



STUNNED BY RIGHT CROSS -- New Orleans, La.: Curtis Cokes, right, of Dallas, Texas, stuns Manuel Gonzalez, of Houston, with a right cross in the 12th round of their welterweight championship fight here last Wednesday night. Cokes scored a unanimous 15-round decision to win the vacant world welterweight title. (UPI PHOTO).

## "Otis Taylor Best Since Alworth," Declares Chiefs' Coach Hank Stram

One of the finest accolades a young player can receive is to have his name mentioned in the same breath with a super-star. Otis Taylor of the Kansas City Chiefs is one of the select few. Hank Stram, Kansas City's head coach, calls the 23-year-old Taylor, who played a sensational game in last Saturday's second game of the AFL's first doubleheader at Anaheim, Calif., is "the finest flanker prospect to come into the AFL since Lance Alworth!"

The long-legged, sure-handed pass receiver put on quite a show at Anaheim, as the Chiefs

won their third straight pre-season game, 24-21 over the San Diego Chargers. Otis did everything as he caught five passes for 144 yards. He displayed his faking finesse, his speed and his sure hands as he enjoyed a great night. And he was on the receiving end of a 75-yard touchdown play which was nullified by a penalty.

What made Otis' big night even more impressive was the fact that he hadn't practiced for two weeks with the club. Taylor joined the team just in time Friday for the flight to Southern California after two weeks

of Air Force Reserve duty. As Taylor readies himself for his sophomore season in the American Football League, he realizes that he has a lot to learn. "I can feel that the other players have confidence in me. They're depending on me. I can't think about anything else except to repay that confidence with a good game."

Otis has come a long way since he was an All-State quarterback for Worthing High School in Houston, Tex. He remained a quarterback until well into his freshman season at Prairie View A&M College of Texas.

Otis was changed to end when the coaches noticed that he warmed up by "catching" the football instead of passing it. They also took into cognizance his speed and sure hands when deciding on the conversion from quarterback. Otis responded with 42 touchdown catches in four years and capped off his collegiate career by being named to the NAIA All-American Team.

Drafted fourth by the Chiefs, Otis was brought along slowly last year by Stram. When Chris Burford was sidelined for the last three games last year, Taylor came into his own. He snagged 16 passes in those three games for 238 yards and three TDs.

It enabled Otis to finish 23rd among the league's pass receivers with 26 catches for 446 yards (a 17.2 average) and five TDs. However, Taylor was second in total catches among the league's rookies, just three behind New York's George Sauer, Jr.

## Bisons Begin Pre-Season Grid Drills

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Some 35 players, including 10 letter-men were expected to report to Coach Tillman Sease at 9 a.m. Thursday, September 1, when the Howard University begins pre-season drills for its 73rd year of varsity football. The Bisons will work out twice daily in preparation for the season opener, a Central Intercollegiate Association contest with St. Paul's College, September 24, at Lawrenceville, Va.

The Virginians will be the first of eight opponents for the Bisons this year. Other CIAA foes on the 1956 schedule include Delaware State, Hampton (Va.) Institute, and Livingstone of Salisbury, N. C.

Non-conference games are scheduled with West Virginia State, Fisk of Nashville, and Morehouse of Atlanta. Four backs are among the lettermen who will be on hand Thursday. They include half-backs James Dean and Henry Edwards, fullback Wayne Davis, and quarterback Walt White. Dean, Edwards, and Davis are Washingtonians, and White is from Philadelphia.

The returning linemen who earned their letters last year include center Johnny Butler (210, Macon, Ga.) and Leon Johnson (214, Washington), guards Clyde Mason (192, Baltimore) and Bob McFadden (221, Washington), and ends Harold Orr (200, Richmond, Calif.) and Dwight Pettit (170, Aberdeen, Md.).

The Howard coach, who is beginning his fifth year at the Washington school, is expected to place freshmen in some of the starting positions. It is almost certain that the tackle spots, vacated by last year's vets, will be filled by freshmen.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

by Charles J. Livingston

### NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL GREATEST RIGHT-HANDED HITTER

Fabulous Willie Mays of the pennant-chasing San Francisco Giants has cracked Jimmy Foxx's career home run record of 534 to become the greatest right-handed hitter in baseball's history.

