



**LOSES TITLE - MANAGUA, Nicaragua:** World's Flyweight champ Chartchai Choinoi (R) gets a headshaking stiff left jab from contender Eduardo "Raton" Mojica June 8 in bout in Managua, Nicaragua. Mojica won the fight on a decision in 10 rounds. (UPI)

### Twin Brothers, College Stars, Drown In Florida

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The tragic deaths of Samuel and Daniel Cooper, identical twins who were star pass catching ends at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., cast a dark shadow over the coming Wildcat football season. Samuel died a hero as he rushed in rough waters to aid his brother, Daniel who appeared to be in trouble. Only one person survived the tragedy which took the lives of the Coopers, both 21, Lula Wood and Butler Vickers, 22, also of Bethune - Cookman College. Doris Bennett, 18, was pulled from the water by an off duty policeman and his friend. The Sentinel Bulletin of Tampa reported the following facts about the incident: The beach party was organized Saturday, with Samuel Cooper escorting his girl friend, Miss Bennett, Daniel, his girl friend, Miss Woods and Butler Vickers going alone after his girl friend was unable to go because of last minute baby sitting duties. Daniel Cooper and Miss Woods went out in the water, and Miss Woods got into trouble. She called for help and Daniel Cooper swam to her, but he too got into trouble. Samuel Cooper, who was near shore

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### Ashe Had No Remorse For Davis Failure

CHARLOTTE - Arthur Ashe quickly let it be known here Sunday, as he emerged victor in the Davis Cup American Zone, with Clark Graebner, that he did not go into play with any desire to avenge for the 3-2 loss that he suffered in Ecuador, last year.

He also had little sympathy for Ecuadorian complaints about the synthetic grass surface on which the matches were played.

"Of course it's nice to get those wins back. You always like to win, but I don't call it revenge. That's something you writers' make up," the soft-spoken Virginian declared.

"This surface is not faster than cement. It's real slow compared to cement and I was surprised that they complained about it. We thought we were doing them a favor by playing it here.

"I'll tell you something, if we'd really wanted to rub it in for revenge, we could just as easily have scheduled these matches on cement in Phoenix or Denver. They have some of the fastest courts in the world there.

"They played well and I don't want to take anything away from them, but man-for-man, I think we're better. I personally feel that we could have beaten them on any kind of surface," Ashe continued.

Danny Carrera the popular Ecuadorian captain, agreed. "The United States will win this year," he said simply. "You team is in better condition and is giving more effort now. Last year in Ecuador, they let some of the jobs go. This year they try for every shot.

sional football teams. They often talked about signing as a 'package.'

Sam and Dan were outstanding also on the B-CC track team as members of the 440 yard relay team.

At Marshall High School in Plant City they participated in every available competitive sports program, excelling in basketball, baseball, track and football.



**SIGNING TITLE CONTRACT-NEW YORK:** Joe Frazier (L), holder of a limited version of the world heavyweight championship, joins Mexican heavyweight Manuel Ramos in contract signing here 6/6. The contract calls for Frazier to defend his title against Ramos in a bout 6/24. (UPI)

### Tiger's Real Clutch Answer

Earlier in the year, it was no secret, in the Detroit Tiger camp that a move was being made to trade Gates Brown for a righthanded power hitter. Brown swings from the left side of the plate and had his problems last year, batting .154 as a pinch hitter. No deal was made on Brown, and last April, Tiger manager, Maye Smith, said in essence "Let's go with Gates."

So far this season, going with Gates has been great. Brown

smacked the deciding homer off Red Sox pitching for the Tigers first victory of '68. Brown has six hits to show in his first ten pinch hitting appearances, and is showing shades of his '66 performance when he went 13-for-40 for a .325 average with two homers and nine RBIs.

Gates attributes his success to deserting the dinner table and maintaining a weight of 225 pounds. The Tigers and Gates are moving now.



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"Spain and England are the strongest teams in Europe. If you play either of them it will be here in this country on your own type of courts. If you have to go over there against either Russia or Italy, you'll be playing on a different surface, but you'll still be playing a weaker team.

"I hope the United States will win the Davis Cup. I don't think the Australians have a chance against your team," Carrera finished.

Donald Dell, the business-like captain of the American team, thinks he has a winner, too, but he isn't ready to concede that there's no chance of an upset along the way - particularly if the United States wins the right to challenge the Aussies.

"Anybody who says that Australian tennis is dead doesn't know Harry Hopman (the veteran Aussie captain)," Dell pointed out. "I'm sure he's going to recruit Ken Fletcher, who is living in Hong Kong, but still has his Australian citizenship.

"But it's certainly nice to win this match here, 5-0. We have the momentum now and I see no reason why we shouldn't go all the way. I know that I'm going to be terribly disappointed if we don't win. I don't think



**LOOKOUT RALEIGH -** The veteran Ed Charles, once the terror to National League pitching found the going rather tough with the New York Mets and there were those who thought that he might be sent down the river, even as far down as the Raleigh-Durham Mets. Gil Hodges, who took over the perennial cellar dwellers, did not give up on him and he is now hitting his stride. Recently he has come up with that clutch hit that the Shea Stadium boys needed.

