



WINS AWARD—Ray Hickok, left, presents the 13th annual S. Rae Hickok "Professional Athlete of the Year" award to Los Angeles Dodgers' shortstop Maury Wills during the dinner last night. (UPI)

### Maury Wills Honored As Pro Athlete of Year For Stolen Base Record

Rochester, N.Y.—UPI—Maury Wills, all decked out in a new \$10,000 diamond-studded belt, said today he might try to break his all-time record of 104 stolen bases this year. "It depends on a number of things," Wills said. "I'll have to play it by ear."

The 29-year-old Los Angeles Dodgers' shortstop, presented with the Hickok belt Monday night after being voted the "Professional Athlete of the Year" for 1962 by the nation's sportswriters and broadcasters, drew a tremendous ovation at the Rochester Radio-Press Club dinner.

Glossing over his 104 stolen bases last year — a total that eclipsed the previous modern one-season record of 96 set by Ty Cobb — Wills, who batted .299, said he would have been prouder had he won the National league batting crown.

"If I led the league in batting, even if with only a .290 average, I would be more proud of that than I am of my stolen base record," he said.

Wills was a comfortable winner of the belt over golfer Arnold Palmer, who finished second, and fullback Jim Taylor of the Green Bay Packers, who wound up third.

The fleet Dodge shortstop received 56 first-place votes and a total of 231 points in the balloting to 41 first-place votes and 180 points for Palmer, who was the 1960 winner. Taylor had 12 first-place votes and 96 points.

Without making it sound like bragging, Wills said he could have stolen even more bases last year but started slow.

"I had no intention of going for the record during the early part of the season," he explained, "but I started stealing bases because our attack for a long while was poor and it became a must for me to get on base, steal and score on a single."

Clay Says He'll KO Powell In 3 Rounds  
Pittsburgh — (UPI) — Cassius Clay winds up drills today for his 10-round bout with Charlie Powell then plans to relax "until the annihilation is over."

Clay, who had previously forecast he would knock the former professional football star in five rounds Thursday night, lowered the prediction by two rounds today because Powell "has been popping off." And the unpredictable former Olympic heavyweight champ from Louisville chose rhyme to express his views.

"All clowns in three rounds," Clay quipped.

### Roadster Show Plans About Set

Final plans are being made for the 1963 edition of the Medford Roadster show, scheduled for Feb. 9-10 at the Medford Armory.

Nearly 30 of the best custom-built cars, rods, and dragsters representing four states will be on public exhibition. Entries are coming from such distant points as Seattle, Reno, and San Francisco.

Show officials estimate the total value of all cars entered will exceed \$150,000. Many of the owners have invested thousands of dollars and untold hours of work in building the hand-crafted cars.

Among features is the nationally famous Glass Slipper dragster from Sacramento, Calif. Another outstanding entry from California is the "Redhead" streamliner out of Redding. Just last August this sleek racer sped to more than 300 miles per hour in competition on the Bonneville salt flats in Utah.

The Medford event marks the first time the two cars will be seen together in an auto show.

A special feature of this year's show again will be a division for model car builders. Movies of several types of auto racing will be shown. Deadline for entering the model competition is Feb. 5. Additional information on the model division may be had by writing Medford Roadster Show, P. O. Box 1581, Medford.

Reserves Being Sold For Crater-GP Scrap  
Central Point — Some 40 reserved seats are still available for the Crater - Grants Pass high basketball game here this Saturday.

Athletic Director Don Miller said that the tickets may be bought at the high school office. No telephone orders will be accepted. The tickets cost \$1.25.

Miller reported that the GP-Crater sophomore game which had been planned for Saturday night, has been reset for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, Russ Werner, who coaches the Grants Pass sophs, is head track coach of the Cavemen and will take a group to the indoor meet at Portland on Saturday.

BAKER HONORED  
Eugene — (UPI) — To the surprise of no one Terry Baker of Oregon State was named by the Oregon club Monday as the outstanding athlete who played against an Oregon varsity team during 1962.

# SPORTS

## Southern Oregon Entertains Owls

Ashland — Southern Oregon will be host here this evening to Oregon Technical Institute for Oregon Collegiate conference basketball.

It will be the second of four meetings slated between the two teams this season. OTI won last week at Klamath Falls. That score was 96-82. Oregon Tech is 5-0 in the loop and Southern Oregon 4-3.

This was SO Coach Ted Schopf's comment concerning tonight's scramble: "Although we have seen a couple of defeats, including the one to Oregon Tech, we feel we are already better prepared to meet the Owls and hope to have strengthened our defense since we met them last week."

Last week's contest began slow but before half was over, defenses had broken wide open and the barrage of scoring was on. 6-8 Sammie Smith was a big man on the boards for OTI, giving his team a wide margin in the rebounding. Dave Hughes, Jerry Shults and Larry Hinks spurred the Red Raider cause.