"Say-hey" Willie tied Foxx's record by riling an eight-inning homer over the fightfield fence in the Giants wind-blown Candlestick park in San Francisco. His historic homer paced the Giants to a 3-1 victory over the Saint Louis Cardinals and enabled his pitching teammate, Gaylord Perry, to register his 19th season victory.

With the 535th career homer which also was his 30th of the current season-Mays moved into second place in the major league's all-time homer race. Babe Ruth, the great "Bambino" of yesteryears, holds the record with a prodigious total of 714.

Many experts believe that Ruth's total is beyond Mays; that the "Bambino's" mark will never be broken by Mays or anyone else. However, one can never be sure what Mays will not achieve. Given the chance of striking around for another six or seven years, he may well top Ruth's mark.

To excel Ruth, however, Willie, who, except for his rookie year in 1951 (when he hit only 20), has never hit less than 29 in any season, would have to hit about 10 more homers this season and then hit 30 or more each season for the next six years. Quite a task!

Can he do it? That is the big question which only time can answer. But I'll wager that even if Willie tapers off in his remaining major league years, he can overtake Ruth, providing, of course, that he plays about seven more years.

When Willie clouted homer number 535 last week, the partisan Candlestick Park crowd of 24,178 stood and roared a great ovation for him. Years to come, those in the crowd, as in the one to witness him surpass Foxx, will be able to tell their children about the cherished moment when they watched Mays become the greatest right-hander in baseball.

Foxx himself was a good sport about Mays tying his record that had stood for years. He wired his congratulations to Willie, and declared:

"I hope he (Mays) hits 600. For 25 years, they thought only left-handers could hit the long ones. They even teach right-handed youngsters to hit left (switch-hit)."

"Why, I hit 500 before any other right-hander could hit 400. I'm happy that another right-hander can prove he can hit." Amen.

Though it took Foxx, the former great Philadelphia Athletics and Philadelphia Phillies star, 20 years to amass his 534 homers, it has taken Willie just 15 years of major league campaigning. And adding Willie's homers in the minors and with the Birmingham Black Barons of the Negro American League before he entered organized baseball, the "Say-hey" kid must have clouted close to 800 homers, to say the least.

Actually, Mays, up to last week, had amped the 535 homers in just 13 years of major league campaigning, because he missed most of the 1952 season and all of 1953 while in military service.

Despite the fact that Willie insists that he does not go after records, but just plays to win, his chief hallmark is achieving the exceptional. Many experts tab him as the greatest center-fielder in baseball history, and the greatest all-arounder the game has seen.

One facet of Willie's success is that he is equally effective a hitter against left-handers, as against right-handers. Willie eats lefties for breakfast, and therefore doesn't have to be a switch-hitter.

It is significant, therefore, that he clouted his 535th homer against a leftie, Al Jackson of the Redbirds, a fine pitcher in his own right, had the dubious distinction of serving up the historic homer to Mays.

At the time, the spotlight was on the Dodgers left-handed slugger, Duke Snider, as the game stellar centerfielder. But Mays quickly took over the plaudits from Duke. As Mays hit the majors with a bang, the working scribes were telling their fellow writers that they had better "run over to the Polo Grounds", if they really wanted to see a kid (Willie was then 20; he is 35 now) play centerfielder.

"Man," said one scribe, "that guy plays the shallowest centerfield over, has a rifle arm, runs instinctly like a deer and hits with both accuracy and power. He's a beauty."

And Willie has lived up to all his early press billings. He has led the National League in homers four times -- 1957, when he hit 51, 1962, when he hit 36, 1964, when he

clouted 47, and his best season last year, when he hit his career high of 52. He twice won the league's Most Valuable Player award.

Records, however, is not Willie's prime objective. "Once you start going for records," he said, "you start pressing too much and don't achieve anything."

But whether or not Willie goes after records, he achieves them just the same. What a ballplayer!

