Jimmy Cooper Seeks Upset

Meets Gene Smith For District Title

WASHINGTON

Once — popular Jimmy Cooper makes his final bid a regain his prestige as a local main event participant, Tuesday night at Turner's Arena where he opposes Gene Smith in a 10-round match for the District featherweight championship.

Unless he can put the skids under unpredictable Smith, or make a terrific showing, it's curtains for Cooper as a main-go contestant. In his last outing, Cooper was chilled in seven rounds by Kid Anhaus of Mexico City in Havana, Cuba. One more knockout will erase Cooper from the picture of top ranking performers completely.

The meeting is the second between the pair. In 1951, Smith chalked up a convincing TKO over Cooper, pounding him into a helpless hunk, leaving him bleeding profusely from the mouth, and one eye completely shut.

Won Four Of Five Bouts

Cooper has won four of five matches this year. However, he never got much of a workout in his contests with Nat Divers and Charles Diggs, two imported opponents from Baltimore, who failed to last out the first round.

Filberto Gnario gave Cooper a good going over, but a late rally by the slow-starting fighter gave him the verdict over the Cuban.

Phils' Shortstop Tells Another Paige Story

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — Probably one of the most talked about characters in baseball is the fabulous Leroy (Satchel) Paige of the St. Louis Browns. Some players who grew up with or against him.

Paige

The latest untold story is one by Gran Hamner, third baseman of the stories he tells on himself, but many others are told by Philadelphia Phillies in the National league. Here is how Hamner recalls it:

"I was playing American Legion ball and we scheduled an exhibition contest with Paige's club at Alexandria, Va. Paige expected an attendance of 7,500, but only about 3,500 turned up.

"Satch took one look at the crown and said, 'It's not worth dividing. I'll tell you what I'll do. If I don't retire the first 15 hitters in order, you take the money. If I do, I'll take it all.'

"Paige not only retired the first 15, but set down the first 20 who faced him. I tried to bunt and couldn't even get my bat near the ball."

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Stream Line

By ART WALTON

Bay fishing is improving during the past week several large hardheads and many large rockfish were caught.

If you're seeking this kind of fish in the Bay, you should be there at the first peep of dawn. Sometimes they hit well for only half an hour just after dawn; sometimes you can get action up to, say, 9 o'clock rarely later. And when the action stops, call it off.

Another favorable time is from 4 p.m., to dark as this is the time they begin to feed. The last part of this period is the hottest, just before dark. That is the time most likely to produce a whopper.

When you get a large hardhead or rock in one place, be sure to note the spot. Chances are there will be other big ones there on your return.

TSU Shares Midwest Baseball Championship

HOUSTON, Texas—Coach Edward Adams' freshman-manned team defeated the heavily favored Grambling Tigers in two of four games to share the Mid-Western baseball championship. Huston-Tillotson, the other member, did not win a game as they were defeated by both Grambling and Texas Southern, four times each.

TEAM SPONSORS — Coach Mills of the James A. Walker post, defending American Legion baseball champions, accepts a $200 check from the Upshaw and Woods Real Estate Company, 1624 11th st., nw., sponsors of the team this season. Photo By Dave Harris.

Hub Lad Receives Harvard Scholarship

BOSTON — Richard (Dick) Wharton, one of Boston's outstanding high school athletes, this week was the recipient of a scholarship to Harvard University.

Wharton, son of Clifton R. Wharton, of the U. S. Consular Service at Madagascar, was a big winner in the 1952 and 1953 indoor and outdoor New England track campaigns.

Turpin-Humez Title Bout Highlights Coronation

By LUIX VIRGIL OVERSEA

CHICAGO (ANP) — Amidst the pomp and ceremonials of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in London, many of us fans of the boxing world are tempted to forget a fistic highlight of this holiday spirit in England — the June 9 middleweight fight between Randy Turpin of England and Charley Humes of France.

The winner of this battle will face the victor in a brawl 10 days later between roughhouse Paddy Young and cutie Carl (Bobo) Olson in New York. These two victors will fight for the world's middleweight championship, a title vacant since last December when Ray (Sugar) Robinson decided to give up his boxing gloves for dancing shoes.

Best Sugar Ray

Turpin is one of only two men to ever hold decisions over Robinson, one of the ring's all-time greats. Two years ago Turpin startled the boxing world when a 15 round decision over Robinson to win the 160-pound crown. Robinson came back a couple of months later, however, to score a TKO and regain his throne.

