

Durocher Closer To Return To Baseball Than Before

Pittsburgh—UPI—Leo Durocher is closer to returning to baseball today than he has been since he left the New York Giants four years ago. The United Press International has learned that an American League club, quite possibly the Chicago White Sox, has dangled the type of

fer that could bring "Leo the Lip" back to the game — a high salary as manager and substantial stock in the club. Durocher confirmed he is seriously considering the offer, which would make him a combination field and general manager. Durocher was startled when

UPI put the question of his return to baseball to him, but he did not evade. If Terms Right

"If the terms are right, there's a strong possibility I'll come back," he replied. "I've had several offers since I've left the Giants but I wouldn't consider any of them unless certain conditions were met. The offer I'm thinking over now comes the closest of any to satisfying me."

Durocher tried to sidestep further questions but finally conceded under the UPI's cross-examination:

"I'm very happy with what I'm doing now. But this proposition is almost too good to turn down. We'll see how it turns out. Could be I'll be back."

Durocher, who'll be 54 years old on July 27, left as manager of the New York Giants just before the end of the 1955 season. He said then he never would return to baseball but modified his stand later to say he would if an offer that involved stock ownership in a club were included with an offer to manage.

Need Durocher
UPI has learned, however, that White Sox big-wigs Bill Veeck and Hank Greenberg think Durocher is just what the White Sox need. Veeck tried unsuccessfully two years ago to talk Leo into managing the Cleveland Indians.

Often called "baseball's bad boy," Durocher rose to playing stardom as a shortstop with the Gashouse Gang St. Louis Cardinals of 1934 and subsequently managed the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Giants. He led the Dodgers to a pennant in 1941 and piloted the Giants to flags in 1951 and 1954.

Durocher resigned in late 1955 and embarked on a radio and TV career that appears to have occupied all his ambitions — until now.

Discussion Set On Large Fund For Minor Leagues

Pittsburgh—UPI—Major league officials will tackle problems involving the special one million dollar fund for the relief of the minor leagues this week end and probably won't even discuss the possibility of a third league during their annual meetings.

That's the opinion of Commissioner Ford Frick who pointed out, "those advocating a third league have barely scratched the surface of all the problems involved."

Backs Third League
William A. Shea is heading a New York City mayor's baseball committee which claims to have enough riches with powerful financial backing to form a third major league.

"Let's face it," Frick said. "Shea and his group aren't ready to sit down with us yet. When they are, we'll be glad to meet with them."

Frick added that the big league executives expect to devote almost all their time Thursday and Friday in Chicago to the minor league fund.

"Our big problem right now is that fund," Frick said. "First, we have to find out from the federal government if the money we turn over to the minors will be tax exempt. After that, we have to determine who to allocate the money to the minors. That's going to be a tough one. That is why we are meeting early Thursday because I expect most of our time will be spent on that business."

Frick admitted the special fund for the minors "isn't nearly enough" to solve all their problems but said, "at least it's a step in the right direction."

"I'm in favor of all possible aid to the minor league," Frick said. "And I hope this special fund will put us on the right track."

Medford Yanks, Central Point Junior Victors

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Central Point	2	0	1.000
Medford Yanks	1	1	.500
Ashtland	0	2	.000

Central Point took over lone lead in the intermediate league of Southern Oregon Junior Baseball yesterday with a 14 to 3 win over the Medford Yanks.

The Medford Yanks scored their first loop victory by defeating Ashtland 6 to 2. CP ran up eight runs in the first inning in gaining its second triumph without a loss in the loop. The Yanks also had a big opening frame with four runs.

For the Yanks in the first, an error and two walks loaded the sacks. Then Neathamer tripped and Wayne Couch singled. The Pointers got their eighth in the other game without a hit on nine bases on balls and passed balls.

Mike Barnes threw a four-hitter for the Yanks, against Ashtland walking four and fanning five. Jack Lowery doubled and singled and Dick Deffey had two singles.

Against the Giants, Ed Bowman tossed a two-hitter for CP, he walked eight and struck out six. Giant flingers gave up 18 walks to Pointer batters. Joe McCalvy, Jeff Anhorn and Larry Mason hit safely for Central Point and Rick Bell and Ron Gandee for Medford's Giants.

