

# Browns Fire Farm Boss

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 1 (AP)—The boss of the San Antonio Baseball club said last night the parent St. Louis Browns had fired him.

The American League club owns San Antonio's franchise in the Texas league.

William R. (Billy) Byrd, San Antonio vice president and general manager, told the San Antonio Express the St. Louis club believed it was getting "a short count" at the gate. He denied any irregularities and said he asked the Browns for proof. He said proof was never produced.

Browns officials could not be reached last night for comment.

Byrd said Jack Fournier, chief scout of the Browns ordered him to fire his entire office staff, ticket sellers, and takers.

He told the Express he asked Fournier "for proof before I'd fire anyone."

"They had real detectives working trying to uncover something. Then the St. Louis accountant, Malcolm Wilde, came down in August and made a complete audit of our tickets and books. If they found anything wrong, they didn't let me know about it," Byrd told the Express.

# Novak Golf Head

SOUTHERN PINES, N. C., Dec. 1 (AP)—Apparently one big, happy family, the Professional Golfers' association of America today turned its attention to the teaching and educational phase of the game as its annual meeting neared its end.

The differences of opinion in evidence during earlier sessions were laid aside as the group patted itself on the back for yesterday's well done job—that of selecting a slate of officers highly endorsed in most quarters.

Veteran Los Angeles Professional Joe Novak remains as president for a second term, working with a new secretary and treasurer.

Horton Smith of Detroit, veteran tournament and international star, became secretary and Harry Moffitt of Toledo treasurer.

All three were highly popular choices.

# Whitman Chooses Co-Captains

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 1 (AP)—Whitman college will have co-captains for the 1950 football season. Quarterback Cal Boyes of Monroe and Center Ed McGovern from Roslyn were elected last night at the annual football squad dinner.

Jim Aiken, University of Oregon football coach, was principal speaker.

# Furnish Leaders

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (AP)—Wichita Falls has furnished the University of Texas a football co-captain for three straight years. This season it was Bill Pyle; in 1948 it was All-America Dick Harris and in 1947 it was Max Bumgardner. Joe Parker, tri-captain in 1943, also was from Wichita Falls.

# Tops Century

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Dana X. Bible, University of Texas athletic director, is a member of the Sports Trail Century club, an organization which honors coaches who have won a hundred or more victories. Bible, in 34 years of coaching, won 209 games, lost 64 and tied 19.

# BASEBALL

New York—Pitcher Don Newcombe of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Outfielder Roy Sievers of the St. Louis Browns were named the outstanding rookies of the 1949 baseball season by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

# Joe, Pat Mix in Exhibition

CHICAGO, Dec. 1 (AP)—Joe Louis boxed several rounds with two sparring partners yesterday in his opening drill for a 10-round, no decision bout with Pat Valentino in the Chicago Stadium Wednesday.

Both Louis, the retired heavyweight champion, and Valentino are training in the same gym.

The International Boxing club announced that Johnny Holma, of Chicago, had signed to meet Willie Bean of Los Angeles, for an eight-round semi-windup to the Louis-Valentino bout.

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# COCHRAN, MILLER SIGN WITH A'S

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1 (AP)—It'll be like old home week around Shibe park next spring with Mickey Cochrane, Jimmy Dykes and Bing Miller whooping it up as they did in the Philadelphia Athletics' championship days 20 years ago.

The triumvirate was completed yesterday when the Athletics announced the signing of Cochrane and Miller as coaches to replace the dismissed Al Simmons and Earl Brucker. Dykes was with the club last season as coach.

The signing of Miller, for the last eight years coach of the Chicago White Sox, was expected. But the signing of Cochrane came almost as a complete surprise.

Cochrane has been out of the major league picture since August, 1938, when he was released as manager of the Detroit Tigers after winning two American league pennants and one world championship in five years.

Connie Mack Jr., youngest of Connie Mack's three sons, had no more than announced Cochrane's return to the A's before rumors started flying as to the direction of the club when the 86-year old Mack retires as manager.

The grand old man of baseball is expected to step down after next season—his 90th at the helm of the Athletics. He has said several times that his second son, Earle, will become manager.

But there were many who saw in the signing of Cochrane an eventual change in either the club's front office or field setup.

# FOOTBALL

# Basketball Deadline December 10

The deadline for entering a team in the city basketball league which gets underway the second week in January is December 10, League President Sam Neslin emphasized today.

