

Three WIL Teams May Be Up for Sale Soon

Yakima, Victoria and Spokane Hurt at Gate

(By The Associated Press)

Wants buy a baseball club? Three of them may be up for grabs in the Class A Western International League when the 16-man loop, largest in organized baseball, rings down the curtain on the 1953 season next week.

This possibility developed Wednesday with the announcement by Frederick Mercy, Jr., owner of the Yakima Bears, that he wants to retire from baseball and is ready to sell his players, franchise and equipment.

The Yakima capitalist said he wants to drop his baseball holdings because of conflict with his other extensive business interests.

The announcement followed statements by Victoria and Spokane club owners that they, too, are considering bowing out of the league. They blamed crippling gate losses.

Mercy's decision to retire from baseball was disclosed in a letter to the Yakima Daily Republic.

The letter said baseball is keeping Mercy from his business. But the newspaper said it was known he was disheartened by the failure of the community to respond to his effort to give Yakima a championship club.

Attendance has been low despite a last-half spurt that carried the Bears from the cellar to fourth place in the league standings.

Similar lack of interest on the part of the fans was blamed by Victoria and Spokane owners for their problems.

The situation at Victoria was described as critical. In its latest SOS Tuesday the club said unless 5,000 fans turn out for the Tyees

final four home games, the team may not be able to pay salaries next Saturday.

Arthur Cox, president of the Victoria Baseball and Athletic company, said home attendance last year was 106,000 but only 52,000 have paid to see the Tyees in 1953.

Victoria won the WIL pennant last year but has floundered in the second division during most of the 1953 campaign.

Spokane's attendance troubles, however, did not result from a faltering team. The Indians are locked with Lewiston in a tight race for the second-half championship. Despite this, Roy Hotchkiss, owner of the Spokane club, said last week he did not expect to break even in 1953 and was giving serious thought to abandoning his franchise in the city that set a minor league attendance record in 1947.

The Republic, in reporting Mercy's decision to quit baseball, speculated on possible new owners of the Yakima franchise.

The newspaper said there was a possibility that Dewey Soriano, general manager of the Vancouver Capilanos, might buy the Bears.

Soriano was president and one-fourth owner along with Mercy of the Pacific Coast League in 1949 and 1940. Three weeks ago, the Republic said, Soriano said he was "definitely interested" in returning to Yakima as the owner.

The newspaper said a group of Tacoma businessmen sounded out Mercy on the possibility of buying the franchise but were turned down because Mercy wants organized ball to remain in Yakima.

Rarity: Roenspie Beaten



Fresh From Pacific This 57-pound, 2-ounce Chinook, possibly a world's record for spinning gear, was landed on the beach at Taft Wednesday by J. H. Bogger of Cutler City, formerly of Salem. Bogger used a 15-pound test monofilament line, Rume reel, Reel rod (surf-spinning gear) and home made copper wobbler. Among the many witnessing the catch were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rex and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Bradley of Salem. (Photo by Buck Bradley.)

Edmonton Overcomes 3-0 Salem Lead to Win 4-3

Edmonton, Alberta—Edmonton overcame a 3-0 Salem Senator lead to post a 4-3 Western International league victory here last night.

Gene Roenspie, Salem pitcher, suffered his fourth loss of the season. He has won 17.

Roenspie held Edmonton hitless until the fourth inning, when he served up a home run ball to Sam Kanelos, who collected three of the seven safeties given up by Roenspie.

Winning pitcher Don Tilnerat yielded nine hits and three tallies in the first three innings but blanked the Senators with no hits and no runs in the last six innings.

WIL Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	O.R.
Lewiston	27	10	.731	1
Spokane	21	20	.513	2
Salem	18	28	.396	3
Edmonton	14	21	.333	4
Victoria	13	26	.333	5
Yakima	12	28	.303	6
Tri-City	11	28	.285	7
Vancouver	10	30	.250	8
Calgary	9	30	.231	9
Wenatchee	8	32	.200	10
Tri-City	7	32	.188	11
Victoria	7	34	.173	12

Screening Now Underway in John Day River

September 1st marked the beginning of the John Day screening program in the eastern part of Oregon.

Game commission crews have moved into the area and will begin construction of screen boxes on some of the sites located on the upper John Day river north of Prairie City.

The project, which was recently approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service, is part of the lower Columbia fishery development program for restoration and protection of migratory fish.

Over three hundred screens are to be constructed during the entire project by the Oregon State Game Commission.

Archery Tourney Slated for Shedd Over Labor Day

The 18th annual Pope-Young Field Archers tournament will be held on Labor Day week-end at Shedd, Ore. All archers in the state are invited to attend; all divisions, men, women and juniors will be recognized with suitable awards.

Legal hunting equipment (bow not less than 40 pounds in weight and broadheads not less than 3/8-inch in width) is required.

