

Musial Confirmed As Batting Champ

By FRED DOWN
New York — Stan Musial's seventh National league batting title shared honors today with splendid all-round performances by two of the circuit's younger stars — Hank Aaron and Willie Mays.

Final official figures released Sunday by the Elias Baseball Bureau confirmed Musial, of Donora, Pa., as the NL batting champion with a .351 mark that was his best since 1951. The St. Louis Cardinals' 37-year-old star batted .500 in a September spurt that broke up a five-player battle for the crown and put him far ahead of Mays' .333 second-place figure.

Musial's seventh championship leaves him one short of the league mark held by Honus Wagner and his 176 hits raised his career total to 2,957 — only 43 shy of the 3,000-mark which has been achieved by only six players in modern baseball history.

Aaron, Mays Stand Out
But, great as Musial's performance was, it could not completely overshadow the steady day-to-day batting exploits of Aaron or the all-round skills of the ever-amazing Mays.

Aaron, the world champion Milwaukee Braves' most valuable player award winner, led in three important departments — runs, 118; home runs, 44, and runs batted in, 132. His .322 average tied Cincinnati's Frank Robinson for third and his 369 total bases beat out Mays' total by three.

Mays, the 26-year-old center fielder of the New York-San Francisco Giants, was the first player in 29 years to hit 20 or more homers, triples and doubles in the same season. Willie, who'll replace the Golden Gate as Frisco's most spectacular landmark in '58, numbered 35 homers, 20 triples and 26 doubles among his 195 hits and also led the circuit with 38 stolen bases.

The pennant-winning Braves trailed the Cardinals in team batting, .269 to .274, but they scored the most runs, 772, and hit the most homers, 199. The hard-hitting Braves scored 100 runs more than four other teams — the Giants, Phillies, Cubs and Pirates.

Top Dick Groat of the Pirates at .315, and second-

Davis Cup Crew Now in Stride

Brisbane, Australia — Captain Billy Talbert of the U.S. Davis Cup Team today discounted his players' defeats in early tournaments in this country and said so far his squad is progressing according to "plan."

Before sweeping the Philippines, 5-0, in the cup interzone semi-finals last week, the U. S. players showed poorly in both the New South Wales and South Australian championships.

"When we suffered early reversals in both of these, there was widespread alarm about our cup chances," said Talbert. "I feel sure those ideas are radically changed now."

The U.S. team was scheduled for a workout today at the Milton Courts where it will meet Belgium in the interzone finals this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

SPORTS

Pirate Surge Beats Yreka

Phoenix — Phoenix high turned a half-court press to advantage here Saturday night as the Pirates stormed in the last quarter to cop their season basketball opener with Yreka, Calif., 54 to 47.

Lagging by 34 to 35 after three periods, the Pirates employed the press to get the ball and roll up 20 points, while holding the Miners to 12.

Jim Stout paced the Phoenix attack with 20 points. Lester Schleigh of Phoenix and Bill Wilson of Yreka each had 14.

Score was knotted at 11-all at the quarter and Yreka was on top 24 to 20 at halftime.

Phoenix will be host to St. Francis of Eugene next Friday evening and will oppose the Southern Oregon college junior varsity at Ashland on Saturday.

LINE-UPS:	Phoenix	Yreka
F	54 Phoenix	47 Yreka
F	6 Simmons	Mathews 1
F	14 Schleigh	Dillen 7
C	4 Witte	Wilson 14
G	2 Heath	Reed 10
G	20 Stout	Tourville 7
G	Substitutions: For Phoenix, Wallace 3, Waldron 5, Hamilton; for Yreka, Root 8, Wilburn.	

Webfoot Squad Banquet Guests

Eugene — The Oregon football team will be honored to-night at the annual Oregon club banquet in the Eugene hotel. Featured speaker at the dinner honoring the Rose Bowl-bound Ducks will be Norm Van Brocklin, pro football ace and star quarterback of the 1948 Oregon team.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE

The Toronto Maple Leafs, after a slow start, are making up ground fast in the National Hockey league race.

The Leafs picked up three points during the week end by battling New York to a 3-3 tie at Toronto Saturday night and then edging the Rangers, 2-1, Sunday night at New York.

In other Sunday night games, the Montreal Canadiens increased their league lead to seven points by downing the Detroit Red Wings, 3-1, and the Boston Bruins blanked the Chicago Black Hawks, 3-0.

