



DOING THE TWIST — Jose Pagan, San Francisco Giants, displays his version of the twist in top photo, as he strides toward second base in Cactus League action this week. Pagan made it safely to the bag, as seen in lower photo, on a double to center field. — UPI Telephoto

Who's Going To Be The New Commissioner? Owners Seek Man With Judicial Training

By LEO H. PETERSEN
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CLEARWATER, Fla. (UPI)—Who's going to be the new baseball commissioner? He's going to be a man under 65 years of age, with a judicial mind and a fine public image. That is what the 20 major league club owners decided in a special meeting Monday and they delegated the task of finding the man to fill that description to two outstanding baseball executives—John W. Galbreath, representing the National League and John A. Fetzner of the American League. Galbreath is president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, Fetzner of the Detroit Tigers.

Chargers May Be Put Up For Sale

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (UPI)—The San Diego Chargers of the American Football League might be up for sale if the price is right, owner Baron Hilton said Monday. Hilton, son of hotel magnate Conrad Hilton, said, "It's possible that I might dispose of the club if I got the right offer from a responsible party. However, I don't have any negotiations under way at the present time nor am I seeking any offers."

Crow Signs Forty Niner Contract

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—John David Crow, veteran of seven National Football League seasons, has signed his contract with the San Francisco Forty Niners.

The 29-year-old former Heisman Trophy winner was traded to the Forty Niners from the Chicago Cardinals for defensive back Abe Woodson in a key winter deal for both clubs. Even though the Cards nearly took the league title, Crow said Monday "I was unhappy there last year even though playing for a winner. I won't elaborate. Little things piled up and I felt that the trade was best for both the Cards and myself."

Crow did not seem shaken up by the fact that he is joining a last-place team. "I'm glad to be part of the Forty Niners and am looking forward to re-joining them with the rookies due this July . . . I believe I can help this club."

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Dressen: Tigers Could Go All The Way

By LEO H. PETERSEN
UPI Sports Editor
LAKELAND, Fla. (UPI)—Charley Dressen's all-time money, claims the Detroit Tigers could go all the way this year.

He doesn't concede an inch to the Yankees, White Sox and Orioles, who generally are picked to battle it out for the 1965 American League pennant.

"We just have to fit a few pieces together to do it," Dressen maintained before he was put out of action by a heart attack and had to turn the club over to coach Bob Swift.

Swift, who will direct the team until Dressen returns, probably in late May, agrees with his boss although in the next breath he points out that outside of pitching, only three players are sure of making the club.

Three Good Players
They are the three good ones—outfielders Al Kaline and Don Demeter and catcher Bill Freehan.

"Every spot is wide open," Swift says, "except for those three positions."

Swift is giving Detroit's youngsters every chance to make good and is ruling them over to coach Bob Swift.

It would be a surprise, however, if the Tigers don't wind up with the same infield as last year—Norm Cash at first, Jerry Lumpe at second, Dick McAuliffe at short and Don Wert at third.

Bill Roman, who hit .220 at Syracuse with 11 home runs and 53 runs batted in, is being given a shot at first base and Ray Oyler, another Syracuse graduate, has a chance to win the shortstop post. Oyler hit .281 but had 18 home runs and 61 RBIs.

Counting On Rookie
A rookie the Tigers are counting on heavily is outfielder Jim Northrup, who also was at Syracuse last year, hitting .312 with 18 HR's and 92 RBIs.

Willie Horton, who batted only .163 in 25 games with the Tigers after posting a .238 average at Syracuse with 20 home runs and 39 RBIs, is battling Northrup for the left field job. If Northrup and Horton both make it, Demeter may leave his center field post and play first base. Then the Tiger outfield would be Northrup in left, Horton in center and the reliable Kaline in right. Kaline had a bad year in 1964, according to his standards, but still hit .283 with 18 HR's and 92 RBIs.

