

Cardinal-Yankee Trade Stresses Waiver Abuse

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NEW YORK (NEA)—There is little or no sentiment in baseball. It's a hard game.

But that picture of Enos Slaughter crying when advised that he had been traded to the Yankees isn't going to do the business any good.

Country Slaughter was kicked upstairs, but that didn't make the most typical of the Cardinals feel any better about it. After 10 years in the St. Louis Nationals' organization, he never entered Slaughter's head that he would ever play for anybody else. Vic Raschi felt the same way when told he was making the switch the opposite way.

The Slaughter and Raschi transactions not only shocked the principals. They stunned the baseball public, who expected these faithful performers to close out their careers in the livery in which they broke in.

The Cardinals wouldn't let us have him," said the brass. "Certainly we could not have closed such a deal as the Yankees made (Slaughter for four minor leaguers)."

Bob Carpenter of the Phillies, who require an outfielder like Abbott needs Costello, pointed out that Slaughter's best years were behind him.

"Slaughter didn't fit into our plans," asserted John Quinn of the Braves.

While the Slaughter barter was being announced, baseball pundits were pointing out that a giant weakness was the lack of an accredited left-hand pinch-hitter.

"We wouldn't have taken him if we had the chance," declared the White Sox' Frank Lane, while attempting to sell Chicago fans the idea that Willard Marshall is a "big" outfielder.

There's one for the book or something—Slaughter not capable enough for the Phillies. Braves, Giants and White Sox, but plenty good enough for the world champions.

The other clubs have been slow in getting help to the Yankees' winning formula, in which National League castoffs have figured for five consecutive all-conquering years.

Johnny Hopp in '50 and Johnny Sain in '51. Two more pitchers—Ewell Blackwell and Johnny Schmitz—failed to be of help, but General Manager George Weiss wasn't sitting still.

Slaughter is 38, but batted .291 and drove in 59 runs in 143 games last season. And the last time we looked the foremost hustler in the game was scooting over ground as rapidly as ever.

His acquisition gives the Yankees further outfield and pinch-hitting protection and opens the gate to further trades.

"Slaughter will be a great help to the Yankees," said Branch Rickey of the Pirates.

"I'm glad to see him out of the league," asserted Vice-President Buzzy Bavasi of the Dodgers. "He hurt us plenty last season."

It's difficult to understand the thinking of baseball owners and officials, who waive a star and name out of the league just so he won't be around to hurt them. You'd think they'd want the league strong and well balanced and the more attractions the better.

Attendance has fallen off for other reasons than television and the magnates aren't checking the decline by repeatedly demonstrating that baseball is a game without a conscience.

Minor League Baseball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
TEXAS LEAGUE
Fort Worth 7, Beaumont 8
Dallas 2, Shreveport 1
Other games postponed.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION
Memphis 6, Mobile 7
New Orleans 10, Little Rock 2
Other games postponed.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
All games postponed.

Gaulocher, Dickenson In Golf Lead

PORTLAND (AP)—A aggregate score of 144 Friday gave the second annual Northwest President-Pro golf tournament title to Olympia's Leo Gaulocher and Hunter Dickinson.

A Pendleton, Ore., duo, Dave Hamley-Harold West, was second with 145.

Other top finishers included: Les Brainard - Ray Honsberger, Seattle, 146; Robert DeArmond - Bunny Mason, Salem, 151; Jim Baron-Ray Moe, Spokane, 154; Fred Langsten-Ken Omild, Cottage Grove, Ore., 155.



ENOS SLAUGHTER
... preferred to stay

White Sox After Gus Zernial

CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago White Sox, lacking a power hitter, reportedly are ready to offer the Philadelphia Athletics \$150,000 for Gus Zernial, their home-run hitting outfielder, and formerly with the Sox.

The Chicago Tribune's baseball writer, Edward Burns, said in a story from Cleveland Saturday that Frank Lane, Sox general manager, may complete the deal over the weekend. He said Lane was in Boston to see Athletics officials.

The A's play the Red Sox in Boston Saturday while the Sox meet the Indians in Cleveland.

However, in Boston, Eddie Joost, manager of the Athletics, said "I haven't heard anything about an offer from the White Sox for Zernial."

In Philadelphia, Roy Mack, the Athletics executive vice president, said Lane has been trying to get Zernial for some time. But he added the Athletics are looking for another outfielder and is not interested in getting rid of one.