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Yanks	402-0x-6	3 0
Giants	100 101 0-3	2 5
Central Point	810 041 x-14	3 2

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TWO CASUALTIES—Yankees' Bill Skowron, who has been plagued with a back injury, gives his son, Gregory, a few pointers at their home in Hillsdale, N.J. Gregory, 5, gashed his forehead in a bicycle accident and needed two stitches to close the cut. Skowron has discovered that by wearing a corset to protect his back from further wrenching, he has been able to bat at the rate of .378. He will start at first base for the American League in the All-Star game to be played in Pittsburgh, July 7.

Sport Parade
By OSCAR FRALEY
United Press International

Pittsburgh—UPI—What they are saying at the All-Star game:

It could have happened by the time you read this, but Mayo Smith is definitely on his way "out" as manager of the Cincinnati Reds with Freddie Hutchinson of Seattle favored over pitching coach Clyde King to succeed him.

The story behind the story is that General Manager Gabe Paul didn't want Smith to begin with but wanted to retain Jimmy Dykes. Owner Powell Crosley turned thumbs down on "Jimmy Cigar" and Mayo was the interim sacrificial offering. Meanwhile, the Cincinnati "manager of the future" is second baseman Johnny Temple but he won't put him on the spot while he's still playing . . .

Even the writers who travel with the New York Yankees now peg the Cleveland Indians as the current favorite to win the American League championship on their young pitching and their desire. Thumbs Down on Yanks

They turn thumbs down on the Yankees because the pitching isn't up to snuff, or even a chaw of tobacco. Whitey Ford, one of the Yankee pitching "have-nots," still hasn't given up, however. Yet it appears slightly prophetic that he thinks "the hitters can get the job done" while admitting that "me and Bob Turley will have to do better than we are doing now." But the difference is that the Yanks in 1957 were 9½ games back at the end of May—while it's more than a month later that he thinks and they're still five games in the big deficit . . .

Win or lose, insiders insist that Casey Stengel of the Yankees and Fred Haney of the Braves both will be back in harness next year. With Stengel it's a matter of prestige. With Haney, he is seen reneging on his recent statement that he may quit at the end of the year. Haney is telling intimates that "maybe I'd miss the game too much."

Dominguez and Moyer To Clash
Richmond, Calif.—UPI—Oakland's Tony Dominguez and favorite Phil Moyer clash tonight at Richmond Auditorium in a middleweight contest.

Moyer, brother of Denny Moyer, who fights for the world welterweight title in Portland Friday night, was recently beaten by Yama Bahama in a nationally televised fight. The Portland lad boasts a 10-2-1 record. Dominguez is unbeaten in 11 professional fights.

Camp Whitters Plan Practice
Camp White — Camp White team of the semi-pro Rogue Valley Baseball league will have a practice Wednesday evening at Memorial stadium. Manager Bob Smith has asked players to report at 6:30 p.m. The Whitters will meet Medford Bowling lads on Friday in a league tussle.

Finnigan Sent To Vancouver
Baltimore, Ind.—UPI—Young Brooks Robinson or Ronnie Hansen of the Vancouver Mounties in the Pacific Coast league will be recalled by the Baltimore Orioles this week to replace Jim Finnigan, who has been sent to the minors again subject to 24-hour recall. Finnigan, batting only .252, was optioned to Vancouver Sunday by Manager Paul Richards, who would like to juice up the Orioles' .241 team batting average. This is the lowest team mark in the majors.

Art Wall Nabs Buick Open Title
Grand Blanc, Mich.—UPI—Art Wall Jr., golf's top money winner, was \$9,000 richer today because history did repeat itself.

Wall, 35-year-old Masters' champion from Pocono Manor, Pa., fired a one-under-par 71 Monday for a two-stroke victory over Dow Finsterwald, Tequesta, Fla., in their 18-hole playoff for the Buick Open title.

Exactly one year earlier to the day, Wall and Finsterwald had tied for first place in the Rubber City Open at Akron. They tied off in a sudden-death playoff and Wall was the winner on the second extra hole.

Wall, who has won four tournaments and been runner-up in six others this year, never trailed in the Buick Open playoff on which \$4,400 was at stake—the difference between first prize and the runner up take of \$4,600.

