

## Today's Sports Parade

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sugar Ray Robinson was finding it difficult today to convince the cauliflower critics that he wasn't planning to take a runout powder on his mid-dleweight title fight with Bob Olson.

There were suspicions that he might be preparing to duck his date with Olson when an ankle sprain caused postponement of the fight to December 9. Robinson had run out on too many dates when he was on top.

But this time he needs the money and you can believe that this injury is a real one.

There was plenty of basis for the suspicions. Sugar Ray ran out on a barrel full of opponents in his time. These included a Cleveland bout with Jimmy Doyle, a Chicago tilt with Bernie Docusen, a Scranton go with Jose Bacora and a Boston engagement with Georgia Small.

### TWO ON ONE DAY

Back in 1949 he even signed — on the same day — to fight Steve Belloise for two rival promoters. While Sugar Ray was inking a contract with the International Boxing Club, his manager was signing with the now-defunct Tournament of Champions. Obviously, one of them had to be left at the post.

Dr. Vincent Nardiello, the New York Boxing Commission physician, attests to this injury, however.

"Robinson was in great shape and down to 162 pounds, so he didn't need any more training time," Nardiello asserted. "I saw the ankle, which he sprained while boxing, and it was quite swollen. He was really put out that the fight had to be postponed."

Meanwhile, with Olsen a three to one favorite, there was great speculation in boxing circles over the probable outcome of this bout. It's one of the hardest to figure in some time.

Olson, some experts contend, had to lose a lot of his confidence and eagerness when he was belted out by Archie Moore. They also point out that Sugar Ray twice defeated Olson, once by a knockout and the second time by decision, and insist this will stick in Bobo's mind.

There is the added factor that Bobo of late has been treading the Primrose Path.

### ONLY ONE KNOCKOUT

Robinson, of course, is a questionable case. After two years of retirement, he staged a comeback and has been far from impressive in a half dozen fights. Once one of the greatest bombers in the boxing business, he has scored only one knockout since his return.

There are those watching from the sidelines who insist that he is long over the hill but they admit that, if he is in shape, he may surprise everybody by demonstrating his old time prowess.

Still, the general opinion is that he will have to score an early knockout or the wind-milling never-remitting Olson will wear him down and put the glove on the other chin. Robinson insists that his legs are as good as ever.

If his ankle is any indication, this can be doubted. But one thing does seem certain. Robinson won't run out on this bout. He over-invested in his various business enterprises and once again the Harlem dynamiter who started as a penniless shoeshine boy needs the money. Meeting Olson is the best way to get it.

## Year Was Rough On Baseball Old-Timers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It was a rough year on baseball's old-timers and 1956 threatens to be even worse.

A surprising number of once-great stars slipped out of the picture during and just after last season, including Ralph Kiner, Eddie Lopat, Vic Raschi, Billy Cox, Johnny Sain, Hal Newhouser, Alpha Brazle and Eddie Joost.

Another group is forming up for what may be the last time around with little Phil Rizzuto of the Yankees, Bob Feller of the Indians, Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers, and Ted Williams of the Red Sox well up on the list.

At 37, Rizzuto hopes to hang on with the Yankees at least one more year and then move on to another career in baseball as coach or minor league manager. Phil has slowed up—but still can play plenty of shortstop when his legs are rested. It's touch and go whether he'll stay.

Williams, retired and then unretired last spring, is 37 and while he is expected back again next season nothing ever is absolutely certain with Ted. He had a fine year with a batting average of .356 in 98 games and doesn't show his age on the field despite his trial in twice regaining baseball form after his ches with the flying

Marines.

Robinson has been talking retirement for several seasons, chiefly because his 36-year-old legs have taken a severe pounding through his football and baseball careers. He had the worst season of his career in '55 with a batting average of only .256 and probably would prefer to be traded to more suitable surroundings since he rarely saw eye to eye with Manager Walt Aiston.

