

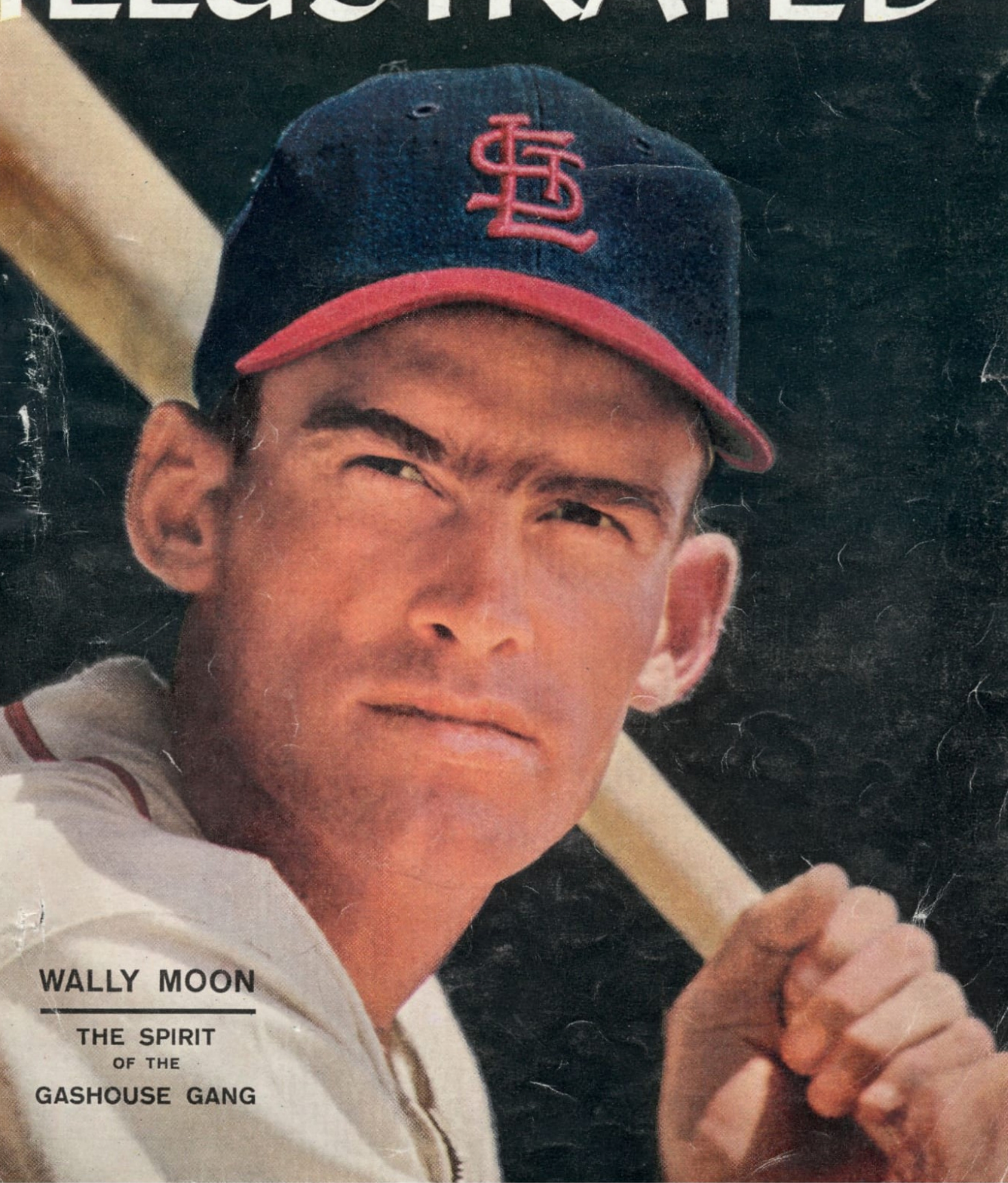
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THE SPIRIT
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SCOREBOARD

... THESE FACES IN THE CROWD ...



Bob Gutowski, up-and-soaring Olympic pole vaulter, swung his body over bar at 15 feet 5 inches to help Occidental beat UCLA for first time in 20 years at Los Angeles, also broke U.S. college record for second time in two weeks.



Jim Spalding, 39-year-old Louisville civil engineer, rattled pins for 706 in team competition, added 720 in doubles, 662 in singles to establish new all-events record of 2,088 for nine games in action-packed ABC tournament at Fort Worth.

RECORD BREAKERS

Juniors **Ned McIlroy**, **Dennis Rounsavelle** and **Jay Miller** got off to good start but 52.2 anchor leg by Sophomore **Denny Weldon** was kicker that gave El Segundo (Calif.) H.S. four-some new U.S. interscholastic record of 3:33.3 for 400-yard freestyle relay in winning (58-19) dual meet with Beverly Hills at El Segundo pool (April 11).

BASKETBALL

Boston, pulled right down to wire by rags-to-riches St. Louis, went into double overtime before beating stubborn Hawks 125-123 in seventh game at Boston (after winning fifth 124-109, losing sixth 96-94) to capture first NBA title (see page 18).

TENNIS

Pancho Gonzales, still darkly muttering about quitting Jack Kramer's touring troupe, took time off from teaching facts of tennis life to Aussie Ken Rosewall to beat Frank Parker and Tony Trabert, teed off his big serve for 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 triumph over bustling Pancho Segura in world pro tournament final at Cleveland (see page 47). Whewed Little Pancho, after dropping his third final to Big Pancho: "Gonzales is just too tough." Gonzales then turned his attention back to Rosewall, winning 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 at Detroit to stretch lead to 33-15.