Mays is to baseball what Leonard DeVincent was to technology.

He is the nearest thing to the perfect ballplayer. Say-hey!

## THE SPORTS PARADE

### BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL AARON INCIDENT

ATLANTA - Led by Sen. Leroy Johnson, a number of prominent Atlantans have joined forces in demanding the suspension of a white city policeman charged with pointing a pistol in the face of Mrs. Barbara Aaron, wife of the Atlanta Braves great rightfielder, Hank Aaron, and calling her "nigger". Sen. Johnson was joined by members of the Metropolitan Atlanta Grass Roots council in demanding the firing of patrolman L. Wayne Bedgood for threatening to blow Mrs. Aaron's brains out in the incident last July 30, outside the Atlanta stadium.

GOLD RECORD  
SUTTON, Mass. - Bidding to move to the top in golf as she did in tennis, former Wimbledon women's singles champion Althea Gibson of Englewood, New Jersey, set a new course record at the Pleasant Valley Country Club here last week. She shot a sizzling six-under-par 68 to better the course's record by one stroke and take the opening round lead in the Lady Catling Eastern Open Golf tournament. However, she ultimately finished in a 24th place tie in the tournament won by Kathy Whitworth.

KENYA'S KEINO TOPS CLARKE  
KINGSTON, Jamaica - Kenya's great distance runner Kipchoge Keino added to his already glowing prestige by outclassing Australia's Ron Clarke in a three-mile race in the British Empire Commonwealth games in Jamaica's National stadium last week. Keino and Clarke battled each other down to the last lap before the Kenyan won in a burst of speed in 12:57.6, that was only seven seconds behind Clarke's own world record. A capacity crowd of 30,000 cheered the long-striding African to victory.

WOMEN'S GOLFERS GUEST  
CHICAGO - Joe Louis, ex-world heavyweight boxing champion and an avid golfer himself, will be the special guest of the Chicago Women's Golf club at a press lucheon hosted by the club this Friday to announce the 40th annual United Golfers association's Open tournament at the Chevy Chase Country club golf course, August 22-26. Held at the downtown Marina City restaurant, the lucheon precedes a dinner-dance hosted by the CWGC at the Chevy Chase club, August 24.

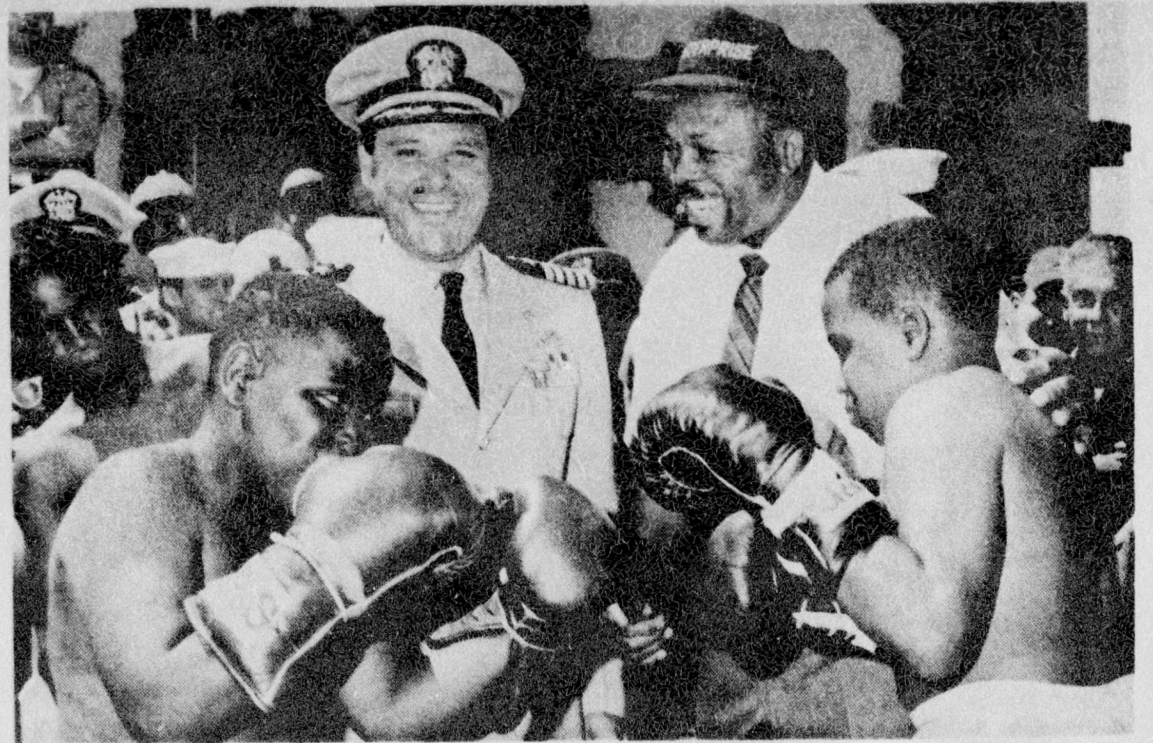
PAIGE VS. CLOWNS  
CHICAGO - Ageless, tireless Leroy (Satchel) Paige returns to the scene of his past major league glory Friday night when he and the New York Stars take on the fun-making, barnstorming Indianapolis Clowns at Comiskey Park. One of baseball's greatest pitchers, Paige once hurled for the Chicago White Sox several years ago.

