

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

By OSCAR FRALEY (United Press Sports Writer)

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. — A near-sighted plumbing supply salesman takes a day off from work today and if his hopes don't...

Vic Seixas, the bathroom fixture man from Philadelphia, once again the underdog as he trots out on the famed center court at Forest Hills against Australia's brilliant Frank Sedgman in the finals of the U. S. amateur tennis championship.

Seixas, however, is getting used to that. Seventh seeded in the tournament, big Vic wasn't given much chance of reaching the finals. He won.

But he went out Thursday and celebrated his 28th birthday byumping off Ken McGregor, Australia's highly-regarded Davis Cup star. Next was Herbie Flam, the 1950 runner-up, and again Seixas was lightly-regarded.

Then, yesterday, Vic went up against giant Dick Savitt, Wimbledon and Australian champion seeking the third grand slam in amateur tennis history. Savitt was handicapped by a leg infection but he didn't pull any punches as he walloped him in four sets.

"If I'd have thought about his leg," he said later, "it would have hurt me more than it did him. Big guys have trouble sometimes covering the court. My strategy was to make him run, and I did."

It was the culmination of a longtime dream for the former University of North Carolina tennis and basketball player who twice was runner-up in the national collegiate championships. He took the tournament swing this year simply on the hope that he might make the Davis Cup squad and the trip to Australia next December when America tries to recapture the tennis silverware.

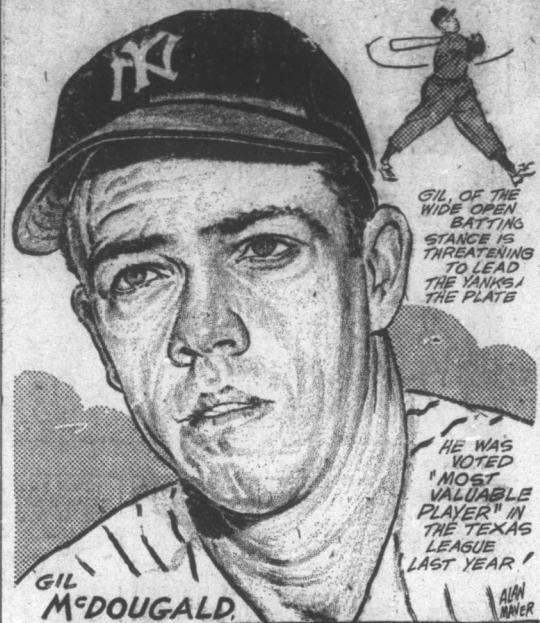
"I've wanted to play on the Davis Cup team a long time," explained the blue-eyed blond who started as his father's ball boy and found up trouncing the old man at the tender age of 14.

Now he can see a cup berth clearly. Just as nobody expected him to beat McGregor, Flam or Savitt, few people believe he will beat the polished Sedgman today. But if he does, the young man who is being given "a day off" from the plumbing business by his "boss" just so he can play in the finals may find up making more than his dad next year.

There's a \$75,000 pro contract waiting for the winner and, while he hasn't thought about turning pro-yet, he undoubtedly would take the offer if he wins today.

Harnett's Herb Thomas Wins Top Stock Race

M. V. F. AGAIN by ALAN WINTER



GIL OF THE WIDE OPEN BATTING STANCE IS THREATENING TO LEAD THE YANKS TO THE PLATE. HE WAS VOTED 'MOST VALUABLE PLAYER' IN THE TEXAS LEAGUE LAST YEAR. HE'S HANDLED HIMSELF WELL IN THE FIELD AT BOTH 2ND AND 3RD BASE.

Former Farmer From Olivia Led 81 Of Nation's Best At Darlington "500"

Hudson Hornets Take First, Second Places

Daytona Beach Hudsons while Teague himself was holding second place. Again as in the 1950 race, the Oldsmobiles were in the majority. Twenty-one of these "Rocket" powered cars started the race. Fords were the next most numerous with seventeen in the whirl, and third most were the same make as last year's winning Plymouth, fourteen.