BADMINTON

Finn Kobbero, lanky 21-year-old Dane, held off scrambling little World Champion Eddie Choong of Malaya in sustained volleys, relied on sharp angle shots and powerful backhand drives to win second U.S. Open title 15-10, 2-15, 15-4 at Spokane. Women's champion: carrot-topped Judy Devlin of Owings Mills, Md., 11-2, 11-0 victor over Margaret Varner.

HORSE RACING

Long-shot 3-year-olds gave themselves (and their backers) a day last Saturday, romping off with big money at Gulfstream, Jamaica and Keeneland. Biggest surprise was light-weighted (104 pounds) La Verite, who slick-stepped from behind to wear down fading and top-weighted (126 pounds) Federal Hill for 26-to-1 payoff in \$25,000 Biscayne Bay Handicap at Gulfstream; Mr. Jive, off at 8 to 1 and with more than casual eye on Derby, bolted to front under steady whipping by Hedley Woodhouse to take \$30,450 Gotham Handicap at Jamaica; Claiborne Farm's 5 to 1 Bandit, fleeing like proverbial thief in field of older horses, scooted home first in 105th running of \$12,250 Phoenix Handicap, nation's oldest stakes race, at Keeneland.

Steeplechasers ran, jumped and stuhled over brush and timber in season's biggest weekend. Winners: Dancing Beacon in Middleburg (Va.) Hunt Cup; Another Hyacinth in Block House at Tryon, N.C.; Doll Ram in My Lady's Manor Point-to-Point at Monkton, Md.

BASEBALL

Major leaguers wound up spring-training exhibitions and headed into more serious business of pennant races with Las Vegas line quoting New York Yankees 2 to 5 to repeat in American League and Milwaukee and Brooklyn 6 to 5 co-favorites in National League.

BOXING

Ralph Dupas, fancy-stepping scatter-puncher, moved out of lightweight class with flourish, ignoring badly gashed left eye to slam away at Welterweight Vince Martinez' body often enough to take 10-round decision before 10,800 home-town fans who paid \$41,200 to look in on non-TV bout at New Orleans.

Flyweight Albert Pell, clever 21-year-old New York butcher boy, outpointed Bob Le

Febvre to become only repeater in AAU championships at Boston. Other winners: Hemon Marquez of San Francisco, 119 pounds; Ruben Pizarro of New York, 125 pounds; Gene Gresham of Detroit, 132 pounds; Vincent Shomo of New York, 139 pounds; Don Hullinger of Lima, Ohio, 147 pounds; Dennis Moyer of Portland, Ore., 156 pounds; Alex Ford of Youngstown, Ohio, 165 pounds; Lindy Lindimoser of Vancouver, B.C., 178 pounds; Lee Williams of Boston, heavyweight.

GOLF

Stan Leonard, five-time Canadian PGA champion but never winner in three years on U.S. circuit, birdied four successive holes on last round, finished with 69 to earn three-stroke (276-279) edge over Mike Souhak and \$2,000 in Greensboro (N.C.) Open.

HOCKEY

Montreal, out to sweep Stanley Cup final in four straight after outscoring Boston 1-0, 4-2 for 3-0 lead, ran smack-dab into red-hot Fleming Mackell and Goalie Don Simmons, who lifted Bruins to 2-0 victory at Boston, sending series into fifth game (see page 18).

SOCCER

St. Louis Kutis, who beat New York Hakoahs 3-0 two weeks earlier, outdribbled and out-booted rivals 3-1 in New York to win two-game total-goal series and National Challenge Cup. Next goal: National Amateur Cup, which Kutis won last year.

HANDBALL

Jimmy Jacobs, nimble 26-year-old from Los Angeles, down 13-3 in final game, made use of greater speed and stamina to outhustle Brooklyn's 38-year-old Vic Hershkowitz 10-21, 21-15,

continued

FOCUS ON THE DEED



SIPPING EXECUTIVE Arthur Vining Davis, chairman of board of Alcoa, gets lift from Mrs. John Galbreath before presenting cup bearing his name to winning polo team at Boca Raton.



ANGLING GOVERNOR Robert B. Meyner gets moral support from Mrs. Meyner as he patiently waits for nibble at Saxton Falls, near Hackettstown, on opening day of New Jersey trout season.



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BADMINTON'S CHAMPION WOMEN

No sport exceeds badminton in the number, skill and evangelical fervor of its lady participants. This year badminton's governing males put up for international competition a cup donated by England's Betty Uber who, her admirers claim, is to badminton what Helen Wills Moody was to tennis. Ten national teams representing Hong Kong, Malaya, India, Canada, the U.S.,

Ireland, Scotland, England, Sweden and Denmark responded to the challenge. After continental zone eliminations patterned on Davis Cup competition were completed, the U.S. team met and defeated the Danish girls in the finals held at Lytham St. Anne's, England, to capture the Uber Cup and become the first Ladies' World Badminton Champions. The victors are (left to

right) Bea Massman, a physical education teacher from Buffalo, N.Y.; Margaret Varner, the gifted athlete from El Paso (SI, March 26, 1956); Susan Devlin of Owings Mills, Md.; Mrs. Connie Davidson, team manager, and Lois Alston, both of California; Judy Devlin, world singles champion and one of the brightest stars the game has seen; and Ethel Marshall of Eggertsville, N.Y.