

# Sport's Biggest 4 Questions: Mick, Arch, Ted and Braves

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New York—(U.P.)—There are four major questions in the minds of sports fans today—Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams, Archie Moore and the Milwaukee Braves. This is how the answers stack up in one man's opinion.

**Can Mickey Do It?**  
The "it" is whether he can break Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs and it is the most tantalizing question of them all. Mantle currently is 13 games ahead of Ruth's pace with 41 homers in 111 games. But, like such former challengers as Hank Greenberg, Jimmy Foxx and Ralph Kiner, Mickey will find Ruth's scorching pace of 17 in September a backbreaker.

In his closing rush, Ruth hit five in three games, twice hit three in three games and closed it out with four in his last three games. Mantle's production average has been one in every third game. With 43 games remaining, at that rate The Mick should add about 15 more homers before the season's end—for a total of 56.

It would be great to see him catch a hot hand and close the gap but on slide rule figuring it appears he will fall short.

**What's With Ted Williams?**  
There seems to be a general feeling, wherever you go, that Williams has reached his second childhood early with his spitting antics. Certainly his actions have indicated a lack of maturity in a \$100,000 a year player who has been around 15 years.

All the great players knew the boos as well as the cheers and were sensible enough to hide their bitterness and write it off against the good things.

The answer seems to be that Williams is Williams, a split personality who will never cease putting himself above the game and the fans—and who can't help but lose in the process.

Baseball, it is suspected, will be around quite successfully long after Williams calls it a career.

**Moore or Patterson?**  
Eventually, probably indoors at Chicago in November, Archie Moore and young Floyd Patterson will fight for the heavyweight title.

Moore admittedly will be 40 a month later, although his mother says he is 42 now. Patterson, only 21, is durable and has a powerful punch. But young Floyd looked inept against the unorthodox Tommy Jackson, although he broke his right hand in an early round. Still, Archie will show him more tricks in one round than Jackson could in a week. Archie can hit, too, so the leaning here is toward the amazing Archie.

**Can Milwaukee Win?**  
The Braves still are battling gamely to hold their National League lead but those footsteps they hear are the onrushing Dodgers. Milwaukee has fine pitching but Brooklyn has an edge in depth.

Brooklyn has several factors favoring it. It plays 20 of its last 24 games at home, largely against second division clubs, while the Braves must hit the road in 15 of their last 24 games, mostly against the Redlegs and Cardinals.

The biggest one, though, is that Brooklyn has the old pro-souriced pros who know how to stretch—and win. Which makes it look like Brooklyn, from here.

**Rene Valdes Tops Coast In Triumphs**  
San Francisco—(U.P.)—Elmer Singleton (15-5) the Seattle meal-ticket who has been battling a sore arm, remained at the top of the Pacific Coast League pitching brigade today with an earned run average of 2.62.

However, Dave Hillman (16-4) of Los Angeles was starting to press the veteran for those honors by whittling his own earned run mark down from 3.38 to 3.11 last week. The Cherub right-hander also leads in winning percentage with .800.

Rene Valdes (17-8) of Portland retained the lead for most triumphs while Dick Drott (11-8) of the Angeles stayed ahead in strikeouts with 152.

Bill Werle (11-12) of Portland had pitched 192 innings to remain the loop's hardest worker. Eddie Srautt (7-16) of San Diego stayed behind as the biggest loser while the Padres' Pete Mesa (1-9) had walked 115 to lead in free passes.

**DOGS START**  
Portland—(U.P.)—While 10,427 fans attended last night's PCL all-star baseball game here, an estimated 12,000 persons jammed Portland Meadows for the opening of the dog racing season. It was the largest crowd to view an event at the Meadows.

## One PCL Club To Schedule Games In Japan, Mexico

Portland—(U.P.)—Pacific Coast League President Leslie M. O'Connor said here yesterday that one club from the league will almost certainly make an exhibition tour of Japan following the 1957 season.

The league president said that the negotiations for either an all-star team from the league or one of the league members are "almost concluded."

