 as a Phils spare last year.

But this year, starting in right and center fields, the 30-year-old native of McKeesport, Pa., is one of the National League's top five hitters and has been a valuable leadoff batter.

But Friday night, in the Phils' 6-4 victory over the Braves, Robinson made his "best catch ever" by bounding against the right field bullpen

gate to rob Dusty Baker of what looked like a sure game-tying two-run homer.

Hank Aaron had walked with two outs and Baker, a right handed pull hitter, sliced a drive that looked like it might not even make the barrier.

Robinson leaped high on the seven-foot gate, which broke a hinge as it gave way, and he pulled down Baker's blast.

"I've made a lot of catches but that's the best ever," said the Philadelphia outfielder said.

Atlanta Manager Eddie Mathews and Danny Ozark, his Philadelphia counterpart, agreed they had never seen anything like the catch.

"I don't know how he got up so high and reached so far for the ball," said the admiring Mathews. "I also don't know how he kept from falling into the bullpen."

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