

International Items

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EILERS STOPS TORONTO

DAVE EILERS, apparently recovered from an aching back, made his twenty-first rescue mission for Atlanta, June 3, and ran his season's record to 7-1 on Bubba Phillips' eleventh-inning homer that beat Toronto, 2-1. The victory was the sixth for the Crackers in seven extra-inning games and their sixteenth win in 22 contests decided by one run.

General Manager Roy Johnson announced the Toledo attendance for 20 home dates had totaled 32,714, an average of 1,634 per outing. He said he was neither concerned nor disappointed by the early-season turnouts, though he looks for a gate upswing later on.

Two streaks came to a halt as Toledo beat Jacksonville, 8-6, June 1, in a game that saw Mud Hens reliever Vern Handrahan hit a grand-slam homer. Coco Laboy, Sun's second baseman, who had been 0-26, came out of his slump with two singles, while Elio Chacon, Jacksonville shortstop, had his bat rampage stopped at an even dozen games.

After his team had sloshed to a come-from-behind 7-6 victory over Atlanta on a field that had been soaked from some 36 hours of rain, June 2,

Burright, Buffalo Second Sacker, Quits Club, Flies Home to California

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Second baseman Larry Burright of Buffalo packed up and left the club in Buffalo as it departed on a flight to Jacksonville, June 3. He reportedly went to his home in California, after telling teammates he was quitting baseball.

Sheriff Robinson, manager of the Bisons, who had stopped off at his home in Cambridge, Md., and did not travel here with the team, was surprised to learn on his arrival the next day that Burright's teammates had tried to talk him out of quitting several days earlier. "Larry neither contacted me nor the front office," the manager said. "I wish he had talked this over with me. He must have been mulling it over, for you don't do something like this on the spur of the moment."

With the Bison roster thus cut to 17 players, an SOS was put in for Ted Schreiber, another Buffalo second baseman, who had passed up baseball to attend St. John's University this spring. Schreiber, who had been working out with the St. John's team, reported at once and played both games of a double-header at Atlanta, won by the Crackers, 5-3 and 8-3, June 6.

Columbus G.M. Harold Cooper visited the clubhouse and apologized to his Jet players for the muddy track. "I didn't think the field was going to be that bad," he told his athletes.

STOLEN BASE MARKS AT STAKE

TWO stolen base records are likely to go by the boards soon. Jacksonville's Bob Tolan is six shy of the Sun's mark of 24 set by Vic Davalillo in 1962, while Columbus'

George Spriggs, with 23, also needs six to top the Jets' high made in 1959 by Nino Escalera.

When the Braves summoned Atlanta southpaw Dick Kelly (9-1) on June 3, they supplied Manager Bill Adair with a pair of much-needed starters in Clay Carroll and Pat Jarvis, and a good relief man in veteran Bob Tiefenauer. "Nobody is going to win for us like Kelley did, but we need more starters and Carroll and Jarvis should help," Adair said. "Tiefenauer should help us straighten out our bullpen problems."

CRAX FEAST ON BISONS

PENNANT-MINDED Atlanta feasted on its favorite foe, Buffalo, by taking a double-header from the Bisons, 5-3 and 8-1, June 6. It was the Herd's sixth double defeat and ran the Crackers' season record against the Bisons to 9-0.

Bob Barton, Atlanta catcher who had been leading the league with a .382 batting average, rejoined the team on June 1 after spending two days in a Toledo hospital. Suffering from exhaustion, Barton had collapsed in the Crackers' clubhouse during their recent visit to Toledo.

Tom Phoebus, Rochester righthander who makes a habit of beating Toledo, was at it again, June 3, when he fanned 12 batters and shellacked the Mud Hens, 5-1, for his fourth 1965 victory, three of which have been over Toledo.

HOPKE VISITS ILL MOTHER

FRED HOPKE, Syracuse first baseman, was given a few days off by Manager Frank Carswell, June 3, to visit his mother, who had undergone an operation in a Newark, N. J. hospital. Outfielder Ron Cox, acquired a few days earlier in a trade with Columbus, filled in for Hopke at the initial sack.

PRESS BOX

FALLS A FATHER FIFTH TIME

JOE FALLS, baseball writer for the Detroit Free Press and a correspondent for THE SPORTING NEWS, became a father for the fifth time recently when his wife, Rose, gave birth to a six-pound, 14-ounce son, Michael, at New Grace Hospital in Detroit.