Feller, 37, had a 4-4 record with the Indians this year and while he denies he's ready to hang up his spikes there can't be too many games left in the one-time fireballer's sweeping right arm. Feller, however, can't be written off until he admits it himself for he always has come back before.

Murry Dickson of the Phillies and Enos Slaughter of the Athletics are 39 by the record books. Neither is interested in retiring but a thing like that sneaks up on even the sturdiest of the bear-down ball players.

George Keli of the White Sox is only 33 but has a chronic back ailment that makes him a permanent question mark. He has assured Manager Marty Marion he'll give it another twirl next season but how long he can go is anyone's

## William Corbett In Top Golf Pairing

Pre-med student William Corbett, who won't be 19 until April, landed in No. 1 spot in pairings for the men's golf championship of Chicora Country Club.

During qualifying play last week, he scored the medalist round (low for 18 holes) with a 73 on the Chicora course. That makes him the one to beat in the long, matchplay tourney which starts this week.

First opponent for the medical student is Dr. Ralph Johnson, Dunn surgeon. Corbett is currently attending Campbell College. He graduated from Dunn High in '54.

Others who make up the top half of the championship flight are Joe Earnhardt and Earl Jones, Duncan Wilson and Curtis Williams, John Moore and Leo Kelly.

These matches will be played this week. First round matches are to be completed by November 6th,

the second round by November 13th, third round by November 20th, with finals slated to be over November 27th.

Matches scheduled in the bottom half of the championship flight put J. V. Myers and Crow Stancell, Bill Armstrong and Dr. Bill Lilly, Gene Bracey and John Wilbourne, Gus Cathey and Blount Whiteside.

First flight opponents are Eddie Davis and M. E. Bass, James Snipes and Ed Howard, John Snipes and C. D. Hutaff, Sr., Emmett Aldredge and Charles Lee.

In the lower half of the first flight are Bill Harrington and John Dalrymple, Marvin Wade and Nell Salmon, Mike Crawford and Bill Newsome, Ben Spears and R. A. Duncan.

Second flight opponents are Dr. C. L. Corbett and Dr. L. W. Griffin, Earl Mahone and Tnad Pope, Sr., Fulton Godwin and Forrest Maxwell, E. R. Davis and G. L. Hooper.

In the lower half, Nathan Johnson, Jr. plays Guyton Smith, A. R. Marley plays Billy Hodges, Lee Partin plays Bob Young and Bob Best plays Dr. R. Doffermyre.

Frank Sauer of the Cubs, 36, had a miserable season in '55. Ferris Fain of the Tigers, only 33, has a knee injury that threatens his career. Sid Gordon, picked up by the Giants from Pittsburgh, has been cut loose again but hopes to land a job.

Ellis Kinder of the Red Sox, the leading graybeard at 41, is hard to figure and may stick around longer than his age would indicate. But Jim Konstanty, 38-year-old reliever of the Yankees, isn't as good a risk. Jim was expendable part of last season when the Yankees sent him temporarily to the minors to make room for other players on the Yankee roster.

Some of those wise old birds will be around for plenty of baseball not only next year but thereafter.

## Clemson Leads As Offensive

**GREENSBORO (AP)** — Clemson, gaining 266 yards rushing and 38 passing against Wake Forest, has replaced Duke as the leading offensive team statistically in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Duke dropped by getting only 86 yards rushing and 47 passing against Georgia Tech.

Clemson moved out front with an average of 306.6 yards per game.

Yet, the pace is swift in the majors these days and a lot of them may be coming up for their last time around.

total offense, and to first place in rushing offense with 216.8 yards. Duke's second place averages are 299.6 yards and 209.2.

Maryland leads in total and rushing defense figures by a crushing margin. The Terrapin's overall defense average of 165.4 yards under the ACC record of 176.1 established by Clemson last year. Maryland has yielded an average of only 55 yards per game rushing.

