

# ALTHEA GIBSON WINS DEE CEE TENNIS MATCH BEFORE 1,400

## GOOFIN' OFF BY "SKINK"

CLEVELAND INDIANS SIGN WORTHINGTON  
ROBERT WORTHINGTON, 22, former catcher for the NA League Raleigh Tigers, was signed to a Cleveland Indians contract, last Thursday night and sent by plane Friday morning to Platt, Nebraska, in the class D league. Ironically as it may seem, Worthington was not sold to the Indians by the Tigers, but signed as a free agent.

The brewing trouble between, now disposed, Tiger Manager Phillip Johnson and Worthington, came to a head in Chattanooga, Tenn., over a week ago where the Detroit Stars and the Tigers were playing the bottom game of a five-game series. Worthington reputedly one of the best catchers in the Negro American League had been temporarily shifted to first base a couple of weeks ago much to his disliking.

Manager Johnson then took over the catching chores of the club, and stayed there, even after acquiring hard-hitting first baseman Floyd Ford from the Newark Indians. The Tigers look a four-game tallspin via the league cellar and Manager Johnson's faulty catching and poor throwing was keynoted as the primary reason for the set-backs.

Repeated gripes between Johnson and Worthington resulted in Worthington's being sent home to rest. Conferences with Tiger top brass brought the catcher no relief as far as position status was concerned.

Worthington claims that his request for an outright release was never made clear; but his pay check did not come through on pay day as expected and his team status became a matter of doubt. Under Cleveland Scout, Rufus Hatten, owner of the Phantom Raleigh Indians, took advantage of the "disturbing situation" and called in a top Cleveland scout to study the Tiger-Worthington contract and to sign the catcher, if possible.

The scout termed the Tiger contract broken and said that Worthington was automatically free. The catcher was signed at an undisclosed figure and Hatten planned Worthington to Nebraska Friday morning.

Owner Arthur Dove claims that he will file suit against the Indians for transacting the Worthington deal; but at present the owner is busy with a suit that the top brass of the Newark Indians is filing against him for a business deal that gave him controlling interest in the Newark aggregation.

LEON DIGGS NEW TIGER MANAGER  
Leon Diggs, of New Orleans, Louisiana, and nephew of the Great "Bunny" Downs former manager of the Indianapolis Clowns and Memphis Red Sox has been selected to skipper the Raleigh Tigers during the remainder of the season. Diggs, for the past month, has served as Owner Dove's "Man Friday" in Newark to handle promotions and public relations.

Diggs is young and active, has a way with people and is easy to meet. He is an outfielder by profession, but not as great in that position as his "Uncle Bunny" was at second base for the famous Philadelphia Hildale Club back in the late twenties and early thirties.

Since Phillip Johnson is no more with the Tigers, nor Worthington, Diggs will find himself minus a top catcher to begin with. There are not too many top catchers around these days, therefore, one in the hand is worth two in the bush. The same goes for first basemen.

It was early in the season that we pointed out that the Tigers' batting strength was nothing to rave about. It has been their weakest department all season.

Don't be surprised if the Newark Indians fold. An early court decision will determine their status.

Word from owner Melvin Bates, of Roxboro, comes to the effect that the Roxboro Colts are through. It will be the first time in ten years that Roxboro has been without a representative baseball team.



SMILING HOST — Clad in colorful native costume, J. N. Foncha, Premier of the African Southern Cameroons, plays host to visiting members of the British Royal Family. Foncha was on hand to greet the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester during their visit to their former German colony. (UPI PHOTO).

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however, that he never felt that he had been cheated. "I had 21 good years of baseball," he said, "and my career isn't over yet by a long shot."

The star began playing pro ball at the age of 13, and these years were included in his contract, even before he hit the big league. Although his actual playing days are over, Campanella still keeps his hand in baseball. The former Dodgers catcher will work with some of Los Angeles' most promising young ballplayers. He spends much time talking to and working with stricken youngsters in hospitals.

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## Althea Shows Crowd Booming Drives Leading To Wimbledon

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Some 1,400 fans saw Althea Gibson defeat Shirley Fry Irving with dispatch, 6-2, 6-3; and Ham Richardson triumph over Vio Seixas 8-6, 6-3 recently.