Then came eight Studebakers, six Hudsons, 3 Nash Ambassadors, and two Pontiacs. There was one each of the following: Mercury, Lincoln, Buick, Cadillac, Kaiser, Nash Rambler, Henry J., Dodge, Chevrolet, and Chrysler Imperial. Frank Mundy, who had made the second-highest qualifying time behind Teague, took a quick lead and held his Studebaker 7-8 out front for two and a half laps, but Mundy had mechanical difficulty and had to pull-out of the race after only a few laps had gone by. Mundy had started the race on the front row inside along side winner Thomas and second-place Taylor.

THE TOP TEN WINNERS WERE: No. 92, Hudson Hornet, driven by Herb Thomas of Olivia, N. C.; started on front row, center. No. 31, Hudson Hornet, driven by Jessie James Taylor of Macon, Ga., started on front row, outside. No. 17, Ford 6, driven by Buddy Schuman of Charlotte, N. C., started on seventh row, inside. No. 77, Olds 88, driven by Hershell McGriff of Portland, Ore., started second row, center. No. 1, Olds 88, driven by Harold Kite of East Point, Ga., started on thirteenth row, center. No. 11, Ford 8, driven by "Fireball" Roberts of Daytona Beach, Fla., started on third row, inside. No. 14, Olds 88, driven by Ponty Flock Hapeville, Ga., started on second row, inside. No. 16, Ford 8, driven by Bill Snowden of St. Augustine, Fla., started second row, outside. No. 24, Plymouth, driven by Pap White of Greensboro, N. C., started on nineteenth row, inside. No. 46, Olds 88, driven by Leon Sales of Winston-Salem, N. C., started on ninth row, outside.

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Pesky "A's" Knock-Off Yanks As American Tightens Again

By CARL LUNDQUIST (UP Sports Writer)

A three-way brawl involving the same batters as in the mad finish of 1948 seemed to be in the making in the American League today. One dinky percentage point separated the pace-setting Indians from the runner-up Yankees after the Labor Day madness. But the Red Sox, who never get mad until September, were just 4 1/2 games off the pace with three big games in New York coming up.

The Red Sox swept 3 to 2 and 8 to 4 victories against Washington yesterday, hitting opportunely behind the adequate pitching of Mel Parnell and Chuck Stobbs, that picked up a full game over the Yankees.

Wallopin' Walt Dropo's three-run first inning homer took the pressure off Parnell, who held Washington scoreless until the ninth inning as he won his 16th game. Dropo, who won his fourth and two

Football Reports From Big 4 Camps

DURHAM (UP)—Coach Bill Murray stepped up the tempo of Blue Devil practice today and began to work on fundamentals.

Wilmington High School star Charlie Niven joined the squad yesterday for the two Labor Day practice sessions. The speedy back worked out with other freshmen backs including Worth Lutz of Durham, Nick McKeithan of Lumberton, Sam Eberdt, Ned Pennell of Lenoir, Tiny Burner of Greensboro and Claude Midkiff of Arlington, Va.

WAKE FOREST (UP)—Wake Forest buckled down to two rough practice sessions today with more contact work.

The Deacons started with a light workout yesterday morning and then began contact work in the afternoon session. Coach Tom Rogers said practice will gradually get tougher and some tackling work is expected today.

Quarterbacks Ed Kissell, Dickie Davis, Van Seawell and Alvin Cook practiced passing to ends Jack Lewis, Ed McClure, Ken Bridges, Bob Ondilla, and halfbacks Guido Scarrott, Larry Spencer, Lou Polacci and Bruce Hillenbrand.

CAMP LEJEUNE (UP)—The N. C. State football squad had its roughest practice today in a scrimmage against the Marine Corps squad.

