

Macphail Responds To Minor Accusation

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball is entertainment, as is television. What we have done is merge the two so the public can enjoy our great national pastime.

That's the answer of William C. (Bill) Macphail, director of sports for the Columbia Broadcasting Co., Inc., to charges by minor league baseball men throughout the land that the telecasts of big league games have practically wrecked their domain.

"We feel," Macphail said, "that baseball on television — any brand of baseball — tends to create and stimulate interest in the game in general, and in the home town in particular, if the latter is properly promoted."

"We in television do not feel that televising of the major leagues on Saturday and Sunday has materially affected the structure of minor league baseball. The figures show that the trend of the diminishing minor leagues was well in evidence long before television became a factor in 1953."

"At its peak, the National Association had 39 leagues in operation — namely the 1948-50 era. In 1953, when major league baseball first entered into the national television market, 38 leagues were in operation — a drop of 34 per cent."

"Last year there were 24 leagues in operation, a ratio in proportion with the pre-television decline."

In addition to the charges hurled at television, the minors blame their sagging situation on such things as the far-flung farm system and the bonus plan, both of which they say tie up all available talent for the majors' desire of the majors to "make a quick buck" instead of having a long-range cooperative plan which might save the minors; lack of leadership willing to take a strong hand in settling major-minor differences, and a multitude of other things.

The fact remains that the once far-flung empire of minor league teams continues to crumble.

Dan Walton, sports editor of the Tacoma News Tribune, said the city has the "population, geographical location and natural rivalries needed in a baseball operation."

The Pierce County Commissioners cleared a major hurdle for shifting the Phoenix Giants' franchise to Tacoma when it agreed Tuesday to split 50-50 with the city of Tacoma for a \$500,000 bond issue for construction of a new 7,000 seat baseball park.

Dewey Soriano, executive vice president of the PCL, said in Seattle he believed the Tacoma team would draw twice as well as Phoenix did last year. Phoenix' attendance last season totaled 122,750 and officials estimated this year's gate would drop below 100,000.

A Tacoma team would give Washington State its third PCL franchise. Spokane and Seattle already have teams in the league.

Soriano said he anticipated a red-hot rivalry between Seattle and Tacoma, both on the field and at the turnstiles.

Next week three of Bowerman's stars at Oregon will join the squad.

They are Daryl Bureson, the AAU 1,500-meter champion; Jim Grelle, the NCAA mile champion; and Dave Edstrom, a decathlon ace.

Also on the team will be a former Oregon star, Bill Dellinger, a 5,000-meter runner. Dellinger, former Oregon star, Bill Dellinger, now is an Air Force lieutenant.

Two of the cross-country events advisers for the VIII Olympic Winter Games at Squaw Valley, California, Feb. 18-28, 1960, are Wendall Broomhall and Allison Merrill. Broomhall, from Rumford, Maine, is a former member of many U. S. Olympic and F.I.S. championship teams, while Merrill is the highly successful ski coach at Dartmouth College.

After being held to a lone single until the eighth, the Emeralds teed off on Bill Griffin with singles by Charlie Hiller and Carl Bowles, hit batter, sacrifice and towering triples by Joe Sparks and Mel Krause. The crowd was 852.

The line scores: Yakima 000 000 000-0 3 1 Salem 201 000 000-3 4 0 Banach, Calan (7) and Gongola; Lutz and Gaffney.

Wenatchee 000 000 041-5 11 4 Lewiston 000 041 05x-10 13 4 Jordan, Herrera (8) and Cooper; Wadsworth, Kipper (8) and McNamara.

Tri-City 000 101 001-3 9 1 Eugene 000 000 04x-4 5 0 Griffin and Dunlop; Calder and Harvey.

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TIME OUT



"Darn good thing for them they're just wading, floating and sunning!"

Dempsey To Help Set Fight

NEW YORK (AP) — An old-time promoter was back in the fight game today to help solve some of the confusion surrounding the heavyweight championship.

Jack Dempsey, now 64, was hired Tuesday as promotional director and adviser to the embattled Rosensohn Enterprises which still hopes to stage a return world heavyweight championship bout between Ingemar Johansson and Floyd Patterson on Sept. 22. Johansson won the title from Patterson last June 26.

Dempsey has been out of the promoting dodge for a long time but he had a couple of good ones in his day. His last one was the Max Baer-Max Schmeling bout in 1933. A couple of years before that he handled the Baer-Paulino Uzdudun battle in Reno.

And, of course, Dempsey had some experience in the ring. This is a salaried post for the ex-heavyweight champion and he emphasized that he has no stock in the corporation.

The company had its promoter's license suspended by the New York State Athletic Commission because of "statements" made by Bill Rosensohn, ex-head of Rosensohn Enterprises in a magazine article.

"I am prepared to go anywhere in the world to help the fight," said Dempsey. "I may fly to Sweden next week to talk to Johansson."

