

# Negro Players Figure Heavily In National League's All-Star Win

## Wills Mays, Clemente Top Stars

WASHINGTON (ANP) — The tan quartet of Maury Wills, Willie Mays, Roberto Clemente and Juan Marichal figured prominently in the 3 to 1 victory by the National League over the American League in the 32nd annual All-Star baseball game viewed by 45,480 fans, including President Kennedy, in the District of Columbia's sparkling new stadium here last Tuesday, (July 10).

The four heroes joined such other stars as the veteran Stan Musial and shortstop Dick Groat in contributing toward the victory, the fourth straight for the National League in All-Star play. The AL has not won an All-Star game since 1959.

In all, a total of 10 Negro players say action on the two squads, representing the best players in both leagues. They included Mays, Marichal, Orlando Cepeda and Felipe Alou of the San Francisco Giants; Wills and Tommy Davis of the Los Angeles Dodgers; Clemente, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs, from the NL.

Tan stars from the AL were catcher Earl Battey of the Minneapolis Twins and outfielder Leon Wagner of the Los Angeles Angels. Both went hitless in the game, although Battey came through with some fine defensive work behind the plate.

Adroit base running by the elusive Wills, who leads the majors in stolen bases with 46, figured in two of the three runs for the senior loop, which has been praised for its wise utilization of Negro players.

Running for the amazing Musial, who had smacked a single in the sixth inning for his 20th hit in All-Star competition, Wills treated the crowd to a dazzling display of base running. With the cagey Dick Groat at bat, Maury took off for second base and the second pitch by Camillo Pascual and made it safely in a cloud of dust. Groat, who had thrown his bat at a bad pitch to protect Wills on the play, then singled Maury home for the NL first tally.

Again in the eighth, Wills put his speed on display. Dropping a single into short left centerfield, Maury kept on going and thus tricked outfielder Rocky Colavito to throw to second. As the latter fired the ball to second, Wills dashed for third and made it head-first. Jim Davenport then singled him home with a single to left, and the NL had its third and final run. The National League has scored their second run on successive singles by Groat (after Wills' theft) and Clemente, and an infield tap by Cepeda.

Mays came up with two of his patented defensive gems in centerfield, in addition to stealing third base in the fourth inning. His first catch came on a 400-foot drive to centerfield by Roger Maris in the fourth inning. The same Maris flouted another 400-foot drive that carried higher and looked dangerous in the sixth inning. But Willie again raced back, leaped up and snatched the ball with his gloves for the out. He received a tremendous ovation as he returned to the dugout.

Clemente was the hitting star of the game, collecting three-for-three including the NL's only double in the first inning. Roberto's other hits came in the fourth and sixth innings.

Marichal was the winning pitcher. The Giants righthander thus captured his first All-Star victory, as he teamed with starting pitcher Don Drysdale of the Dodgers in allowing the American League only one run through the first five innings.

Despite their failure to deliver for distance (Mays missed a home run by about three feet), the National League looked superior, both at the plate and in the field. The AL, incidentally, has been criticized by former Dodger star Jackie Robinson for bypassing Negro players. The league, Robinson said, is not only weaker, but is paying for its shortsightedness, since all the top Negro players are in the NL.

After the game, ex-Yankee manager Casey Stengel, whose own New York Mets team is loaded with tan players, singled out Wills for praise. Casey calls Maury "the most amazing slider I ever saw." He said Wills has a twisting, snake-move that made him hard to tag.

NL manager Fred Hutchinson agreed with Casey that Wills was the key man in the victory. "Wills' base running made the difference," Hutch said.

