

Milwaukee Braves Are Reality; Predict More Major Club Shifts

City Rejoices Milwaukee Fans Rush for Tickets

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Two thoughts predominated today in this new city of big league baseball: Welcome the Milwaukee Braves in fitting style and get out to the ball park for opening day.

The Milwaukee Braves were the Boston Braves up until Wednesday afternoon. That's when the National League owners gave their unanimous approval to Lou Perini's request to transfer his Braves to Milwaukee for the 1953 season.

Milwaukee fans began an immediate stampede for opening day tickets while city officials threw out their chests and began to map a rousing welcome for the new team.

At the offices of the American Association Milwaukee Brewers in the new \$5 million stadium which will be the Braves' home field, the telephones kept up a jangle.

"Everybody that heard the news on the radio wanted to buy opening day tickets," said Earl Levy, publicity director for the Brewers, who now will move to Toledo.

The complete allotment of 12,000 reserved seat tickets for the Brewers' slated home opener against St. Paul was sold out weeks ago.

Reservations are being accepted but no tickets will be sold until final arrangements in that matter are made.

Plans to welcome the Braves to Milwaukee were still being formed, but officials indicated the teams' arrival certainly would be marked by a brass band at the railroad station and a parade later. A civic dinner also was a possibility.

Some city leaders were mentioning a week long celebration. Details vague.

confidence in Milwaukee and we will try to produce a pennant winner at the earliest date."

Entire Front Page
The Milwaukee Sentinel devoted its entire front page to the Braves.

One husky young citizen among the 1 million in the metropolitan Milwaukee area laid immediate claim to the title of the Milwaukee Braves' No. 1 fan. He is Art Amsie, 25, a former Bostonian who came here to work 15 months back.

Lt. Gov. Smith of Wisconsin suggested Wednesday that the entire legislature come to Milwaukee for the Braves' opener April 14.

Universal Glee
The glee in the city over the readmittance to the major leagues—Milwaukee fielded an American League team in 1901, after which the franchise went to St. Louis—was universal.

Expect to Keep Free Toss Rule
KANSAS CITY (AP)—Basketball's rules framers decide today whether they want to keep the much-maligned "one and one" free throw rule—and chances are they'll say "yes."

A high-placed member of the National Basketball Committee said the rule probably will be given another year's grace if for no other reason than that nobody has come up with an adequate substitute.

The committee said it expected to clean up its business before noon.

The free throw rule adopted a year ago stipulates that when a player is victim of a common foul—one not in the act of shooting—he gets another chance to score a basket if he misses his first free throw.

stand has 28,011 permanent seats. The stadium has room for expansion to 70,000.

Board Agrees
The Milwaukee County Board has agreed to an additional expenditure of \$500,000 for various improvements asked by the Braves to bring the stadium up from AA to major league quality.

The stadium, the main plum in efforts to switch the Boston club to Milwaukee, will be rented to the Braves for \$1,000 for each of the first two years and for five per cent of the gate and most concession receipts for the following three years.

The stadium, located five miles from downtown Milwaukee, is the third largest in the National League.

Big Legion Winner on Sox Roster
A 30-game winner in American Legion baseball play is one of the pitchers signed for the Wisconsin Rapids White Sox for the 1953 Wisconsin State League season.

He is Lee Kuntz of Weissport, Pa., who has been signed as one of the southpaw pitching candidates for the club. He chalked up 30 wins as against only six setbacks in the 1950-51-52 American Legion baseball seasons.

Kuntz was born at Weissport on Jan. 23, 1934. He attended high school at Lehigh, Pa., graduating June 8, 1951. He was also one of his school's regular moundsmen during his high school career.

Kuntz stands 5-10 in height and weighs 155 pounds and thus is one of the smallest men on the roster. He is a left handed batter.

The southpaw was signed by Joe Holden, who has signed some of the better players for the local club over the past few seasons. Holden, a former major league catcher, managed the White Sox the latter half of the 1950 season. He currently covers Pennsylvania as a scout for the Chicago White Sox.

Perini Says Third Major League Is Only Solution

By JACK HAND
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Milwaukee is big league and Boston is a one-club town after the first major league franchise shuffle since 1903—perhaps only a sample of things to come.

The time will arrive when only New York and Chicago will be two-club cities in the opinion of owner Lou Perini of the Braves who yesterday received unanimous approval to move his Boston franchise to Milwaukee and a 7-1 sanction to transfer his Milwaukee franchise in the American Association to Toledo.

"The country has changed in the last 75 years," said Perini. "You can't deny Los Angeles and San Francisco are major league in every respect. And so are Montreal, Baltimore and some other cities. A third major league is the only answer for the future."

President Walter O'Malley of the Brooklyn Dodgers also predicts sweeping changes in the baseball map.

Chain Reaction
"You'll see more territory being drafted than you can shake a stick at," said O'Malley. "This can set up a chain reaction."