He also expressed the hope that a Mexican tour could be worked out just prior to the trip to the Orient.

The series in Japan probably would start in late October and would include 10 games. Games in Hawaii, Manila and other cities in the Orient also may be included in the schedule.

O'Connor made the prediction following a meeting of the league directors here yesterday.

A major item on the director's agenda was discussion of a 1957 schedule with a compromise between the present split-week and the former week-long series apparently in the offing for next season.

No decision was reached on the schedule but officials hoped to have a tentative card lined up for presentation at the next regular meeting slated for September 24. The season will start April 12 and run to Sept. 15, comprising 168 games.

Directors issued an informal "vote of confidence" in the league during the session. The declaration of solidarity came at the request of San Diego which is contemplating construction of a new park.

## MEDFORD TRIBUNE SPORTS

### Clark Advances in Senior Club Golf Championship Tournament; RVCC Linksters Beat Laurelwood

Medalist Marvin Clark moved into the semi-finals and defending titlist Harry Terrell Sr. was bumped from the running as the result of first round matches in the men's senior golf tournament at Rogut Valley Country club.

Clark tipped Glen Farbrick 1 up and will meet Bill Catey who needed 20 holes to edge Justin Smith Sr. William McAllister senior was 1 up winner over Terrell. He'll face George Stacey who subdued Merlon Emmans 2 and 1.

In a team match at the club on Sunday Rogue Valley men bounced Laurelwood Country club of Eugene 88 to 38. The home club was headed by pro Al Williams, Harry Millette and George Harrington.

Williams was two under par with a 70 in a 2 to 1 win over Harold West the Laurelwood pro. Millette carded a 72 in downing Vern Allen of the Eugene team 3 to 0. Jim Johnson was low among Laurelwood amateurs with his 75 but was trimmed by Harrington 3 to 0. Harrington stroked a 73.

Bob Voegtly with 68 for RVCC and Tom Reed and Ed O'Reilly with 72s for Laurelwood took the low net prizes. Closest to the pin prizes went to Emmans for RVCC and to Carl Guler for Laurelwood and long drives were by Dr. William Miller for the host club and by Bob Hamilton for the visitors.

**Simmons Low Saturday**  
In a Saturday sweepstakes at the club Eddie Simmons had a 70 for low gross prize the second week in a row. Ray Wise had a 67 low net and Bob Morris was second low net with 69. Blind bogey prizes were nabbed by Dutch Oakes and O. A. Eden at 82.

In the first flight of the senior club championship tangle Bill Dillingno defeated Miles Doran, Earl Leever beat Lloyd Pope, Stoy Elliot got by Earle Vorhies 2 and 1 and C. E. Knight and Russ Schuck are to finish their match by Wednesday. Dillingno plays Leever and Elliot the winner of the Knight-Schuck tiff in matches to be finished by next Sunday evening.

Second flight first round winners were W. H. Bartlett 4 and 3 over Keith Bates, Art Peters 1 up over Reese Braley and A. C. Broyles 1 up over Morris Leonard. Al Dumas and Frank Martin are to complete their fray by Wednesday with the winner to face Broyles. Peters advances against Bartlett.

In the overall club championship tourney Gerry Gastineau won the second flight honors

### Norman Tops U.S. Golfers

Edmundson, N.B.—(U.P.)—Moe Norman, the delight of the gallery but an enigma to his fellow golfers, was one-stroke ahead of two Americans today in the field of 108 golfers left in the second half of the 36-hole qualifying round for the Canadian Amateur championship.

The stubby 26-year-old Kitchener, Ont., shooter, fired a record breaking 69 over the 6,610 yard, par 37-36-73 Edmundson layout Monday to lead all qualifiers after 18 holes.

Norman, the defending champ, was only one stroke up on Doug Sanders, Miami Beach, Fla., and 1856 Canadian Open winner, and Dr. Ted Lenczyk, Newington, Conn.