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Today's Sport Parade

Old War Horse Back, Termed Smart Move

By OSCAR FRALEY
NEW YORK (UPI) — They brought the old war horse out of the barn today and it was the smartest move the Continental League could have made in its effort to get into the major league race.

Branch Rickey was named president of the proposed new league after four years in semi-retirement as do-nothing "chairman of the board" of the Pittsburgh Pirates. He is, without question, the one man with the knowledge of baseball's mysterious doings who could lead the third league over the inaugural quicksand.

The only question is how, at 77 and on the heels of a heart attack two years ago, his health will hold out.

But mentally, Rickey still is the imaginative giant who fathered the baseball farm system, broke the knothole gang and at various stages led the Browns, Cardinals, Dodgers and Pirates out of the baseball backwoods.

YEARS TOOK TOLL
The years, of course, have taken their toll. Yet the man who took over the new league's presidency was more than a fair facsimile of the old Mahatma of Montague Street whose bombast and vision kept the National League jumping before he left Brooklyn nine years ago.

The new league came up with one of baseball's most able brains when they grabbed him at \$50,000 a year. No longer can the two established leagues foist off the Continental as a myth perpetuated only in the minds of amateurs. And, with the mace of anti-monopoly at hand, Rickey can always club them into a work-

able agreement if, which is to be doubted, he fails for the first time as a spellbinder.

The question of his health would seem to be the great risk taken by both himself and the proposed third league. But Rickey shrugs it off.

FATHER LIVED TO 86
"My father was 86 when he died," he recalled as he beamed over the greatest challenge he has ever faced in baseball. "I remember just before he died he cleared 16 acres at Portsmouth, Ohio, and planted fruit trees. I asked him what he was going to do with the fruit."

His father replied: "What difference does it make? It's just that I intend to live every day as if I was going to live forever."

This has become Rickey's own motto.

Bill Shea, the energetic attorney who has been the driving force behind the third league, disclosed how much faith and hope the Continental is placing in Rickey when he said:

"We felt he was the only man who could conclude the operation we have undertaken. He realizes the great toll it might take of him. We pray the good Lord spares him so he can see the Continental League' champion in the World Series."

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Major League Leaders

United Press International
National League
Player & Club G. AB R. H. Pct.
Aaron, Mil. 116 475 94 177 373
Cin. 112 350 47 122 349
Pinson, Cin. 120 503 105 467 331
Temple, Cin. 115 450 83 147 320
Cepeda, S.F. 116 464 74 146 315

American League
Rosen, Del. 104 411 73 145 353
Fox, Chi. 117 480 67 156 325
Kaline, Del. 101 388 67 126 325
Woodling, Bal. 109 348 51 113 325
Runnels, Bos. 114 438 74 140 320

Runs Batted In
National League — Banks, Cubs 115; Robinson, Reds 104; Aaron, Braves 97; Bell, Reds 96; Matthews, Braves 80.

American League — Killebrew, Senators 92; Colavito, Indians 89; Jensen, Red Sox 87; Maxwell, Tigers 77; Malone, Red Sox 76.

Home Runs
National League — Banks, Cubs 37; Matthews, Braves 34; Aaron, Braves 33; Robinson, Reds 27; Cepeda, Giants 23.

American League — Killebrew, Senators 36; Colavito, Indians 35; Allison, Senators 27; Lemon, Senators 26; Maxwell, Tigers 26.

Pitching
National League — Face, Pirates 15-0; Antonelli, Giants 16-7; Drysdale, Dodgers 15-7; Law, Pirates 13-7; Newcombe, Reds 11-8.

American League — Shaw, White Sox 12-3; Pappas, Orioles 13-5; McLish, Indians 14-6; Wynn, White Sox 16-7; Lary, Tigers 15-7.

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Suds No-Hit Mounts, Padres Rap Phoenix

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Rain cut the Pacific Coast League schedule to only two games Tuesday night, and that was still one game too many as far as the Vancouver Mounties are concerned.

The Mounties, favorite no-hit pickings for the league's pitchers, absorbed their third no-hit defeat of the 1959 campaign, bowing 3-0 to Mark Freeman and his Seattle Rainier mates.

The Canadians previously had been beaten by no-hitters pitched by San Diego's Russ Heman and Sacramento's Winston Brown.

In the only other game of record Tuesday night, the San Diego Padres banged out 14 hits and whipped the last-place Phoenix Giants 6-3.

Salt Lake City and Sacramento got their scheduled game under way, then it was washed out in the top of the fourth with Sacramento ahead 1-0. It will be re-

played next time the two clubs meet.

Freeman, a big, strong right-hander who hurried for Denver of the American Association last year, struck out 12 Vancouver batters and walked only two in winning his ninth game in 17 decisions. He got seven of the last nine men he faced on strikeouts.

The 6 foot 6 inch, 210-pounder got the only run he needed in the second inning on Hal Bevan's single. Carroll Hard's double and an infield out. Seattle picked up two more runs in the seventh. Freeman driving in the first tally with a single.

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