O'Malley may be right but it can't come true before October because the Major League Executive Council last Sunday froze all territory except for the period from Oct. 1 to Dec. 1. The lone exceptions were the Boston Milwaukee and St. Louis Browns-to-Baltimore moves then under consideration.

The Boston Braves became the Milwaukee Braves yesterday afternoon when the American Association accepted a \$50,000 payment for "damages" suffered by the loss of Milwaukee. The Braves were in the process of losing an exhibition game to the New York Yankees when the change was approved.

Emerging from the 3½-hour meeting, Perini asked "How did the club come out?" When informed they lost, he said, "all right, we'll become Milwaukee officially Thursday." The Braves play Cincinnati today at Bradenton, Fla.

No Opposition
There was no solid opposition to the Braves' transfer in the National League meeting. The owners said most of the time was consumed in discussing the problems involved—particularly the schedule.

The new schedule finds Milwaukee swapping places with Pittsburgh in the original playing chart. The Milwaukee Braves will be a "western" team and Pittsburgh will become an "eastern" team in the league realignment.



MEET ORIENTALS TONIGHT—Birnwood, lone "small" school in the Wisconsin high school basketball tournament at Madison, makes its first bid in the state meet tonight against Superior East. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row): Dennis Hanley, Lyle Krull, Jack Krull, Bill Breyer, Earl Schmidt and Assistant Coach Duane Day; (back row): Roy Schmidt, John Chapman, Jim Clerk, Dennis Hawley, John Hanley, Cliff Haas, Co-manager Dale Dickman, Coach Jim Thompson, and Co-manager LeRoy Block.

Menasha Remains as State Cage, Tourney Favorite as Play Begins

By CHRIS EDMONDS
MADISON (AP)—Menasha was favored to win its first state high school basketball championship as play opened today in the 38th annual WIAA tournament.

The Bluejays, making their sixth trip to the quarter-finals at the University of Wisconsin fieldhouse, met Beloit in the meet opener at 1:30 p. m. If Coach Eric Kitzman's cagers drive through the three-day tournament as expected, they will give the Winnebago County City its second prep cage crown of the year—following by a fortnight is back for the second time in three years.

20 Times Contender
Eau Claire, 20 times a contender but only twice a champion, faced Hartford in the second game at 3 p. m. The Little 10 conference Orioles were making their first showing in a state meet.

Two more first-round games were scheduled tonight, at 7 and 8:30 p. m. Birnwood and Superior East, the smallest schools on hand with enrollments of 208 and 437 pupils, respectively, tangled in the opener, with Tomah and Sheboygan Central winding it up for opening day.

Consolation action for today's losers is billed Friday afternoon, with title flight semi-finals at night. Finals in both brackets will be played Saturday night. The same time schedule will be followed at all sessions.

No Milwaukee Team
This year's tournament is the first in seven years in which the Milwaukee Suburban conference has failed to win a spot. Defending champion South Milwaukee was upset at the regional level and Wauwatosa, seeking its sixth straight trip, dropped out in sectional play last weekend.

The Fox River Valley conference is represented after a lapse of more than a quarter-century. Sheboygan Central carries the banner of the league, which returned to tournament competition a year ago. The Milwaukee City conference, which came in for the first time last year, failed again to make the grade.

Beloit Repeater
Beloit, with five championship titles, is the only school in the field besides Eau Claire to capture the crown climaxing four weeks of tournament play. Birnwood and Sheboygan Central, like Hartford, are making their initial bids. Tomah is the only Red's third victory in three tries over Boston.

OSU Approves Rose Bowl Pact

COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—Ohio State University today announced approval of continuing the Rose Bowl football pact between the Western Conference and the Pacific Coast Conference.

Ohio State's approval had been expected. Meanwhile, Western Conference officials awaited key votes from two other members, Purdue and Northwestern, on whether the Rose Bowl pact is to be continued after next New Year's game.

Three schools, Michigan State, Minnesota and Wisconsin, have turned down the proposal to renew.

Chicago Clubs Win
Both Chicago clubs won on the West Coast. The Cubs edged the St. Louis Browns, 5-4, in the ninth inning at Los Angeles and the White Sox overpowered Los Angeles at Fullerton, Calif., 12-9. Bill Serena homered twice for the Cubs. Ferris Fain and Bill Wilson homered for the White Sox.

The New York Giants lost their fourth straight, this time to the Cleveland Indians, 10-6. Earl Torgerson and Granny Hamner homered with the bases loaded as the Phillies walloped the Athletics, 10-6, in an All-Philadelphia battle at West Palm Beach.

Cincinnati bunched five hits in the sixth inning to score four runs against the Boston Red Sox and went on to win, 4-3. It was the Reds' third victory in three tries over Boston.