Pel Netters Drop Meet To Medford

Medford's tennis team turned in a 6-1 decision over the KU Pelicans Thursday on the Tornados' home court.

Denny Todd, Klamath's number one man, was the only Pel to win a match during the afternoon's action. He whipped Jerry Kalapus, 6-2 and 6-4.

Kalapus' twin brother, Stan, beat Klamath's Elvis Mitchell, 6-0 and 6-2.

The Pels next meet will be Friday, April 23, against the Grants Pass Cavemen on the Moore Park tennis courts.

Results:
SINGLES
Denny Todd KF, beat Jerry Kalapus M, 6-3, 6-4.
Stan Kalapus M, beat Elvis Mitchell KF, 6-0, 6-2.
Don West M, beat Bill Bechen KF, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.
Don Robinson M, beat Mike Hayden KF, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.
Wayne Colse M, beat Gearld Flochini KF, 6-2, 6-3.

DOUBLES
J. Kalapus and S. Kalapus M, beat Todd and Hayden KF, 9-7, 6-2.
West and Robinson M, beat Bechen and Mitchell KF, 6-4, 6-2.

EXHIBITION
Stan Culey M, beat Don Finney KF, 6-4, 6-1.

SAVING FISH
PHOENIX (AP)—When a lake is bound by ice too long, and the snow cover blocks the light from aquatic plants, fish die from oxygen starvation.

Arizona Fish Chief Jack Hemphill says an experiment his crews tried on Big Lake might save some fish. A plastic pipe was laid in the lake last fall, and when the oxygen level resurged a dangerous low, compressed air was pumped into the perforated pipe.

The air not only aerated water for hundreds of feet on either side, but it formed convection currents, sending the warmer bottom water upwards. It thawed a wide channel in the ice.

Lewiston Welcomes Veterans

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series on prospects of teams in the Western International Baseball League, written for The Associated Press by sportswriters who follow the teams throughout the season).

By CHARLIE BOREN

Lewiston Tribune Sports Editor LEWISTON (AP)—Take a good Class A baseball team, subtract a pitcher-manager who won 22 games last year, and you have Lewiston of the Western International League.

The Broncos posted the best win-loss record for the 1953 season among the ten teams in the circuit. But they couldn't parlay that ability into a No. 1 spot in either half of the split season.

This year it may be more difficult for Lewiston to nail down even half a pennant. The big difference might be the loss of Bill Brenner, the general manager who chipped in 22 mound decisions. He has moved to Vancouver.

Larry Barton, first baseman with the 1953 Broncos who shouldered a playing manager's burdens this year, can't complain about his present club except for a lack of front-line choppers and a puzzle at third base.

Offsetting those problems are the return of regulars at six positions (not counting pitchers) and the bright hope that stout-hearted John Marshall will continue or better his 21-game winning record.

Barton also should be cheered by the fact he can count on having five long-ball hitters in his regular lineup and every one of his opening night starters probably will be veterans with lots of savvy behind them.

Right now Marshall is one of only two pitchers in Lewiston's 1954 spring camp with "demonstrated" ability. The other is Don Tinsner, who, composed a 13-7 mark with Edmonton last season.

RELIEF HURLER
Dean Kline, who appeared with Lewiston toward the end of the last campaign, was good enough to manage a 6-2 record and Dick Derganc looms as a top-notch reliever. He won 11 victories in relief without a defeat while helping Pocatello—managed by Barton—to the 1950 Pioneer League pennant.

Baltimore of the American League, which has a working agreement with the Broncos, chipped in with Gordy Tench, Merl Kinsey, Leland Smith and Jack Martin. Martin, Derganc and Kinsey are left handers.

At third base, filled last season by Kenney (The Arm) Richardson who moved with Brenner, Barton is trying Arlie Wilson and Nick Cannuli. Wilson, heavy-hitting outfielder here in the last two campaigns, moved in to play shortstop last year after Nick Cannuli left the club, and again after Buddy Hjelmman injured an elbow.

RE-INJURED
Hjelmman re-injured his flipper during an exhibition game. Were Barton sure how he'll respond to treatment, he could forget about third. Hjelmman also can play any other infield position.

Baltimore did the Broncos a big favor when it returned fleet-footed Al Heist, centerfielder, whose option was picked up after last season. The Orioles also came up with Jose Bache, whose reputation is enough to convince Barton the Mexican will fill the bill at short. He hit .325 in the class B Gulf Coast loop with Laredo in 1953 and formerly played in the WIL with Tacoma, when it had a franchise.

