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Starry Second Sacker Becomes New Boss Of Pittsburgh Pirates

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 30 (AP)—Bill Herman, second baseman of Boston Braves who has batted in the vicinity of 300 over his 15 major league years, today became the 20th manager of Pittsburgh Pirates.

Herman's selection as club pilot to succeed Frankie Frisch, who resigned Saturday after a seven-year tenure, was announced at a press conference by club president Frank E. McKinnley.

McKinnley said Herman was acquired in a regular player deal in which Pittsburgh sends two 30-year-old players, infielder Bob Elliott and catcher Hank Camilli to Boston. In return, the Pirates got Herman, infielder William Whitley, outfielder Stanley West and right-handed pitcher Elmer Singleton. No cash was involved in the deal.

McKinnley did not disclose what Herman will be paid, but said the figure was "close to 50 per cent more than was paid Frisch, Frisch was reputed to have received \$18,000 a year.

He described the signing of Herman as "a definite step in the rebuilding process" of the seventh-place Pirates, and said they had already discussed numerous trades and deals, "leaving out practically no major league club."

Born July 1909, Herman took part in four World Series and 10 all-star games and long has been one of the game's outstanding players.

He began his major league career with Chicago Cubs in 1931. He remained with the Cubs about 10 years, going to Brooklyn in 1941. He was in the Red Sox line-up in 1944. After his discharge he returned to the Dodgers who sold him to the Braves.

Eleven Hawks Stars Signed

REGINA, Sept. 30 (CP)—It was contract day in the Chicago Black Hawks camp today and the National Hockey League team signed 11 of its regulars and three newcomers, leaving two holes yet to be plugged in the new 16-man lineup.

Chief among the new signings were Kansas City Flyers stars who showed their wares briefly with the Black Hawks and coached the contract talks were defenseman Leo Riese of Brantford, Ont., and Wing Johnston, former Saskatchewan amateur.

Only complete newcomers to the squad is Paul Bibault, the Montreal goalie who was obtained through deal which sent George Allen to Canadiens.

Oldtimers who signed were: defenseman Martin, Wars, G. Hamilton and forwards Monteko, Gee, Hamill, Kalesa, Horcock and the two Bencleys.

Time Bars Are Discarded By Association

(By The Associated Press)
LEXINGTON, Sept. 30—The use of time bars as a means of classifying horses for harness racing was discarded here today by the directors of the United States Trotting Association.

A plan based on money winnings was substituted and will go into effect Jan. 1. As all harness racing comes under the U.S.T.A., the new rule will be followed throughout the United States.

In the past, horses have been classified for harness racing under a plan based on their time records in winning races. Trotters and pacers were classified on the basis of purses won at conferences with owners and trainers.

Lower classifications, from class 80, which formerly was established to cover purses of \$50, to class 20, covering non-winners of \$1,000, were doubled. Horses in class 80 under the new ruling now may win not more than \$100 before graduating to the next grade.

All computations will be based upon gross winnings of a horse.

Turns Down Fight With Robinson

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (AP)—The New York State Commission today offered Beau Jack a fight with Ray Robinson to decide on a new lightweight champion.

The commission, which was set up by the suggestion that the Commission award the title to Ray Robinson, without further argument.

The 147-pound crown had been vacated since Harry Servo announced his retirement from the ring a few days ago because of a nose injury.

Jack, former world lightweight champion, announced through his manager, Alvin Karpis, that he was turning down a bout with Robinson at this time because of his lack of experience among welterweights.

Get Team Ready For Olympic Games

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 29 (CP Cable)—Jamaica is whipping into shape a team of about 70 men and women athletes for the Pan American and Caribbean Olympic games to be held at Barranquilla, Colombia, in December.

Although Jamaica's top sprint stars, Lloyd Leach and Hubert McKinnley, both attending college in the United States are not expected to be available to represent the colony, Jamaica will have entries in all events from 100 to 1,600 metres.

Jamaican athletes will also compete in swimming, weight-lifting and boxing events.

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Cardinals Favored To Take Playoff Series From Brooks

By GAYLE TALBOT
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 30 (AP)—Those unpredictable, unreliable, unsteady Brooklyn Dodgers meet the Cardinals tomorrow at Sportsman's Park in the first of a three game play-off to decide which of the two National League clubs must stand up and take it from Boston Red Sox in the world series.

