

SALE OF BROWNS NEARLY MADE

Owner Stands Against Sale To Bill Veck

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Despite denials, negotiations for the transfer of the St. Louis Browns to a syndicate headed by Bill Veck have been completed, the Associated Press learned today.

Only one thing is holding up the sale. One American league club owner is opposed.

The transaction involves the purchase of the entire stock in the Browns at the cost of \$2,300,000. The present owners, Bill and Charlie DeWitt, who purchased 56 percent of the stock from Richard Muckerman two years ago for a million dollars, are forced to sell because they are up to their necks in debt.

The DeWitts need the consent of the American league club owners before because one of their loans for \$300,000 was made from the league in 1949.

The DeWitts, according to the informant whose identity cannot be divulged, haven't paid any of it back. The entire note is due at the end of this year.

If Veck should get control of the Browns, it is his intention to remain in St. Louis, although not necessarily of his own free will. It is understood the DeWitts will remain with the Browns.

Although he would like to move the franchise to Los Angeles, Veck realizes there are tremendous hurdles to be jumped—big and expensive ones—if the Browns are to be shifted.

Elmer Valo, outfielder for the Philadelphia Athletics was born in Ribnik, Czechoslovakia.

Sports

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2nd Division Squads Beaten, Portland By Score Of 4 To 1

By The Associated Press

The first division teams of the Pacific Coast League lowered the boom on the second division last night.

League-leading Sacramento nosed out sixth-place Los Angeles, 6 to 4, in 10 innings. Second-place Seattle beat tail-end San Francisco, 8 to 1. Third-place Hollywood whipped fifth-place Oakland 4 to 1. Fourth-place Oakland blanked San Diego, occupants of seventh, 8 to 0.

Little lefty Vic Lombardi's "flutter ball" baffled Portland as Hollywood took the series opener. Vic fanned six batters and scattered eight hits.

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Sacramento won its game the hard way. There were two down in the ninth when pinch hitter Jerry Scala tripled to drive in Ken Keltner with the run that knotted the score at 4-1. With the bases loaded

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Chisox Blank Solons; Yanks Are Defeated

By RALPH RC DEN

Until now, Lou Kretlow's chief claim to fame was:

1. He received a \$35,000 bonus to sign with Detroit in 1946.

2. He was shipped to St. Louis along with \$100,000 by Detroit for Jerry Priddy in 1948.

Lanky Lou has blossomed into a winning pitcher for the amazing Chicago White Sox. The Sox picked him up for a long from the Browns last year. The coming of Kretlow into his own is just another feather in the cap of freshman Manager Paul Richards, renowned as a handler of pitchers.

Kretlow, who failed as a starter early in the season, faced Washington last night as the Sox opened their second tour of the east. Lou came through with the first out-of-his-major-league career—a brilliant 2-0, four-hit job.

The victory enabled the Sox, winner of seven straight the last time they visited the east, to boost their lead to 2½ games over the runner-up New York Yankees. The Yanks were upset, 5-1, by the lowly St. Louis Browns.

Kretlow, a 27-year-old right-hander who failed to win a game last year, never was headed after the third inning. The Sox jumped Con Marrero for two runs in the third with Ed Robinson and Don Lenhardt driving in the runs.

Robinson clinched the game in the fifth by driving in his 31st run, high for the league.

Pilette Haunts Yanks

Duane Pilette, exiled to the Browns year ago, came back and haunted the Yanks at the stadium. The slim right-hander stopped the bombers on four scratch hits. The Browns collected only five off Fred Sanford and three relief pitchers but made the most of ten walks. The Browns wrapped it up in the seventh when Tommy Byrne forced home two runs with bases on balls.

The Cleveland Indians moved to within a game of the third place Boston Red Sox, outlasting the Philadelphia Athletics, 8-5, in a night game at Philadelphia. The Red Sox dropped a 7-3 decision to the Detroit Tigers under the flood lights at Boston.

Cleveland's Bob Feller, with help in the ninth from Lou Brissie and Mike Garcia, gained credit for his ninth victory. The A's rallied in the ninth, pushing one run home and placing the potential tying runs on base. Garcia stopped the threat by getting Gus Zernial to fly out.