SIFFORD WINS \$1,400  
CLIFTON, N. J. - Charlie Sifford, Los Angeles pro, collected one of his biggest paychecks of the 1956 golf season last week. The long-teeing Sifford received \$1,400 for finishing in a five-way, eight-place tie with a total of 287 strokes, in the Thunderbird Open tournament won by Mason Rudolph, who carded 278.

FIGHTER OF MONTH  
NEW YORK - Two-fisted, hard-fighting Emile Griffith of New York retained his middleweight title recently and was quickly named the "Fighter of the Month" by Ring Magazine. However, the Ring withdrew recognition from Griffith as welterweight ruler because boxing rules prohibits a fighter from holding two world titles at the same time.

SURPRISE  
LAS VEGAS, Nevada - Eddie Cotton, 40-year-old journeyman from Seattle, Washington, surprised light-heavyweight champion Jose Torres and the fistic experts by holding the champion to a 15-round decision in their title fight last week. The Convention Hall crowd booed the unanimous, but close decision after the fight that was not expected to go the limit because of Torres' vaunted punching power.

CRITICAL AFTER STABBING



ARCHIE MOORE VISITS USS ENTERPRISE -- Two students from the American Savings ABC (Any Boy Can) program "mix it up" during an exhibition boxing match which climaxed their demonstration of the ABC program aboard the USS Enterprise. Former champion Archie Moore (in white shirt) serves as referee for the match. The match was held on the flight deck, and drew an enthusiastic response from the sailors. Although these students have only been in a boxing ring once before in their lives, Archie's expert coaching has made them both good boxers and good citizens.

## Howard's 'Sonny' Goodman Cited By US College Sports Publicists

CHICAGO - Ernest E. (Sonny) Goodman, director of public relations at Howard University, Washington, D. C., was presented the Arch Ward Award of the College Sports Information Directors of America during the organization's annual meeting at the Bismarck Hotel last week.

The award, named for the late sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, cited the Howard publicist as one "who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of college sports information, bringing dignity and prestige to the profession."

Other top awards presented by COSIDA went to Fred Russell, sports editor of the Nashville Banner, and John Underwood of Sports Illustrated. Russell received the Jake Wade Award for his "outstanding contribution in the communications media to the field of intercollegiate athletics." Underwood was named recipient of the organization's Backbone Award for displaying "solid judgment and unusual courage on taking a stand on intercollegiate athletics which is contrary to prevailing opinion and public sentiment." Specifically, Underwood was cited for his article, "The College (Football) Game is Best."

