

Chandler And Ball Club Owners In War Of Nerves

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 13—(AP)—Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler and the club owners settled down to a war of nerves today with neither side budging from its original stand as the stormy winter meeting ended.

Chandler, refusing to step down until the "last second" of his term, expiring May 1, 1952, said he was "going ahead as if nothing had happened."

The owners, who voted unanimously last night to select a new commissioner, went home to work on the job of finding Chandler's successor to the \$65,000-a-year job. Both presidents, Will Harridge of the American League and Ford Frick of the National, were to name two-man committees from each league to conduct the

College Students Homeward Bound By End Of Week

Thousands of students and teachers will begin leaving Maritime universities, colleges and schools this weekend for the Christmas and New Year holiday. Mr. L. J. MacDonald, freight and passenger agent, Canadian National Railways, announced here yesterday that the complete movement, which will require numerous extra railway cars and special trains, will be carried out by next Thursday. On this first long vacation of the 1950-51 term more than 5,000 pupils will leave Maritime educational centres for their homes in all sections of the Maritimes, Central and Western Canada and the United States. The majority of those whose homes are in Bermuda, the West Indies and overseas will spend the holiday with relatives or friends.

Travelling from one Province to another or within the Province itself there will be 826 Prince Edward Island students, 2,244 in Nova Scotia, 1,239 in New Brunswick, and 354 in Newfoundland. Those attending Maritime universities and colleges from Central and Western Canada number approximately 200 and those from the United States 70.

The Nova Scotia pupils include those attending Dalhousie University, Kings College, Halifax Ladies College, Sacred Heart Convent, St. Mary's College, Mount St. Vincent College, Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Nova Scotia Technical College, Maritime Business College, Nova Scotia Vocational School and the School for the Blind and Deaf, Halifax; Acadia University, Wolfville; St. Francis Xavier University and Mount St. Bernard, Antigonish; King's Collegiate and Edgemoor Schools, Windsor; St. Anne's College, Church Point and the Provincial Normal School, Truro.

In New Brunswick there are Mount Allison University, and Mount Allison Academy, Sackville; Rothery Collegiate and Netherwood School, Rothery; University of New Brunswick at Fredericton; Notre Dame D'Acadie College, Moncton; St. Joseph's Convent and St. Joseph's University, College Bridge; St. Thomas College, Chatham; Sacred Heart Convent, Bathurst; Provincial Normal School, Fredericton.

The principal Prince Edward Island educational centres are Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University.

Those in Newfoundland are Memorial University College, St. Brice's College, Bishop Spencer College, Bishop Field College and St. Bonaventure's College.

Musial Thinks Chandler Okay

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13 — (AP) — Stan Musial said tonight that in his opinion A. B. Chandler "was doing a very good job and we in baseball will miss him."

Musial is the star of the St. Louis Cardinals which are owned by Fred Saigh—described as a ring leader in an attempt to oust Chandler from his \$65,000 job.

Here is comment from other players:

Cliff Chambers, Pirate Pitcher: "He was a distinct credit to the game. I thought he was very capable. He did a great job for the players on the pension plan and on television rights. I was surprised the owners let him go."

Pat Mullin, Detroit outfielder: "He was a very, very nice guy."

Joe Page, Yankees' pitcher who just returned from a Maine hunting trip where he shot a deer and a bear: "I thought he was doing a real nice job as far as everybody in baseball was concerned. Everything he did was open and above board. Like everybody else, I guess, I really was surprised."

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The regular train service from Prince Edward Island is by Train No. 39, leaving Charlottetown at 7.00 a.m. (Summerside 7.15 a.m.) arriving Moncton 1.25 p.m., where connection is made with trains for Montreal, Toronto and points west and with eastbound trains for Halifax and Sydney.

A through sleeper is operated on Trains Nos. 39 and 40 between Montreal and Charlottetown.

The extra train service to Prince Edward Island will be provided by Train No. 42, which will leave Sackville at 6.00 p.m., arriving Charlottetown 10.30 p.m. (Summerside 10.15 p.m.) This train will connect with the Ocean Limited and Scotian eastbound from Montreal at Sackville.

From Prince Edward Island the extra train service will be by Train No. 41 leaving Charlottetown at 2.10 p.m. (Summerside at 1.45 p.m.) arriving Sackville 7.00 p.m. where connection will be made with the Maritime Express for Montreal, Toronto and points west, also with the overnight trains between Saint John, Halifax and Sydney.

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Red Sox Bolster Pitching Staff

By Jack Hand
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 12 — (AP) — Boston Red Sox bolstered their weak pitching staff by acquiring southpaw Bill Wight and righthander Ray Scarborough from Chicago White Sox in a major five-man deal involving some \$500,000 worth of talent.

Outfielder Al (Zeke) Zarilla and pitchers Joe Dobson and Dick Littlefield went to Chicago in the sensational swap that broke the trading jam at the war-minded winter meetings.

The big deal was announced shortly after Frank Lane, Chicago general manager, disclosed he had turned down a New York Yankee offer of three men for Scarborough. The top-flight pitcher was the subject of a wild bidding war when still with Washington. But Chicago got Scarborough in May.