Coach Beattie Feathers put the team through its first scrimmage yesterday after spending two days on conditioning. The body contact work took its toll. Tailback Alex Webster and guard Vince Bagonis sprained ankles and tackle Elmer Costa was spiked on the ankle.

CHAPEL HILL (UP)—Two members of the North Carolina football squad watched from the sidelines today as the team went to work in earnest.

Freshman end Frank All of Lebanon, Pa., twisted an ankle in one of the first drills and was on crutches. Alternate Capt. Bob Gantt had a strained leg muscle.

Large Crowds See Labor Day Sports

NEW YORK (UP)—Record-breaking crowds thronged to the race tracks and the tennis matches yesterday, but baseball attendance tumbled in the American League and showed a gain in the National. Seventeen race tracks drew 326,048 who bet \$15,996,628—a rise of 20,089 and \$2,442,431.

Wheeling Downs broke an attendance record with 11,028 fans. Timonium Race Track had a mutual handle of \$40,000 which is a new Labor Day record. Centennial Park at Denver set records with 13,827 betting \$531,941. The 23,245 at Del Mar was the third largest in history.

At Forest Hills 15,000 saw the national tennis semi-finals — the largest crowd since 1948. 20,000 people jammed Darlington International Raceway to see the Nation's top Stock Car race. The large throng topped last year's attendance by 2,000.

The National League attendance jumped from 92,401 for Labor Day last year to 108,078 yesterday. But the American fell from 152,201 last year to 104,613. The major league total fell from 244,062 to 207,681 as a result.

STANDINGS

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THE WINNER — HERB THOMAS is shown streaking across the finish line at the Darlington International Raceway to take first place in America's finest Stock Car Race. The Hudson Hornet is pictured just a few feet short of the white line which signified an \$8,800 purse. Winning this biggest-of-them-all climaxed a series of wins, and it placed Thomas on top of the point-standing of NASCAR racing.

Vic Seixas Pulls 4th Upset; Enters Finals Against Sedgman

Ex Tar Heel Enters Finals As Underdog

By STEVE SNIDER (United Press Sports Writer)

FOREST HILLS, N. Y. — (UP)—Seventh-seeded Vic Seixas of Philadelphia, no respecter of odds, was an underdog today for the fourth straight time as he carried American hopes in the finals of the U. S. tennis championship against Frank Sedgman of Australia.

A victory would be a tremendous boost for the U. S. Davis Cup team which hopes to wrest the trophy from the Aussies in December but Sedgman's smashing play to reach the final made the outlook bleak.

Boxer George Flores Dies From Ring Poke

NEW YORK (UP)—A two-way investigation was launched into the ring death of middleweight George Flores today. The New York County grand jury planned one probe to determine if any laws were broken, and the New York State Boxing Commission

The belting Aussie ace walloped defending champion Art Larsen of San Leandro, Cal., 6-1, 6-2, 6-0 in his sharpest display of tennis since leaving Australia late in the spring.

"He beat me easily the only time we played," said the 28-year-old Seixas, former Army test pilot and now a plumbing supplies salesman.

JUST DID HIS BEST "But I've just been doing the best I can all week and it has been enough so far."

It was more than enough for limping Dick Savitt of Orange, N. J., champion of Wimbledon and Australia in one of yesterday's semi-finals. Seixas moved down the Jersey giant 6-0, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, and pulled no punches to give Savitt any respite because of his leg infection.

Seixas previously upset Ken McGregor of Australia and Herbie Flam of Beverly Hills, Cal., last year's runner-up.

An upset was in the making in one women's semi-final with 16-year-old Maureen Connolly of San Diego, Cal., one set up on Wimbledon champion Doris Hart of Coral Gables, Fla., when rain called a halt. Miss Hart won the first four games, then surrendered six in a row.

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TODAY'S SPORTRAIT

By SCOTT BAILLIE (United Press Sports Writer)

NEW YORK — (UP)—If James A. "Stretch" Farley, the old first baseman, happens to be elected commissioner of baseball the game could get one of its most loyal fans at the helm.