REGULARS
Two 1953 regulars will do the catching—Clint Cameron, a .305 swinger last year, and Eg Garay, capable reserve. Both can play outfield, too. Barton will be back on first, with hunky Bob Williams relieving him as well as playing with the last edition of the Broncos. But then, as now, his high school coaching job doesn't permit him to play the full season.

B. J. Rice, out of baseball a last year, seems ready at second and if the going is rough Lewiston can rely on Glen Tuckett, who had the 1953 job but is a late reporter because of a Utah school position.

In the outfield, Mel Wasley will be back at left and Don Cameron, another Baltimore property, probably will start at right. Backing them up are Willie Tassby and Russell Rosburg, both on option from Baltimore. Rosburg has been the most powerful hitter in spring camp and is a clean-up prospect.

Five of the fielders bat left—the two Camerons, Barton, Wasley and Williams.

TIME OUT



"Don't ask him to teach you how to play tennis—all he'll do is teach you how to play tennis!"

Oregon Fishing Fair-Good

According to the Oregon State Game Commission, fishing throughout the state will be fair to good, depending upon the location.

On April 15, last Thursday, the Umpqua spring chinook salmon season opened for the year.

Conditions and locations are: Northeast—on the Sandy river most of the fishing activities have been located at the mouth where success has been fair to good on chinook. Some steelhead are being taken further upstream, and fishing has been fair. A few bright steelhead are being caught. The water is clear. There is no sign of any smelt. Spring chinook angling in both the upper and lower Willamette river has been improving.

The water has been clearing, and if the weather remains fair, it should continue to do so. Some good catches have been made in the main Columbia. Prospects for the coming week end are very good.

Southwest—Striped bass fishing at Coos Bay is fair. Some good catches of bottom fish are being taken at Charleston and at Winchester Bay jetties. Perch and catfish angling has been slow at Tenmile lakes. The lower Umpqua river is muddy. The spring chinook salmon season opened on the Umpqua river April 15. Many fish have been observed throughout the river so prospects should be fair if water conditions are settled. At present, the north Umpqua is cloudy, and most of the other streams are quite turbid. The bag limit permits only one fish in any seven consecutive days. On the lower Rogue river salmon fishing is good with many limit catches being taken.

Central—Steelhead fishing on Hood river was fair over the weekend with some bright fish being taken. The river is high now but should be down by the week end if the weather remains fair. Sturgeon fishing is fair. Good catches of perch and crappies are being taken from the sloughs along the Columbia river. Steelhead and chinook angling below Bonneville dam and Celilo falls has been slow.

Northeast—Most streams in northeastern Oregon, including the Grande Ronde, Willowa, and Imnaha rivers, have raised and are muddy due to recent rains. However, if waters clear up, steelhead fishing should be good this weekend. Pine creek and Powder river are not too high, and fishing remains very good. The closure on the lower Umatilla river is still in effect, but fishing in the Columbia river below McNary continues to be good to excellent.

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Padres Stop Beavers

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He's still throwing the same knuckler and slider that he used with such devastating effect last season, when he won 23 games and lost 20, but Tony Ponce, workhorse of the San Francisco pitching staff, isn't winning games this year.

Tony came up to the Seals late last season after burning up the California League, and at 32 he was the Pacific Coast League's most sensational rookie.

But this year Ponce has lost his first two starts. He gave Los Angeles only three hits Friday night but two walks, an error and a pinch single by Max West in the eighth inning scored two runs and made Los Angeles a 2-0 winner. San Francisco got seven hits off Cal McElish and Ponce had the edge in all the statistics except the run column—the one that counts.

SECOND
Oakland moved into a second place tie by tripping up Hollywood again, 8-1. The Oaks teed off on starter Rog Bowman, drove him out, and kept up the attack against his successors. While Jim Atkins was holding the Stars to four hits, Oakland was pounding out 17.

Sacramento, although consigned to last place by the critics before the season started, apparently didn't read the notices. The Sacs whipped Seattle again Friday night, 10-9. It was the fifth straight for the Solons and they had to fight an uphill battle, scoring three runs in the eighth as Bob Dillinger and Hank Schenz hit consecutive triples to highlight the rally. The win boosted Sacramento into a tie for second with Oakland and shoved Seattle into second division.

