

BEATING THE GUN

BY BILL BROWER

NEW YORK CITY (AP)— How many times has it been said that Willie Mays can beat you with his bat, his glove, his running, his mere presence?

Miraculous Willie didn't quite beat the American League All-Stars here at Shea Stadium, a little more than a stone's throw from the World's Fair, in the 35th midsummer competition between the two major leagues. But the National Leaguers agreed almost to play that the San Francisco outfield—and dean of the participating players in the classic—was the man who gave his team the psychological lift that carried it to a 7-to-4 victory.

Of course, Johnny Callison's three-run blast into the right field seats with two out in the ninth was the blow that did it. But if it hadn't been for Mays' theatrics on the bases earlier in the same inning, the Philadelphia outfielder never would have come to bat.

In the end, Dick Radatz, the righthanded relief ace of the Boston Red Sox, off whom Callison tagged the homer, said:

"Willie killed me."

This is what he meant.

As the lead-off batter in the last half of the ninth, with the AL's ahead, 4 to 3, Willie strode to the plate.

"I made up my mind I wasn't going to swing at a bad ball," Mays said in the clubhouse after the game.

He worked the count to three-and-two. Then Radatz came in with one of his swift deliveries—it was

high and wide and Willie trotted to first base. Almost all of the 50,550 paid spectators could sense what was going to happen.

On the pitcher's second pitch to Orlando Cepeda, another Giant, Mays took off toward swing and missed. Then Cepeda hit a pitch off the end of his bat and it fell into short right field, eluding rightfielder Rocky Colavito, of the Kansas City Athletics, second baseman Bob Richardson, of the New York Yankees, and Yankee first baseman Joe Pepitone. It fell safely near the line.

Now here's how Mays' mere presence can cause damage to the opposition. He had held up near second to see whether the ball would drop and when it did, he raced to third, falling down as he rounded the bag. In the meantime, Pepitone had made a throw to the plate. It evidently hit something and bounded high over the head of catcher Elston Howard, another Yankee.

When the ball went all the way to stands, Mays scampered home with the tying tally and jogged to the dugout to get the backslaps and slaps on the seat of his pants from his joyous teammates. Thus, Willie had set the stage for one of the most thrilling finishes of the all-star game history.

Cepeda had made it to second base, and Curt Flood, center fielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, went in to run for the big first baseman. Two men, including pinch hitter Hank Aaron, a strikeout victim, were retired and one given an intentional pass before Callison stroked his home run to give



PATTERSON VICTORY — Stockholm, Sweden: Los Angeles' Eddie Machen (right) ducks as former champion Floyd Patterson throws a swing here July 5th. Patterson won a 12-round referee's decision, moving toward another shot at the world heavyweight crown. (UPI PHOTO).

Boxer Von Clay Slashed In Face While Demonstrating "Finer Points" On Street

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Boxer Von Clay, a one-time leading challenger for the light heavyweight title, lost unique bout here last week, when he was slashed on the face while demonstrating the finer points of fisticuffs on a Philadelphia street.

Police arrested one youth Cubus Martin, 16. He was charged with assault and battery.

Juvenile Aid Division Officer Frank DuBree said Clay, Martin and another youth were discussing

boxing. DuBree said Clay was showing Martin how to throw certain punches and when he stepped back he was slashed on the face with a knife or razor.

Martin denied slashing Clay.

He will be given a hearing in Juvenile Court.

Clay was once prominently mentioned as a potential light-heavyweight champion. He is 24 and lives in West Philadelphia.

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Westcoast Sportslights

BY L. I. "BROCK" BROCKENBURY

LOS ANGELES (AP)— I have not been on the subject recently but I might as well get started on it again, because the status of Negro personnel in the front offices in pro sports is still status quo.

With one or two exceptions, there are no Negroes holding responsible positions locally... Bossman Brad Pye has been a member of the L. A. Angels public relations staff for more than three years. The other local clubs have no one to point to in a similar capacity.

While deplored this situation, we might as well include the lack of referees and umpires in the various sports. Admittedly Negroes have received a pretty fair shuffle in baseball playing jobs, and those in power are to be congratulated on this score. But the fact remains we can do other things besides run, hop, skip, jump, bat and carry the ball. The fact remains also that pro sport leaders have not given much thought to front office jobs for Negroes.

Don't think that there haven't been applicants for such jobs, either. There have been, but like they say, those in command aren't ready yet for integration. Maybe the new Civil Rights Law will give them courage to make this move.

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figure it out. So what can I say except he is the greatest I ever have seen...

WOULD YOU say a half hour is a reasonable average of the time it takes a woman to get out after she has announced to her hostess that she must leave?

Naptown Clowns Draw Over 15,000 Fans; Win Over Stars

CHICAGO (AP)— The fun-making Indianapolis Clowns baseball team drew a total of 15,797 fans into Comiskey Park here for their recent game with the Brooklyn Stars, the Clowns front office announced.

The Clowns, mixing baseball

playing with buffoonery, defeated the Stars, their barnstorming opponents, 6-2 in the game.

The antics were provided by the Clowns first baseman-clown Natureboy Williams and 4'5" midget third baseman Billy Vaughn

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