

Lippy Leo's Banishment Hands Rickey Three Tough Problems; Discharge Of Durocher Hinted

By JOE REICHLER
BROOKLYN, April 10 (P)—Now that some of the shock of Leo Durocher's banishment from baseball for the 1947 season by Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler has worn off, President Branch Rickey of the Brooklyn Dodgers was faced today with the task of solving swiftly three enormous problems.

First, Rickey must name a manager to succeed the exiled Durocher for the impending season which gets under way just five days from now.

Second, the Dodgers' Mahatma must make up his mind whether to retain or discharge Leo when the suspension is lifted at the end of the playing season, September 28.

Third, Rickey has only five more days to make good on his winter statement that "a decision on Jackie Robinson will be made on or before the opening day of the National League season."

The first problem is probably the least difficult for the solemn-faced Brooklyn head to solve. Although Rickey said he was not yet ready to name a pilot to succeed Durocher, it was generally believed the assignment would go to either Coach Ray Blades or Scout John (Pepper) Martin, the one-time wild horse of the Osage who starred for the St. Louis Cardinals' gas-house gang a dozen years ago. Both previously had worked under Rickey as managers, Blades at St. Louis and Martin at Sacramento, a Cardinal farm.

Dixie Walker, often mentioned in connection with the Brooklyn managerial post, was ruled out by Rickey. "Walker never has been considered in a managerial capacity," he said.

Although Durocher did not say there was strong belief that the subdued firebrand of the diamond would shift into radio and the movies. The 41-year-old partly-bald Leo has had quite a bit of experience on the radio, having recently completed a 20-week 15-minute program on the network. He also has guest-starred on numerous occasions.

The news of his exile, which was telephoned to Rickey by Chandler from the commissioner's office in Cincinnati, broke up an important meeting of the Brooklyn board of strategy which had been called by Rickey to decide the fate of Robinson, the star negro infielder with Montreal.

Boxing Cream Discovered In Far West

BOSTON, April 10 (P)—The cream of the crop of the nation's amateur boxers, judging by the results of the 59th national AAU championship—the most successful in its history—today appeared to be located in the mid and far west.

Taking over when the highly favored Hawaiian glove-swinging forces faltered with titles at stake, the Cincinnati and California teams shared domination by collecting two individual championships each last night while a total of eight were being decided before a capacity crowd of 13,371 at the Boston Garden.

And the other four titles were won by capable and durable representatives of Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Denver.

Amateur Grunt, Groan Artists Set For Tilts

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10 (P)—Top amateur grapplers limbered up today for the senior AAU national wrestling championships here tomorrow and Saturday.

Wrestling Commissioner Bill Quayle, who is far western 191-pound champion, predicted strong competition for the New York Athletic club, defending team champion.

He said leading contenders included Tacoma, Wash., YMCA (undefeated this year); Washington State college and Multnomah Athletic club, Portland, Ore.

FIGHTS
By The Associated Press
ZANESVILLE, O.—Sammy Angott, 145, Washington, Pa., knocked out Cal Elphante, 145, Brooklyn, 3.

OAKLAND, Calif.—Carlos Chavez, 128½, Los Angeles, TKO Roscoe Scally, 134½, Los Angeles, 7.

H. Truman Limbering Up Pitching Arm For Opening Toss In Majors April 14; No "Bean Bag Stuff" From This Prexy

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON, April 10 (P)—The first ball thrown this baseball season probably will be the best presidential pitch since the days of William Howard Taft.

The pitcher, of course, will be H. Truman, a well known left-hander.

There has been no official announcement. But Mr. Truman has promised that—barring complications—he will drop around April 14 for the opening game between the Washington Senators and the New York Yankees.

Since the president looked very good last year in his first try in the majors, he doubtless will look even better this April. And that will be very good indeed.

The authority for this is Morris A. Bealle, the town's No. 1 fan and author of the just-published "The Washington Senators."

In his book Bealle says it was Taft who started this presidential habit of throwing the first ball. Taft threw a high, hard one. But look at those who followed him: Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt.

Grumbles Bealle: "They all used the bean bag stance of a bloomer girl debutante."

But Truman, how refreshing, different. "No bean bag stuff," says Bealle admiringly. "His follow-through was perfect."

Oddly, that first presidential toss, by Taft in 1910, started one of the finest opening games in baseball history.

The late Walter Johnson was on the mound for the Senators, and he turned back the Philadelphia Athletics, 3-0.

There was at least one unusual play. Frank Baker, the home run king, connected with one of Johnson's pitches for what looked like an easy fly to right field.

But the crowd was large, and just outside the ropes sat a typically stubborn Washington character.

The outfielder went back for the fly. The character didn't budge.

The outfielder tripped over the character's feet. The ball flopped down safely a few feet away.

It was the only hit off the great Walter Johnson that day.

SPORTS

Pete And George To Try Again



Here is Pete Belcastro doing his durndest to force Georges Dusetto to give up in their fight at the armory last week. This week they'll both try again in a fight-to-finish main event for the honor of battling Billy Weidner for the junior light heavy crown. In the semi-windup Weidner will match holds with Buck Weaver while Herb Parkes will open the evening's fun with Benny Trudel.

Ducks, Padres Top 'Em All ...

Extra Innings Rule In Coast Ball Play

By The Associated Press
Extra inning games were the rule in yesterday's Pacific Coast league baseball competition but Portland and San Diego topped them all in the southern city.

The Padres and the Beavers from Oregon fought it out for 13 innings, giving up in a 4 to 4 tie only because of the league's curfew law. San Diego scored in the first, Portland tied it in the second inning, but the Padres went ahead, 2 to 1, in their half, with Portland tying it again in the third.

