The Kid Seeks Higher Stakes Friday

Cuban Kid meets Olson in Chicago

Gavilan predicts victory; betting mark makes champion favorite

CHICAGO—Kid Gavilan, the Havana Hawk, will have an opportunity to live up to his pre-fight appraisal of his ability tonight (Friday) in Chicago stadium.

The welterweight king from Cuba with an assist of a corner IBC press agents has beaten Carl Bobo Olson out of his mid-dleweight title with words.

However, betting mart evidently has little faith in the pronouncements of the Kid because speculators have made Olson an 8-5 favorite to retain his crown.

Old Axiom

The so-called wise money feels that an Olson at 160 pounds is much better than a Gavilan at 152 pounds. It's the old axiom, the experts feel, "of a good big man being superior than a good little man."

The Gavilan plan of attack according to advance reports will be to fight the middle king from long range.

The Kid, who can punch with either mitt, loves to fight in flurries.

On the other hand, Olson is an in-fighter. He is at his best when he swarms his opponent and punches at the body.

Olson's Remark

Olso remarked:

"He can't keep me away. I have cornered better men than him on the ropes.

To this Gavilan queried:

"You think I am going to fight this fight?"

Answering his own question, the Kid continued:

"I won't let him stay in close. I keep him away with this arm.

"Feet"

"He can't punch hard, and if he does—" the Kid continued, "I have feet.

Tale of the tape

Bobo Olson		Kid Gavilan
25	age	28
158½	weight	152
5 ft. 10½ in.	height	5 ft. 10 in.
76	reach	71
39	chest (normal)	36
42	chest (expanded)	38½
32	waist	32
22	thigh	20½
13	calf	13½
13½	biceps	14
10½	forearm	11
16½	neck	16

"If he punches at my head, my feet will move fast and where my head used to be there is nothing."

When asked how he would stop Olson's body tactics, Gavilan hunched a little and folded his arms into an angle barrier protecting his ribs and stomach, with elbows pressed tightly to his sides.

"I dont worry about him fighting me, the Kid said "I fight him."

19,000 Expected

A crowd of 19,000 persons is expected to see the bout in Chicago. NBC will televise the action.

It is estimated that the battlers will divide about $215,000 from the proceeds for their nights efforts.

The bout is Olsons initial defense of the title that he won on Oct. 21 after taking a decision from Randy Turpin.

The Kid has been welterweight champion since July 7, 1952 when he kayoed Gil Turner in 11 rounds.

In addition to the glory of climbing the middleweight crown, the Kid has a $12,000 offer to dance in Las Vegas night club, if he wins.

FOR THE TITLE — Kid Gavilan, left, and Carl "Bobo" Olso will go to the ring Friday night in Chicago stadium for the world's middleweight title held by Olson. The champion is an 8-5 favorite.

Jose Santiago leads Tribe hurlers in pre-season play

HOUSTON, Tex.—Bright spot of the Cleveland Indians' spring campaign has been the pitching of Jose Santiago.

The diminutive Puerto Rican righthander, by Manager Al Lopez's own admission, has been the bellwether of a staff that includes such names as Bob Lemon, Bob Feller, Mike Garcia, et al.

"They haven't hit a good one off him all spring," declared Lopez before Wednesday's game with the New York Giants.

"Yesterday (Tuesday) at Wichita Falls, against the Giants, Lopez continued. "Dusty Rhodes got the only hit off him. That was the second hit he gave up in ten innings of work, all against major league competition.

"You can be sure he's the best looking guy we've had throwing for us this spring.

The records show Santiago has hurled four innings against the Baltimore Orioles, three against the Chicago Cubs and three against the Giants.

In the three-inning Tuesday stint, for which he was credited with the win, the 25-year-old Latin permitted only one other well-hit ball. That was a lusty swat by Forest Castleman, which died in the wind and was caught by Larry Doby.—LACY

Sugar Ray's barber lectures group

WASHINGTON

Nathanial Bagby, personal barber to Sugar Ray Robinson, spent the week in Washington instructing local barbers in the hair styling arts as practiced in Sugar Ray's New York shop.

Mr. Bagby who normally travels about with the champ on his night club dates, has been lecturing and demonstrating at Dean's Barber shop, 1837 7th street, nw.

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Mays' hitting sparks Giants

HOUSTON, Texas — Willie The Amazing Mays, top hitter of the homeward bound New York Giants, got two of four safeties given up by Cleveland Indian pitching here Wednesday as the Giants captured a 4-2 exhibition decision.

