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SPORTS

Chandler Tells Why Durocher Suspended

New York —(U.P.)— After a silence of more than five years A. B. Happy Chandler explained Wednesday why he kicked Leo Durocher out of baseball for an entire season.

"And if I had it to do over again, I would do it exactly the same way, because I had to keep him from killing somebody," said the former commissioner of the major leagues. "There was no other alternative for me then—nor would there be now if the same situation presented itself again."

Chandler said he never before had told all of the details of the Durocher incident, even though he was criticized more for suspending him during the 1947 season than for any other action he took in his turbulent career as commissioner.

Villified

"I was villified at the time because they said I fired Durocher without telling people why I did it," Chandler said. "Well, I'll tell you why I did it—I wanted to protect him. I wanted to keep him from killing somebody."

"And I think Durocher will be the first to tell me that the year's suspension made a new man out of him and made him a credit to baseball instead of a detriment."

"But the way things were then, in 1947, he was in such a mood that no one knew what he would attempt next."

Chandler said when he called Durocher, then manager of the Dodgers, to his offices in Cincinnati, there were at least two basic reasons for suspending him on grounds of conduct detrimental to baseball.

He said that Durocher had admitted slugging a Brooklyn fan under the stands after a night game in Ebbets Field and that he had been associating with known

gamblers.

Chum With Gamblers

"I knew that Durocher and Charley Dressen, who was a Yankee coach at the time, were associating with known gamblers," Chandler said. "Durocher told me he had hit the fan at the park for taunting and insulting."

"With all of those things on his mind he was on the defensive every minute, against the fans, the umpires, and practically everybody," Chandler said.

"I was afraid at any moment there might be a new and far more serious incident and I certainly didn't want him to wind up by killing somebody. What's more, Durocher certainly knew what was going to happen to him."

Medfordites Club Yreka On Diamond

Medford high's diamond contingent downed Yreka, Calif., 11 to 2 Tuesday in a mix at Yreka. It was Medford's second win of the season over the Californians.

The encounter, scheduled for nine frames, was cut to eight by windy weather. The wind blasted players with sand from the field.

Medford got nine hits and capitalized on nine Yreka errors. Yreka picked up two hits, a double off Derald Wooton in the first inning and a double off Conner in the eighth.

Ted Landers at Third

Dick Wooton got two safeties and Ned Landers a double for Medford. Ted Landers, regularly a catcher, took over the third base chores and handled five chances at the sack without a muff.

The district champion Medford nine plays its final tussle within the district on Friday at Klannah Falls.

LINESCORES:

Medford 141 012 20—11 8 1
Yreka 100 050 01—2 2 9
D. Wooton, Conner (7) and R. Wooton; Russell, Nixon (5) and Green.

Standings

COAST LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	GB
San Diego	15 10	.643	
Los Angeles	15 11	.577	2
Hollywood	15 12	.556	2 1/2
San Francisco	13 14	.481	4 1/2
Oakland	12 13	.480	4 3/4
Portland	12 13	.480	4 3/4
Seattle	11 16	.407	6 1/2
Sacramento	10 17	.380	7 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	8 1	.889	
Cincinnati	8 4	.667	1 1/2
Chicago	8 4	.667	1 1/2
New York	6 4	.600	2 1/2
St. Louis	5 7	.417	4 1/2
Philadelphia	4 6	.400	4 3/4
Boston	3 8	.385	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	2 12	.143	8 1/2

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL

W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Victoria	6 1	.857	
Spokane	5 3	.625	1 1/2
Vancouver	5 3	.625	1 1/2
Lewiston	3 5	.375	3 1/2
Salem	3 5	.375	3 1/2
Yakima	3 5	.375	3 1/2
Tri-City	3 5	.375	3 1/2
Wenatchee	3 5	.375	3 1/2

Hill Gail Trial Victor

Louisville, Ky. —(U.P.)— Calumet Farm's Hill Gail, a long-tailed hurricane from the hard-boiled country, was the horse to beat in the Kentucky Derby—and it appeared an impossible assignment.

For the bouncing son of the mighty Bull Lea looked every bit as good as his famous half-brothers—Citation, Countdown and Armed—as he ran eight rivals into the track at Churchill Downs to win the Derby Trail in record time.

Hill Gail was a dark bay bullet as he swept home six lengths on top and going away Tuesday in the mile race, final tune-up for Saturday's Rose run, in 1:35 2-5. That clocking clipped one-fifth of a second off Whirling Dough's track record for the distance.

