

For Willie Mays

More Targets Ahead

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Willie Mays, who hit his first major league homer as a 19-year-old, smashed the National League career record 15 years later with his 512th and still has targets ahead.

The San Francisco Giants center fielder tagged the first pitch from Los Angeles Dodgers left-hander Claude Osteen in the fifth inning Wednesday night and sent it over the right-field fence to end 10 days of frustration and mounting pressures.

That was his seventh homer of 1966, broke Mel Ott's record of 511 set in 1946 and made Mays the greatest home-run hitter in the league's history two days before his 35th birthday.

Only three players have hit more, all in the American League — Ted Williams with 521, Jimmy Foxx at 534 and Babe Ruth at 714. If Willie passes Foxx — and he should — he'll become the greatest right-handed homer hitter in major league annals.

Mays watched the baseball

clear the fence in Candlestick Park and could almost feel the pressure ease. The solo shot put the Giants ahead 5-1, and they went on to win 6-1.

"You have to have pressures when everybody is wondering when you'll hit that home run," Willie said later. "I've been a little excited and not hitting at all."

After collecting No. 511 in Houston on April 24, Mays' batting average dropped from .348 to .284, and he had only three hits in 23 plate appearances.

Osteen put him down twice swinging before Willie finally connected.

"I would like to concentrate now on my batting average," Mays asserted. "But I'm not going to stop swinging. I have to be more relaxed now, but if ever I come close to another record, I guess it'll be the same again."

Osteen said he threw Mays a change-up — up and over the plate. "It was a bad pitch, and the minute I threw it, I knew it was going out. That was just where he likes the ball to be."

"The last 10 days I've been trying for the home run to get this over," Willie declared. "Now I want to go back to playing ball."

Schoolboys Ready For State Meet

AUSTIN (AP)—Four hundred schoolboys descend on Austin Friday for the five-way Inter-scholastic League track meet, with strong title fights in four divisions.

At least a half-dozen overall and a dozen divisional records will be in danger.

Abilene Cooper, San Antonio Highlands and Baytown will battle for the prized Class AAAA crown with indications pointing to Cooper as most likely to succeed.

San Marcos and Monahan will battle for the AAA championship.

Taylor and Palacios look like a dead heat in Class AA, with LaGrange waiting in the wings to win if the others fail.

Pettus and Coahoma are tops for the Class A title. Pettus holds a narrow edge.

Only in Class B is there an outstanding favorite. It's Bartlett, powerful in the relays where the point count is twice as high as in the individual events. Wheeler looks like the runnerup.

Robert Gonzales of Falfurrias, the greatest schoolboy miler of them all, is the glamor guy of the big meet. He has run the mile in 4:08.0, which is not only the fastest ever in schoolboy ranks but 5.4 seconds under the overall state record.

Dickie Phillips of Galena Park North Shore has vaulted 15 feet

½ inch and that's a half-inch better than the overall state record.

At least two could surpass the high jump record of 6-6. Ben Wadlington of San Antonio Highlands has leaped 6-6½ and Rocky Woods of San Angelo Lakeview has soared 6-6.

The 440 record set by Eddie Southern of Dallas Sunset 11 years ago—47.2—could even fall. Jimmy White of Southern Houston has a 47.3 to his credit.

The 440-yard relay time of 41.2 also comes under the hammer from the mighty Baytown quartet that has dashed off a 41.4.

The overall 220 record of 21.4 is being sighted by Carl Johnson of San Angelo, who already has a 21.3 to his credit, and George Cato of Abilene Cooper, who has done 21.2 but lost to Johnson's 21.3 in the regional.

Abilene Cooper seems capable of scoring close to 40 points with its 3:16.7 mile relay team, its crack quarter-miler Mark Fry and its fine 220 man in Cato.

Highlands' only first place potential seems to be high jumper Wadlington but should score points in five other events.

The meet opens Friday morning with Class B running preliminaries and a scattering of finals in B, A, AA and AAA field events. There will be a night session Friday at which time Classes AAA and AA finals will be held.

Finals in AAAA, A and B will be Saturday afternoon.

Champions Golf Meet Postponed

HOUSTON (AP)—A fifth consecutive day of rain washed out Thursday's scheduled first round of the \$117,000 Champions International Golf Tournament.

The round was rescheduled for Friday, but the Weather Bureau said there is an 80 per cent chance of rain Friday.

No one had started play Thursday on the 7,118-yard, par 36-35-71 Cypress Course at the Champions Golf Club when Jack Tut-hill, PGA tournament supervisor, ordered the postponement.

Barring another delay, the final round of the 72-hole tournament will be played Monday instead of Sunday.

Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nichols, the pre-tournament favorites, for the \$20,000 in top money, were over par Wednesday while taking their first full practice rounds at Cypress during a 7,000 pro-am event.

Batt Predictions For SWC Track

For the last couple of weeks, The Battalion sports department has been following the performances of Southwest Conference tracksters. Based on the spring performances, The Battalion will stick its neck out and predict the outcome of the SWC track meet in Austin Friday and Saturday, plus picking the top four finishers in each event. The crystal ball says:

440 relay — 1. Southern Methodist; 2. Rice; 3. Texas A&M; 4. Baylor.

