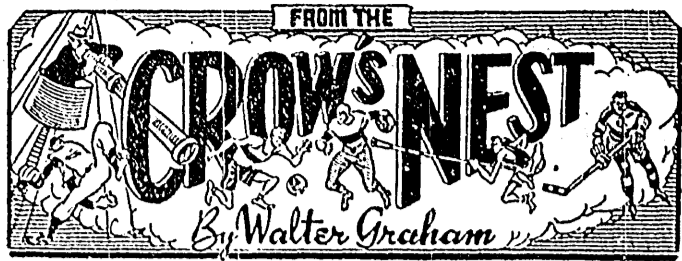


BASEBALL WORLD AWAITS CHANDLER'S VERDICT ON DUROCHER WITH INTEREST



Pleasant for Raschi, but Not for Durocher

This is a pleasant week end for the former Springfield resident—Vic Raschi—the Yankee pitcher who for 1949 made it three victories in as many starts by finally defeating the Boston Red Sox last Friday afternoon. But for the one-time West Springfield leech—Leo Durocher—the week end is not all pleasant. The New York Giants manager stands suspended by Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler as a result of the incident that took place at the Polo Grounds last Thursday afternoon.

Durocher has been accused of assaulting a fan and has been ordered to appear in the commissioner's office in Cincinnati for a hearing Tuesday. It is at the Cincinnati hearing that an attempt will be made to clarify the conflicting stories that surround the Durocher-Fan Fred Boyson affair, and Chandler will come up with another decision that will be awaited with exceptional interest in baseball circles everywhere.

Many Support Leo Durocher is not one who could be expected to win any popularity contests among baseball men and fans, but it is plain to note that in his difficulties he is receiving considerable support. Most of the baseball writers express the opinion that Chandler was much too quick on the trigger with his suspension business, and that the commissioner could well have waited until he was in possession of legitimate evidence. It is contended that nowadays there is too swift an inclination on the part of the commissioner's office to believe all stories which charge Durocher with acts of questionable virtue. In fact, even some of the writers who have waited until he was in possession of legitimate evidence, it is contended that nowadays there is too swift an inclination on the part of the commissioner's office to believe all stories which charge Durocher with acts of questionable virtue.

It is a serious matter that confronts the commissioner on Tuesday's hearing, and the hope is that he will be able to get to the solid facts and render a just decision. There are those who believe it is foolish to have the hearing in Cincinnati when all the witnesses to the affair are in New York. At the same time, it is clearly in the wrong he may expect to have the book thrown at him by Chandler. But if it is shown that the whole affair has been played up out of all proportion and that Durocher was approved of by the majority of fans, then he should have his suspension lifted, and pronto. One thing is evident, Durocher this time is getting more support from baseball people in general than was the case in his former troubles.

Stewart Talks Sense Regardless of who is chiefly to blame in this Durocher-Boyson episode, ever so many men and women who attend ball games will give hearty approval to the commissioner's hearing. Stewart declares that major league clubs should see to it that fans are kept off the playing fields. Bill warns against having managers, players or umpires exposed to the danger of mizzing with excited fans. Stewart goes so far as to say that the same goes for the umpires in the minor leagues. Look, he says, if Bill had not taken Stewart as a fellow who can handle himself at all times, and he never ducked an argument in his life—whether it was at baseball or hockey—so when he comes out for some sanity in ball park operations he is merely giving a favor for both fans and players.

While it is true that the big majority of sports fans are strong for the fair play business, there have been an increasing number of years in the number of fans who carry an abuse of players, umpires, coaches and managers much too far. Unfortunately, there are some few sports fans who think their purchase of an admission ticket is an unlimited license to abuse athletes and make the game a hell for their private lives. More than a few sports enthusiasts have taken to staying away from games at certain places because of a few fans who spoil things for all the rest. Maybe after Chandler gets through investigating this latest Durocher case he should investigate some of the clubs to see that they do about making it possible for men, women and children to attend the ball games in mental as well as physical comfort. It's time the propriety of loud-mouths should be under permanent suspension.

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PITTSFIELD LAD. CLUB HANDED SHUTOUT BY ROME NINE, 3-0

Victors Blank Indians Second Straight Time and Win Fourth in Row

Rome, April 30—Home scored its second straight shutout over the Pittsfield Indians in winning its fourth consecutive Can-Am League game here this afternoon 3 to 0. Right hander Frank Robinson from Goldboro, N. C. blanked the Tribe with four scattered hits and struck out 10 batters. He retired three men in a row on hits after Pittsfield loaded the bases in the third and he also got the side on strikeouts again in the sixth.