Championship is based on the aggregate point total of the three main events, Wand, Clout and Pope-Young (animal) Round.

Defending champions are: Men—M. M. Carson. Women—Donna Garrett. Junior boys—Billy Snyder. Junior girls—Kay Ratliff. All are from Portland.

Five Northern Div Schools Open Football Practice

(By The Associated Press)

A small army of football hopefuls checked in with five Northern Division coaches Monday for the start of fall training in the Pacific Coast Conference.

The largest turnout was at the University of Washington where 63 players, most of them untried, reported to Johnny Cherberg, who is making his debut as a varsity coach. Cherberg said 21 of 23 expected lettermen were on hand for the first workout.

Fifty-two players drew uniforms at Washington State College, 48 at Oregon State,

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Yankees Increase Lead to 9 1/2 Games Down Chi Sox

By CARL LUNDQUIST

New York (AP)—The high riding New York Yankees blithely turned to making plans for the world series today, now that they have just about snuffed out the last flickering pennant hopes of the Chicago White Sox.

What ever forlorn hopes the Sox may still have been cherishing were practically annihilated last night when Mickey Mantle's homer and Johnny Sain's clutch relief hurling gave the Yankees a 3 to 2 win over the Sox before 45,003 always hopeful fans in Chicago.

The arc light victory gave the Yankees a 2-1 triumph in the crucial series and boosted their league lead to a whopping 9 1/2 games. Moreover, it reduced the "magic number" for the Yankees to 15. They can clinch the pennant by winning 15 of the remaining 24 games.

In that commanding position, manager Casey Stengel was frankly eyeing his world series strategy today as the Yankees moved into St. Louis for a series with the last place Browns.

Whitely Ford, a leading candidate for the job of pitching the opening game of the series, was Stengel's nominee in last night's payoff battle with the Sox and he emerged with his 16th victory. However, he needed some brilliant help from the veteran Sain to gain it.

That was the only night action in the Major Leagues, but the chief day game saw the Dodgers go on a 17 hit spree to whip the Cardinals, 12-5, and go 11 full games ahead of Milwaukee in the National League race. The "magic number" for the Dodgers now is 13.

In other National League games yesterday, the Giants beat the Cubs, 10-9, when Dee Fondy's error set up an unearned run to settle a slugfest which had seen homers by Ralph Kiner, Roy Smalley, and Bubba Church of the Cubs and Dusty Rhodes of the Giants.

In American League games, Al Rosen clouted his 36th homer and Ernie White fanned 10 batters in gaining his 16th win as the Indians beat the Red Sox, 13-3; and Ray Herbert's relief pitching led the Tigers to a 5-3 win over the A's, despite Gus Zernial's 36th and 37th homers for the A's. There were no other games scheduled.

SPORTS

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Major Leagues

Team	W	L	Pct.	O.R.
Brooklyn	21	40	.344	1
Milwaukee	20	31	.392	2
Philadelphia	19	30	.386	3
St. Louis	18	30	.375	4
New York	17	30	.362	5
Cincinnati	16	33	.327	6
Chicago	15	32	.313	7
Pittsburgh	14	33	.297	8

Boat Races at Devils Lake Sunday, Monday

The Oregon Outboard Association, an affiliate of the American Powerboat Association, will conduct a regatta of 32 heats of competition at Devils Lake Sunday and Monday.

In addition to the oval-course racing, there will also be a mile straightaway race race against time at 5 a.m. Sunday.

The American Powerboat Association is providing sanctioned timers for the event, so that if any boat should better a world's record during the two days of competition, the mark will automatically become official.

Boat racers from California, Oregon, Washington and Canada are expected to compete.

32 Report for Football at Sandy High

Sandy—Coach Bob Woodward was met by 32 hopefuls in the first gridiron practice of the season August 24.

This is the third year that coach Woodward and assistant coach George Potter have led the Pioneers.

The Pioneers will meet Parkrose in their first game of the season September 11.

Other games: September 25—at Silverton; October 2—Canby at Sandy; October 9—Mt. Angel at Sandy; October 16—at Estacada; October 23—Molalla at Sandy; October 30—at Dallas; November 6—Woodburn at Sandy.

Durando Faces Sandy Tonight

St. Louis (AP)—Ernie Durando of Bayonne, N.J., trying to muscle his way back into the middleweight division's top 10, takes on favored Randy Sandy of New York in a scheduled 10-round boxing bout Wednesday night.

Sandy, who has been beaten only once in 14 fights, and Durando will top a boxing card arranged for the national American Legion convention in session here.

The bout in the 160-pound class will be telecast nationally.

Fights Last Night

(By The Associated Press)

Miami Beach, Fla.—Larry Mulica, 133½, Brooklyn, drew with Joe Salmons, 129, Warren, Ohio.