Arnie Hoffman, formerly assistant sports editor of the Kankakee (Ill.) Daily Journal, has joined the sports staff of the Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph.

George Norquist has moved from the state news desk to the sports staff of the La Salle-Peru (Ill.) News-Tribune.

PHAIR MEMORABILIA TO HALL

KEN SMITH, director of baseball's Hall of Fame, has announced that medals and sports columns of the late George Phair, a baseball columnist on Chicago and New York papers before becoming a columnist for Daily Variety Magazine in 1938, will be included in a room for sports writers at the Cooperstown, N. Y., shrine. Phair died on May 14.

Ed Alsene, sports director of the Illinois State Journal and Illinois State Register in Springfield, will leave his post, August 1, to become athletic publicity director for Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

Reaction by Kids, Parents Very Good, Asserts Frick

NEW YORK, N. Y.—"The reaction from the boys and their families has been very good," Commissioner Ford Frick declared at the conclusion of the first free-agent draft.

"There are bound to be some bugs in the machinery because this is the first time we have tried it," continued Frick. "We have been working over two years on this plan with the hope of letting the clubs which finish down in the leagues get a better chance at the talent."

Warren Giles, president of the National League, said the real test will come in the next six months.

"In six months we will know how many signed and how much this helped in savings," said Giles. "Some boys are sure to get \$100,000 or \$150,000. The clubs may not save money but the idea of distributing talent will be of prime importance."

Joe Cronin, president of the American League, said: "This is a great thing for baseball all over the country. Every kid with a bat is waiting to see if he has been picked."

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Third Baseman Edward Tivis, 20, amateur, from Kansas City, Mo. Shortstop James Townsend, 18, from Redding, Calif., and Shasta Union High School.

Outfielder Jack Singer, 21, from Norfolk, Va., and Princeton University.

Pitcher Robert Louis Carlson, 19, from East Longmeadow, Mass., and American International College.

First Baseman Duane Freeman, 22, Holtville, Calif., University of Utah.

Outfielder - third baseman John Wayne Frye, 20, Clermont, Fla., Manatee Junior College.

Outfielder Robert Gustafson, 19, from Miami, Fla., and Rollins College.

Outfielder Robert Cox, 21, from Whittier, Calif., and Stanford University.

Shortstop Richard Devarney, 21, from Orno, Me., and University of Maine.

Outfielder-catcher John Olander, 21, from Sacramento, Calif., and Sacramento State College.

First baseman-outfielder James Greta, 19, from Phoenix, Ariz., and Arizona State University.

Outfielder Trenton Jackson, 23, from Rochester, N. Y., and University of Illinois.

Third baseman Robert Schanze, 20, from Atwater, Calif., and Fresno State College.

Shortstop John Siplin, 19, from Watsonville, (Calif.) High School.

First baseman-outfielder Dale Ford, 21, from Olympia, Wash., and Washington State University.

RALEIGH

Pitcher Theodore Friel, 22, from Pittsfield, Mass., and Dartmouth College.

Pitcher William Close 18, from St. Mary's High School in Waltham, Mass.

Second baseman Raymond Henningsen, 19, from San Jose, Calif., and Santa Clara University.

First baseman Robert Bender, 18, from Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Left-handed pitcher Eugene Breinig, 18, from Merced (Calif.) High School.

Left-handed pitcher Bruce Hinkel, 18, from Mar-Mack High School in McGregor, Ia.

Left-handed pitcher Ron Jancek, 21, from Muskegon, Mich., and Weber State College.

Third baseman Bobby Smith, 20, Tulsa, Okla., and Bacone Junior College.

Catcher Joe Gegg, 22, from St. Louis and St. Louis University.

Pitcher William Lierman 19, from Granite City, Ill.

Catcher Isaac Barnes, 18, from North Chattanooga (Tenn.) High School.

Outfielder Peter Hamm, 18, from Soquel (Calif.) High School.

Outfielder Jesse Cleveland, 21, from Greensboro, Ala., and Alabama State College.

Pitcher Raymond Glinsky, 21, from Springfield, O., and Akron College.