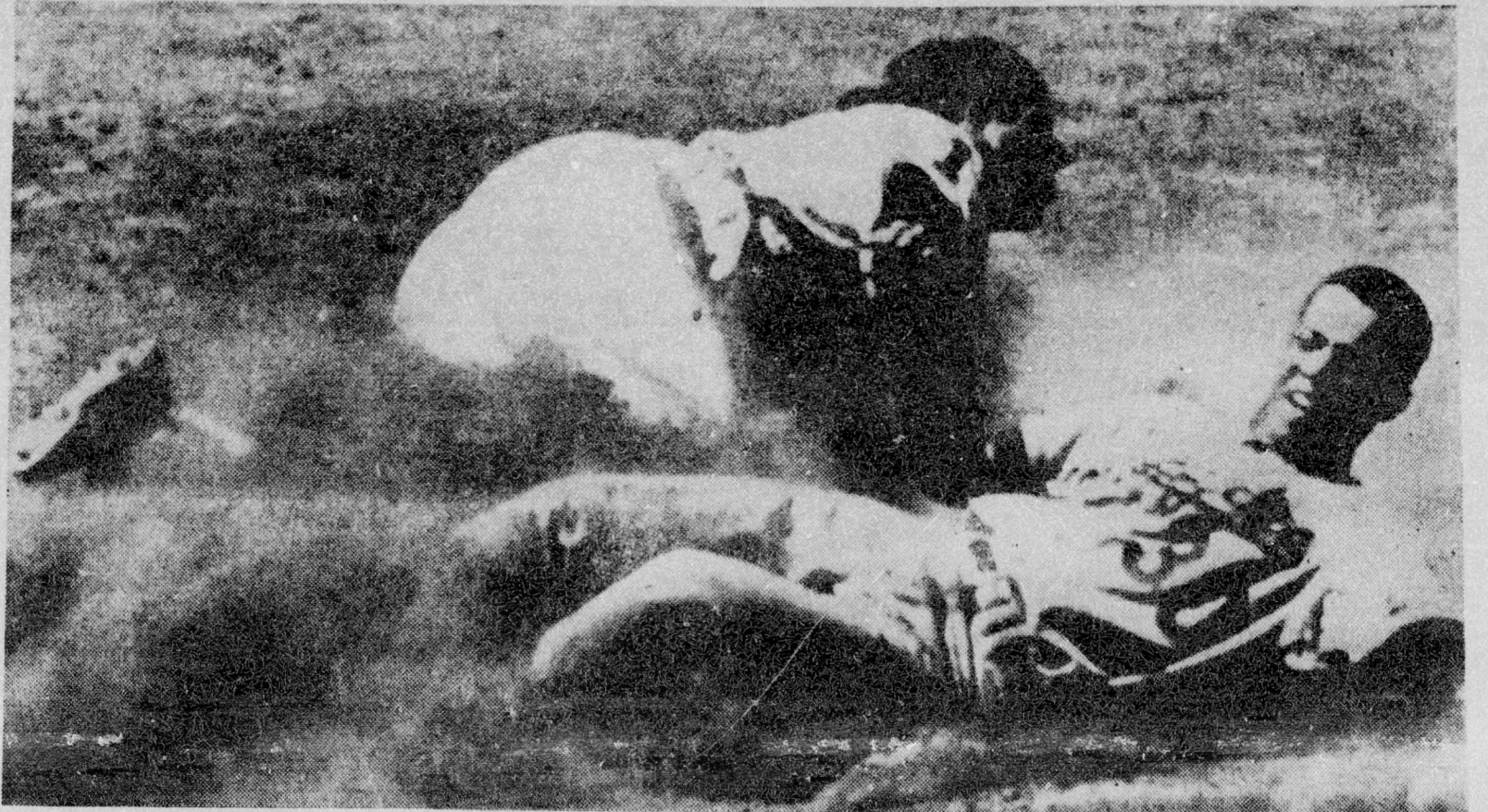
But AL manager Ralph Houk of the New York Yankees also paid due respect to Mays for his two fine catches. "Wills catches it and that's it," he said of Willie's grab of Maris' second wallop.

offensive starter at guard for the East.

"A real sleeper" for the Red Skins this year will be Leroy Jackson, a rookie halfback, who was the first draft choice of Cleveland's Paul Brown last year. Brown told this writer at the National League draft meeting that he planned to play Jackson as a flanker because of his tremendous speed and great hands.

