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Durocher Suspended For Booting Heckler

Lippy Leo Durocher, the fiery manager of the New York Giants, was suspended indefinitely from organized baseball last Friday by Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Candler for an alleged altercation with a Negro fan at the Polo Grounds in New York.

Chandler stated Sunday that the suspension was inflicted for safety measures.

Following a 15-2 setback at the hands of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Durocher's old team, Lippy Leo reportedly knocked down and kicked Fred Boyesen, a 22 year old ex-G. I., who had heckled the manager through the game.

It was not the first time Durocher had been in "hot water." He was suspended from the game for the season of 1947 because he openly had words with Larry McPhail, then president of the New York Yankees, concerning gambling. In 1946 Durocher slapped a fan at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

At first Durocher's future in baseball looked black over the Boyesen affair. However, the wind began to blow in his favor when fans, sportswriters and club executives came to his defense.

Horace Stoneham, president of the Giants, said his club would do everything in its power to de-

fer its manager. Sportswriters, sensing a story, jumped to Durocher's side. They claimed the suspension was unjust because Leo was not given a hearing.

The big help came from a Giant fan, George Cronk, who forwarded the story that it was he who kicked Boyesen, accidentally. Cronk said he was walking across the field after the game, and that Boyesen either was pushed or fell. "I suppose I kicked him," Cronk said. "I muttered 'Sorry' and kept going. I didn't think anything more of it at the time.

Cronk also said he saw Boyesen lunge at Durocher first, and that Leo apparently swung his elbow without looking back — and that's what made Boyesen fall.

Boyesen claims Durocher punched him from behind and then kicked him in the groin.

Whether it be the end of a fiery baseball career or just another episode in Leo's life, this incident should prove to all that it does not pay to meddle with organized baseball in such a manner.



Leo Durocher

Asheville Moves To Second In Tri-State

The Asheville Tourists, who made believers out of the Charlotte Hornets last week by sweeping a four game series from them, moved firmly into second place in the Tri-State standings.

Including games of Sunday when the Tourists split a doubleheader with the Rock Hill Chiefs, Asheville was a game and a half ahead of the third place Sumter Chicks and 4 1-2 games behind the front-running Florence Stealers.

Spartanburg and Rock Hill are entrenched in fourth and fifth place and Anderson, Charlotte and Knoxville are floundering about the cellar. Currently, the Smokies hold the tail-end berth, 18 points points the Hornets and Rebels.

CATAMOUNTS BEGIN SPRING CAGE DRILLS

CULLOWHEE — Tuck McConnell's Western Carolina Catamount cagers began their spring basketball drills Monday in Breese gymnasium.

All of last year's team with the exception of Bob McGinn, Bob Tate, and Burt Lane reported for practice. Those three boys graduate in June. The remainder of the team reported ready to go.

McConnell stated that the first few drills will be for conditioning, when the boys get down to work.

How they stand

(complete through games of Sunday, May 1.)

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION			
	W	L	PCT
Little Rock	9	3	.750
New Orleans	9	5	.643
Birmingham	6	4	.600
Atlanta	6	4	.600
Nashville	5	5	.500
Mobile	5	6	.435
Chattanooga	4	6	.400
Memphis	2	13	.133

S. ATLANTIC (Sally) LEAGUE			
	W	L	PCT
Savannah	10	3	.769
Greenville	9	3	.750
Augusta	7	6	.538
Macon	6	7	.462
Jacksonville	6	7	.462
Columbus	5	6	.455
Charleston	5	9	.357
Columbia	2	9	.182

WESTERN CAROLINA LEAGUE			
	W	L	PCT
Lenoir	3	0	1.000
Lincolnton	4	1	.800
Marion	3	1	.750
Newton	1	1	.500
Hendersonville	2	3	.400
R. C. Owls	1	3	.250
Shelby	1	3	.250
Morganton	0	3	.000

TRI-STATE LEAGUE			
	W	L	PCT
Florence	14	2	.875
Asheville	9	6	.600
Sumter	7	7	.500
Spartanburg	7	8	.467
Rock Hill	7	9	.438
Anderson	6	10	.375
Charlotte	6	10	.375
Knoxville	5	9	.357

GOOD CATCH FOR CARDS - By Alan Maver

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BOBBY TERRELL'S ONCE OVER

Being at a loss for local sports to elaborate about, we again turn to the national side.

First of all we'll talk about the Western Carolina Class D Baseball League. From all outward appearances it looks like the league once more will be a slugger's heaven. During the first week every park in the circuit was rocked with home runs. The Newton Conover Twins seem to have the greatest punch along with the defending champion Lincolnton Cardinals.

Eddie Yount, Newton skipper, Don Stafford, first baseman, and Eddie Walczak, third baseman all hit for the circuit last Wednesday night to give the Twins their only victory in their first two starts. However, the power demonstrated by these three boys in that one game alone is enough to make the rival clubs sweat.

Down in Lincolnton, it seems that Manager Carl Miller, who will be remembered as the first baseman of the Charlotte Hornets last summer, has already sounded off that he will be in the midst of the home run parade through the summer. Miller, always a slugger, has a knack of winning ball games by knocking the ball across the fence. And he could have picked no better place to do it than the Western Carolina League, the home of short fences.

As for the rest of the circuit, they will have their distance hitters, who will pop off during the season, but we'll give Yount and Miller the edge to fight it out for the individual slugger honors.

for a moment. Local fight fans have a treat coming up tomorrow night (Friday) right in their own back yards. Asheville Fight Promoter Ted Ball has arranged a fight card of 32 rounds that promises not to go the limit. In his preliminary matches he has brought in some new punchers for a couple of fights who are noted for their excessive knockout power. All prelims promise to be exciting.

But the main event of the evening featuring Lonnie (Bulldog) Rutherford of Roanoke, Va., and Sluggin' Johnny Kilday of Boston, Mass., should be a killer. We saw Bulldog flatten Joe Leonard, Charlotte's outstanding middleweight, in just 37 seconds of the second round three weeks ago, and believe me, his right fist carries the kick of a mule.

Yet, Kilday has compiled one of the outstanding ring records of the northern middleweight corners. It is reported that he also has a dynamite right.

Speaking for just that one punch we saw Bulldog throw at Leonard that flattened the Charlotte boy, we'll say he will take Kilday by a knockout, and it shouldn't be in the latter rounds.

Most Cleveland County orchardists expect a good fruit crop this year in spite of some damage from freezing weather in March.

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