FOG
The fog was so thick in San Diego that the umpires finally were forced to call the game after five innings, but Buddy Peterson, Padre shortstop, and Harry Elliott, outfielder, were able to see the ball well enough to help pound out a 10-1 decision over league-leading Portland. They got three hits apiece and Jack Merson poked a homer with two on in the San Diego cause.

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N. Y. Golf Writers Find Billy Joe Patton Colorful

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—This section's golf writers, returning from the Masters Tournament at Augusta, are not talking so much about the Snead-Bogan playoff as they are about Billy Joe Patton, the long-driving amateur who came from nowhere to lead the classic field at the end of two rounds.

They swear that if Patton were in baseball he would be voted the most colorful personality since Dizzy Dean without an argument. Veterans of many years of following the great players, they still seem amazed that a man could shoot the brand of golf Patton did for four rounds, in such company, and enjoy himself so thoroughly while doing it.

Greatest tribute paid to the weekend golfer came from Hogan. The man generally recognized as the world's greatest linkman said he took a six on the 11th hole of his final round and fell into a tie with Snead because he was worrying about what Patton was doing ahead of him and so went too boldly for the hole instead of playing it safe.

With a bright new baseball season at hand, wouldn't it be time for the radio and TV commentators to cease being coy and tell their audience right out when a pitcher is working on a no-hitter?

This particular segment of their audience, though thoroughly familiar with the old superstition that you can jinx a pitcher by mentioning the fact that he is trying with immortality, finds it a little trying to tune in a game in the third inning and not discover until the sixth what's been going on.

While admiring Paddy DeMarco's raw courage, one is moved to question the wisdom of the new lightweight champion in signing up, bang, for a return bout with Jimmy Carter June 2 without having first made himself a few spending dollars against soft-

touches in the 135-pound division. When he lost his gem to DeMarco on March 5 in the garden, Jimmy only carried his right fist around like a hammer and threatened to hit Paddy with it until all of a sudden he found he had run out of rounds. The feeling is strong in local boxing circles that when they next meet in San Francisco the 30-year-old Negro will hit Paddy with both hands.

Most of our adult life we have waited expectantly for the time when we would see an outfielder, racing for a game-deciding fly, stumble over a glove left out there by one of his opponents and fall flat on his face. Always wondering what would happen then, especially if it occurred in an important game. A free-for-all fight, at least.

Now we'll never know, for a new rule passed during the winter over the strong objections of the American League forces the players to take their gloves along with them when they go to bat.

ORIOLES COME HOME TO ROOST—Watching a parade is one thing but when the parades started throwing away baseballs the kids couldn't be held in check. They break through and mob players Ed Waitkus, Bob Young and Gil Coan in the first car, who seem to enjoy it thoroughly. The parade was celebrating major league baseball's return to Baltimore after 52 years. The Orioles opened their home game against the Chicago White Sox.

BOWLER HAS 15TH BIRTHDAY
CLEVELAND (AP)—Joe Mraz, Cleveland Bowling Assn. secretary, celebrated her 75th birthday and was feted by her four bowling companions. Peg Parker has been bowling with Jo for 20 years. Maxine Oliver has been in the group 10 years. Wilma Fardy and Sophie McCann joined 7 years ago. Mrs. Mraz has been bowling for 37 years.

STENGEL HELPS ROOKIES
NEW YORK (AP)—Manager Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees was talking about the rookie camp he supervised in Florida this spring.

"Our preliminary camps have been so successful because competent specialists instruct in definite fields," says the only pilot to lead a team to five straight American League pennants.

"Do you know what appeals to most boys? Being shown how to avoid being suckered by the veterans. I showed the kids in our advance camp 24 ways to stop being suckers. What are the 24? I refuse to give out this information. It's very valuable."

"I already have spilled too much of my system for other clubs to pick up."

NATIONAL REGATTA
RED BANK, N.J.—The National Sweepstakes Regatta, one of the country's big three speedboat races, will be held on the Navesink River after all. A few weeks ago the regatta was about to be abandoned. Now it has been set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11 and 12.

Red Bank first held a regatta in 1926. It attracted local craft and cruisers. In 1927 big speedboat drivers participated. In 1929 Gold Cup boats began entering the regatta and in 1930 the Sweepstakes Trophy was put up as top prize. Honors last year went to Guy Lombardo and B. G. Bartley of Pittsburgh.

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