Then Richardson and Gibson beat Seixas and Irving in doubles, 6-4, 6-4, at Sheraton-Park Hotel, Sunday.

The games were played before the largest crowd to watch outdoor tennis in Washington in many years. Miss

Gibson, generally recognized as the queen of the game, showed the crowd, which included Chief Justice Warren and Defense Secretary McElroy, the booming drives that took her to the Wimbledon and National championships.

Tennis enthusiasts said Mrs. Irving was a big obstacle in Miss Gibson's way before she married and retired two years ago. But she was not in Althea's class in the exhibitions here.

## Italian Champion In American Debut

CHICAGO (ANP) — Mario Vecchieto, lightweight champion of Italy, and Bobby Scanlon of San Francisco Friday were pronounced fit for their nationally televised 10-round bout in Chicago Stadium Wednesday. The bout will mark the U. S. debut for Vecchieto, born in Udine, Italy.

The Italian is hoping for a victory over Scanlon, the seventh ranked NBA lightweight contender, in order to move up into the ratings.

Vecchieto made his professional debut in 1954 in his native city. He has fought 45

times, winning 43, losing twice and drawing thrice. He has not lost since an unlucky disqualification to Marcello Padovani in October, 1957 for the Italian lightweight title. He now sports a string of 16 without a defeat.

Included among his victims are Orlando Zulueta, Felix Chicoa, and Charley Douglas.

In a supporting 10-round bout, Willie Morton of Los Angeles will tangle with Joey Reynolds, St. Louis, both former Golden Gloves champions.

## Many Tan Players In Major League Trades

CHICAGO (ANP) — With the major league baseball season nearing the all-star game break, it's a good time to analyze some of the trades this season involving tan players.

There were perhaps more changes of scenery for tan players this year than at any time since Jackie Robinson entered the majors in 1947.

Perhaps the most controversial was that involving Hector Lopez, who was dealt to the New York Yankees by the Kansas City Athletics. The trade set up a howl among some of the other AL owners. The swap included five players, three going from the Yankees to the Athletics. A pitcher was sent along with Lopez to New York.

With about a month to go on the Yanks seemed to have scored again, on the basis of Lopez's performance. The third baseman from Panama has been sparking the Yanks offensively.

LOPEZ SPARKS YANKS  
When he arrived, the club was languishing in the basement of the AL for the first time — that late in the season—since 1940. Hector went on a batting spree that raised his average from .281 (which

he compiled at Kansas City) to .310. Actually in the first two weeks with Casey Stengel's team, Lopez was batting .375.

More important, he was driving in key runs. His offense won at least three games and contributed vitally to others.

Significantly, when he slumped for a weekend series, the Yankees dropped three out of four to the Detroit Tigers.

Another big trade—this one in the off season—sent Sam Jones to the San Francisco Giants and Bill White to the St. Louis Cardinals. This is the kind of trade that each team got what it went after.

Jones has bolstered the sagging pitching fortunes of the Giants, although he has not been as spectacular as Manager Bill Rigney had hoped. The hard throwing right-hander, however, has won seven out of his first 13 decisions and with better support from teammates, might have won at least two more.

GOMEZ TO PHILS  
White has been one of the hitting surprises of the season. Bill came into the majors with the Giants in 1956. He was called into service the following season, but in his brief stay, he had shown power.

## DATA 'N' CHATTER

BY DARCY DEMILLE (ANP Syndicated Columnist)

FROM HOLLYWOOD TO HALL—Sometimes ago, I wondered aloud, "how old is Brenda Starr?" Someone out there got the message and passed along this info to me—Brenda will be 19 years old next month. Also, Dale Messick, who tells Brenda, is a she, not a he. Also Brenda is drawn from life, you might say, based on factual doings in the lives of two Chicago-gal reporters whose names must remain secret. Dale Messick, the mother of a teenager, is the wife of a Gary, Ind. attorney, and that's where they all hang their hat.

