

KC Pilot Admits Differences With Owner Over Trade Policy

Lane Won't Comment on Houston Job

Kansas City, Mo. — (UPI) — Kansas City Athletics General Manager Frank Lane admitted today he has had differences of opinion with new owner Charles O. Finley, but refused to comment on a report that he may accept a similar job with the new Houston entry of the National League.

Lane reportedly is disgusted with the fact that Finley has hampered his trading technique, Finley allegedly has demanded to put a personal stamp of approval on all deals involving A's players.

Dismiss Farm Director Recently, farm director Hank Peters was let out because he signed a young prospect for \$35,000, without consulting Finley first. Three other major league clubs were also after the prospect in question, and all three said they were ready to go as high as \$50,000 for him.

"Sure, we have had some differences," Lane said. When asked if he planned to give up his present \$100,000-a-year job to become general manager at Houston, the usually outspoken 65-year-old Lane shrugged his shoulders and grinned but refused to comment.

Finley said, "If he plans to leave it's news to me."

Critical of Trade

Lane had plenty to say about the trade between the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Angels, in which the Yankees obtained relief pitcher Truman (Tex) Clever and outfielder Bob Cerv for pitchers Ryne Duren and Johnny James, infielder Leroy Thomas, and a player to be named.

"It looks to me that since the door closed in Kansas City they are opening a new one in Los Angeles," Lane said. He was referring to trades in recent years between Kansas City and New York, these trades ceasing when Finley obtained ownership last fall.

Liston To Name New Manager

Philadelphia — (UPI) — Heavyweight contender Sonny Liston will name his new manager today and if it isn't Philadelphia's dapper George Katz, most everyone will be surprised.

Pencil-thin Katz, who runs a fight factory in addition to a picture-frame plant, was regarded as the likely choice of Liston in a "clean house" move he hopes will gain him a crack at Floyd Patterson's title.

Katz, who guided Gil Turner to the doorstep of the welterweight title — or whoever wins Liston's nod — would serve more in the capacity of an agent for the 28-year-old heavyweight rather than manager.

Liston has been a free agent since April 19 when he bought his own contract from manager Joseph (Pep) Barone of Allentown, Pa., for \$75,000 in two annual installments of \$37,500.

Boxers Weight Draws Protest

Portland — (UPI) — Sonny Ray, veteran light heavyweight from Chicago, complained today that his opponent for a 10-round fight here Thursday night was too heavy.

Ray meets Floyd Palmer of Portland in the bout.

Matchmaker Matty Morrelli said Ray complained when he learned Palmer weighed 182 pounds. Morrelli added there was no danger of the bout being called off since there was no weight stipulation in the contract.

Junior Baseball Meeting at CP

A meeting to organize Southern Oregon Junior Baseball leagues for play this summer will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11 in Room 8 of Crater High school at Central Point.

Commissioner Don Miller said that all interested in entering teams in pee wee, intermediate and cub leagues should be at the meeting.

Vandals Trip Cougars 5-3

By United Press International Steve Hinckley, a right-hander, got the job done for Idaho Tuesday as the Vandals topped Washington State university 5-3 in Northern Division baseball play.

A scheduled Washington-Oregon State college game at Corvallis was rained out.

SPORTS

Braves Swap Mel Roach For Thomas

Milwaukee — (UPI) — General Manager John McHale of the Braves said today one-time bonus baby Mel Roach was traded for veteran Chicago outfielder Frank Thomas because Milwaukee "is trying to win a pennant this year and the Cubs aren't."

"We are trying to get power in left field," said McHale about the straight player swap which sent the 31-year-old Thomas into the Braves line up Tuesday night at that spot while the 28-year-old Roach played first base for Chicago.

"This fellow has a reputation and a good record," McHale said of Thomas, who in his first appearance in a Braves uniform got one hit — a double — in three times at bat and drove in one run in the Braves 8-5 win over the Cubs which ended a three-game losing streak.

"We know he's not too young anymore, but we've got a good chance to get something out of him," McHale said of Thomas. "We are trying to win a pennant and we need a leftfielder who is good with a glove and a bat to do it."

McHale said it also was a "good trade" for the Cubs, who have been using Ed Bouchee, the former Phillie, who is batting only .233 for the season up to Tuesday night.

"The Cubs are a changing club, looking for a future," said McHale. "Roach is a young man with a chance to improve."

Rain Dampens NWL Schedule

By United Press International Rain was the big winner again Tuesday night in the Northwest league with all three ball games being washed out.

Weather permitting, they'll try it again tonight with Lewiston at Salem, Wenatchee at Eugene and Tri-City at Yakima in a double-header.

It was the second night in a row all three scheduled games were rained out.

LaStarza Battered In Comeback Bid

San Francisco — (UPI) — Roland LaStarza, his handsome features battered to a pulp by a comparative unknown named Monroe Ratliff, mullied over the idea today of retiring once and for all from the ring.

Ratliff, a busy socker from Los Angeles, pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision Monday night over the game but outgained New Yorker, who was appearing in his third comeback attempt.

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Sport Parade



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New York — The pretty little teen-ager lay inert and listless in the hospital bed, shocked by the doctor's admission that she might never walk again.

If she couldn't she decided, there wasn't much use in trying. For the golf she was playing, just before she was virtually paralyzed when thrown while horseback riding, was her whole life.

Then Ben Hogan walked cheerfully into the room and she found the will to fight.