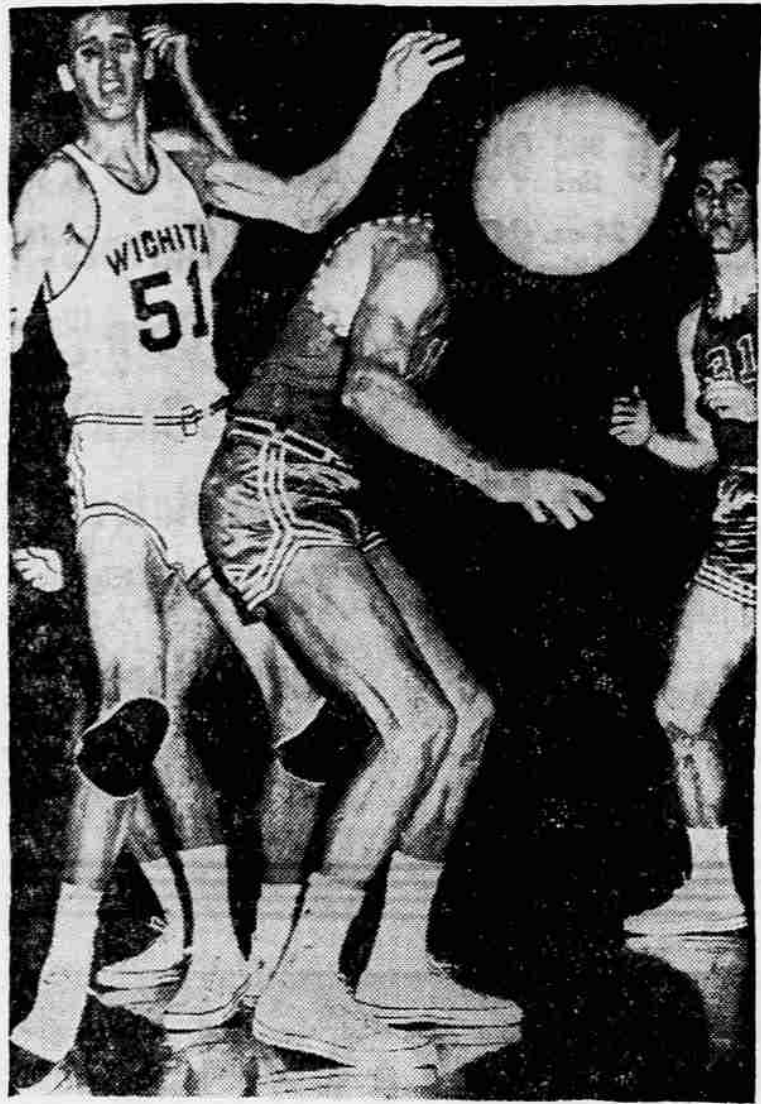
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Pete Conacher, farmed out recently by the Toronto Maple Leafs, is working his way into shape with the Buffalo Bisons of the American Hockey league.

Hampered by a leg injury earlier this season, Conacher flashed some of his old-time form Sunday in pacing the Bisons to a 5-4 victory over the Springfield Indians. He scored two goals.

The Rochester Americans broke the Cleveland Barons' 10-game unbeaten streak, 3-1, and the Providence Reds downed the pace-setting Hershey Bears, 5-2, in other Sunday games.

Martin Behalm of Nuremberg constructed the earliest surviving globe in 1492, showing geographical knowledge generally available just before Columbus' first voyage.



LOOK MOM, NO HEAD!—Texas Western's Wayne Jones appears to have a basketball for head in this unusual photograph taken during game with Wichita University in Wichita, Kas. Other players are Ev Wessel (51) of Wichita and Jon Sanders (31) of Texas Western. Wichita won, 71-48.

Jackson B League To Open; SM, Prospect Take Games

Jackson County B league, playing a 16-game slate this season, gets off to an early beginning in games that count by launching loop activity on Tuesday night.

Jacksonville will be at Butte Falls and Talent at Prospect. Butte Falls has announced its main game for 8 p.m. after a grade school preliminary. St. Mary's draws a bye.