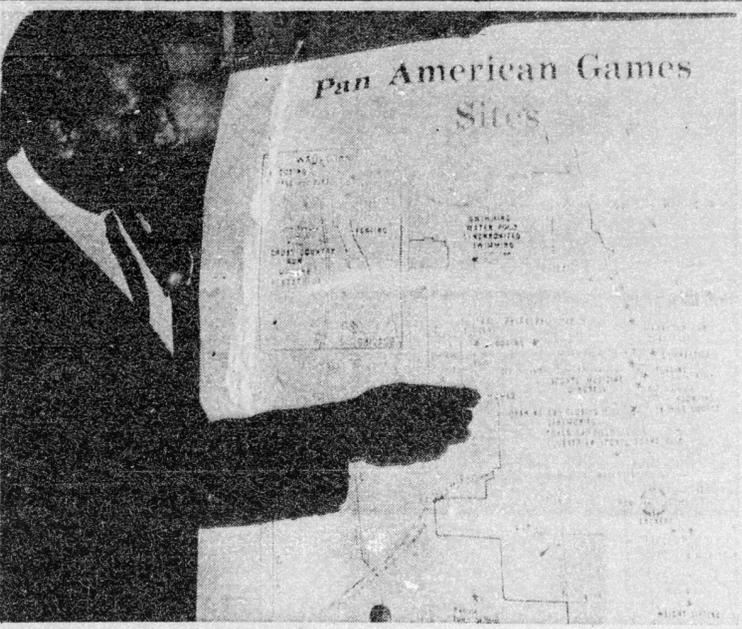
How's this for a cutie — "high fashion can be best described as what a her does to a hem to catch a him!"

Roy Hamilton is making big news with his latest recording "Sing You Sinners," but East Coasters, especially those round Dee Cee are having a ball linking him with Myrna Adams. She's a top flight model.

Ever wonder what the stars do between shows? Well, Erskine Hawkins spends his evenings at the movies. Whenever he checks into a town, he checks up to find out what's playing where at what late hour. Ruth Brown holds impromptu parties in her dressing room, which always turns into "old home week" with visiting celebrities dropping in with sandwiches and liquid coolers.

Sammy Davis, Jr., discusses business, signs contracts, greets an unending line of uninvited guests, and sometimes manages to grab a sandwich before its time for him to step back onstage.

Donna Hightower window-shops, Dakota Staton slips into something comfy and picks up where she left off reading before the show began (no murder mysteries, she digs into metaphysics and tones of



REPORTS ON PAN AMERICAN GAMES — Reporting on the progress of the plans of Caribbean and Central American nations for the upcoming Pan American Games, to be held in Chicago August 27 through September 7, is Ralph Metcalfe, co-chairman of the Games' Sport Technical Committee. He holds a detailed map pinpointing the sites of the various events. (UPI PHOTO).

## Hank Aaron Gets Milwaukee's Only Hits As Dodgers Take Victory

LOS ANGELES (ANP) — Hank Aaron saved the Milwaukee Braves from a no-hit defeat at the hands of the Los Angeles Dodgers as he collected the Braves only two hits in a 4-0 whitewash by lefthander Danny McDevitt before 54,999 fans in Los Angeles Coliseum last week. The defeat was the first of two humiliations for the Braves during the afternoon.

Dodgers won 10-2 behind the five-hit pitching of another lefty, Sandy Koufax. Junior Gilliam hit his first home run of the season.

John Roseboro and Piznataro shared catching honors in the two games Roseboro caught the clincher.

## Pirates To Set Up Tryout Camp At Wilson Thurs.

WILSON — The Pittsburgh Pirates will conduct a tryout camp at Wilson, North Carolina at the Wilson Baseball Park on June 25th and 26th starting at 9 a. m. each morning.

The camp will be under the direction of George Pratt, Scouting Supervisor in the North Carolina territory. Pete Peterson, Pirate manager of the Wilson Baseball Club and Joe Percebe will be on hand to assist Mr. Pratt with the tryouts.

Players must be at least 16 years of age to be eligible to attend the camp, and no Junior or American Legion player will be permitted to participate in the camp if such participation would interfere with any of his Legion activities. Such participation will only be permitted with a letter of approval from either his Legion coach or the commander of the Legion Post he represents in Legion Play.