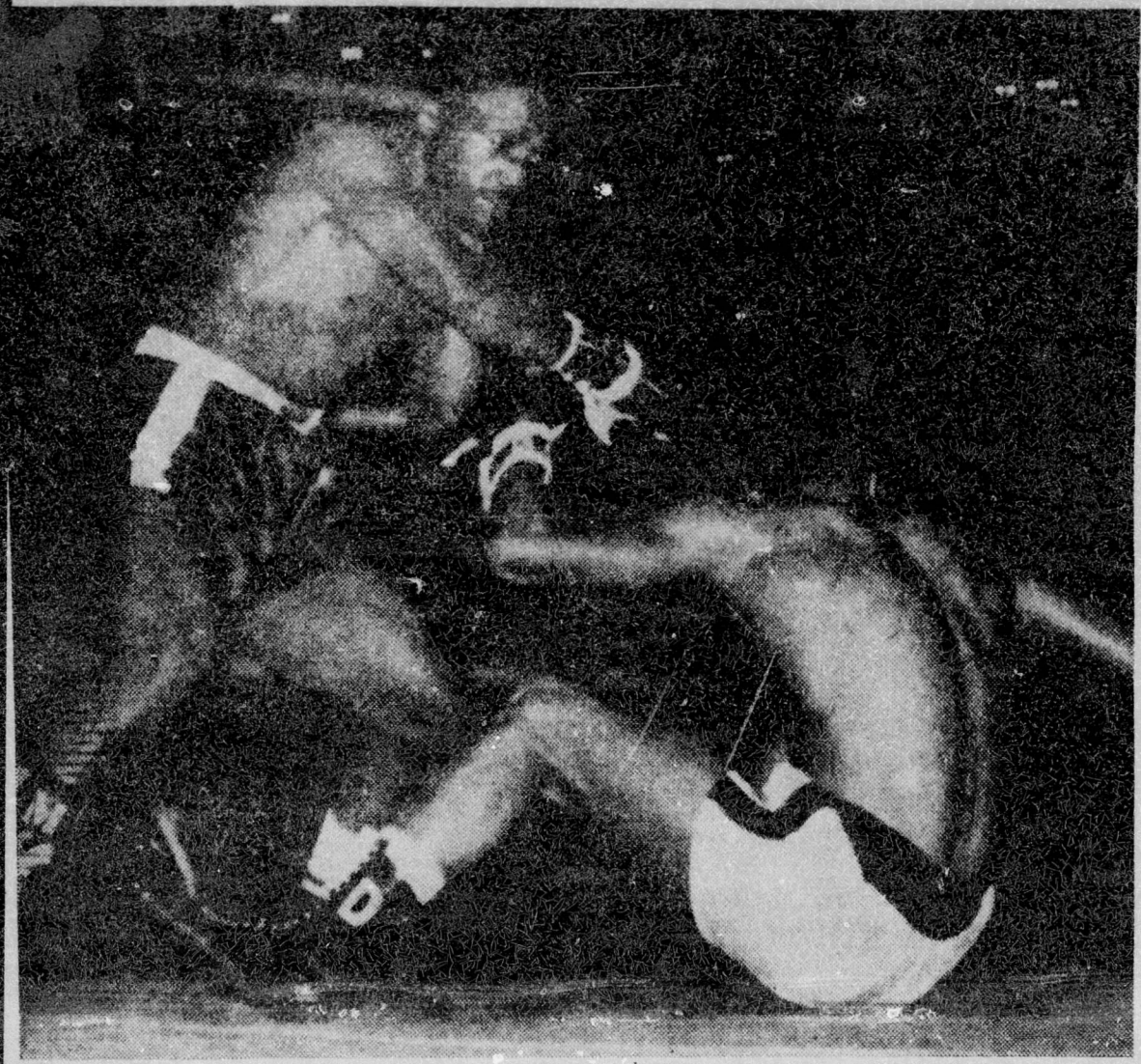
Brown subsequently gave up Jackson to the Red Skins in return for the draft rights to Ernie Davis, last year's Heisman Trophy winner.

It is expected that Negroes will be on hand in large numbers when the Rams and Red Skins tangle this year in their annual charity game on Aug. 11.



SAFE AT HOME — Maury Wills of the Los Angeles Dodgers, gives the American League a test of his blinding speed as he scores on a short foul fly to right in the 8th inning of last week's All-Star game.

Catcher John Romano of the Cleveland Indians tries for putout after taking the throw from Leon Wagner of the Los Angeles Angels. (UPI PHOTO).



DOWN AND OUT — World Featherweight Champion Davey Moore decks Marie Diaz of Mexico City in the first round of their non-title bout at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles last week. Moore put Diaz down for good in one minute, 21 seconds of the second round. (UPI TELEPHOTO).