Shortstop - third baseman Arthur (Archie) Roberts, 22, from New York City and Columbia University.

Pitcher Marylin Baum, 21, from Blue Earth, Minn., and Luther College.

Outfielder Ernie DeFilippis, 20, from Brooklyn, N. Y., and Long Island University.

Catcher Michale Thompson, 22, from Aurora, Colo., and Texas University.

ROCK HILL

Catcher Fred Van Iten, 21, from Dubuque, Ia., and Dubuque University.

Pitcher C. A. McGowan, 20, from Memphis, Tenn., and Memphis State University.

Pitcher Louis Fiore, 18, from Glendale (Calif.) High School.

Obituaries

Wilfred H. (Tucker) Genest, whose career as an outfielder was wrecked in 1912 when he was the victim of one of the worst spikings in baseball history, died in Pittsfield, Mass., at the age of 81, June 5.

Originally a shortstop, Genest weighed only 135 pounds and was five feet, six inches tall. He was 26 years old before he got his first chance with Haverhill (New England) and New Britain (Connecticut) in 1910.

After batting .305 and stealing 60 bases for Springfield (Connecticut) in 1911, Genest was acquired by the White Sox, but the major league club returned him to Springfield, where he suffered his injury, July 30, 1912, on a steal of second base in a game with Holyoke.

According to Genest's account, "I hooked the base and can remember the ball rolling out to center field. No wonder. The Holyoke second baseman didn't even look at it. He was more interested in me. He jumped in the air and brought his spikes down on my left leg."

His leg was broken in two places, an infection set in and he was hospitalized until late October.

Jack Zeller, who had been the manager of Springfield, came to Pittsfield to lead the city's entry in the Eastern Association in 1913 and one of his first moves was to give his crippled ex-star the concessions rights at Wahconah Park.

Notwithstanding the advice of doctors, Genest later tried three times to make a comeback in the game, with Springfield in 1914, Troy in 1915 and Albany in 1916, but his efforts were unsuccessful.

Subsequently, he became a full-time employe of the General Electric Co. in Pittsfield, retiring in 1948.

Max J. Felerski, 67, former International League umpire, died in Our Lady of Victory Hospital at Lackawanna, N. Y., June 1. He was a resident of Buffalo.

Felerski, a native of Rochester, came out of sandlot ball to start his umpiring career in the Pony League in 1940. He advanced to the International League in July, 1942, and remained with the circuit until ill health forced his retirement in 1956.

After that, he worked as a groundskeeper for the Buffalo Bisons at old Offermann Stadium and then was employed as a supervisor of pools and rinks and as a golf course starter for the city's parks department.

Elmo Blasingame, brother of Don Blasingame of the Senators, was fatally injured near Amory, Miss., in a single car accident, June 9.

Monroe County authorities said the car slammed into a bridge abutment on old Highway 6 about 3 a. m. The vehicle plunged over an embankment and hit a dry creek bed.

Blasingame, a native of Corinth, Miss., died en route to a hospital.

Left-handed pitcher Mike Kistner, 18, from Jackson (Mo.) High School.

Left-handed pitcher Dan McGinn, 21, from Omaha, Neb., and Notre Dame University.

Left-handed pitcher Jay Schloemer, 20, from Cincinnati, O., and Lincoln Junior College.

Pitcher Jerry D. Robertson, 21, from Valley Falls, Kan., and Washburn University.

Catcher William Carino, 18, Immaculate High School, Revere, Mass.

Pitcher Mel Workman, 17, Moweaqua (Ill.) High School.

Pitcher Ronald Masterson, 17, from Soddy (Tenn.) High School.

Shortstop Richard Hacker, 17, from New Athens, (Ill.) High School.

Second baseman William Ray, 18, from Lee High School in Brownsboro, Ala.

First baseman David Hanbury, 18, from Oswego (N. Y.) High School.

Pitcher John Pierce, 19, from Bethany, Okla., and Bacone Junior College.

Lefty pitcher Sanford Marks, 18, from Beverly Hills (Calif.) High School.

Shortstop-third baseman Tommy Thompson, 17, from El Cajon, (Calif.) High School.

Lefty pitcher William Monroe, 19, from Napa, Calif.

Pitcher Paul DeLoca, 20, from Wood Haven, N. Y., and St. Francis College.

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