In both bouts, Turpin demonstrated that although he was short on experience, he was long on strength courage and fighting ability. He exhibited an unorthodox boxing style that kept even such a boxing master as Robinson always on the alert, not sure of what was coming next.

Humez is a battler this ringsider knows very little about. He is a tough fighting man who appears to have whipped most of the middleweights on the continent. This ringsider knows little about his style, record or anything else.

Nevertheless, this corner feels that this bout will go to Turpin. He has class, stamina and courage — the qualifications of a champion. And he will be fighting at home before a British fans.

It should be an interesting fight which all the Coronation visitors and celebrants should take in and probably will enjoy. We in America will have to read about it.

Between Round Notes

Was Danny (Bang Bang) Womber's victory over welterweight champion Kid Gavilan in a non-title bout a fluke or has he suddenly improved. Bang Bang will get a chance to prove how good he is on the night of June 9 when he will face top ranking challenger Johnny Bratton.

If Bratton loses, it probably will mean the end of any hopes he has for another shot at the welter crown. If he wins impressively he might be the next challenger in a title bout. This ringsider believes that Womber's victory over Gavilan was a fluke, so he picks Bratton to finish his hopes. . . .

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South Atlantic Body Continues 15G Drive

More than 5,000 letters telling the story of the Amateur Athletic Union's South Atlantic Association activities have been mailed to prominent Baltimoreans as the initial step in two week drive to raise $50,000, according to Carl C. Hauswald, Jr. chairman of th campaign.

During the next two weeks a group of civic leaders and local sports personalities will endeavor to tell the story of the South Atlantic Association's work in promoting amateur athletics to as many people as they can reach in the Maryland-Delaware area.

The AAA acts as governor over most amateur athletic programs, keeps official records of track meets and other competitions, aids in the training of young athletes, provides judges, referees and officials for all types of meets, conducts the Junior Olympic program and physical fitness tests for young people, and helps select the athletes to represent the U.S. in Olympic, Pan-American and other international games.

Mr. Hauswald announced a partial list of events under South Atlantic, A.A.U. auspices in the next few months. The list includes:

June 7 — Municipal Games.
June 7 — S.A.A.A.U. Invitational Championships.
June 13 — S.A.A. Track and Field Championships
June 25 — National A.A.U. Track and Field Championships (Dayton)
June 26 — Y Brook Open Swimming Meet
July 11 — Chick Webb Olympics and Cross City Club Meet and Municipal Games
July 18 — Municipal Swimming Championships
July 25 — Meadowbrook Open Meet
July 26 — Woodholme Country Club Invitation Swimming Meet
Aug. 1 — Baltimore County Jr. Olympics Track
Aug. 1 — Jr. Olympics Qualifying Meets — Track
Aug. 8 — Jr. Olympics Swimming Championships
Aug. 22 — S.A.A. Swimming Championships
Aug. 29 — A.A.U. Jr. Olympics Finals
Aug. 30 — S.A.A. Horseshoe Pitching Championships

Dave Hoskins Beaten In First Slab Start

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — A grand slam home run by Bob Elliott of the St. Louis Browns spoiled Dave Hoskins's debut last week as a starting pitcher. The Browns whipped the Cleveland Indians 7 to 2, handing Hoskins in the sixth inning.

The loss was Hoskins' first of the season. He had won two games in relief to earn his starting role.

Ancient Leroy (Satchel) Paige pitched two innings of scoreless ball for the Browns to insure victory for his team.

HELPING THE OLE MAN — Two - and - a - half - year - old Luke Easter Jr., balances on daddy's legs as the Cleveland Indians first baseman works hard toward strengthening the foot which has kept him out of the Tribe lineup since April 19. The Old Man has vowed to Indian brass and to the youngster he'll be back "and ready for work by mid-June. Easter suffered a broken bone in his foot when struck by a pitched ball by pitcher Lou Kretlow of the Chicago White Sox in the fifth game of the season.

Easter Sees Early Return To Indians

CLEVELAND—Indications are that Luke Easter will be available for duty with the third-place Cleveland Indians sometime before the month is out, though possibly only for service as a pinch hitter.

The big first baseman is reported mending rapidly from the foot injury he sustained in April.