Jim Hearn and Don Liddle handled the hill duties for New York, while Hal Newhouse and Roy Narleski hurled for Cleveland.

Scoring Double

Mays, whose hot bat has been the sparkplug of the Giants all spring, got the Durochermen off in front with a scorching double just inside the line past third base.

The blow scored Al Dark who had reached first on an error and moved up as Monte Irvin walked.

Monte steamed into third and Willie pulled up at second, both tallying a moment later when Don Mueller dropped a hit into short center.

New York added a run in the fourth on two walks and a single by Davey Williams.

Indians Rally

The Indians, however, closed the gap somewhat in their half of the fifth. A single by Jim Hegan and back-to-back doubles by Regalado and Philley turned up two runs and made it 4-2.

That, though, was the end of the scoring, and largely because of a spectacular defensive play by Mays.

Willie raced far to his left and back to make a leaping one handed catch of a drive by Rocky Nelson in the eighth. The Giant flychaser crashed against the fence in right centre as he made the stab but managed to hold onto the ball.

Coming as it did just ahead of a single by Al Rosen, the catch killed a scoring chance and, quite possibly, a Tribe rally.

Hank Thompson and Irvin, like Mays, played all the way for the winners. The former was four for nothing and the latter two for haught, with two walks.

Larry Doby, the full route in center for Cleveland, was hitless in four trips.

Al Smith and Luke Easter broke into the tribe lineup as pinchhitters. Smith flied out deep to Mays in the ninth and Easter watched a third strike go by to end the game.—LACY.

Mays' value to Giants readily seen; leads in most departments

HOUSTON, Tex. — Evidence of the value of Willie Mays to the New York Giants is already apparent, even before the 1954 regular season gets under way.

As Leo Durocher and Co. wended their way through Texas, their recently-returned ex-GI was leading the club in all defensive departments save two.

His .406 average topped the regulars, with Hank Thompson second at .378. He had most hasbits (28), had scored most runs (23), and held the lead in home runs (7) and runs batted in (22).

Only in doubles, where he was tied at seven with Whitey Lockman and in triples, paced by Monte Irvin's two, was the amazing Mays not running ahead of his mates.—LACY.

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AFRO spring attractions - - -

Easter show, cooking school

"I'm spring! And right up with her fresh approach mood are the Easter parade of fashions with a direct appeal to the feminine front.

Lovely, feminine, brite colorful, features will include in clothing, there is this fashion supplement, designed to direct the Easter parade of fashion in the Easter parade.

For her fine taste in foods, there is the annual AFRO cooking school and home demonstration show coming up next month.

There's a method in our madness, we know you will agree, when the Easter Parade of Fashions, the fashion centers which adversitse A Seems Been.

First and foremost the ability and taste of the women. But there's also a bonus boon.

Come Easter Sunday, AFRO readers will be entertained by and join the fashion parade along the Druid Hill ave. thoroughfare.

Pictures will be taken of the first strolling ensembles, and are published in the following issue of the AFRO with lovely girls from the stores where they bought their outfits.

Cooking School Feature

Now for the indoor attractions. It's excitement in modern living and the AFRO cooking school. Cooking school which will be presented on May 19 - 20 at the Baltimore Auditorium.

Some $5,000 worth of valuable FREE TIME prizes will be given away. Prizes will include U. S. Government bonds, two 21-inch Kitchen mirrors, get last word in kitchen mirrors, Modern Gaters gas range and a modern sink unit.

Cake Baking Contest

Highlight features will include cooking contest, cake baking, samples of new products, demonstration of modern kitchen service appliances. Latest is a cake baking contest and topnotch entertainment.

That sparkling personality, Mrs. Julie Carper, nationally known cooking expert from St. Louis, Mo. will conduct the cooking school. She will be efficiently assisted by the AFRO's own Mrs. Jean Harris.

In addition to baking dealers and homemaking services will be available and the show demonstrates modern living.

Companies which have already engaged booth space are: Pepsi Cola, Coca-Cola, Carl Schmidt, National brewery, GUNTHER'S BEVERAGES — Pepsi Cola, Coca-Cola, Carl Schmidt, National brewery, Madera wines, Mt. Vernon wines.

FOODS — Schmidt bakery, Hanewalds bakery, Koeder's bakery, Mt. Vernon wines, Mt. Vernon Packing company, Park's sausage, Cecil Lima Products, Wesson Lard, Wesson oil, Washington flour.

HOME IMPROVEMENT — Cortez's Kitchen, Hendler's Jewelers, Williams coffee, Hendler's Jewelers.

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