Ted Gray turned in his second victory for the Tigers in spiking the Red Sox. Gray is the fourth visiting lefthander to go the route and win in Boston's Fenway park this year. The Tigers assured Gray of victory with a five run blast in the first inning against Harry Taylor.

Preacher Roe and the New York Giants provided the fireworks in the National league.

Roe Defeats Cardinals

Roe turned in his ninth victory without a loss as he pitched the pace-setting Brooklyn Dodgers to a 6-2 victory over the Cardinals in St. Louis. Home runs by Jackie Robinson and Gil Hodges gave Roe an early margin and he remained in front the rest of the way. Hodges' homer was his 19th. Stan Musial of the Cards went four for four to take over the circuit's batting lead from Robinson, .350 to .375.

The Giants whipped the Reds, 6-3, in 10 innings at Cincinnati. The victory moved the New Yorkers from fourth to second place, six games behind the Dodgers. The Reds dropped into a third place tie with the Cardinals. Monte Irvin broke up the game with a three-run homer in the tenth off Ken Raffensberger.

Johnny Sain coasted to his fourth victory of the season as the Boston Braves humbled the Pittsburgh Pirates, 13-3. The Braves pounded out 15 hits and scored in all but one inning.

The Philadelphia Phillies came from behind and beat the Chicago Cubs, 6-5. The Phils spotted the Cubs' leads of 4-0 and 5-2. They wiped out the deficit with four runs in the fifth. Dick Sisler featured the rally with a two-run single. Milo Candini was the winner but Jim Konstanty saved the game by pitching one-hit ball over the final five innings.

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Gen. Frank, 141, Indianapolis, stopped Harry Snuffy Smith 140, Rochester, 5.

LOS ANGELES — Kenny Teran, 117, Los Angeles, stopped Armando Felix, 115, Los Angeles, 4.

BROOKLYN — (Post Hamilton) — Eddie Compo, 132, New Haven, outpointed Irish Dave Shade, 123, Charleston, W. Va., 15.

DULUTH, Minn. — Coby Gonzalez, 127, Denver, outpointed Eddie Lacy, 128, Minneapolis, 10.

SALT LAKE CITY — Garth Panzer, 120, Salt Lake City, stopped Joe Arthur, 125, Chicago, 8.

In The Majors

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	34	14	.708	
New York	32	18	.627	3½
Boston	29	22	.569	6½
Cleveland	28	23	.547	7½
Detroit	25	23	.521	9
Washington	18	30	.378	16
St. Louis	18	34	.346	18
Philadelphia	15	34	.306	19½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 6, Chicago 3.
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Detroit 7, Boston 3 (night).
Cleveland 2, Philadelphia 4 (night).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	25	26	.490	
New York	25	26	.490	
St. Louis	26	25	.510	½
Cincinnati	25	24	.510	½
Boston	26	26	.500	1
Philadelphia	24	27	.471	1½
Chicago	18	34	.346	12
Pittsburgh	19	31	.380	13

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 6, Chicago 3.
Brooklyn 6, St. Louis 2 (night).
New York 6, Cincinnati 3 (ten innings, night).
Boston 12, Pittsburgh 3 (night).

Sutherland Boys Defeat Own Team

In garnering the only win in the newly instituted YMCA boys softball league last Saturday, the News-Review squad had to draw three Sutherland boys from the opposing team to make a full team. Ironically, these three helped conquer their teammates.

When Sutherland showed up in full strength and the News-Review couldn't scrape together nine boys, the managers of the two teams agreed to allow a redistribution of players, according to YMCA Director Merlin Donaldson. As a result, Darrell Anderson, James Haveland, and Marvin Denny were allotted to the News-Review nine.

With full complements, these two teams will tangle this Saturday morning in a practice game at 10:30. Two other practice games are slated for 9 a. m. between North Roseburg and Presbyterian, and Methodist and Christian.

According to Donaldson, these practice contests will allow the teams one more week to organize their teams for a belated league start. The actual league opener was set for last Saturday but only Sutherland was able to appear in full strength.

Pierce Posts Win Over Smith Squad

Pierce Auto Freight posted an easy, 14-5, win over still winless Smith Motors Tuesday night in the only Twilight league game at the Veterans field. The second game was forfeited to Faith Lutheran when Dillard Methodist couldn't field a team.

