

St. Louis Browns Team Rejoices Over Firing of Rogers Hornsby

Boston — (U.P.)—The St. Louis Browns hated gruff old Rogers Hornsby and were delighted that he was fired and Marty Marion hired as their manager.

Marion immediately promised a "reform wave" to get rid of the austere Hornsby program which had the team in a turmoil. No more long practices... no more guessing for pitchers who don't know when they'll work... no more rigid clubhouse atmosphere, Marty vowed.

Usually when a manager is fired, there is an avalanche of pretty words about the "good of the team." But not in this case. Club President Bill Veeck personally apologized to the boys Tuesday night for firing Hornsby in the first place.

Veeck Gets Trophy
The team presented Veeck with a hastily-purchased silver trophy for "the greatest play since the emancipation proclamation."

Hornsby himself left with a parting shot at Veeck: "When you work for a screwball, you've got to expect screwball tactics," he said.

The players whooped it up in celebration. "At least now I'll know when I'm going to pitch," said Ned Garver. "Under Hornsby I wasn't sure even after I read it in the paper."

"You don't see a sad face do you?" asked another player. "Twenty-five players can't be wrong," Veeck said. "I never should have hired him in the first place. It was an expensive mistake."

Hornsby insisted he was fired because Veeck interfered with the way he ran the club "and there can't be two bosses."

Hornsby had a three-year contract for a total of \$120,000 and it was paid in full. This was the first year. He was paid off 20 years ago when he was fired by the Browns. The man who fired him was Bill Veeck, Sr., the sport-shirt impresario's father.

Veeck insisted it was Hornsby's tough tactics which brought about the change. "These are men, not things to be manipulated," he said.

ZIMMERMAN GETS HIT
Ventura, Calif. — (U.P.)—Catcher Jerry Zimmerman, \$80,000 bonus player from Milwaukee, Ore., got one hit, a single, in five trips to the plate in his first professional baseball game Tuesday night. Zimmerman, who was signed by the Boston Red Sox, is playing with San Jose of the California State league, which dropped an 8-7 decision to Ventura.

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Yankees Gain Percentage Lead in American League

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Like freed slaves—with whom they compared themselves—the St. Louis Browns started their new manager, Marty Marion, off with a key victory over the Red Sox, a victory that was the labor of love.

They went out and showed that they would give out with spirit and hustle for Marion by knocking the Red Sox out of first place with a 7 to 4 triumph. Homers by Bobby Young and Bob Nieman gave Ned Garver an early lead and, when he faltered later, the unbelievable Satchel Paige came in and pitched three-hit scoreless ball the rest of the way to protect Garver's third victory.

George Kell hit a Boston homer.

First This Year

The defeat of the Red Sox, coupled with Ed Lopat's gorgeous four-hit 4 to 0 shutout of the Tigers at New York, put the Yankees into first place for the first time this year—by three percentage points.

Yogi Berra delivered three of the Yankee runs with a pair of booming homers as Lopat breezed to his third victory, giving only two walks and striking out five.

Record Equalled

A homer by Larry Doby gave Cleveland a 4 to 3 triumph at Washington, moving the Indians into second place ahead of Boston. At Philadelphia the White Sox went hit crazy with a 12-run rally in the fourth that gave them a 15 to 4 victory over the Athletics. Sam Mele equalled a modern record by batting in six runs in the big inning with a homer and a triple.

In the National League, the Cardinals broke an eight-game Brooklyn winning streak with a 1 to 0 10-inning victory, but the second place Giants missed a chance to gain and remained five games behind when they

blew a 14-inning, 6 to 5 decision at Cincinnati.

Cubs Move Up

The third place Cubs moved to within one game of the skidding Giants by bouncing the Phils, 10 to 5, and the Pirates topped the Braves, 7 to 5.

Mele gained his six RBI's on a three-run homer and a three-run triple. Hector Rodriguez also hit a three run homer and Al Zarilla connected with a two-run route clout in the rout. Chicago made 16 hits.

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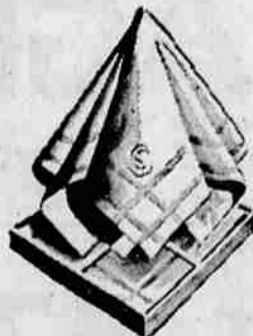
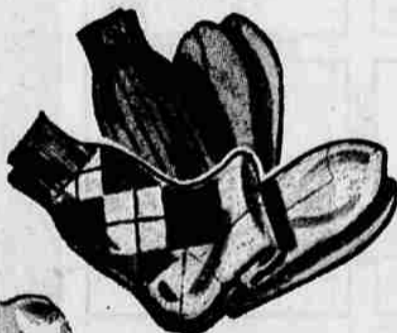
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