### Griffith Choice At Oakland, Cal

OAKLAND, Calif. - When Emile Griffith climbed into the ring here Tuesday night, in his battle to regain one of the crowns that he once held, he was a 9 to 5 choice to defeat Andy Hellman. He alleged that since the fight was postponed from Friday night, due to Senator Kennedy's death, might hurt his chances to be as impressive as he has to be to regain stature in the boxing world.

Griffith needed a convincing victory over the rugged Hellman in a bid for a fourth title fight with Nlon Bevenuti.

Griffith, former welterweight and middleweight champion, lost the title to the Italian for the second time in March.

The fight was originally scheduled for Friday night, but was put off because of the Death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Griffith who has had experience with delays before, says they make him uneasy.

"You get to thinking you'll be off in some way," the 30-year-old fighter from the Virgin Islands said. "I've got my fingers crossed this time."

Griffith points to a 1963 fight with Luis Rodriguez that was delayed a week because of rain and Rodriguez won the decision. "I was perfect for the fight," he said. "The postponement hurt me."

Emile's manager, Gil Clancy, however, says that postponements haven't always hurt him. "Look what happened in the second fight with Bevenuti"

just coming close does you any good at all."

Dell had his own explanation for why the Americans are playing better this year.

"We had a meeting in Richmond back on April 28 and established certain ground rules," he recalled. "One of them was respect for each other and the same sort of team spirit a basketball team has to have. This is a long season - roughly eight months. If we can't get along with each other we're in for trouble from the start.

"The second thing I told the guys at Richmond was that I took this job because I felt that winning back the Davis Cup was one of the most important things in American sport - more important than for any one of us to win at Wimbledon or For- one didn't agree with me, that was the time to speak up.

"We've had no problems of discipline or personal differences. If we win that cup back, we all benefit. If we lose, we're all burns because we are representing 200,000,000 Americans every time we go on that court.

Dell said he liked the way the draw put Ashe against Pancho Guzman in the opening match here.

"It put a great deal of pressure on Arthur, but he responds well to pressure and, too, this meant that he would close out against their weaker man (Miguel Olivera) in case we had to have the last point."

Clark Graebner, who won both of his singles matches and shared in Saturday night's doubles victory, admitted he had some trouble with Guzman.

"It's a little bit harder to get up for a match after your team is ahead, 3-0, and besides that, Guzman hits the heck out of the ball," he grinned.

### Casanova Begins To Hit Stride

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Paul Casanova, who showed much promise last year, in his first season as the Senators first string catcher, after a slow start, is beginning to prove that the prophets were not wrong.

His know-how behind the plate has never been questioned and his pick off throws, to catch anxious base stealers, have made him one of the most respected receivers in baseball. His hitting has been off this year, but he had started to pummel the apple with deftness. In Sunday's game he got three for four, in a game the Senators won by the score of 7-4, from the Minnesota Twins. This game set the Minnesota boys deeper in eighth place, in the American League race. The local boys are in seventh, 3 1/2 games ahead of the Twins. They were only one game behind eighth place New York Monday morning.

Jim Merritt retired the first two batters in the fourth before Mike Epstein singled to center and Paul Casanova and Bernie Allen blooped hits just out of the reach of the infielders to put the Senators ahead 2-1.

Coleman doubled and Fred Clancy said. "Rain put the fight off for a day. It worked to our advantage. Emile regained the title he had lost to Nino and it was the only one he took in the series of three."



**BASHED NOSE - MILWAUKEE -** Vaughn Thunder, Shawano, Wis., got one right on the nose from Mike Bastian, Milwaukee, during their amateur three round bout in Milwaukee June 10. Bastian got the decision. (UPI)

### Jim Bibby Stifles Foe With Two Hits

HAMPTON, Va. - The pride of Franklin County, Jim Bibby, kept up his winning ways for the Raleigh - Durham Mets Saturday night and let the Peninsula boys down with 2 hits, while his teammates got eight, for 4 runs. Bibby blanked the Peninsula nine and brought his record to 4-2.

The Mets hurler began rather slowly, but when Joe Campbell hit a home run, Tommy Campbell and Mike Mitchell hit successive singles, in the 6th and pulled a double steal, that was all Bibby needed. The Mets really put the game on

ice in the seventh when they dented home plate three times with Campbell's home run, Bill Carthel's one bagger, a base on balls, a sacrifice, a wild pitch and a stolen base.

The Raleigh - Durham aggregation took Sunday off to join in the day of mourning, proclaimed by President for the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy. They were scheduled to meet Portsmouth. They took back to the field Monday night, when they played the Portsmouth Club.

The Mets found themselves only 2 1/2 games out of first place, tied with Greensboro and Kinston for fourth place, when they took on the Portsmouth Club Monday night. They were only topped by Winston-Salem, Wilson, Lynchburg and Portsmouth.

Valentine and Ed Stroud singled for another run before Bob Miller relieved Merritt. Miller walked Frank Howard and Ken McCullen ripped a two-run single.

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