Acquisition of Wight (10-16) and Scarborough (13-18), coming after the recent signing of Lou Boudreau, made the Red Sox American League favorites.

This move by Boston probably will force the Yankees, Detroit and Cleveland to strengthen themselves. What looked like a dull winter may now turn into a series of swaps.

Scarborough, 32, spent all his big league career with Washington until traded to Chicago last spring. He used to specialize in beating Boston.

Last year he pitched 12 complete games, appeared in 36 and compiled a 4.93 earned-run average. Wight, once a Yankee farmhand, is one of the best left-handers in the American League. He has a great motion to first base that he worked 30 games last year for a 3.58 earned-run mark.

The Yanks sent Wight to Chicago in February, 1948 with pitcher Fred Bradley and catcher Aaron Robinson for pitcher Ed Lopat.

American League Releases Annual Statistical Review

By Jerry Lisks
CHICAGO, Dec. 12 — (AP) — William D. (Billy) Goodman, the man-about-the-field for Boston Red Sox, today officially was acclaimed the American League's 1950 batting champion with a .354 mark.

The league's official statistical review of last season's hitting activity also credited the Red Sox, finishing third in the pennant race, with the team batting title on a .302 average.

The 24-year-old Goodman, a left-handed hitter, has tolled for the Red Sox at every position except on the mound and behind the plate. He played 45 games in the outfield.

The change of defensive scenery had little effect on Goodman's batting eye. He sprayed 150 hits in 424 trips to the plate to finish 14 points ahead of Detroit's George Kell, the 1949 champion, who posted .340 (Kell, however, went to bat 641 times, 217 more than Goodman.)

Goodman batted .298 in 1949, compared with the .342 mark with which Kell edged Boston's Ted Williams (.342) for the crown. Williams, injured in mid-season, this time wound up with .317.

Rounding out the top 10 hitters were Don DiMaggio, Boston, .322; Larry Doby, Cleveland, .320; Al Zarilla, Boston, .325; Phil Rizzuto, New York, .324; Walt Evers, Detroit, .323; Larry Berra, New York, .322; Walt Dropo, Boston, .322; and Henry Bauer, New York, .320.

In the esteemed 300 circle this year were 17 players who went to bat 400 or more times. Last year, there were only 12. Joe DiMaggio, the Yankee clipper, just made it this year with 301.

Boston's .302 team mark was considerably below the league record of .316 by the 1921 Detroit Tigers, but topped by 20 points the runner-up average of .282 batted jointly by the pennant-winning New York Yankees and the second-finishing Tigers.

For the second straight season, the important runs-batted-in crown was shared by two Red Sox sluggers, Vern Stephens and Walt Dropo belted across 144 runs each in 1949. The title was shared by Stephens and Williams at 159 apiece.

The Red Sox, who won everything except the pennant, also had specialized leaders in Don DiMaggio, who led in runs with 131, and stolen bases with 16 and tied in triples at 11 each with teammate Bobby Doerr and Detroit's Evers; and Dropo, the total bases champ at 326.

The home-run crown went to Cleveland's "freshmen" third-sacker, Al Rosen, who belted 37.

Detroit's Kell picked up just about all the other specialized laurels, leading in hits, 218; two-baggers, 55; and in times at bat, 641. Kell and Rizzuto were the only American Leaguers to bag at least 200 hits, the Yankee shortstop hitting that mark on the head. Rizzuto led in sacrifice hits

Betting, Attendance Up on N.Y. Tracks

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 13 — (AP) — Betting increased 6.7 per cent and attendance by 5.6 per cent this year at New York's flat and harness race tracks.

The State Tax Commission reported today that 8,000,271 persons visited the tracks and wagered \$452,912,117 on 606 racing days.

In 1949, the attendance was 7,576,939 and all the pari-mutuel betting handle was \$424,302,640, for 569 days of racing.

Attendance at the flat tracks rose from 4,351,092 last year to 4,455,678 in 1950. The betting handle jumped from \$303,365,970 to \$308,501,464.

At the harness tracks, attendance increased from 3,225,847 to 3,344,503. Betting went up from \$120,946,670 to \$144,410,653.

Maxim To Defend Crown Next June

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 — (AP) — Manager Jack Hurley said today light heavyweight champion Joey Maxim has accepted a \$60,000 offer to defend his crown against Harry (Kid) Matthews in Boise, Idaho, next June.

Hurley displayed a telegram from W. H. (Tex) Hager, Boise boxing and wrestling promoter, which said that Jack Kearns, Maxim's manager, had accepted the bid.

New President Of Trotting Association

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 2 — (AP) — Lawrence B. Sheppard, master of the famed Hanover (Pa.) Shoe Farms, today was elected president of the United States Trotting Association. He succeeds the late Henry Knauf of Ladd, Ill.

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 13 — (AP) — Public sale of 6,000 tickets to the Rose Bowl grid was closed today with 2,000 remaining unsold—the first time in years that has happened. The unsold tickets will be distributed among alumni and other groups.

with 19. Detroit's Evers was caught stealing most, nine times.

On the league level, the home-run production of 973 set a record. It was 90 above the old mark of 883 established in 1940 and a whopping 204 ahead of the 1949 total.

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