Smith Motors grabbed a first-inning two-run lead, but the Freighters lashed back in the second and hunched seven hits for five runs. They were never in danger after that. After they had added two more runs in the fourth, Del Davis opened the fifth with the game's only homer.

In all, the winners collected 21 hits off losing pitcher Book. In the meantime, Pierce's Harry Rade was holding the losers to six scattered singles. Joe Stricklin had the best day at bat as he rapped out four singles in five times at the plate for Pierce Auto.

DeMoss Paces Qualifiers In Collegiate Golf Test

COLUMBUS, O. — (AP) — Sixteen co-eds started after the seventh national collegiate golf championship today—with the deep south and the far west favored to fight it out in the stretch.

Grace DeMoss of Oregon State turned in a neat 38-38-76, even par, to pace the qualifiers over Ohio State's 645-yard course yesterday, while defending Champion Betty Rowland of Rollins, who qualified automatically, sat on the sidelines.

Despite some classy opposition, the two are expected to meet in Saturday's 18-hole finals.

Flegel Reverses Decision; Bandon's Protest Allowed

Fair Ball Becomes Dead If Touches Umpire Is Ruling

"I was wrong."

These are words that should be marked for posterity, because they came from a member of that uncompromising clan called umpires. He is Al Flegel, who Tuesday sent a cold chill of fear through the umpiring world by unselfishly admitting he had erred. The decision came when he allowed Bus Sporer to score from third after base umpire Bunky Hill had been hit by Virg Sanders' sizzling liner last Sunday at Finlay field. It was a league game between Bandon and Roseburg.

"The only reason I can see that this wouldn't be a valid protest is that the manager and the man I took to be the team captain agreed with me at the time the decision was made," Flegel reported.

Baseball Guide Cites

Expanding on Flegel's reversal, former Chief manager, Earl Sargent, cited paragraph 509 of the Official Baseball guide: "A fair hit becomes dead if it touches an umpire or a runner before it touches an infielder, including the pitcher; or touches an umpire before it has passed an infielder other than the pitcher."

On an inquiry to Southwestern Oregon league President Roy Hargens said he would only have the game replayed if a win or loss by one of the two teams involved meant a playoff berth among the top four teams. If it is replayed, he said, the game will start in the fifth inning where the miscue occurred. The conditions will be the same with the same men on base and one Chief out. Virg Sanders will be allowed to take first base. Hargens said this stems from a league ruling that says no man on base will be allowed to take first if his hit ball strikes an umpire.

FOX TO RECOVER

SPOKANE — (AP) — Tiger Jack Fox, the aging lightweight boxer who suffered a stroke a week ago, apparently will recover but may be partially paralyzed the rest of his life.



KANSAS CITY BLUES—Joe Page, the Yankees' great relief pitcher of 1947 and '49, peers into the future in Kansas City, where the big left-hander is trying to relieve arm trouble as well as starting hurlers. (NEA)

Questionable Tilt Not To Be Played Unless Shift Seen

SW Oregon League Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
Medford	3	0	1.000
Brookings	3	0	1.000
Cogulla	1	1	.500
Roseburg	1	1	.500
Bandon	1	1	.500
North Bend	0	3	.000
Myrtle Creek	0	3	.000
Westport	0	3	.000

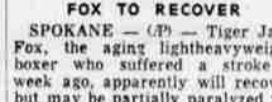
A protest of the Roseburg Umpqua Chief's 8-7 win over Bandon has been allowed by Southwestern Oregon baseball league President Roy Hargens. It will not be played, however, unless it appreciably may change the positions of the four top teams in the Shaughnessy playoffs.

This leaves the two teams tied for fourth place with a win and a loss.

Medford and Brookings continue to pace the league for the third straight week. Medford remained undefeated by easily winning 8-0. Brookings took its third straight win from Myrtle Creek, 8-2. Both losing teams are still searching for a win in the league.

The only other game saw Cogulla move into third place by virtue of a 1-0 win over North Bend. The thrilling pitchers duel was highlighted by four double plays. North Bend's Stu Fredericks gave up three hits but Cogulla's Peterson tossed a sparkling one-hitter.

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PENN BAN POSED

NEW YORK — (AP) — Four Ivy league schools, Cornell, Columbia, Princeton and Dartmouth, advised the University of Pennsylvania they would refuse to play Penn in football if Penn goes through with its plans to televise all its home football games this year.

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