Gates Brown, who batted .272 as a rookie last year with 15 HR's and 54 RBIs, and George Thomas are other outfield possibilities. Thomas hit .206 with 12 HR's and 44 RBIs and also can play first base. Jake Wood will stick as a utility infielder.

Here's The Rub
Pitching is the major Detroit problem.

The anchor men of the staff will be Mickey Lolich, who won 18 and lost nine last season, and Dave Wickensham, 19-12. After those two, there is a thinning of the ranks.

Hank Aguirre and Phil Regan, each of whom won only five games in 1964 while losing 10, will get other starting spots, with Joe Sparrano, another five-game winner, and Denny Mc-

Sports Parade . . .

Search On For Man Who Loves Baseball

By MILTON RICHMAN
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CLEARWATER, Fla. (UPI)—Hallelujah, all 20 major league owners finally have agreed on one point—they're looking for a man who loves baseball.

This momentous decision on their part must strike a peculiar note of irony with former commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler, who loved baseball until it hurt but was kicked out anyway.

And this big decision by the moguls should draw a hearty laugh among even such a non-related group as ship owners, who usually make sure a man at least likes the water before they promote him to captain of the fleet.

John W. Galbreath of the Pittsburgh Pirates being named one of the co-chairmen and John E. Fetzner of the Detroit Tigers the other.

Each of the 20 owners had been asked by Frick to list as many candidates as he wished and turn over those names in a sealed envelope to him.

Sixteen of the 20 owners complied and the envelopes were there all right but they were never opened. Galbreath said they will be after Fetzner returns from an eight- or nine-day trip to the West Coast where the Detroit owner is going presumably to talk with his manager, Charley Dressen, who recently suffered a heart attack.

Guyle Fielder Of Seattle Wins Eighth Hockey Title

By United Press International
SEATTLE, Wash. (UPI)—Guyle Fielder, Seattle's two goals and five assists in the final week of play to annex his eighth Western Hockey League scoring title.

Fielder wound up with 92 points to overhaul Portland's Art Jones, who was second with 80 points. Billy McNeill of Vancouver had 68, Pat Stapleton of Portland 56 and Vancouver's Phil Maloney, the veteran who usually battles Fielder for scoring honors, and Norm Johnson of Los Angeles had 61 points apiece.

Fielder's 78 assists easily topped the league while Willie O'Ree of Los Angeles was the league leader in goals with 58, one more than Portland's Tommy McVie. O'Ree scored four times in the final week of play.

Jim McLeod of Seattle took goalies honors with a 2.76 average while Portland's Don Head won most of the 236.

Howie Young of Los Angeles had a pretty calm final week, but still set a new league mark with 227 minutes in the penalty box—one more minute than the record set last season by Portland's Mike Donaldson.

In a league all-star team picked by Western Hockey League coaches, Wayne Connolly and Charles Burrows of the fifth-place San Francisco Seals joined Portland's Andy Heben-

Although Monday's initial session to produce a man who will succeed 70-year-old Commissioner Ford Frick was limited chiefly to shadow boxing, some of the owners still managed to get in one or two body blows.

Each was given the opportunity to stand up and discuss the type man he felt would make a good commissioner.

Description-Dropping
There was no name-dropping, meaning not a single candidate was mentioned, but one owner described in detail the kind of person he thought should fill the post.

The owner carefully avoided any particular name although it was perfectly obvious to everyone in the large, air-conditioned, high-ceilinged meeting room he had described American League President Joe Cronin to a "T."

Most of the other owners got up and said their piece, too.

Some said they thought the next commissioner should know something about baseball; others felt that wasn't vital.

One owner even believed there was room for two at the top. The commissioner could be a so-called "outsider," he said and his No. 2 man could be someone from inside baseball.

Point Nearly Lost
There was one point so obvious that it was nearly lost. The National League insisted on having just as much voice in the election of a new commissioner as the American League and vice versa.

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