Players are also expected to furnish their own baseball shoes, uniforms and gloves with Pirates furnishing all other equipment. Players will also be responsible for their traveling and living expenses with the understanding that all expenses will be reimbursed to those players signed to contracts with Pittsburgh Organization Clubs.

philosophy. Cozy Cole and wife, Lee Parker, rush to his dressing room where an excellent meal (complete with champagne, flowers and candlelight) awaits them. Seconds before Cozy leaves the bandstand, waiters whisk the Cole-ordered banquet into their private little "restaurant."

Definition of the week: Car sickness, the feeling you get each month when the payment's due.

DRIVE SAFELY!

## MAJOR LEAGUE ROUNDUP

CHICAGO (ANP) — Tan batters have been grabbing the spotlight this season in major league competition, but it is time to give a nod to Don Newcombe, the towering right-hander of the Cincinnati Redlegs. Newk appears to be heading back to his former eminence on the mound.

Last Wednesday, he posted a six-hit, 2-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants for his seventh victory of the season. Earlier, he slugged a 9-hit, 6-0 shutout against the Chicago Cubs. His record now stands at 7-4.

Four of his triumphs have come over the power-hitting Giants in his third victory over the transplanted New Yorkers. Newk delivered a three-hitter in winning 7-2.

WON CY YOUNG AWARD  
Once regarded as one of the best right-handers in the game, Newcombe won the Cy Young award as the best pitcher in the majors in 1956 when he notched a record of 27 wins and seven losses.

But he ran up against the New York Yankees in the World Series and was overwhelmed by an awesome display of power. The proud man from Elizabeth, N. J., has never been the same since.

Tan players continued last week to dominate the batting race in the National League. Hank Aaron, the Milwaukee outfielder, is still bidding to become the first 400 hitter in nearly two decades. The slender slugger was batting .416, and was among the leaders in several other departments.

HANK LEADS HITTERS  
Aaron had batted in 51 runs, had 16 home runs, 42 runs, 92 hits and 22 doubles.

Other leading batters were Orlando, Giants, 34; Bill White, St. Louis Cardinals, 33; and Mays, 32.

Mays, hounded briefly because his average had skidded from .31 to .321, came off the bench to hit safely twice in late innings of a game with the Pittsburgh Pirates and then, in another pinch-hitting role, blasted a three-run home run.

Thus, he moved along the leaders in runs (49), RBIs (45) and hits (72). Champion base stealer for the last two seasons, Willie was tied for NL leader with Charlie Neal of the Los Angeles Dodgers with 10.

BANKS LEADS IN RBIS  
Cepeda has been the hottest Giant with the stick, however. The 21-year old first baseman had scored 42 runs, had 48 RBIs, 74 hits, 19 doubles and 13 home runs. He also had stolen nine bases.

The RBI leaders, however, were Ernie Banks, Chicago Cubs, with 61, and Frankie Robinson, Cincinnati Redlegs, 54. Robinson's teammate, Vada Pinson, batting .325, had 45 RBIs. Pinson was tied for the lead in triples with seven and among the leaders in doubles with 19. White had five triples.

In the American league, Hector Lopez, going like a house afire since his trade from Kansas City to the New York Yankees, was among the top RBI men with 37. He was tied for the lead in triples with four and among the pacesetters in doubles with 14.

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BUSINESS LEAGUE'S BOARD MEETS—The members of the National Business League's board of directors, met last week in Washington, D. C., to plan 1958 confab. Financial aid to businessmen throughout the country will dominate the convention program with Dr. F. D. Patterson, NBL president, outlining the proposed project. Seen in photo, front row left to right: J. E. Robinson, Houston, Texas; C. W. Maxwell, Philadelphia; Dr. Patterson, New York; Mrs. L. Tolbert, Chicago; Edward Davis, Detroit; William R. Hudgins, New York. Second row, left to right: John H. Wickliffe, New York; J. R. E. Lee, Tallahassee; Belmont Haydel, New Orleans. Third row, left to right: J. J. Henderson, Durham; Rufus Byars, Washington. Fourth row, left to right, are Dr. B. T. McGraw, E. Lancaster, S. A. Beavers, and Moss H. Kendrick, all of Washington.

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