Dan Bucceroni Defeats Wilson

Milwaukee, Wis. —(U.P.)—Light heavyweight Dan Bucceroni, who punched his way to an eight round technical knockout over an almost helpless Aaron Wilson, set his sights Wednesday for another match with Irish Bob Murphy.

Referee Julius Fidler called a halt to Tuesday night's fight at 1:42 of the eighth round with Wilson standing dazedly in the center of the ring while Bucceroni mauled him with lefts and rights.

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Clover Stunt Breaks Sacs' Bad Luck

San Francisco —(U.P.)— For a shy, introverted baseball player, there is nothing more satisfactory than playing in the Pacific Coast league. He doesn't have to fret about appearing before large crowds.

Some opening day attendance figures were as appealing as a double play combination of Jane Russell and Marie Wilson. And the San Francisco-San Diego, O'Doul-Fagan "hate" series stacked up well.

Sacramento tried a stunt last and the Solons broke their bad luck with an 8-5 victory over Hollywood. The stunt called for free admission to any fans presenting a four-leaf clover. About 475 did.

Portland Bombarded

In other games, grumpy Guy Fletcher pitched a four-hit shut-out to gain San Diego a 4-0 win over San Francisco; Seattle edged Los Angeles, 2-1, in 10 panels, and Oakland bombarded Portland, 5-2.

Oak right-hander Allen Gettel, who manager Mel Ott calls the ace of his staff, had Portland blanked until the ninth when the Bevos got two unearned tallies. Three Portland errors and Pete Milne's two-run single were the major factors of the game.

"Crowd" Misnomer

Generally, the word "crowd" is a misnomer when it comes to describing filberts who pay to witness 1952 PCL games.

Battling television as a counter attraction, and chilled by the evening breezes, Tuesday's series openers lured patrons thus: Portland at Oakland, 1,345; Hollywood at Sacramento, 1,210; Seattle at Los Angeles, 2,305, and San Francisco at first-place San Diego, a series natural, 4,145. These are bigger groups than most recent ones.

League president Clarence Rowland is distressed by the box office inactivity. He has offered no solution. In other circles a return to day baseball has been suggested.

LINESCORES:

Portland 000 000 002—2 6 3
Oakland 001 013 00X—5 9 2
Linde, Waibel 8 and Robinson; Gettel and Neal.

Hollywood 001 012 100—5 12 1
Sacramento 200 201 03X—8 11 1
Fisher, Lint 8 and Sandlock; Flores and McKegan.

(18 Innings)
Seattle 010 000 000 1—2 6 1
San Diego 001 000 000 0—1 9 1
Kindsfater and B. Wilson; Lade, Hamner 10 and Peden.

San Francisco 000 000 000—0 4 2
San Diego 102 010 00X—4 5 0
Singleton and Orteig; Fletcher and Summers.

Beamer slugged four for four for Sutherland.

Crater is host to Myrtle Creek Friday.

LINESCORE:

Crater 140 005 0—10 13 2
Sutherland 000 202 3—7 9 3
Monroe and Morris; Galls, Gowey (6) and Beamer.

Bellingham —(U.P.)— Seattle university's Chieftains split their double header with Western Washington Tuesday, winning the first, 4-3, but losing the wind-up, 5-3. Jack Lynch and John Kelly combined on a three-hit nightcap as the Chiefs committed four errors. Ed O'Brien collected a homerun in each game for Seattle.

and Edwards beat Woods and Stuckey, 6-2, 6-1.



CRASHING THE BOX SEATS—Giants' third baseman Bobby Thomson takes a header into box seat at the Polo Grounds trying to field Sid Gordon's foul in the sixth inning of game with the Boston Braves. Umpire (right) is Augie Guglielmo. The Braves won, 6-3. Incidentally, Thomson missed.

Fridley Gets Six Bingles As Cleveland Wins 21 to 9

By UNITED PRESS

The Indians, who were beginning to think runs were imperfections in ladies' stockings, reveled Wednesday in the season's most spectacular batting outburst—a 25-hit salute in which Al Rosen hit three homers and Jim Fridley became the first American League rookie ever to smash six consecutive hits in one game.

The Indians' outburst, which buried the Athletics, 21-9, drowned out the plaudits for Curt Simmons' successful debut after 19 months in the Army as well as superb pitching performances by the Giants' Sal Maglie, the Braves' Warren Spahn, and the Dodgers' Preacher Roe.

No Time Wasted

The Indians, who had been shut out in three of their four previous games and held to one hit twice, wasted no time announcing the end of their hit famine. They scored six runs in the first inning, led, 12-2 after three innings and capped their slugging bee with a seven-run rally in the eighth inning.

Rosen, who now leads both leagues with six home runs, knocked in seven runs.