It was Farley, the master politician, who urged that baseball go on "without curtailment" when the shock of Pearl Harbor was only a week old. And earlier in 1941 he narrowly missed buying the Yankee from the Ruppert estate. A four million dollar deal fell apart with Joe McCarthy already assured by the prospective owner that his job was secure.

Farley got his first taste of politics at the age of eight when he marched in a parade for William Jennings Bryan. He saw his first all game a few years later, "bumming" a ride down to New York with a friend to see the Highlanders play. Jack Chesbro spit-balled the future Yankees to a great victory and Young Farley managed to brass Chesbro's sweaty back afterward. The 38-mile trek back to Grassy Point, N. Y., was a dream.

By 1911, Stretch Farley was holding down first base for the Alphas, semi-pro outfit around town. The outfield was somewhat littered with rickbats and the weeds often turned long singles into home runs in old picture shows that Farley hit right and choked up on the bat considerably. But he never choked up on the field and solved the weed menace by giving the leftfielder a spare ball to fire in, just in case original wasn't found soon enough. Finally an umpire got wise.

Farley came by the name of "Stretch" from his six-foot, three-inch frame. Loyal oldtimers around Grassy Point say he would have gone good enough to go into the majors but he was too slow on the aths. Besides, the guy who might have made a fair utility player was shaping up as a solid politician. He was on his way in 1912 when he was elected town clerk of Stony Point, N. Y.

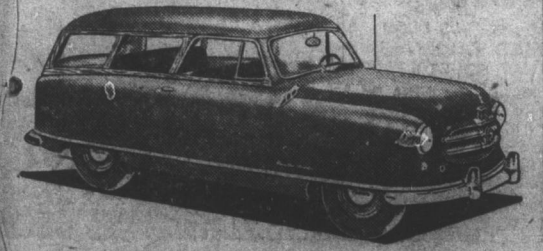
One time Farley said this success in tricky political waters was based on "telling the truth." And he always was stuck by his convictions. He drew a loud guffaw from the Republicans in 1936 when he predicted that Gov. Alf Landon would carry only Maine and Vermont.

Then his convictions cost him his place of honor with the New York four years later when he split with President Roosevelt over the anti-union issue. And those convictions robbed New York of the million dollar Dempsey-Tunney gate in 1926.

That year Farley was the state athletic commissioner and Harry Willis vainly was trying to get a shot at Dempsey's title. Promoter Tex Rickard shoved the Negro menace aside in favor of Tunney. A dispute followed and the boxing board out-voted Farley, 2 to 1. But in spoke to the two-man licensing committee. Dempsey was denied a license to fight in the state and the bout was shifted to Philadelphia.

Farley apparently can take over any situation. He brought Madison Square Garden down last winter with a touching speech to Frank Toucher on the night the Rangler manager was honored for his 25 years with the team. And next to baseball, Farley likes fights and his horses.

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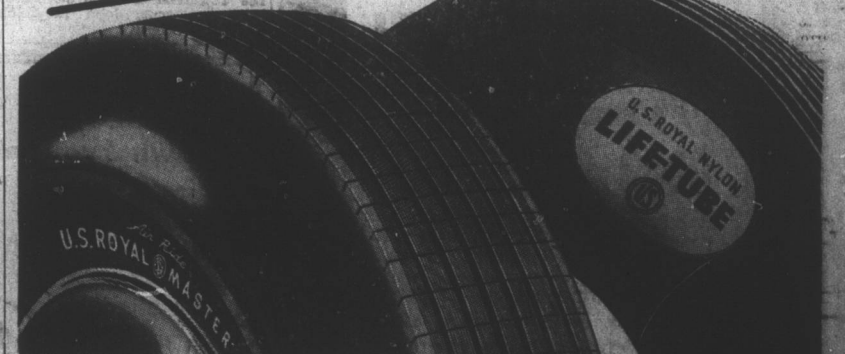


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