Except for the monetary reward, the prospect is not pleasant. The winner is sure to be a weary, beaten-down crew when it finally comes to grips with the American League slugger about a week from today. But that will make the series starting tomorrow none the less hard-fought.

The odds tonight, stated by one of the country's top betting commissions, James J. Carroll, made the slumped Dodger Cardinals strong favorites to win the play-off—first in the history of organized baseball. A \$20 bet placed on the Red Sox would win only \$13, while a \$10 wager on the Brooks would return \$13. That gave the Cardinals much the better of it, though why Carroll was so strong for the home boys went unexplained.

Manager Eddie Dyer of Cards said his starting pitcher tomorrow night would be a left-hander, possibly Durocher, or Murrey Dickson, a right-hander.

Durocher, the bums' probable starter, said he leaned strongly toward Ralph Branca, a rookie right-hander, as his starter in the first game of the play-off. Branca blanked the Cards 5-0 with three shutouts in the time he faced them in Brooklyn.

Taken on almost any sound basis of reasoning, the Cards probably should win the play-off and play the Red Sox in the series. The only drawback to such a conclusion is that the Cards are quite safe to expect the Dodgers to do something either sound or

Shipyards Beat Truro In 10-Innings

TRURO, N. S., Sept. 30 (CP)—Halifax Shipyards, with Lou Zwilling returned to the coaching job, came through with the tying game in their unofficial Nova Scotia senior baseball finals today by defeating Truro Bearcats 3-2 in 10 innings.

The best-of-seven series which no longer has the sanction of the Nova Scotia Amateur Baseball Association, is scheduled at a game apiece.

Twice during the nip and tuck ball game, the Shipyards were in the lead but Truro came back to knot the count each time.

Mike Gendron pitched seven-inning ball for Halifax and had the situation in control most of the way with the exception of the third and fifth when Bearcats bunched a pair of safeties to score their runs.

Johnny Myketyan was a little shaky on the mound for the losers although he had a few fine pitches. He had trouble with his control, tossing a pair of wild pitches, one of which was converted into a run.

The winning tally came after Johnny Rowland opened the 10th with single, Goy, sacrifice to second, moved to third on Ray Powell's single, and scampered home when Jimmy Gray smashed a home run.

Bearcats had men on second and third in their half of the 10th but Matheson fled to left to end the game.

Graziano And Zale To Meet Once More In Garden March 21

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (AP)—Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano, whose stirring middleweight championship fight at Yankee Stadium last Friday still has the fans talking, have been signed for a return to the Garden March 21, promoter Mike Jacobs announced today.

Zale defended his title by knocking out the hard-punching New Yorker in the sixth round after being down once himself and subjected to such a savage beating it appeared he would be the one unable to finish.

Zale will not fight again until 1947 because of his injuries but plans a tuneup or two between Jan. 1 and the rematch with the New York slugger.

Graziano, whose souvenirs of the bout were a bloody nose and a terrific body beating, is expected to participate in several tuneups.

One of these may be a proposed match with Marcel Cerdan, French fighter who holds the European middleweight title.

Canadiens Lineup To Change Little

MONTREAL, Sept. 30 (CP)—Four more players were signed today by the Stanley Cup-holding Montreal Canadiens, who take to the ice to open defence of their National Hockey League crown with a squad not very much different from last year's.

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Musial And Vernon Are Batting Kings

(By The Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, Sept. 30—The batting kings of the major leagues for the eventful year 1946 were crowned unofficially today with the honors going to a brand new champion in the American League, who in the Red Sox, was a repeat job for one of the game's little batters to come down the pike in many years.

Mr. Sox's Wally Piker, St. Louis Cardinals led the National with a tidy mark of .368—highest in the league since Babe Ruth's .374 in 1920.

Musial, the 12th member of Red Sox squads and immortal in September, led the American League with .353, a clean 11 points ahead of Boston's Ted Williams, who finished second.

Johnny Mize of New York Giants, who spent most of the latter half of the season on the bench because of injuries, finished runner-up to Musial with a .337 mark as Hopp averaged .314.