# Beating The Gun

BY BILL BROWER FOR ANP  
CHICAGO — The human mind

ing what it is, the choice of the major league all-star teams by the players made some of the selections men to criticism.

It would be hard to pick eight players in the American League that would satisfy everybody—players, fans and club owners. The one would be true regarding the national League. But we thought

players designated to open for the NL in the first all-star game in Washington this week more representative than those chosen for the

We think, for example, the virtuosity—blindness—was it color?—to many Jimenez, Kansas City Athletics' rookie—was a rank injustice. Jimenez was only leading the league in batting.

The players picked another center of the Minnesota Twins for a relatively new player, Rich Rollins. We say that he deserves the nod, although some experts prefer veterans like Brooks Robinson, of Baltimore, or Frank Alton, of the Boston Red Sox.

Rollins has been among the top hitters. But so has Jimenez—in fact, except for a few games, he has been pacing the AL batters since the early weeks of the season.

We might also quarrel with the slight of Vic Power, who has been having a good season for the Minnesota Twins. Some tell us that the main reason the Twins are such an improved ball club this year is because Power has welded the infield. Meanwhile, Vic has been having a good season at the plate.

It's no secret that Vic is not well liked by most AL players. So it was no surprising that he wasn't rate one-two in the balloting.

We were sorry to see Manager Ralph Houk, of the New York Yankees, ignore Earl Wilson, of the Boston Club, in making his pitching choices for the AL team. Wilson, author of one of three major league no-hitters this year, is currently one of the loop's hottest hurlers.

No doubt if any of these players would have been chosen there would have been beefs from other quarters. As there was, Cleveland management, writers and players felt that Catcher John Ramo deserved the nod over Earl Battey, of the Twins. We emphatically disagree, of course, since Battey is patently the best all-around catcher in the majors. In fact, we rate Elston Howard over Ramo.

With Earl behind the bat and Leon Wagner the starting leftfielder, this marked the first time in the

history of the game that two tan players have started for the AL. Wagner, of course, rated the nod because he was leading the AL with home runs (24 as of last Thursday, with Los Angeles in first place).

Again it was an all-tan outfield for the NL representatives. The player of the generation, Willie Mays, was in center field. He was flanked by the third-year star of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Tommy Davis, and last year league batting champion, Roberto Clemente, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, in left and right respectively.

Davis was both the NL leader in batting and RBI na appears in solid contention, as of this moment, in the race for the league's most valuable performer.

We would argue against the failure of the players to pick Maury Wills for shortstop over Dick Groat, of the Pirates. We think Wills' bases-theft record and his ability to outfielder Groat, plus his hitting above the 270 mark, made him the better choice.

Why argue? Fifteen years ago we didn't have a single player really to root for in the game. That was Jackie Robinson's first season in the majors. He didn't make it until 1949—and we haven't been without one of our boys since.

# Marshall, Who Once Spurned Negro Players, Now Bragging About Them

BY L. I. BROCKENBURY  
LOS ANGELES (ANP)—George

reston Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, was the first to hire Negroes in the National Football League. Only after

pressure had been put on him, both from Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall and Negro sports groups across the nation, did he dispense with adamancy and consent to let his coach select Negro players.

"The weight that broke the camel's back" in forcing Marshall's hand was a boycott of last year's Los Angeles Rams-Washington Redskins game on August 11 at the LA Coliseum. This boycott, officially sanctioned by the NAACP, held the number of Ne-

groes attending that game down to less than three hundred. It is estimated that under normal circumstances the crowd would have been increased by at least 15,000 had Negroes attended, as usual.

This writer, who was one of the instigators of the boycott idea, was approached by an official high in the league who admitted that the pressure applied in Los Angeles was the final straw which made Marshall relent. He asked at that time that we abstain from putting further pressure on Marshall on the grounds that such action would "make him mad."

I told this official that we did not care how mad Marshall became; we were going to continue to fight him until he either got out of

football or hired Negroes on his team.

One Los Angeles sports writer, Melvin Durslag, said that Marshall was not a bigot but an "eccentric." I told him that I was tired of having my posterior end massaged by the feet of eccentrics.

Durslag said that Marshall was the type of person who, after he once hired Negro players would be trying to sell the world on the idea that he thought up the plan of bringing Negroes into pro football in the first place.