Dr. Don Kelly, the Tribe's team physician, took the cast off for an X-ray, found the broken bone to be "mending much more satisfactorily than I had expected." The foot was again placed in a cast which must stay on another two weeks.

While the cast was off, Easter's foot was measured for a special shoe which will give him support as well as protection when he returns to active duty, for pinch-hitting duty.

Dr. Kelly refused to predict any definite date that Easter would be able to play again, but he admitted the picture is brighter now. It's possible that when the Indians return to the road in mid-June, Easter might be along for pinch-hitting duty, a

The bone leading to Luke's big toe was fractured when a pitch by Chicago's Lou Kretlow plopped on it. The accident occurred during the fourth game of the season. A few days after the injury Luke was placed on the disabled list.

In order to be ready for the day when Dr. Kelly gives Luke the green light, the Tribe's Big Man has been keeping his arms strong by lifting weights. He has been walking around without crutches, using a special "walking cast," and has engaged in daily exercises with his two-year-old youngster, Luke, Jr., in an effort to strengthen the injured member. . . .

Lucky Strikes . . . by JOE BLACK

I know that a lot of fans have been wondering what's wrong with me this year. Some folks think the hitters have gotten on to me, and others believe it's the "sophomore jinx."

First off, I'd like to tell you that there's no such thing as a "sophomore jinx." That's just newspaper talk. The only difference between the Joe Black of last year and this year's version is a thing called CONTROL. Last year my most effective weapon was pinpoint control. I could pitch to spots and not worry about guys hitting the ball out of the park. So far this year it's been a different story. I still have the same stuff on my pitches, but I've been missing the target by feet, not inches!

I've lost a little confidence and I've been pressing. Frankly, I don't think I've been relaxed once out there on the mound. Why? Because I know my control has been off. Believe me, it's a funny feeling facing those tough hitters with only a curve ball, a fast ball and a prayer.

A pitcher's control can be his best friend or his worst enemy. Last year we were best of pals. This year we aren't even talking to each other. Charlie Dressen tells me not to worry about that bad spell . . . just take it easy and relax. Well, that's what I'm going to do. And I've one great way to do it. That's right—I'm just going to sit back and enjoy better-tasting Luckies. They won't bring back my control, but when it comes to relaxing with a good cigarette, they can't be beat. Try a pack and see for yourself. See you next week.

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'BEAN BALL' MAKES HIM MAD:

AA Pitchers Warned Not To Throw At Vic Power

KANSAS CITY—Here's a little note for American Association hurlers:

Don't throw at Vic Power's head. He doesn't like it.

Power, Kansas City's all-round star who now is playing first base after being assigned an outfield job, had gone hitless 15 straight times before Don Bessent, while St. Paul hurler, uncorked a high hard one that brushed past Power's head.

Vic got up, brushed the dirt off, stepped closer to the plate, and tightened the grip on his big bat. On the next pitch he slammed another inside pitch 380-feet for a double to break his hitting drought. That was Tuesday night.

Wednesday night, he belted four hits in five visits to the plate which brought this remark from Harry Craft, the Blues skipper: "Power just gets mad when thrown at. Notice how he dug in after that close call."

It Wakes Him Up.

Manager Clay Bryant of the Saints said: "There we had Power going easy on us. What happens? One pitch wakes him up and he's out of his slump."

Power is runnerup to Jack Cassini of St. Paul for the American Association batting lead with .358.

The Association has two newcomers to its ranks in Connie Johnson, pitcher optioned to Charleston by the Chicago White Sox and Bob Boyd, an outfielder, also sent to the Senators by the Sox.

Johnson lost his first start, but won his second and Boyd is hitting .435, getting 20 hits in his first 46 trips to the plate. The addition of Boyd and Johnson may make the Senators a cellar-finisher last season, a threat for a first division berth. Manager Joe Becker has been doing tricks with a make-shift crew and Johnson and Boyd add some life to his club.

Howard Climbs

Elston Howard, Power's teammate, has lifted his batting mark to .293 and is gradually closing in on the .300 mark. Craft claims that Howard has shown improvement from game to game. It's a big jump from Class D to triple-A for Howard but he's making good after spending two years in the service.

Howard is a big fellow who swings a heavy bat. Fifteen of his hits are for extra bases with six doubles, three triples and six homers. He's driven in 24 tallies to Power's 28 which shows he's getting his base knocks in the clutch.