Box score for Pittsfield vs Rome game. Includes batting averages for Robinson, Smith, and others.

ORANGE RALLIES TO TRIM ARMS ACADEMY

Orange, April 30—The Orange High team collected six hits in the last of the eighth inning here today to score five runs for an 11-6 victory over Arms Academy. Arms rallied for two runs to run in the sixth after trailing most of the way and Bob Bruffee's circuit smash with the bases empty in the top of the eighth tied the score. The win was the fifth for Orange in seven starts. The box score:

Box score for Orange vs Arms Academy game. Includes batting averages for Bruffee, Hergott, and others.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE TEAM TURNS BACK ST. MICHAEL'S, 6-3

Sutton Does Good Job On Mound; Hart Stars for Losing Club

Williamstown, April 30—With southern Harry Sutton strutting and only eight hits, the Williams College baseball team this afternoon defeated St. Michael's College, 6-3, on the West Field diamond. Sutton led off with a home run and accounted for Williams' first win of the season. Joe Patterson of the losers yielded 10 safeties.

Box score for Williams College vs St. Michael's game. Includes batting averages for Sutton, Patterson, and others.

WESLEYAN DEFEATS AMHERST IN FIRST LITTLE THREE TILT

Francis Hurts Shutout, 7-0; Ovaits Hits Home Run and Triple

Williamstown, Conn., April 30—Behind the two-hit pitching of ace hurler Francis Hurts, the Wesleyan University baseball team whipped Amherst College, 7-0, on the Wesleyan diamond this afternoon in the first Little Three tilt of the season.

Box score for Wesleyan vs Amherst game. Includes batting averages for Hurts, Ovaits, and others.

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WILLIAMS GOLF TEAM BLANKS HAMILTON, 9-0

Williamstown, April 30—Williams golf team scored its third consecutive shutout victory of the season this afternoon, beating Hamilton, 9-0.

Box score for Williams Golf Team vs Hamilton game.

SUFFIELD TEAM WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT, 20-4

Suffield, April 30—The Suffield Academy baseball team won its fourth straight game here today, defeating Morse Junior College of Hartford, 20-4.

Box score for Suffield vs Morse Junior College game.

MONSON ACADEMY TOPS JEFF FROSH

Amherst, April 30—Monson Academy put together an error, two walks and a single to score three runs in the third inning today and beat the Amherst College freshmen, 3-2, on the Amherst Field at Amherst. The box score:

Box score for Monson Academy vs Amherst College freshmen game.

LENOX PREP WINS SECOND STRAIGHT, 9-2

Lenox, April 30—Lenox Prep posted victory number two in as many starts this season by scoring an easy 9-2 decision over Hoosac School of Hoosac, N. Y. In a game contested here this afternoon, Jerry Wrenn hit hard and flatterly for the winners by fanning 10.

Box score for Lenox Prep vs Hoosac School game.

AIC's Building Program Now Getting Under Way

Contractors Are Leveling Off 20 Acres of Recently Purchased Reed Track; Football Practice Field Will Be Ready by Next Fall

The athletic picture at American International College is getting smoother by the day. That's true literally and figuratively, for work is now in progress to level off some 20 acres of the 36-acre Reed Tract recently purchased by AIC for the purpose of housing its proposed athletic plant. Although it will be some time before the rosy picture painted by school officials is realized, material benefits of the building program will be evident as soon as next fall. It is expected that the first of AIC's new athletic fields, a practice football gridiron, will be ready by September.

Not only in land is American International growing larger on the sports front. In recent months three additions have been made to the coaching staff. Director of Athletics Henry Francis, the Wesleyan University baseball coach, was named to the position of head coach of the football team. Coach G. J. O'Grady, who has been coaching the basketball team since last season, is expected to be promoted to head coach of the basketball team. The preliminary rough grading is expected to be completed in approximately one month.

JEFF LACROSSE OUTFIT LOSES TO TUFTS, 9-4

Medford, April 30—Tufts defeated Amherst 9-4 in lacrosse today by staging a four-goal rally in the third period here today. With the score tied at three all, Egan, Manthey, Bennett and Murphy scored in order just before the second half opened. Griffith made two of the four Amherst goals. The lineup:

Lineup for Jeff Lacrosse Outfit vs Tufts game.

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