Now Marshall is in Los Angeles boasting about his Negro stars, among whom are Bobby Mitchell, former Cleveland All-League halfback, and John Nisby, who played in the Pro Bowl three times as an



HERO CAPS UP — Maury Wills, Los Angeles Dodgers speedster, shyly views himself in a mirror as he tries on a straw hat from a selection he holds in a New York hat shop. Wills stole the All-Star game for the National League last week when his speed on the bases enabled a team to outscore the American Leaguers, 3-1 (UPI TELEPHOTO)

# AL Weaker, Says Robinson Lack Of Tan Players Makes

NEW YORK (ANP) — Baseball Hall of Fame Jackie Robinson last week commented that the entire American League is paying for its shortsightedness because most of the best Negro players are in the National League.

Writing in the current August issue of Esquire magazine, Jackie Robinson tells what has happened since he broke the color line 15 years ago. He points out that because of early failure to acknowledge the Negro ballplayer, the American League no longer dominates inter-league competition. They have lost two of the last three World Series and have won only one of the last six All-Star games.

They also lost the first of the 1962 All-Star games last week. Robinson cited the Red Sox as an example of what can happen. The Club was the last to take Negroes - and not one has ever been

a regular. They have slipped badly, Robinson says, and it is due to their failure to go after available Negro ballplayers.

Conceding that there have been major advancements in the last 15 years Jackie says that a prejudice that still exist against Negroes are largely confined to the front offices. Managers and players are only interested in a winning team. One manager who was brought up in the South, Robinson relates, was taught as a kid that a Negro must know his place. Today, he admits, "if he can run and throw and hit, his place is somewhere on my ball club."

The most serious problems facing Negro ballplayers today is the off-the-field baseball jobs. A few become scouts, but otherwise there is little place in the baseball world for a retired Negro ballplayer.

John O'Neil and Gene Baker, who has managed in the minors, there are no Negro managers or coaches and only one umpire, Emmet Ashford, of the Pacific Coast League.

On the sports scribe side, except for Wendell Smith of the Chicago American and Bob Tague of the New York Times, there are no Negro baseball writers on any metropolitan newspaper.

Robinson says in Pageant magazine that he would like to see Negro youngsters get bonuses comparable to others; he would like to who are congenial rooming together. Also, Robinson stated, "I would like to see Negroes free to live where they please during Spring training."

# Rain Cuts MWTA Net Meet Short; Tan Stars Took Lead

WILBERFORCE, O. — A record number of 75 tennis competitors from all over the nation converged on Central State College for the Mid-Western Tennis Association's but only Ole Man Weather came up with a win, as rain marred the

new York Yankees in the 6th inning of the All-Star game here, robbing the Yankees home run king of a three-run homer. (UPI TELEPHOTO).



Far up in the North Country, in the waters of northern Canada and Alaska, lives a truly noble fish. It will live only in the purest, coldest, clearest water, usually in streams, and while it doesn't get very big in size, it has the heart of a tiger.

I'm speaking of the Arctic grayling, *Thymallus arcticus*, one of the most beautiful fish in the world. With its blue-bronze head, back of purple and blue that blends into a silver on the sides, and dorsal fin of light greenish hue it is a striking sight.

And when it tears into a fly it does so with an abandon that brings joy to the heart of any fisherman. Got a chance for some grayling fishing last summer, hitting the McKinley River where it flows into Great Slave Lake in Canada's Northwest Territories.

We reeved up our Merc 250 and ran from the fishing camp to where the river pours its bounty into the lake, then parked our boat and went ahead on foot, climbing over low brush and hundreds of rocks, tumbled about as if somebody's marble sack had broken.

The deep holes in the river were full of grayling, rough, tough, sons-of-buns that were extremely reluctant to leave their Arctic home. We took them on light flyrods, casting Black Gnats to the upstream end of the pools, then letting the flies roll with the current, giving them a slight twitch ever so often. To tell you the truth, grayling were fighting each other for a chance to snap up our flies.

We saved about a dozen for a shore lunch and released the others as we took them, silvery-blue beauties that never stopped fighting from the strike to the net.

And when fried, about an hour later, and eaten with fried potatoes and a can of cold beans, they were delicious. So good, in fact, that four of us ate a dozen grayling, and wished we had saved a few more.



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