The Beavers on Bill Padulovich's triple, Danny Escobar's single, a single, a walk and Duane Crawford's single, took a 2-run lead for the moment in the fifth but in their half San Diego came through with two more runs when Jim McDonnell walked, moved to third on a fielder's choice and a wild pitch and scored on Dain Clay's single, after which Clay stole second and scored on Johnny Barrett's single.

That made it 4 to 4 and there they stayed for the rest of the battle which left San Diego leading the league with seven wins and a single loss.

The defending champion San Francisco Seals lost a 10-inning struggle with Hollywood, 7 to 4, when the Stars rose up and smacked the titleholder for three runs in the tenth. Pitcher Larry Powell was the victim of the Hollywood uprising. The Stars' leftfielder, Andy Skurski, and moundsman Clint Hufford hit and pitched Hollywood to the victory.

There was another 10-inning contest in Los Angeles in which Oakland finally squeezed past the Angels, 4 to 3. Les Scarsella's single and Bill Hart's double produced the Oaks' winning run after they had tied it up in the ninth when Pinch Hitter Glenn Crawford singled, went to third on infield outs and scored on Brooks Holder's single.

Oakland had played and lost four extra innings games earlier this season.

In the only regulation-length game Sacramento rushed away with a 6-run first inning blast to take the measure of Seattle 7 to 4. Hugh Orphan, pitching his way with that top-heavy lead, outlasted three Seattle pitchers for the victory, although the Rainiers outthrew Sacramento, 11 to 10.

What happened in the first was this: Mike Schemer walked, Steve Mesner singled, Joe Marty doubled, Tommy Nelson doubled, Ed Fitzgerald was hit by the pitcher, Alex Kampouris walked, Orphan singled and Bill Ramsey and Schemer walked.

A triple by Lou Novikoff, along with singles by Edo Vanni, Johnny Sturm and Hillis Layne gave Seattle three runs in the third after two were out.

16-Yard Targets

Grant Damon	25	50
Sally Damon	44	44
L. C. Franklin	41	41
G. C. Palmer	20	41
Ralph Bell	32	28
Lowell Ramsey	28	28
Frank Hash	25	25
Leon Farris	24	24

13-2 VICTORY
WALLA WALLA, April 10 (P)—The Tacoma Tigers romped to a 13-2 victory over a Walla Walla semi-pro nine yesterday with Dick Greco contributing a triple and double to the victors' hit parade.

Cheese-eating by U. S. civilians has reached the highest point in history.

Bluejackets Cougars Stand Even At 1-1

LEWISTON, Ida., April 10 (P)—Bremerton's Bluejackets and the Washington State Cougars stood even at a game each today, the professional nine eking out an 8-7 win yesterday despite loose fielding by a rookie infield.

Bremerton massed all its talents in the first four innings with Joe Sullivan shutting out the collegians during his five-inning tour. His successor, Wally Prosser, was the victim of a six-run uprising in the seventh when two infield errors allowed five unearned runs.

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Red Bluff Roundup April 19

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The prize list for this year's contest has been increased \$4000. Stover added, and top riders and ropers throughout the west have indicated they will be on hand at Red Bluff to compete for the biggest purse ever offered at a two-day show.

The citizens of Red Bluff will again be hosts to northern California at a free street dance on Saturday night, April 19, and preparations are being made to entertain the largest crowd on record.

Prizes in the racing events have also been increased and a special quarter horse race has been added to this year's card.

Klamath Students Named To Oregon Federation Board

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 10 (Special)—The announcement of Oregon Federation chairmen and committee members for the University of Oregon was made on the campus this week by Harry Glickman, Portland, federation director.

Klamath Falls representatives in the federation public relations project are, chairman, David O. Henthorne, a freshman majoring in physical education and the son of Mrs. Harold Franey, 720 Mt. Whitney; other committee members are Sally Orr Mueller, freshman in languages and daughter of Mrs. Helen Mueller, 219 N. 9th street; Foster L. Thornton, freshman in architecture and son of Mr. and Mrs. Foster D. Thornton, 1801 Worden street; and Marvin Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin K. Lucas, 237 Pacific Terrace.

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Greene Philosophizes On Lack Of Title Contenders

PATERSON, N. J., April 10 (P)—The National Boxing association today released its regular quarterly ratings in which Abe J. Greene, NBA president, discoursed in his usual philosophical vein on the decided absence of logical contenders for Joe Louis' heavyweight title.

Greene made it clear that the category of "logical contenders" for Louis' crown was still vacant and then listed Jersey Joe Walcott of Camden as still on top of the heap of outstanding boxers.

One major change listed was the moving of Johnny Bratton of Chicago ahead of Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia for the right to crack at Ike Williams' NBA title. Montgomery is the New York-Pennsylvania recognized champion. Williams will be required to defend his crown early this summer after one or two warmup bouts, Greene proclaimed. Williams has been granted a brief extension of his title defense.

Retriever Club To Hold Trials Here Sunday

An unsanctioned trial run at field trials will be held by the Shasta-Cascade Retriever club Sunday, April 13, with the water trials scheduled for Dick Morgan's place near Keno and the land trials set for a field near the city dog pound.

This was decided by the club at its Monday night meeting in the circuit court room which nearly 40 persons attended.

The Sunday trials will start at noon with all entrants asked to bring their dogs on leash at 11 a.m. Entry fee is \$1.50 and any retriever in this territory is welcome to compete—member or not. Pigeons for the event are being brought from Medford by a club member, Jack Hales.

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