Mile run — 1. Romo, Texas; 2. Davis, Texas; 3. Auffet, Arkansas; 4. Woolsey, Texas.

440 dash — 1. Ellington, Rice; 2. Bankhead, Southern Methodist; 3. Bourland, Baylor; 4. O'Bryan, Texas.

100 dash — 1. Smith, Texas A&M; 2. Brandt, Baylor; 3. Hoffman, Baylor; 4. Schmidt, Texas A&M.

High hurdles — 1. Utecht, Southern Methodist; 2. Wilkerson, Rice; 3. Smith, Baylor; 4. Charlton, Texas Christian.

880 run — 1. Davis, Texas; 2. Moss, Rice; 3. Rodriguez, Texas A&M; 4. Hunt, Texas Christian.

220 dash — 1. Smith, Texas A&M; 2. Epps, Rice; 3. Hofman, Baylor; 4. Brandt, Baylor.

440 hurdles — 1. Utecht, Southern Methodist; 2. Young, Texas A&M; 3. Ratliff, Baylor; 4. Sanson, Texas.

3-mile run — 1. Woolsey, Texas; 2. Romo, Texas; 3. Davis, Texas; 4. Brewer, Southern Methodist.

Mile relay — 1. Rice; 2. Southern Methodist; 3. Texas; 4. Texas A&M.

Broad jump — 1. Smith, Baylor; 2. Brown, Texas A&M; 3. Steve Holtz, Texas A&M; 4. Madigan, Southern Methodist.

High jump — 1. Schrider, Texas A&M; 2. Holtz, Texas A&M; 3. Miller, Texas Tech; 4. Morris, Rice.

Shot put — 1. Matson, Texas A&M; 2. Belt, Texas; 3. Resley, Texas A&M; 4. Mooney, Texas Tech.

Discus — Matson, Texas A&M; 2. Mooney, Texas Tech; 3. Resley, Texas A&M; 4. Belt, Texas.

Pole vault — 1. King, Texas; 2. Ward, Baylor; 3. Bearden; 4. Marshall, Rice.

Javelin — 1. Jacobs, Rice; 2. Meadows, Texas A&M; 3. Sowers, Texas; 4. Cross, Baylor.

Team total for top form: Rice, 56; Texas, 54; Texas A&M, 53; SMU, 48.

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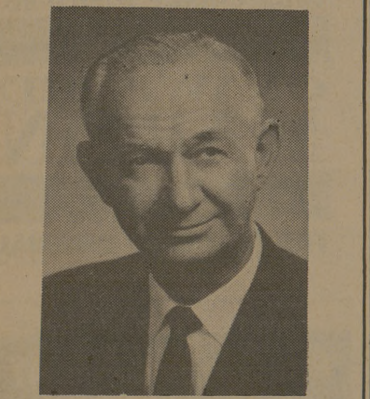
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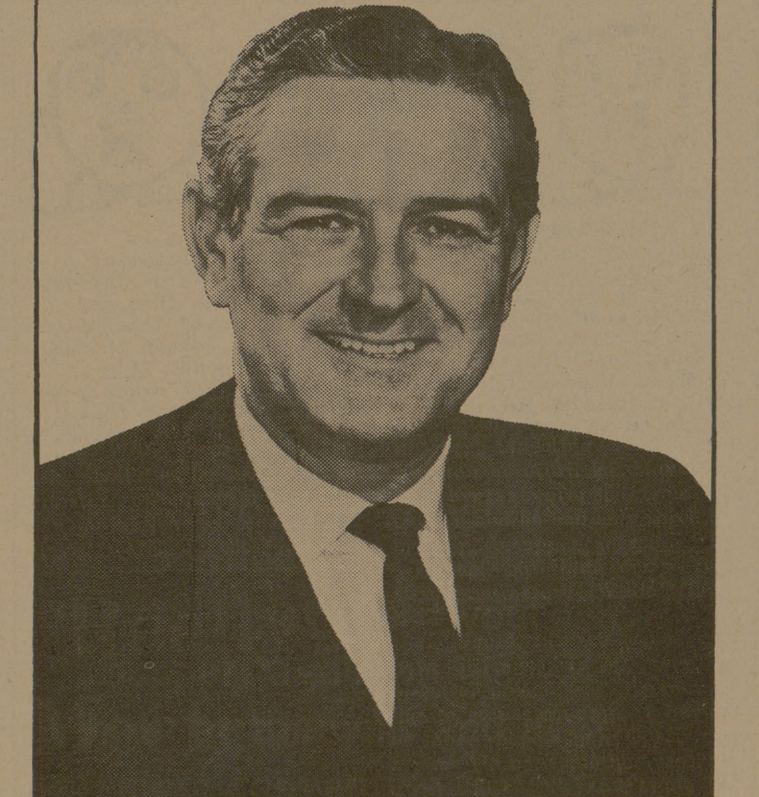
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