

# Minor Leagues Say Majors Bring Trouble

Editor's note: Minor league baseball faces problems that threaten to close many parks. Already this year 10 cities have had to suspend operations. The United Press has asked minor league presidents whose cities were involved to tell what was wrong. In this two-part series beginning today, they discuss first their basic problems and second their ideas for solving them.

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Minor league baseball is in trouble as never before, and the majors are to blame for it. That is the feeling of minor league presidents, whose cities were involved in the 10 franchise fold-ups that have occurred already this season. They feel the worst is yet to come unless there is help from the majors.

The principal complaint is that the majors' attitude toward minor league territory with radio and in some television broadcasts. The second "beef" is that the majors no longer are willing to supply financial aid by developing players through minor league farm systems, but instead are spending money recruiting high-priced bonus babies.

ONCE A LIVELY Emmet Peace, president of the Kentucky League at Hopkinsville, Ky., declared that "not even the commissioner of baseball cares what happens to us."

"Does Ford Frick look at what television and radio has done to the minors?" asked Peace. "Maddisonville, Ky., which had to give up this year in our league, has a beautiful park and adequate parking facilities. But the air was saturated with television and radio. I know the big league announcers tell the people to go out and support their local club, but who has the enthusiasm to watch a Kitley game after listening to the glamour they spread around?"

## Doubles Play Features Top Seeded Bouts

CHESTNUT HILLS, Mass. (UP)—Top-seeded tandems, all but three of which survived early play in the 75th national tennis doubles championships, turned to toppling each other today.

With only two seeded teams knocked out in actual play, and the other "benched" in a ruckus-rising Davis Cup maneuver, seeded entries comprise the bulk of the remaining field. Of 29 teams surviving in the men's and women's doubles divisions, 16 were seeded.

The situation promised to step up the tempo of the tournament, somewhat sluggish through its first two days at the Longwood Cricket Club.

Attention Tuesday, in fact, centered a large part of the time on non-tourney play involving Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, big guns on the U. S. Davis Cup team that will defend its crown against a determined Australian aggregation at Forest Hills, N.Y., Aug. 26-28.

Trabert and Seixas, top two tennis players in the nation and top-seeded in this tourney, won their match Tuesday by default, so got in practice rounds with Jack Kramer and Don Budge.

Trabert, a 24-year-old from Cincinnati, Ohio, out of action three weeks before the doubles championships with a sprained shoulder played flawlessly, raising hopes for a successful defense of the Cup at Forest Hills.

Eliminated in upsets Tuesday were Australians Mal Anderson and Geoff Radford and Mexicans Yola Ramirez and Rosa Maria Reyes. The second-seeded foreign entry of Lew Head and Ken Rosewell lost by default after Australian Davis Cup coach Harry Hopman decided to withdraw them, apparently to save them for the Cup challenge rounds.

Anderson and Radford bowed to Leslie Longshore, of Anniston, Ala., and Alan Morris, of Atlanta, Ga., in the most spirited match of the day, 7-8, 10-8, 8-6, 6-4.

The Mexican tandem, rated one of the best here by that nation in years, were set down by Midge Buck, Charlottesville, Va., and Mrs. Kay McKean, South Hamilton, Mass., 6-4, 6-2.

In other play Tuesday, Doris Hart of Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Shirley Fry, of Akron, Ohio, fresh from their Wightman Cup win Monday, beat Helen Rihbany, of Boston and Carol Fageros, of Miami, Fla., 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.

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Idaho Falls 5, Billings 0  
Ogden 10, Salt Lake City 5  
Pocatello 4, Great Falls 2

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# The STANDINGS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	72	40	6.02
Chicago	78	45	6.10
Cleveland	70	47	5.98 1 1/2
Boston	67	50	5.72 4 1/2
Detroit	61	55	5.26 10
Kansas City	43	70	4.07 34
Washington	41	74	3.87 38 1/2
Baltimore	37	77	3.25 43