Jones Wins Third

St. Paul's Bob Wilson, given the cleanup spot in the St. Paul lineup, slipped nearly 35 points in the week and now is hitting .347, still a mighty average. The No. 4 slot in the batting order seems to be a jinx for the hard-working third sacker. Wilson says: "Boy, it's the kiss of death for me when I hit fourth." But Bryant needs Wilson's timely hitting and has kept Wilson in the clutch spot.

Sad Sam Jones won his third victory for Indianapolis against one defeat and Bill Powell, the Charleston hurler, still maintains his 3-0 record.

Sam Jethoe and Luis Marques, Toledo outfielders, are over the .300 mark. Jethroe moved up from .299 to .314 and Marques is at .309. Dave Pope, Indianapolis outfielder, who was having his troubles getting a base hit has lifted his mark to .298, a jump of 50 points in one week.

Even when Pope was in his batting slump, manager Birdie Tebbets, the former major league catcher now boss of the Indians, wasn't fretting. Tebbetts said Pope would hit and he's been clouting the ball hard.

Al Smith, the Indians' third sacker, is tied with Don Zimmer and Jethroe for the home-run lead. Smith failed to hit for the circuit in a week after slugging six homers in seven games.

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CLEVELAND Indians — Larry Doby, Harry Simpson, outfielders; Luke Easter, infielder; Dave Hoskins, pitcher.

ST. LOUIS Browns — Satchel Paige, pitcher.

—National—

BROOKLYN Dodgers — Jackie Robinson, Junior Gilliam, infielders; Roy Campanella, catcher; Joe Black, pitcher.

MILWAUKEE Braves — Bill Bruton, Jim Pendleton, outfielders; George Crowe, infielder.

NEW YORK Giants — Monte Irvin, outfielder; Hank Thompson, outfielder - infielder; Ruben Gomez, pitcher.

MINOR LEAGUERS

—International—

MONTREAL Royals — Edmundo Amoros, outfielder; Umberto Fernandez, infielder.

SYRACUSE Chiefs — Hector Rodrigues, infielder; Mel Williams, outfielder.

—American Association—

CHARLESTON Senators — Angel Scull, outfielder; Bill Powell, pitcher.

INDIANAPOLIS Indians — Al Smith, infielder - outfielder; Dave Pope, outfielder; Sam Jones, pitcher.

KANSAS CITY Blues — Vic Power, outfielder.

MINNEAPOLIS Millers — Ray Noble, catcher; Blasco Ibanez infielder.

ST. PAUL Saints — Bob Wilson, infielder; Roy Howard, infielder - outfielder.

TOLEDO Sox — Sam Jethroe, Luis Marques, outfielders.

NAL Teams Outdraw Yankee Farmhands

KANSAS CITY — The Negro National League, which opened its season here last Sunday with a crowd of 18,205, figures to approach that turnout again Sunday when the Kansas City Monarchs tangle with the league - leading Birmingham Barons.

The huge gathering of last Sabbath was a record for Blues Stadium, exceeding any drawn by the Kansas City farm club of the New York Yankees in their own home park.

Jacksonville Baseball Players Feted By Elks

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The Garden City Lodge of Elks feted Horace Garner of St. Louis, Henry Aaron of Mobile and Felix Mantilla of Puerto Rio, members of the Jacksonville Braves baseball club, with a supper at the Elks' home Thursday following a game between the Braves and Rams.

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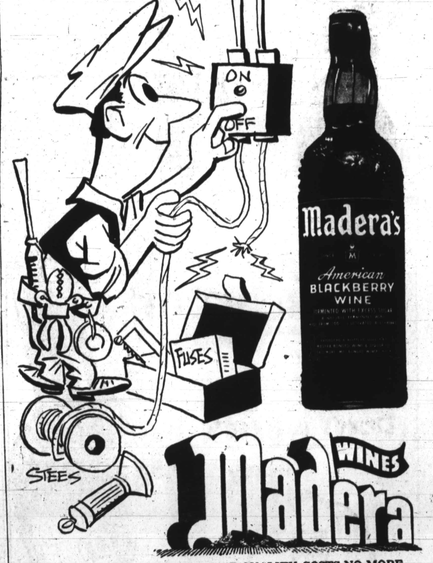

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