Three of the B leaguers had non-conference scraps following the Friday jamboree. St. Mary's polished off Sacred Heart of Klamath Falls 41 to 32 on Sunday. On Saturday night Prospect clipped Rogue River 54 to 39 and Jacksonville lost 53 to 44 to Illinois Valley.

St. Mary's combined its greater height and better shooting accuracy to overcome the Trojans of Klamath Falls. Sacred Heart showed better ball handling but had trouble connecting from the field was numerous "in and out" shots.

Uses Full Squad

The Crusaders could have won by a bigger score but Coach Bill McKibbin chose to give his 10 squad members each a chance to see considerable service. He did not start three players who loom as top line men and several of the apparent first liners sat out part of the third and fourth quarters.

The Trojans were in front in the early minutes. St. Mary's pulled in front for keeps in the second stanza but Sacred Heart threatened to catch up in the final quarter.

First quarter score was 9-each. SM was ahead 18 to 11 at half-time and 33 to 23 after three cantos. It narrowed to 35 to 30 in the last panel. Dave Beard was high point man in the game with 13.

Craig and Dave Gardner with 16 and 13 tallies paced the Prospect decision. The Cougars had 14 to 7, 26 to 21 and 39 to 32 quarterly standings. Jon Bigman, Rogue River, and Floyd Scaife, Prospect, each had 10 points.

Illinois Valley had a 27 to 20 halftime lead on Jacksonville.

LINE-UPS:

13 Illinois Valley	Jacksonville	44
12 Slanaker	D. Branson	12
19 Goodwin	E. Smith	13
4 Woodbury	Dowell	10
4 Dickey	Perreard	16
3 Hanby	Davis	3
Substitutions: For St. Mary's, Kirsch, Miksche 2, Flakus 9, Daley, Kerr 10; for Sacred Heart, Folk, DeBel, Brumblie 1, Fowell, Hurley, Wilkinson.		

41 St. Mary's Sacred Heart 32

F	10 King	Horn 5
F	4 Mansfield	Jackson 7
C	3 Colver	Collins 7
G	3 Evans	Amberg 6
G	3 Substitutions: For St. Mary's, Kirsch, Miksche 2, Flakus 9, Daley, Kerr 10; for Sacred Heart, Folk, DeBel, Brumblie 1, Fowell, Hurley, Wilkinson.	

Is That So?

Water, the most abundant substance on earth, is one of the most eccentric — thank goodness! This eccentricity makes life, as we know it, possible on our earth.

Water contracts as it cools like any other liquid and so becomes denser. That is, the lower the temperature of the water, the denser the water becomes and the more it weighs for any definite volume.

This normal behavior of liquids holds until the water almost reaches freezing — to be precise, four degrees Centigrade (39 1/5 degrees Fahrenheit) when the water undergoes a strange change. As it cools below four degrees C, it defies all laws of liquids and begins to expand. With the expansion its density diminishes instead of increases and the water steadily becomes lighter until the temperature reaches 0 C. (32 F.) at which it freezes, and turns to ice.

When other liquids cool and turn into a solid they tend to contract and become denser and heavier than the same volume of the corresponding liquid at the same temperature.

Water, refusing to conform, does not obey this rule. As it turns to ice, it continues to expand — and very rapidly, too, as broken water mains and cracked radiators testify. In this rapid expansion while freezing it becomes lighter by almost one-tenth than the water from which it forms. This is the reason icebergs float.

These weight changes of water at different temperatures — defying natural laws — are of utmost importance. Should the water contract steadily with dropping temperatures and then freeze into still heavier solid ice the climate of our world would take on an entirely different pattern. As for us humans, we wouldn't be here.

Water Becomes Heavier

As winter brings its cold weather the water of lakes and seas becomes heavier. As its density increases the water sinks and displaces the lighter, warmer water at the bottom which in turn rises to the surface and

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

OSC Sweeps Hoop Series With Pilots

Vancouver, Wash. — Coach Slat Gill's Oregon State Beavers racked up University of Portland 64-46 before 3500 fans here Saturday night for their second second straight lopsided win over the Pilots. Oregon State won at Corvallis Friday night 75-49.

Dave Gambee again was the big man for the Beavers Saturday. He scored 20 points to give him a total of 43 for the two-game series. He also led his team in rebounding.

Ken Nanson also was a Beaver star. Besides scoring 18 points he held Jim Armstrong, the Pilot scoring ace, to only 7 points. Dick Jolley was Portland's top scorer with 18.