Sponsors or managers can notify either Neslin or Sam Smith, city recreation head and secretary-treasurer of the loop.

Plans are almost finished now for splitting play into two leagues, thus making for closer competition. It is expected two six team loops will be formed, one an "A" league, the other "B."

A Winchester pump shotgun will be given away free on the opening league night, Neslin said.

Worcester, Mass. — Tommy Bell, 152, Youngstown, O., outpointed Hurley Sanders, 151½, Newark, N. J., 10.

# College Basketball

Villanova 74, Arnold 49  
Canisius 63, Gannon (Pa.) 44  
Colgate 78, St. Lawrence 52  
Niagara 62, Lawrence Tech 43  
Indiana State 84, Huntington 52

# Strange Will Manage Spokane

SPOKANE, Dec. 1 (AP)—Alan Strange, former big-leaguer and star with the Seattle Rainiers, will manage the Spokane Indians of the Western International baseball league in 1950.

The announcement of Strange's appointment came today from Roy Hotchkiss, co-owner of the Spokane club.

# Keeps Busy

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Bob Carey, Michigan State's highly-touted sophomore end, finds no rest during the off-season. Basketball during the winter and track in the spring keep the six foot, four inch, 210-pounder occupied.

# Dusette, Davidson Drub Bartu, Atlas; Georges Scares Adonis

In a wild slugging match that had the crowd screaming last night at the armory, Buck Davidson and Georges Dusette teamed up to whip The Great Atlas and Pete Bartu in a tag team match.

The Great Atlas drew the wrath of the crowd as he spent his time running from Dusette and turning the grappling job over to Bartu.

As a consequence, Bartu was the scapegoat. Davidson scored the last two falls over Bartu with the painful surfboard, the first in 1:30, the second in 8:05.

The Great Atlas, a little more confident against Davidson, trapped Buck in the first fall to apply the full Nelson for the opening fall.

The time of the first fall was 20:15.

The real show came after Referee Paavo Katonen hoisted Davidson and Dusette's arms in victory.

The popular pair ganged up on the disdainful Atlas and took turns buffeting him about the jaws. The crowd loved it and again are demanding a single match between Dusette and The Great Atlas.

The New York strongman told a Herald and News reporter in the dressing room after the bout that he'd "put up any amount of money" and take Dusette on in a winner-take-all match.

# Heft Bothers Ike Williams

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30 (AP)—Champion Ike Williams will return to his Pompton Lakes, N. J., training camp today following a Pennsylvania state athletic commission checkup and workout in preparation for his lightweight title bout with Freddie Dawson.

Unlike the Trenton, N. J., fighter, the Chicago challenger said he plans to remain in Philadelphia and finish off his training for next Monday night's bout. Dawson also will go through a public workout after the physical checkup.

Williams' camp reports the champion is having trouble in getting down to the 135-pound limit. That is why the champion has decided to go back to New Jersey and continue his heavy training schedule.

Williams weighed 140 when he defeated French Welterweight Jean Walsak in a 10-round bout November 14, his most recent start.

Dusette wants to meet the well-muscled egotist—but bad. Mack Lillard will attempt to arrange the match.

George Strickland, young blonde wrestler hailing from Ohio by way of Denver, made a big hit with the fans in the opener.

Strickland was the target for Paavo Katonen's abuses but finally won the match on a foul after each gained a fall.

Buck Davidson, referee, raised Strickland's arm after repeatedly warning the Finn to stop using the ropes in dealing out his sadistic treatment.

Katonen won the first fall in 20:40 with the hanaman's hold. Strickland won the second with a vicious stomping wrist lock.

The end came 7 minutes, 5 seconds later when Katonen stomped on Strickland's arm after placing it across the lower strand of rope.

Strickland used the head scissors effectively, applying the squeezer from any position. He'll probably show here again.

# Coast Hockey

San Francisco 4, San Diego 1  
Portland 6, Seattle 0  
New Westminster 3, Fresno 3  
Los Angeles 11, Oakland 2

# Fight Tickets Available

There will be plenty of general admission duets on sale at the armory doors Friday night, Promoter Mack Lillard announced today.

The general admission sale will start about 7:15 p. m. Although the advance sale has been good, there will still be seats available the night of the fight.

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