Bob Feller, who lost a one-hitter to Bob Cain and the Browns in his previous outing, held the A's to two runs in the first six innings. He then relaxed with an overwhelming lead and the A's, who wound up with 18 hits, pounded him for seven runs in the last three innings.

Fridley singled in the first, second, fourth, fifth, eighth and ninth innings to tie the modern mark of six hits in a game now shared by 29 players.

Crackling Curve

Simmons, key to the Phillies, pennant hopes, walked only one batter and struck out two as he beat the Cubs, 8-2. It was his first appearance on the mound since Sept. 9, 1950 but he showed the same crackling curve ball that made him a 17-game winner that season. The Cubs got only seven hits.

Maglie, the Giants' "stopper," continued his magnificent early-season pitching with a three-hitter to out-duel Ewell Blackwell and beat the Reds, 2-1. It was Sal the Barber's third straight route-goer and he now has allowed a total of nine hits.

Spahn, striking out 11 for a season high in his first victory, dealt the Pirates their 10th straight loss, 5-1.

Roe, who beat the Cardinals seven times last season, scattered nine hits to down the Redbirds, 4-1.

Crater Beats Sutherland

Central Point — Crater high tipped the Sutherland baseball club 10 to 7 at Sutherland Tuesday.

The outcome of the contest placed the two teams in a tie for second spot in the JDJ league standings with two wins and two losses each. Undefeated Myrtle Creek is leader.

Crater held 10 to 4 lead going into the last inning and cut a Sutherland rally after three runs in the closing canto.

Bohner Hits Heavily

Bulldog batters that faced Crater Pitcher Punky Honore for the most part either hit or struck out. Monroe gave up nine hits, fanned 15 batters, walked one and hit one.

Marvin Bohner led the Comet swatting parade. He hit two triples and drove in five runs. Bohner and Don Collins batted three for four for Crater and Bob Hill and Delton Tucker two for three.

Tornado Netters Thump Ashland

The Medford high tennis team won its third triumph of the season Tuesday, defeating the Ashland netters for the second time. Match score was 6 to 1.

Medford copped both doubles tussles and four of the singles. All Medford wins were in straight sets except Ron Singler's decision over Merle Deets, which went three.

The Tornado net crew was blanked 7 to 0 on Monday by Roseburg.

RESULTS:

Singles:
Roy Rogers, Medford, beat Marvin Woods, Ashland, 6-2, 4-3. Stan Kalpus, Medford, beat Bob Kramer, Ashland, 6-2, 6-4. Larry Edwards, Medford, beat Jim Stuckey, Ashland, 6-3, 6-1. Ron Singler, Medford, beat Merle Deets, Ashland, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Dale Campbell, Ashland, beat Ed Davis, Medford, 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles:
and Edwards beat Woods and Stuckey, 6-2, 6-1.

Boston Bids Good-bye to Sox Slugger

Boston —(U.P.)— Boston bids good-bye Wednesday—maybe forever—to one of the greatest modern baseball players and perhaps the most baffling one of all time.

The afternoon's game with the Detroit Tigers marks the last appearance of Ted Williams in a Red Sox uniform before he rejoins the Marines for 17 months' active duty—and he could wrap up the hearts of 33,000 fans in his duffle bag if he'd just tip his hat.

Ever since he joined the Red Sox, Williams has refused to acknowledge the applause of the fans in any way. He refused to congratulate a teammate publicly. He did nothing to make himself liked—nothing except play a brand of baseball that ranks with the topnotchers of the game.

To him fans were "meat-heads."

Sportswriters were the same—or worse. His most noted exchanges with members of each group were obscene. But still they came to watch him play.

They howled their disapproval when Williams was off fishing in the Florida Everglades while his wife had a baby. But they were all set to howl louder and longer in his favor Wednesday as Ted, now edging 34, plays what may be his last game.

BASEBALL

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Coast League
Oakland 5, Portland 2
San Diego 4, San Francisco 0
Seattle 2, Los Angeles 1 (10 Innings)
Sacramento 5, Hollywood 5

American League
St. Louis at New York (postponed, wet grounds)
Detroit at Boston (postponed, wet grounds)
Chicago at Washington (postponed, wet grounds)
Cleveland 21, Philadelphia 9 (night)

National League
Brooklyn 4, St. Louis 1 (night)
Boston 5, Pittsburgh 1 (night)
New York at Cincinnati 2 (night)
Philadelphia 8, Chicago 2.

Western International
Victoria 7, Wenatchee 6
Lewiston 11, Salem 8 (12 Innings)
Tri-City 11, Spokane 5
Yakima at Vancouver (postponed, cold weather).

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