Los Angeles—Jose Cotera, 124, Mexico, stopped Jesse Menzies, 123½, Denver, 7.

Albuquerque—Bobby Woods, 132, Spokane, Wash., stopped Jacky Blair, 122, Dallas, 7.

San Antonio, Tex.—Al Jurgens, 144, San Antonio, stopped Chato Hernandez, 144, Mexico, 8.

Minor League Scores

(By The Associated Press)

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
 Rochester 5, Burlington 7
 Ottawa 4, Toronto 3
 Montreal 7, Buffalo 4
 Baltimore 5, Syracuse 3

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
 Louisville 5, Minneapolis 3
 Indianapolis 3-1, Columbus 3-0
 Kansas City 4, St. Paul 3
 Only games scheduled.

TEXAS LEAGUE
 Beaumont 5, Houston 5
 San Antonio 5, Shreveport 4
 Tulsa 11, Oklahoma City 3
 Fort Worth 5, Dallas 4

PIONEER LEAGUE
 Idaho Falls 5, Salt Lake City 3
 Others reported, rain.

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Women's Softy Tourney Starts Saturday Night

Portland (AP)—National Softball Congress officials said today the women's world softball tournament will start in Portland Saturday night instead of Friday as previously announced.

Start of the double elimination tourney was put off one day because of the inconvenience to some teams that have to travel a long distance. The tourney will run nine nights, with doubleheaders each night.

No Auto Races At Holly Bowl Saturday Night

There will be no auto races at Hollywood Bowl Saturday night on account of the Oregon State fair which opens that day.

Indianapolis-type racing cars will run at the state fairgrounds on Sunday, Sept. 13, the final day of the state fair.

Hollywood Bowl racing will resume September 20 with a 100-lap stock car race.

Salem (3)

Rehain, L.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luby, J.	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tanaka, S.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Peres, J.	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Devo, J.	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Ballard, B.	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Boyer, H.	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nelson, C.	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romasep, P.	9	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Edmonton (4)

Edmonton	111	000	000	0	2
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Pitcher:	IP	AB	R	ER	SO
Romasep	4	15	7	4	0
Tanager	9	40	4	3	3

The Lineup:

Lewiston: 10 000 000-1 7 1
 Vancouver: 000 001 00*-3 4 1
 Butler and Garay: Myers and Duritto.

Wenatchee: 000001 000-3 13 1
 Spokane: 100 000 101-3 11 1
 Bowdoin and Barstow: Frank, New (7), Giovanni (5), Romero (3) and Shea.

Yakima: 100 010 200-4 11 3
 Victoria: 020 010 23*-14 9 0
 Rio: Rial (3), Young (3) and Albini: Botter and Marford.

TIDE TABLE

Tides for Taft, Oregon—September, 1953
 (Compiled by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)

Time	High	Low	Time	High	Low
Sept. 1	9:00 a.m.	4.4	3:09 a.m.	0.0	0.0
2	7:33 a.m.	4.3	1:35 p.m.	3.3	0.0
3	6:01 a.m.	4.7	0:15 a.m.	6.1	0.0
4	4:46 a.m.	4.9	4:07 a.m.	6.1	0.0
5	3:41 p.m.	4.1	3:33 p.m.	3.1	0.0
6	2:41 p.m.	3.2	2:56 p.m.	2.2	0.0
7	1:42 a.m.	2.3	4:52 a.m.	0.3	0.0
8	12:33 a.m.	1.4	4:48 a.m.	0.4	0.0
9	11:24 a.m.	0.5	3:39 p.m.	0.5	0.0
10	10:15 p.m.	0.6	2:30 p.m.	0.6	0.0
11	9:06 p.m.	1.7	1:21 p.m.	1.7	0.0
12	7:57 p.m.	2.8	1:12 p.m.	2.8	0.0
13	6:48 p.m.	3.9	12:03 p.m.	3.9	0.0
14	5:39 p.m.	5.0	10:54 p.m.	5.0	0.0
15	4:30 p.m.	6.1	9:45 p.m.	6.1	0.0
16	3:21 p.m.	7.2	8:36 p.m.	7.2	0.0
17	2:12 p.m.	8.3	7:27 p.m.	8.3	0.0
18	1:03 p.m.	9.4	6:18 p.m.	9.4	0.0
19	11:54 p.m.	10.5	5:09 p.m.	10.5	0.0
20	10:45 p.m.	11.6	4:00 p.m.	11.6	0.0
21	9:36 p.m.	12.7	2:51 p.m.	12.7	0.0
22	8:27 p.m.	13.8	1:42 p.m.	13.8	0.0
23	7:18 p.m.	14.9	0:33 p.m.	14.9	0.0
24	6:09 p.m.	16.0	0:24 p.m.	16.0	0.0

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