Tuesday's Results  
New York 13, Boston 6  
Chicago 5, Kansas City 4 (11 innings)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB
Brooklyn	77	38	6.70
Milwaukee	64	53	8.38 15
New York	62	55	8.50 17
Philadelphia	59	60	9.00 21 1/2
Cincinnati	57	62	8.70 23
Chicago	56	64	8.52 25
St. Louis	52	68	7.65 31
Pittsburgh	43	76	3.61 39

Tuesday's Results  
Cincinnati 11, Chicago 3  
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 3  
Philadelphia 12, Pittsburgh 3  
New York 5, Brooklyn 3

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	50	69	5.11
Hollywood	76	69	5.39 4 1/2
San Diego	76	69	5.35 5
Portland	70	67	5.11 2 1/2
Los Angeles	71	70	5.04 3 1/2
Sacramento	65	76	4.61 15 1/2
Oakland	63	79	4.44 18
San Francisco	62	80	4.37 19

Tuesday's Results  
San Diego 4, Sacramento 1  
Oakland 8, San Francisco 0  
Los Angeles 3, Hollywood 2  
Seattle 5, Portland 3

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB
Eugene	25	17	5.95
Lewiston	22	17	5.84 1 1/2
Wenatchee	23	18	5.61 1 1/2
Tri-City	20	21	4.88 4 1/2
Salem	20	21	4.88 4 1/2
Spokane	18	24	4.29 7
Yakima	18	28	3.21 9

Tuesday's Results  
Yakima 2, Tri-City 1  
Eugene 6, Lewiston 2  
Spokane 5, Salem 4 (10 innings)

FRANCHISE  
The Eastern League, one of the oldest and most stable, is in good shape, Richardson said, with attendance up about 80,000 over last year even though Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had to shift its franchise to Johnstown, Pa.

"An economic situation involving the hard coal area forced Wilkes-Barre to quit," Richardson said. "Now we're okay everywhere but in Albany, Radio and TV are heavy competition there. They cut broadcasts and telecasts of the Yankees, Giants, Dodgers and Red Sox. That's too much for us to beat."

Howard Green, president of the Big State League at Fort Worth, Tex., said radio had nothing to do with the failure of Galveston and Tyler in his loop.

INTERESTED  
Galveston dropped out because it was the world's worst baseball town, a resort city of the rankest type," Green said. "Baseball was too wholesome for a population more interested in gambling, night clubs and that which goes with both. Tyler dropped out because it imposed a burden on the rest of the league. Tyler could have finished had not Galveston faltered."

Chauncey Devault at Bristol, Va., Tenn., headquarters of his Class D Appalachian League, said, "This is the worst financial year our loop has suffered." He also blamed general condition of the coal fields for failure of the Welch, W. Va., franchise which was moved to Marion, Va.

A. O. Hadden, head of the Georgia State League at Dublin, Ga., blamed local operations for the failure of the Statesboro, Ga., franchise.

"Statesboro had a bad ball club and poor attendance," he said.

Thursday: The remedies proposed for minor league baseball.

Yesterday's Stars

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
PITCHING—Billy Hoett, Tigers allowed just two singles, one in the first and the other in the second, then retired 21 men in order before giving up his lone walk with two out in ninth to beat Cleveland 7-0.

BATTING—Bob Kennedy, White Sox—Singled Minnie Minsno home with winning run to defeat Kansas City 5-4 in 11 innings.

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# Seattle Bounces Beavers

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Seattle strengthened its Pacific Coast League leadership when it defeated Portland Tuesday night, 8-2, while second-place Hollywood fell to Los Angeles, 3-2.

In other games, Oakland defeated San Francisco, 2-0 and San Diego bettered Sacramento, 4-1.

A crowd of 4,014 watched Kwell Blackwell get his fourth victory for the Rainiers, who took a 3-1 lead in the first inning. Carmen Mauro singled, then pitcher Bill Werle picked up Leo Rignetti's grounder and threw wildly to second trying to catch Mauro.

Jerry Zuvella batted the bases with an infield hit. Mauro scored when third baseman Don Eggett mishandled Vern Stephens' hot grounder. Rignetti scored on Art Schulz's single and Zuvella scored after Bob Swift's sacrifice fly.

In the third, Zuvella doubled. Stephens singled and Gene Verble hit a sacrifice fly for two more runs.