This was a year ago when Shirley Dimples Eaglehorn of Caldwell, Idaho, was confined to a hospital bed in Augusta, Ga. The 19-year-old beauty had been playing in a Ladies Professional Golf association tournament there when she was injured.

Hogan Visits Shirley

Hogan, competing in the Masters shortly thereafter, heard of her plight and unobtrusively went to visit her. "You'll be all right if you try," Bantam Ben told her. "Take it from a fellow who knows."

Hogan was living proof that you can't be licked if you won't be licked.

He had won the U.S. Open in 1948 and early the following year was driving to his Texas home from California when his car collided head-on with a bus. Ben threw himself in front of his wife and she escaped injury. Doctors doubted for a while whether Hogan, battling a blood clot, would win, let alone ever play golf again.

But in 1950 at Merion, Hogan, sometimes unable to bend over and tee up his ball, came back to win the Open again. He did it the hard way, too, in a playoff. And subsequently he went on to capture the big one twice more for a record-tying four titles which matched him with the immortal Bobby Jones and Willie Anderson of long ago.

Others Overcome Handicaps "Dimples" looked gratefully at the little man from Texas and her chin came up as he told her of such as Babe Zaharias, Ed Furgol, Gary Player and Craig Wood. They all were names she knew because they, too, overcame the great handicap to reach golfing greatness.

The Babe, one of the greatest women athletes of them all, underwent a cancer operation in 1953 and, like in Hogan's case, there was doubt that she would live. Yet, the next year she won the women's U.S. Open even though finally she lost her fight against the dread disease.

"The important thing is that she gave it a fight," Hogan told the 5 foot, 7 inch Shirley.

Just as, he explained, did Furgol, Player and Wood.

Furgol suffered a withered left arm in a childhood fall. Despite it — and because of his refusal to quit — he became one of the golfing greats and won the U.S. Open. So, too, did Wood although his back was strapped up against the pain of a fractured vertebrae.

There was, too, the example of Player. When he was fifteen he suffered a broken neck. The little South African battled through and, finding he didn't have the strength to hit with the big fellows, started a muscle building program which carried him to the top.

"Dimples" nodded and smiled — and started to fight. Maybe you didn't notice it in the summaries of the Ladies Professional Golf Association Peach Blossom tournament at Spartanburg, S. C., last week end.

Second in the list it read: Shirley Eaglehorn 72-71-72-215.

She finished three strokes behind the winner but the \$836 second money must have seemed like a million. It was the payoff on determination — and a thoughtful visit from a little man named Hogan who knows what it is to be down and almost out.

Trapshoot Will Have Night Event

A night event will be an addition when the Mail Tribune Trapshooting tournament is held on Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, at Medford Gun club.

The shoot under lights will be a 50-bird handicap and will not be registered. It is set for 8 p.m. Saturday. There will be 450 registered targets in the shoot making a 500-bird program.

Events of the shoot include the Rogue Valley hundred at 16 yards on Saturday morning, the Chester Wood handicap on Saturday afternoon, the Mail Tribune trophy event at 16 yards on Sunday morning and the Jim Morris Memorial handicap and 25 pairs of doubles on Sunday afternoon.

There are guaranteed cash prizes and \$1,600 added money in the 28th annual tournament.

There will be a 7 p.m. dinner at the club dining room on Saturday. A social hour is slated from 5 to 6 p.m.

Rain Spoils SOC Baseball Games

Rain spoiled efforts to play Southern Oregon conference baseball games yesterday at three locations.

Grants Pass high will return to play Medford either on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. or Friday at 2:30 p.m. Klamath Falls against Crater at Central Point is rescheduled for Monday afternoon, May 15.

A mid-afternoon shower washed out plans of Medford and Grants Pass to play here yesterday. Earlier rain made the Crater field too muddy for action. Klamath, unable to vie at Central Point, then arranged to make up a game at Ashland. Rain halted that fray shortly after it started.

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Dodgers Edge Phillies, 5-2, in Short Game

Philadelphia, Pa. — (UPI) — The second game Los Angeles Dodgers close out their current road trip tonight by sending Johnny Podres, 4-0, to the mound against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Podres will be opposed by Frank Sullivan, 1-2, of Burbank, Calif.

The Dodgers, who Tuesday night beat the Phils, 5-2, when a rainstorm ended

the game in the sixth inning, open a six-game home stand Friday night in the Coliseum starting with the Chicago Cubs.

Tuesday night's victory over the Phillies left the Dodgers with a 15-11 season record, one game behind the league-leading San Francisco Giants, 14-8. It also boosted big Don Drysdale's season record to 3-2.

One Dodger, hurler Ed Palmquist, was not expected to return to Los Angeles with the Dodgers. Although manager Walt Alston had not confirmed it, it was commonly believed Palmquist would be sent down today to bring the team to the 25-player limit.

Los Angeles got eight hits in the abbreviated game, two of them home runs by Norm Larker and Ron Fairly, as 11-

483 glum fans kept one eye on the game and the other on the sky.

Larker led the parade in the first inning with a sacrifice fly to score one run. Fairly touched his first homer of the season in the second.

In the third frame, catcher Johnny Roseboro made it 3-1 with a sacrifice fly. Drysdale scored in the fourth on a forceout by Willie Davis.

Larker blasted his second homer of the season in the fifth inning.

The Phils scored their first run in the second inning on a triple by Pancho Herrera and a double by Choo Choo Coleman. Their second tally came in the fifth on Coleman's walk. Ruben Amaro's single and Clay Dalrymple's forceout.



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