Johnnie Walker to Detroit Tigers clubbed 16 homers in September and Ted Huchison of New York led the majors with 44 round-trippers, six more than Williams got, and more than the 22 hurled in by Ralph Kiner of Pittsburgh, the National's leader.

Emory Slaughter of the Cards was the R.B.I. champ, driving in 128 runs while Greenberg led the rival loop with 104.

Stolen base laurels were captured by Cleveland's scampering George Case after the Yankees' George Strinewitz. Case stole 29 bases to Strinewitz's 25.

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See England Triumph 7-2

BELFAST, Sept. 29 (Reuters)—More than 50,000 spectators saw England overtake Northern Ireland 7-2 Saturday on the soccer international.

England, who did not impress observers as being at their best, was always too good for their Irish opponents, however, and by half time had built up a 3-0 lead.

Itland took control of the game from the start and within 10 minutes, scored a goal. Derby County's brilliant inside forward, had scored England's first goal.

England led by a lead after 18 minutes when inside left Mannion scored a simple goal. Mannion scored a third goal before the game.

Little World Series

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 29 (AP)—Louisville Colonels of the American Association and Montreal Royals of the International League met here tomorrow night in the opening of the Little World Series.

Jim Wilson, big righthander, was nominated by manager Harry Liebold to pitch the opening game. Liebold's mound opponent was expected to be either Curt Kehn or Curt Davis.

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Discuss Mar. 'Big Five' Hockey Plans

HALIFAX, Sept. 29 (CP)—The big five Maritime senior hockey teams discussed plans for the circuit opening in early November and decided to hold another meeting in Amherst the third week in October to draw up final plans.

Judge J. Elliott Hudson of Halifax was elected president of the big five, with Brad Gilbert of Saint John, vice-president, and Chris MacAlden of Halifax, secretary.

The executive will be composed of one representative of each team. Halifax Crescents, Truro Bearcats, Saint John Beavers and Moncton Acorns, the definite starters, with the United Services of Halifax a possible entry.

Among those attending the meeting were G. B. Schurman, B. Parlee, Don James and B. Bean, all of Moncton; W. Long, Jackie Keating and M. Mabee of Saint John; and Willard Cox of Truro.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (AP)—National League headquarters today announced umpires John E. (Beans) Reardon, Harry Coetz, Ralph (Babe) Pinell and Lynton (Dusty) Boggess would handle the St. Louis-Brooklyn play-off games.

Indian Land Becomes First Double Winner

(By The Associated Press)
LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 30—Turning in a 2:02 in one heat, Kaleput, owned by Ed Cobb of Washington, Courthouse, O., won the \$2,000 Wichita Stake for 9-bar pacers after three hard heats.

The first heat went to E. P. Gray's three-year-old Forbes Chief, driven by Tom Barry, but Sunday he came back strong to turn in a 2:02.

Indian Land became the first double winner of the meeting, taking the \$2,000 Reynolds Stake for 15 class pacers in successive heats.

From a fellow townsman, a farm of Lexington went the route in 2:04 and 2:02 1/2. Royal Star from Henry Divided second money.

Red Rocket won the sixth race, \$342.45. The net was estimated at about \$200,000. Each scrapper getting approximately \$80,000 for his part in the fight.

Britain As Horse Racing Center

LONDON, Sept. 29 (CP)—Britain wants to be regarded as the world and ambitious plans are being drawn up by the Jockey Club to realize this in 1947.

The Club has its eye on air transport as a means of bringing the winners of other countries to Britain to compete in major international events. It plans to cater to the public by staging longer meets at big tracks.

Smaller meetings will be developed also, assisted by increased revenue expected from the big fixtures. Larger purses are regarded as an incentive to keep competition with correspondingly increased attendance.

Many tracks will be re-opened before the war. An August Bank Holiday fixture at Epsom is thought likely to become permanent in addition to the Spring and Derby meetings, and Goodwood and Ascot will probably have three meetings.

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Remember When

By The Canadian Press
Manager Bill Terry's contemptuous dismissal of the Brooklyn baseball club: "Are they still in the league?" came back to haunt him today.

Twelve years ago today when the lowly Dodgers walloped Terry's New York Giants 5-5 for their second straight victory. The two Giant losses enabled the St. Louis Cardinals to squeeze past them for the National League pennant.

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