Goodman was the ninth publicist to receive COSIDA's top award since its establishment in 1958. Former winners include Lester Jordan of Southern Methodist University, John Cox of Navy, C. Robert Paul of Pennsylvania, Harold Keith of Oklahoma, Fred Stabley of Michigan State, Wiles Hallock of California, Nes West of Georgia Tech, and the late Don Pierce of Kansas.

A 1947 graduate of Howard, Goodman has been a member of the University's public relations staff for the past 16 years, and has served as director of public relations since 1964. He has been a member of COSIDA since its beginning in 1955, and served as a member of the organization's executive committee from 1961 to 1965. For the past three years Goodman has been chairman of COSIDA's constitution committee. In 1965 a new constitution was adopted by the group, and just last week new by-laws were adopted to meet the requirements for incorporation by non-profit organizations in the State of Illinois.

A native of Baltimore, where he received his early education, Goodman is a former athlete who has been active in the field of sports information since his college days. In addition to his duties at Howard, he serves as chairman of the public relations committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

He holds membership in the DETROIT -- Doctors at a hospital to which he was rushed last week battled desperately to save the life of Murphy Summons, dribbling ace of Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, after he was stabbed in the heart in a tavern brawl precipitated by an argument between his wife and another woman. Summons was given less than a 50-50 chance to live following a delicate operation in which four stitches were required to close the wound in his heart.

WRITERS HONOR COACH  
CHICAGO - Eddie Robinson, Grambling college mentor for the past 25 years, was one of two prominent coaches honored recently by the Football Writers Association of America. Robinson, the man credited with "turning Grambling into an academic football factory," was honored along with head coach Jess Nealy of Rice.

SPORTS COURSES  
LUSAKA - Mal Whitfield, Olympic medalist, currently stationed in Kenya conducting courses in physical education, recreation and sports, has just completed a two month instruction program in Zambia -- Lusaka, Ndola and Fort Jameson. The courses are intended to improve the various coaching programs in the schools, clubs, and with teams.

National Press Club and Capital Press Club, both of Washington, American College Public Relations Association, Educational Press Association of America, and the public relations committee of the American Association of Colleges for



WORLD SERIES LITTLE LEAGUER -- Williamsport, Pa.: Blaine Strain, of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, is all smiles as he "totes" a bag of safety helmets from the practice field. The Canadian Little Leaguers met the American Leaguers in Sacramento, California last week. (UPI PHOTO).

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## Predict All-Pro Honors For Grambling Gridders

BY COLLE NICHOLSON  
GRAMBLING, La. (UPI) -- An indication of how the Grambling College football reservoir is overflowing into the American and National Leagues is illustrated by the selection of four ex-tigers for All-Pro honors in current pre-season predictions.

Two tackles, a corner back and a defensive end are visualized for Mid-December headlines in forecasts by Sports Review, All-Pro Football annual, Pro Football Almanac, Pro Football 1966, Times Picayune and the Pittsburgh Courier.

Willie Davis, defensive captain of the NFL Champion Green Bay Packer, and Ernie Ladd, well-heeled 300-pound Houston Oilers tackle, are unanimous choices in the newspaper and magazine articles.

Davis' spirited leadership and his slashing, Grambling maneuvers have made him one of football's greatest menace to quarterbacks. Ladd subscribes to the same stature in the AFL.

1 draft choice in the American League in 1962.

Taylor has reached the pinnacle of success playing the toughest defensive position in pro football for the Bears as a right corner back. While he is just approaching his prime, Taylor has been selected on NFL All-Pro teams for the past two years.

## Lennox Yearwood Sets World Record in Relay

GRAMBLING, La. - Gazette gauged Lennox Yearwood, a Grambling College sophomore from the West Indies, was a member of the Trinidad and Tobago team that set a world record in the mile relay Saturday in the British Empire games in Kingston, Jamaica.

The speedy quartet covered the distance in 3:04.5 held jointly by U. S. teams from Arizona State, Oregon State and the Southern University Track Club.

Wendell Mottley, 440-yard gold medalist in the British Empire games, anchored the team with a sizzling 44.5. Yearwood led off with 47.8, followed by Ken Bernard, 45.7, and Ed Roberts, 44.8, to complete the