

Major league baseball

N.Y. attorney buys control of Indians

Associated Press

Cleveland, Ohio Controlling interest in the Cleveland Indians, who have been losing since last summer for a buyer who would keep the American League team in Cleveland, has been sold for about \$165 million to a New York attorney.

The purchase was announced Friday by new majority owner Dave LaFevre, a Cleveland native. Patrick O'Neill, Indians board chairman, and J. Andrew Kundt, executor of the estate of F.J. (Steve) O'Neill.

(In comparison, controlling interest in the Minnesota Twins was sold for \$12 million and a 43 percent minority interest was sold for \$11.5 million by St. Gabriel Murphy to a group in Tampa, Fla.)

(A Twain official, in explaining why the Twain stock sold for \$12 million and Cleveland's for about half that amount, said last night: "The Cleveland club couldn't be moved because of the will of Steve O'Neill, and the Twain' issue was going to expire. Cleveland had an offer of \$12 million for its team some time ago, but it was withdrawn because the club couldn't be moved."

(Potential buyers in such cities as Denver and Tampa thought the Twain would be available to move and get into a bidding contest to raise the price. The result was the \$12 million paid for the Twain by Minneapolis banker Carl Pohlad.)

(Other factors contributing to a lower price for the Indians are that the team has lost about \$5 million for each of the past three seasons, and the downtown location of Municipal Stadium.



Stadium. Cleveland residents have been hesitant to attend night games, and the team's attendance is the lowest in the major leagues.)

A spokesman for LaFevre said the agreement provides for LaFevre to buy all of the stock of IBC Corp., held by F.J. O'Neill estate. IBC has about 64.1 percent interest in Cleveland Indians Co., while the O'Neill estate owns about 35.9 percent of the outstanding stock of IBC. That means yesterday's transaction involves 56.4 percent of the Indians stock.

Before the sale is final, the O'Neill estate and LaFevre will try to buy the remaining stock held by other partners in IBC and about 50 limited partners for about \$14 million.

The agreement includes a commitment by LaFevre to pay the Indians' debt in the Cleveland area for at least 15 years. The estate would have the right to buy back interest if he wanted to move the Indians within the next 10 years.

(Staff Writer Sid Hartman contributed to this article.)



Attendance watch

Yesterday 21,919 After 36 games 690,800

Twins scorecard

FRIST ROUND White Sox-Red Sox White Sox won a 1-0 game last night when Steve Carlton pitched a complete game. The Sox scored on a walk and two runs when Carlton hit an infield single down the middle. Lawrie's error and Fred LaRoche's error gave the Sox a 1-0 lead. Carlton pitched six innings and struck out eight.

Red Sox 8, Blue Jays 1

Table with columns for Toronto and Boston, listing player names, at-bats, runs, hits, errors, and other statistics.

Brunansky out of home run derby

By Howard Shaker Staff Writer

Tom Brunansky of the Twins was eliminated in the first round of the major-league home run derby, held Friday night's game against the Chicago White Sox. Greg Louganis hit eight homers to Brunansky's five.

The contest, which has a \$50,000 first prize at the end of the season, gave each player five innings to hit as many homers as possible. Any swing that wasn't a home run was an out.

Brunansky, hitting against Twins

Twins

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reached third. He scored on Kent Hrbek's bloop single to center.

In the fourth, Houston Jimenez's line swing hit left fielder Gary Castell from third. One out later, with Dave Mier to that base, Tim Teufel grounded to third.

Two batters later, Tom Brunansky walked on a full-count pitch, one on which he appeared to take more time watching.

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When Tom Paciorek, a right-handed batter, was announced as a pitcher for the Sox, Manager Bill Gartner brought in Davis.

Twins statistics

Table with columns for various statistics: AB, R, H, E, etc., for both teams.

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Twins notebook

Coach Rick Steimann, led 1-4 after one inning. But Louganis got three in the second, one in the third and two each in the fourth and fifth. Gene Rosenbaum, White Sox hitting practice pitcher and traveling secretary, threw to the Chicago slugger. Brunansky managed one homer in each inning.

Latinski advances to the next round against Hal McRae of Kansas City. The leading 1983 home run hitter from each club was invited to the contest, with other players also invited to fill out the field.

The finals will be held at the World Series.

Tom Seaver (5-4) will make his Minnesota debut tonight against Al Wilkerson (2-3), who will be making his first start since May 2. Ed Hodges, who strained his left arm last Saturday in Kansas City, played catch last night and said he'll be ready soon.

Don Spitzer, acquired Thursday by the White Sox, has joined the team. Catcher Steve Christmas was sent to their Class AAA team at Denver.

The Twins announced after the game that reliever Larry Pashnick was being sent to their Class AAA team at Toledo and being replaced by Rick Lyander, Pashnick, who had pitched 38 1/3 innings in 13 games, Lyander was 3-4, with a 3.4 ERA and nine saves in 28 games and 37 innings for the Mud Hens. Lyander was 5-12, 3.38 with three saves in 125 innings for Minnesota in 1983.

"We're taking every chance to go to college and get on with their lives. And we'd be doing a social service getting rid of the farm system as we know it. Because I think so many young men are deluded by it, this great American dream of playing the major leagues, playing in The House of Ruth built."

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"Consider that an average of one player per team per year rises to the majors from the minors," he said. "For that player, you spend \$4 million a year to run your minor."

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American League

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Orioles 5, Yankees 4

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Calvin Griffith

Continued from page 1D pretty good judgments about our younger players. As long as I don't become smug and call out the company name good, I'm sure Carl Pohlad will put up with me.

Highs and lows

Top hitters: ■ Tony Armas had three hits, including his 18th home run, as Boston beat Toronto 1-0. ■ Keith Moreland had a three-run home run in the first inning as the Chicago Cubs trimmed the St. Louis Cardinals 9-3. He hit out in the last six games includes two doubles, a triple, three homers and 10 RBIs. ■ Pedro Guerrero collected four hits in a 10-11 attack as Los Angeles downed Atlanta 10-4.

Top pitchers

■ Detroit Tigers relief ace Willie Hernandez struck out five Milwaukee batters, allowing just one hit and walking one in the final 2 1/2 innings to record his 13th save and sixth in his last eight games. ■ Dwight Gooden, 19, of the New York Mets struck out 11 in leading Montreal 2-1, passing Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles for the National League lead. Gooden has 107 in 9 1/2 innings to Valenzuela's 101 in 11 1/2. It was his fifth in 14 games he has tossed 10 or more.

Red Sox finally win one

■ Boston's 9-1 victory over Toronto ended an eight-game losing streak, the Red Sox's longest since 1977.