The Terrapin defense versus Clemson's offense points up the probable caliber of the Maryland-Clemson meeting Nov. 12—a game that likely will decide the ACC's Orange Bowl representative.

Wake Forest, though beaten by Clemson, still leads in team passing with an average of 139.3 yards

per game. The Tigers again lead the league in pass defense, having yielded an average of 65 yards through the air.

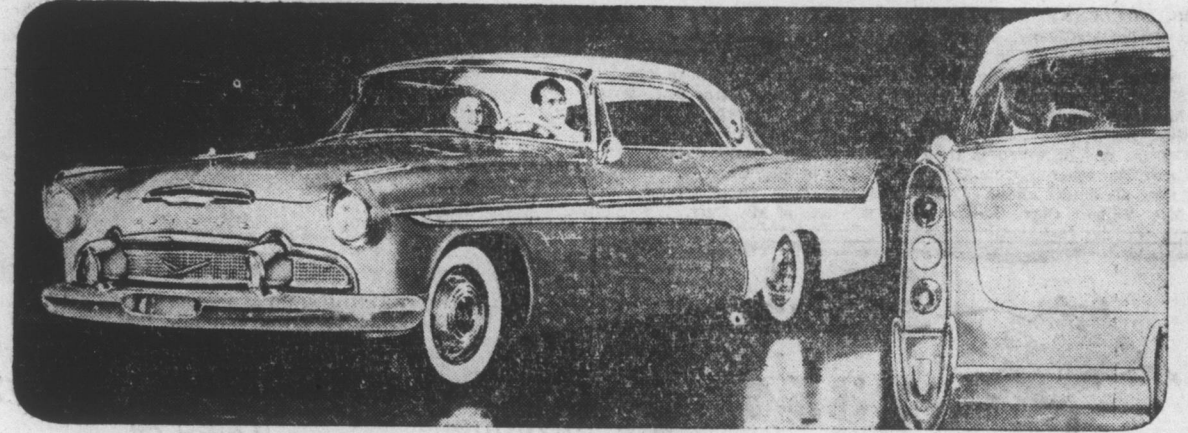
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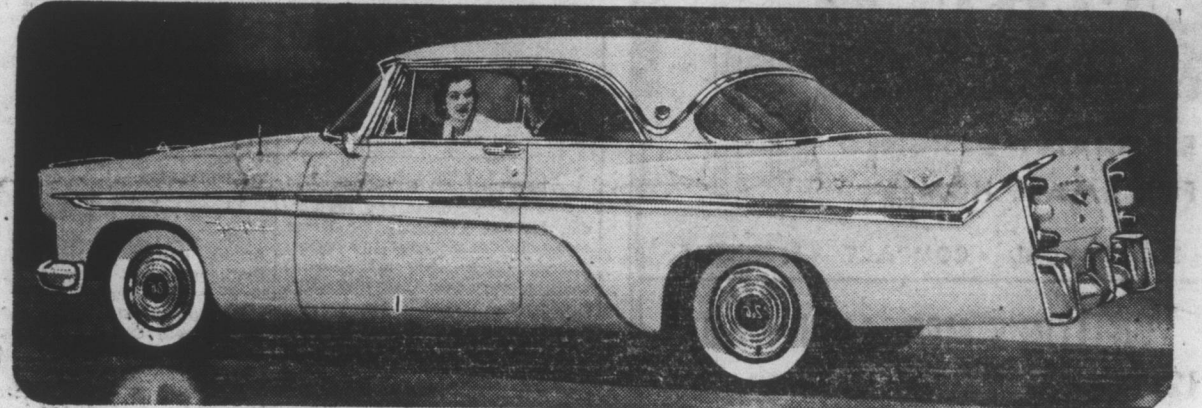
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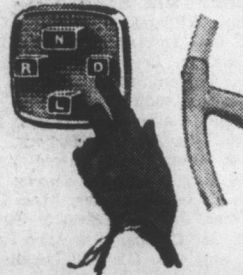


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