The Milwaukee Braves did right well in the pitching department, too, as Rookie Bob Buhl worked five hitless innings against the New York Yankees. Then the Braves made a pitching switch to Dick Donovan and the Yanks collected five quick runs to win the game, 5-3.

Packer Exhibition Is Cancelled; No Field

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The National Football League's Pittsburgh Steelers said Wednesday a scheduled exhibition game with the Green Bay Packers Sept. 12 at Milwaukee has been cancelled.

The Steelers said they could not play the contest on the same day as a baseball game is scheduled at Milwaukee. On Sept. 12 the Milwaukee Braves will meet the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Tigers Rate Against National Loop Teams

By the Associated Press
The 1953 Detroit Tigers can beat National League teams—seven victories in seven exhibition games, but not American League teams—three losses in three exhibition games.

Last year's Tigers couldn't beat American League teams very often, either. They lost 104 times in their own circle and finished last.

The Tigers beat the St. Louis Cardinals Wednesday, 5-0. Last week they beat them, 4-0. In the two games St. Louis has managed only nine hits. Dick Marlowe, up from Buffalo and Dave Madison, who joined the Tigers from the St. Louis Browns last season, gave up six Wednesday as Walt Drope, Jake Crawford and Keith Little chipped in with home runs.

Good Pitching
Washington and Brooklyn also got good pitching Wednesday, but the Senators got a run to go with it and blanked the Dodgers, 1-0. Walt Masterson and Julio Moreno collaborated for Washington while John Proctor and Joe Black worked for Brooklyn. The run, off Black in the ninth, came when Jim Busby doubled and Frank Campos tripled. Washington got five other hits. Brooklyn collected five.

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Del Hammond Paces Two Loops With Series of 596 and 580

Del Hammond set the pace in two city bowling leagues Wednesday night, cracking out a 596 topper in the Elks 693 League and contributing a 580 to lead the Civic League.

Hammond's best game of the night—a 237 which also topped the Civic League in that bracket—turned out to be second best for the city too. It was bettered only by Dick Kroll, who spattered the maples for a 244 in the Preway League. Kroll's 591 series was second only to Hammond's 596.

Behind Hammond in the Elks League came John Kuenn with a 556, while Emmett Gaulke took individual game honors there with 224. In the Civic League, Les Hill followed Hammond's lead with a 548.

Among the women bowlers, Connie Alft showed the way in the Women's Minor B with a 494 series and a top game of 188. Sue Cleveland rolled the top mark of 457 in the Women's Minor A, but gave up singles honors to Irene Molepske with 183.

Civic League
Bowling
Team W L Team W L
Hwy. 45 32 1/2 Riv. 36 42
F. L. 42 33 O. Fel. 35 42 1/2
Lions 42 36 Spt. 38 46
High series: Del Hammond 580, Les Hill 548, S. W. Baranowski 524.
High games: Hammond 580, Mary Schaffer 222, Baranowski 217.

Preway League
Bowling
Team W L Team W L
P. Push. 49 28 1/2 Mach. 32 45 1/2
Engin. 39 29 St. Rm. 32 46
F. M'n 40 38 Cutters 31 47
High series: Dick Kroll 591, Felix Bender 495, Roy Hanson 489.
High games: Kroll 244, Louis Schanock 192.

Women's Minor B
Labor Tennis
Team W L Team W L
Kiss 55 25 Dol. Sus 41 37
L. Tem 45 32 1/2 Colman 28 32
Chrch's 43 34 1/2 Sev. 1p 23 63
High series: Connie Alft 494, Judith Branger 470, Marie Butke 467.
High games: Alft 188, Ploy Wittenberg 181, Ruth Buckley 179.

Women's Minor A
Bowling
Team W L Team W L
Fritz 49 29 Team 35 42 1/2
13 Gr. 43 35 R. Lbr. 31 48 1/2
LeRay 37 40 1/2 Club 8 34 1/2 43 1/2
High series: Sue Cleveland 457, Irene Molepske 432, Jerry Berg 429.
High games: Molepske 183, Cleveland 178, Ethel Kelly 167.

Elks 693 League
Bowling
Team W L Team W L
Cran. 45 32 1/2 7-10 35 45
B. Eye 43 33 O. Tim. 35 45
High series: Del Hammond 596, John Kuenn 536, Geo. Gjertsen 522.
High games: Hammond 580, Baranowski 524, Hammond 217, Doc Straub 205.

Jim Peterson Named Campion High Coach
PRAIRIE DU CHIEN (AP)—Jim Peterson Wednesday was appointed head basketball and baseball coach at Campion High School. He formerly coached those sports at Racine St. Catherine. Peterson, a graduate of Loras College at Dubuque, Ia., succeeds Mel Nick, recently named football coach at St. Norbert College.

Jockey Albert Widman of Tampa, Fla., once was a model for boys' clothes. Widman was born in San Diego, Calif.

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