Southern Oregon split with Portland State at Portland last week end.

## Stanford Rated Top Team On West Coast This Week

By United Press International  
Stanford's double win over Washington had the experts convinced today that the Cards were the finest basketball team west of Arizona State.

The Indians, now 12-3 on the year and 3-0 in the Big Six, were rated ninth in the latest UPI poll. Oregon State was No. 12, UCLA No. 14 and Seattle among the honorable mentions.

The Arizona State quintet led all western squads with a national fifth place ranking. Stanford had dropped out of the top 10 by looking miserable at the Los Angeles Classic tournament the final week of last year. Since then has come an Indian split with the tough Oregon State five and the sweep against Washington.

The Cards now lead the Big Six by two full games and appear to have their best shot at winding up in the NCAA regional championships since 1942, when they went on to win the national title.

But as Howie Dallmar, star of that 1942 team who now coaches the Indians, said nervously Monday, "It's nine games and more than 700 miles to Provo, Utah, where the NCAA regionals will be held this year."

Action is light this week as semester finals again cut into the schedule. In one game Monday night, Nevada Southern made its record 13-2 with an 82-74 defeat of Westminster at Salt Lake. Silas Stepp of the winners and Gary Bliss of the losers each meshed 20.

Dick Florey Re-Elected  
Central Point-Dick Florey, president of the Medford Kart ways was reelected president by unanimous vote at the regular meeting on Friday, Jan. 15.

Other officers elected and installed were Rick Barnes, vice president; Jim Smith, secretary, and Bob Swindler, sergeant-at-arms. Elected to the board were Eugene Austin, Art Savard and Chuncey Florey.

Among matters discussed were possible affiliation of the club with International Kart Ways association. Future races with other clubs, safety rules, and the recent invitation extended the club to participate in racing the karts on ice at Hyatt lake. This ice racing has been conducted by clubs in the eastern part of the country for some time.

Following the business meeting, Dick Florey showed movies of recent races conducted by the club.

Trophy winners in Sunday races were: Second class—Rick Barnes, first; Ted Jensen, Happy Camp. Third class—Ben Nork, first; Shady Cove; Clarence Silver, Roseburg, second. Fourth class—Shirley Rainey, first; Wayne Maxey, Roseburg, second. Boys junior division—Doug Johansson, first; Gary Austin, second. Ted Jensen, president of the Happy Camp club, drove Sunday with the Medford club.

The first South American country to build a railroad was Chile which opened a line for service in 1852.

## Major League Baseball News Roundup

### Morning Coffee Helps Vic Power Agree To Terms With Twins; Others Sign Too

By MILTON RICHMAN  
UPI Sports Writer  
Ever notice what that morning coffee does for some people? Changes their personality completely.

It worked wonders Monday for club president Calvin Griffith and first baseman Vic Power of the Minnesota Twins.

Shortly after both had their coffee at a civic group breakfast in Minneapolis, Griffith, feeling in a much better mood, jokingly told the gathering he wasn't sure how to introduce Power because he still hadn't agreed to terms.

"I guess I'll just have to say, 'Here is Vic Power,'" said Griffith.

Whereupon the Minnesota first baseman leaped up from his seat and said: "Okay, I agree to terms, but give me a good introduction."

The obliging Griffith got up, made the introduction all over again and really poured it on.

That did it. And all it took was that morning coffee. Power, who batted .290 last season, hit 16 home runs and drove in 63 runs, was given a raise that boosted his salary in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

To the victors belong the spoils, but those Los Angeles Dodgers "losers" aren't doing too badly, either.

Relievers Ed Roebuck and Ron Perranoski, two of six Dodger players to sign, received "substantial increases" and none of the other four, Bob Miller, Joe Moeller, Phil Ortega and rookie Bill Singer, were asked to take a cut.

Roebuck agreed for an estimated \$20,000 and Perranoski for approximately \$18,000. General manager Buzzie Bavasi said the club was pursuing its policy of rewarding players who had good seasons, and since the Dodgers enjoyed their greatest attendance in history last year many of the raises are good-sized ones.

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The county has been called upon for \$5.7 million to help underwrite the project, which will cost a total of \$45 million including land acquisition.

McClelland and McGrady said they had misgivings about the plan and wanted to be certain the stadium's operators, the Pirates, would be able to meet rental and bond payments. They also wanted assurances the club would share with the city and county any excess in profits over what is now anticipated.

STADIUM CONTROVERSY  
Pittsburgh — (UPI) — The controversy over a proposed \$23 million municipal stadium was in a state of suspension today despite a pledge by the Pittsburgh Pirates that they are capable of meeting their financial obligations.

A meeting between skeptical Allegheny County Commissioners and directors of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, who planned the project, was at least two days off.

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