

## **Reed wins 'Sport'** award

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named winner of the second an-Playoff Award" as the most valseries between the Knicks and the Los Angeles Lakers. The award, a 1970 Dodge Charger R/T, was presented at a luncheon in Reed's honor Tuesday May 12th 23 points couldn't keep the Knicks at Mamma Leone's Restaurant in New York City.

College Station, Texas

Reed, who led the Knicks in scoring with 138 points and a 19.7 average in the series, captured the award as much for the inspirational lift he gave his team as for his actual play on the floor. In the opening game of the

Willis Reed, captain of the New playoffs, Willis poured in 37 York Knickerbockers, has been points in leading the New Yorkers to a 124-112 victory over the nual "SPORT Magazine NBA Lakers. His 29 points were wasted as the Lakers tied the series uable player in the championship with a 105-103 triumph, but Reed came back with 38 points to pace the Knicks to a 111-108 overtime win and a 2-1 playoff lead. In game four, the Captain's

from dropping a 121-115 overtime decision. In the fifth game, Willis had 7 points in the first eight minutes of play, then suffered severe muscle damage to his right leg. Playing without their big man the rest of the way, the Knicks battled furiously to a 107-100 win.

Unable to play game six, Willis watched the Lakers grind out a decisive 135-113 win, with Wilt Chamberlain rolling in to the basket and jamming home 45 points.

But in game seven, Reed ged his injured leg out onto floor and kept his muscular between Chamberlain and basket for a pain-wracke minutes. His inspirational ence fired the Knicks to a ll rout as he held Wilt to just points, solidifying his select the "SPORT Magazine Playoff Award" winner, (10 The "SPORT Magazine Playoff Award," presente the first time last year to West, is the companion "SPORT Magazine "World Se Sportscar Award," establish 1955, and the "SPORT Ma Super Bowl (Pro Football C ionship) Award," institu the magazine in 1958. Donn denon of the New York won the last World Series A

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and Len Dawson of the K City Chiefs was SPORT'S & Bowl winner.

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in the stands the impress

being a little fellow desp

muscular 5-foot-10, 170-

build-couldn't hit much an

He was shipped to Spoka

ter 34 games-with a .093 m

league average. He hit .24

Now he is one of the

reasons the Dodgers are con

ing for the lead in the Nati

Through Monday's game he

"It was the sixth third

hitting .407, second best in

Spokane.

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League's West.

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Blas

Billy a pleasant surprise

## By TOM SEPPY

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Spiro T. Agnew switched from golf to tennis Tuesday but his aim didn't change-he zonked another partner in the head with a ball.

Agnew, playing only the second time in six months because of a tennis elbow, hit the doubles partner — Peace Corps Director Joseph Blatchford — in the back of the head during a benefit match.

During the Bob Hope Desert Golf Classic in January, one of Agnew's drives went awry and smacked pro Doug Sanders in the head.

Blatchford apparently came prepared for any eventuality. As soon as he was hit, he ran to the fence, got a motorcycle helmet from his sister, actress Bea Ballance, and wore it for a few

Asked after the match if he preferred tennis to golf, Agnew replied: "I seem to be able to hit people each way."

Agnew's game was almost as bad as his aim: his team lost the match 6-1, 6-1, despite the presence of Blatchford, a former top collegiate player who was ranked No. 1 among those high in the executive branch of government.

The Nixon administration won the battle against Congress, however, defeating the Senate-House team 3-2.

"I'm glad they didn't depend on us," said Agnew. "Especially on me. I didn't play very well."

SAN DIEGO (AP)-When spring training started Billy Grabarkewitz was just one of the fellows trying to make the Los Angeles Dodgers.

I'm not convinced Grabarkewitz can hit major league pitching," said Manager Walter Alston.

But there was more than hitting as a question mark about 24-year-old Grabarkewitz. There was a big doubt about whether he ever could come back from that steamy day in Albuquerque when he roared into home plate with the derring-do that had led him to 91 stolen bases in three

minor league seasons. man in spring training," h Somehow, impossibly, his spikes called Tuesday. "I didn't ge caught in the catcher's shinfirst chance, but I got the guards. Billy's ankle snapped in Four of them couldn't hit int four places. spring. The other one con hit afer he season started.

The Dodgers brought him up



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