Amarillo, Tex.—(U.P.)—Police at a radar speed trap clocked a fast-moving airdale going 26 miles-per-hour in a 30-mile zone Monday. Officers said the dog approached a dead bird laying in front of the radar unit, picked up the bird and darted off. Metal studs on the dog's collar were picked up by the radar which registered him almost exceeding the speed limit.

**COVERING** mouth with hand, Ted Williams indicates he's not planning to boo or spit at Boston fans after clouting 1-run homer against Baltimore. (International)



### IMPORTANT Bowling Meetings!

- Tuesday, Aug. 14—Ladies' Classic League, 7:30 p.m. at the Girls' Community Club.
- Wednesday, Aug. 15—Commercial League, 7:30 p.m. at the Medford Bowling Lanes.
- Wednesday, Aug. 15—Evergreen League, 8:30 p.m. at the Medford Bowling Lanes.
- Thursday, Aug. 16—City League, 7:30 p.m. at the Medford Bowling Lanes.
- Thursday, Aug. 16—Rogue Valley League, 8:30 p.m. at the Medford Bowling Lanes.
- Friday, Aug. 17—Industrial League, 7:30 p.m. at the Medford Bowling Lanes.

These meetings are very important and will be the last meeting prior to the start of league bowling which will get underway the week of Aug. 27. BE SURE TO ATTEND THE MEETING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN!

**MEDFORD BOWLING LANES**



ORLANDO ZULUETA, Cuban star lightweight, loses his match to Ludwig Lightburn of British Honduras, in a bruising match in Madison Square Garden. It was second bout for the pair. Zulueta won the first. (International)

### Venn Wants Lane Grand Jury Recalled

Eugene—(U.P.)—Lane County District Attorney Eugene C. Venn yesterday filed a motion in Circuit Court asking that the county grand jury be recalled so he could present "new evidence" to the panel.

Venn's motion asked that the grand jury be allowed to hear "new evidence" in cases previously taken before the group by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

Bogota, Colombia—(U.P.)—Jose Tabares Escobar won a \$4,000 lottery prize recently and hid the money from his wife in an old mattress. His wife burned the mattress Monday "because it was too old and in my way."

### Sugar Ray To Fight As Independent

New York—(U.P.)—Middleweight champion Ray Robinson, a fugitive from the International Boxing Club, said today he waited only televisual clearance before closing for a title defense against Gene Fullmer under independent promotion at Los Angeles.

However, co-manager Ernie Braza was still trying to effect a reconciliation between Sugar Ray and promoter Jim Norris of the IBC so that the big fight could be staged at Yankee Stadium, Sept. 25. The champion had announced his "break" with Norris Sunday night.

Robinson said the bout would be held at the Los Angeles Coliseum, Sept. 24 or 25—or a couple weeks later if we have to wait that long for TV clearance." He did not specify whether he was referring to home-TV or theatre-TV.

**ARCARO TO RIDE**  
Chicago—(U.P.)—Eddie Arcaro has agreed to ride Swoon's Son in the \$100,000 added American Derby at Washington park Saturday. He has been aboard four previous American Derby winners—Citation in 1948, Hill Prince 1950, Mark-Ye-Well 1952 and Native Dancer 1953.

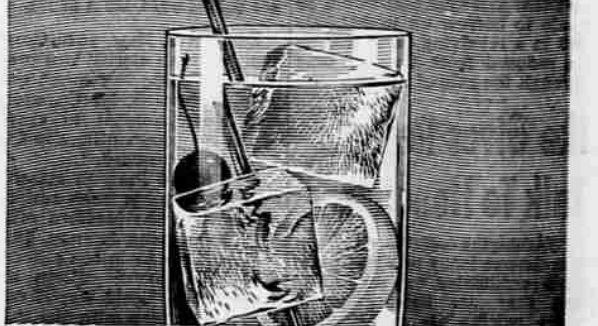
**ANOTHER OPPONENT**  
New York—(U.P.)—Middleweights Jerry Luedee and Willie Troy, who slugged 10 bruising rounds to a draw Monday night, will meet other opponents at St. Nicholas arena before colliding there again for the third time.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

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