Oregon State shot .397 from the floor while Portland had only .292.

Sanders Studies Aggies' Offer

Los Angeles — Coach Henry (Red) Sanders of UCLA says he has been contacted by Texas A&M officials about taking the football post vacated by Paul Bryant last week.

The famous Bruin coach, who has compiled a nine-year record of 66 victories, 19 losses and one tie while at UCLA, commented Saturday that he had a "wonderful job" and had not considered leaving. "But," he added:

"With the coast conference in its present state of confusion, it's hard for me to know exactly what I want to do."

WILSON GETS CROWN

McMinnville — Wilson high of Portland won its first state girls' swimming championship Saturday by defeating Cleveland high 50-44. Oswego high was third with 39 points.

Gangster Tactics Told To Committee

Washington — The Senate Rackets committee heard testimony Saturday that one teamsters union official threatened a Knoxville, Tenn., grocer before his store was dynamited and that another was on the scene when the blast occurred.

B. B. Powers, the food market operator, said his store was dynamited Sept. 5, 1956, less than 48 hours after he was threatened with "trouble" by William J. Reynolds, then president of the Knoxville Teamsters Local 621. He said Reynolds made the threat because he was selling soft drinks (coca-cola) bottled in a plant that Reynolds claimed was on strike.

Two other witnesses testified that W. A. (Hard-Heading Smith) Smith, business agent of Nashville, Tenn., Local 327, was near Powers' store about the time of the dynamiting.

John C. Chapman, a youthful sheet metal worker who now lives in Baltimore, and Luther C. Hargis, 32, of Knoxville, identified Smith from pictures as one of three men they saw in a Cadillac near the store.

Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) criticized Knoxville police for laxity in handling the still-unresolved dynamiting case.

TIT FOR TAT

Hartford, Conn. — After writing out a speeding ticket for Duane F. Ballard, officer Harold Cunningham realized that two years before in Iowa he had been given a similar ticket by Ballard. Cunningham was fined \$15, Ballard paid \$11.

Tarheels Look Strong In Season Hoop Start

By JOE SARGIS

United Press Sports Writer
North Carolina's smashing opening-game victory served notice on the college basketball world Monday that Coach Frank McGuire's Tarheels are solidly equipped to defend their national championship.

The Tarheels, performing without the graduated Len Rosenbluth and injured Joe Quigg, walloped Clemson, 79-55, Saturday to run their unbeaten streak to 33 games. The victory was especially impressive because three of North Carolina's principal rivals were hard pressed to win and a fourth challenger suffered its first defeat.

Second-ranked Kansas had to go all out to shade Northwestern, 71-65; fifth-ranked Kentucky went to three overtimes

before downing eight-ranked Temple, 85-83; and seventh-ranked Kansas State was tied six times before taking a 66-61 decision from Indiana. Fourth-ranked San Francisco and ninth-ranked Notre Dame had it a lot easier — the Dons swamping West Texas State, 73-45, and the Irish clobbering Wisconsin, 75-53.

Kansas, Kentucky, Kansas State, Temple and Notre Dame go right back into action tonight as does third-ranked Bradley. Kansas opposes Marquette, Kentucky plays Maryland, Kansas State faces Purdue, Temple meets Cincinnati, Notre Dame plays Nebraska and Bradley faces Arizona.

North Carolina lost still a third player Saturday when 6-7 Danny Lotz suffered a broken foot but will be heavily favored in all three games it plays this week — against George Washington Tuesday night, Furman Thursday night and South Carolina Saturday night. Nevertheless, any talk of the Tarheels challenging San Francisco's record 60-game winning streak will have to wait until after the Kentucky Invitational Tournament, Dec. 20-22.

Games tonight include: Drake vs. Creighton, Detroit vs. Wichita, Memphis State vs. Texas A & M, Missouri vs. North Dakota, SMU vs. Hamline and Northwestern vs. South Dakota State.

Bearcats Grab Tip-Off Tourney

McMinnville — The Willamette Bearcats defeated Pacific at Linfield college here Saturday night 74-57 to grab the first annual Northwest conference Tip-Off tournament title.

The Bearcats roared to a 43-18 lead at the half and fought off a Badger rally early in the second half.

Linfield took a consolation crown by squeaking by Lewis and Clark 63-61.

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