Hollywood had a 2-1 lead entering the ninth inning. Then Steve Biko singled, and Hollywood manager Bob Bratan replaced starting pitcher Red Mungler with Bob Garber.

An error by first baseman George Vico and singles by Buzz Clarkson, Jim Fanning and Bob Coats produced two runs to give the Angels the victory.

Chris Van Cuyk pitched a seven-inning shutout for San Francisco.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—Bobby Dykes, 159, San Antonio, stopped Chebo Hernandez, 160, Juarez, Mexico, 5.

# BOWLING SCORES

MIXED DOUBLES  
MONDAY SHIRT  
FINAL

W	L	T	
O. & J. A. McDonald	23	10	10
E. L. Pasqua	23	10	10
M. Bellwell & A. Roe	23	10	10
D. & J. Crumpton	23	10	10
M. Roper & D. Fuller	23	10	10
G. & C. Lane	23	10	10
L. Trux & J. Zuehlke	23	10	10
K. & A. Nordquist	23	10	10
W. Wainwright	23	10	10

Opal and J. A. McDonald won the Mixed Doubles championship last night at Lucky Lanes with a score of 1227 pins. Second place went to Bud and Jean Rodgers with a 1166 and LaRayne Harris and Cliff Stiemler closed in third place with a 1093.

In the final action of the Monday shift, the McDonalds snared the evening's crown by tripping the women, Clyde Ritter and McDonald tied for the high men's series score with a 552 and J. A. had the game high of 215.

The trophies for the winners and the league payoff will be made at a meeting of all Mixed Doubles League members Sunday, August 28, at 1 o'clock. The meeting will be held at Lucky Lanes.

MEXICALI, Mexico—Manuel Ortiz, 124, El Centro, Calif., knocked out Jose (Papetero) Sanchez, 124 1/2, Mexico City, 2.

More than 250 interpreters, speaking over 40 languages, including three Chinese dialects and several Arabic tongues, will be on hand at the Olympic Village in Melbourne, Australia, for the 1956 Games.

# Attendance Drop Forces Brooklyn To Farm Games

By JOE REUBLER

BROOKLYN 16—The National League-leading Brooklyn Dodgers, growing restless in light of sagging attendance and ready to junk Ebbets Field, will try Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City, N.J., for six next season, playing seven of their regularly scheduled games there.

In action unprecedented in modern baseball, Club President Walter O'Malley announced the plan yesterday. He said the Dodgers also would play an exhibition game there against an American League club.

The seven other National League clubs have consented to the arrangement, he said. The Jersey City ball park was the site of International League baseball games until five years ago. Since then it has been used for stock car racing and boxing bouts.

The move was interpreted today by baseball people as a psychological stroke to stir up Flatbush fandom as well as the city fathers.

It is no secret that O'Malley is keenly disappointed over (1) the comparatively poor attendance figures at Ebbets Field this season, (2) the inadequate seating capacity of this outmoded park, (3) his inability to find a suitable site for a new park and (4) the refusal of Brooklyn's city fathers to propose a resolution for municipally supported stadium.

O'Malley's drastic action may cause some concern among Brooklyn officials. The next move might be moving all games away from Brooklyn.

A Dodger spokesman, who asked to remain unidentified, said he would not be surprised if O'Malley sought permission from Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick to switch Brooklyn's home games in the World Series this fall to Yankee Stadium, with twice the seating capacity. That is, assuming the Dodgers win the pennant, as appears almost certain.

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# MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS

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Tuesday's Results  
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
Toronto 5, Montreal 4 (14 innings)  
Rochester 3, Buffalo 2  
Richmond 9, Columbus 7  
Syracuse 1, Havana 0

AMERICAN ASSN.  
Indianapolis 1, Omaha 2 (12 innings)  
Denver 11, Louisville 10  
Memphis 10, Charleston 4  
St. Paul 9, Toledo 4

TEXAS LEAGUE  
Tulsa 9-9, Oklahoma City 6-4 (1st game, 12 innings)  
Houston 7, Shreveport 5 (10 innings)  
Fort Worth 2, Dallas 1  
San Antonio 3, Beaumont 1

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