SPORTS

Halimi, Becerra Get Final Warm-up

Los Angeles—UPI—Champion Alphonse Halimi of France and challenger Jose Becerra of Mexico went through their final limbering up sessions today prior to Wednesday night's international bout for the bantamweight title.

An influx of Mexican money on Becerra cut the odds from 2-1 to 10-6. But Halimi was receiving plenty of backing to retain the title he won 27 months ago in Paris.

That defense was against Raul Macias of Mexico, the friend and idol of Becerra. When Macias went down to defeat here Nov. 6, 1957, Becerra was on the same program and was so heartbroken over Macias' loss that he was an easy victim to Dwight Hawkins.

But the Mexican battler has been a terror since then. He has knocked out his last 11 opponents including Mario D'Agata, whose title Halimi lifted in Paris.

Shaw To Make First Portland Pro Appearance
Portland—A veteran of the football coaching profession who hasn't brought a team here since the days when his Santa Clara Broncos were one of the country's collegiate powers will make his first local professional appearance this year.

He is Buck Shaw, coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, who will play the Green Bay Packers at Multnomah Stadium on Aug. 29.

In a career that spans 35 years Shaw, a Notre Dame star in college has directed teams at Nevada, North Carolina State, Santa Clara, California and the Air Force academy.

For nine seasons he coached the San Francisco 49ers and compiled an enviable 71-39-4 record.

He became coach of the Eagles last year, and although his team had a disappointing 2-9-1 season he prepared the groundwork for a rebuilding job that will reap results this year.

In a trade with the Rams, Shaw acquired Norm Van Brocklin and put together the best passing attack in the Eastern division.

The game between the Packers and Eagles, featuring local quarterbacks Van Brocklin and Joe Francis, will be the first appearance here for either team.

Portland Golfer Scores Hole-in-One
Portland—UPI—Chuck Fisk of Portland scored a hole-in-one at the Columbia-Edgewater Golf club course here Monday, using a 9-iron on the 145-yard 13th hole. Witnessing the feat were Bob Donnelly, Bob Casper and Jim Chenoweth.

Rain Postpones Softball Game
Portland—UPI—The Rose Cup Invitational Softball tournament, postponed because of rain June 28, was scheduled to resume tonight at Normandale Park here, with a triple-header on tap.

Two losers' bracket teams, Sellbergs of Vancouver and Montag Oil of Portland, meet at 6:30 p.m. The two unbeaten teams, Longview Shamrocks and Mock's Mercury Motors of Corvallis meet at 8 p.m. The loser of this game will play the winner of the 6:30 contest.

Wednesday night at 7:30, the winner of the Mock's Shamrocks game will play the winner of tonight's 6:30 game for the title. If the losers' bracket team wins, another game will follow immediately to determine the title.

Jordan, Moyer Wind Up Heavy Drills For Fight

Portland—UPI—Both Welterweight Champion Don Jordan and youthful challenger Denny Moyer wind up heavy drills today in preparation for their Friday night 15-round title bout at Portland meadows.

Both fighters have been keeping a wary eye on the weather along with Promoter Tommy Moyer. The weatherman has promised fair weather for the nationally televised clash at the outdoor Portland arena.

Promoter Moyer said the fight will go on whether it rains or not. A canopy for the ring is ready for installation in case of showers, he said.

Jordan did not box Monday, but confined his work to running and bag punching. Moyer sparred four rounds with a pair of sparring partners.

Weight-in ceremonies will be held Friday morning at 10 a.m. in the Portland Boxing commission offices at the Portland auditorium.

West Linn Star Enrolls UO
Eugene—UPI—Chuck Starr, honor student and Shrine football choice from West Linn will enroll at the University of Oregon this fall.

Starr announced his choice to Duck Head Coach Ken Casanova Monday. He will compete at guard for the Metro squad in the Shrine high school all-star game in Portland next month.

Portland Sets Cage Schedule
Portland—UPI—University of Portland Monday announced a 1960-61 home-and-home basketball series with Marshall college of Huntington, W. Va. The contests will be the first between the two schools.

Al Negratti, Pilot athletic director, said Portland will play at Huntington Feb. 5 next year and the Pilots will host Marshall in a return game Jan. 27, 1961.

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