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Stanky To Fight Just As Hard For The Cards As He Did Against 'em

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Hustling Eddie Stanky, peppery little second baseman, took over the managerial reins of the St. Louis Cardinals today and promised he'll field a business club next spring.

Stanky was signed yesterday to a two-year term as manager by Cardinals owner Fred Saigh at an estimated \$35,000 annual salary, and promptly promised he'd be a playing manager.

"They're all grown men and they should hustle," Stanky said of his new charges. "I'm sure most of them will but there might be a few who have to be reminded."

Baseball men agreed that Stanky, who learned many of his baseball tricks under "Lippy Leo" Durocher, is just the man to inject hustle into the aging Cardinal club. Colorful and swashbuckling, Stanky has

TODAY'S SPORT PARADE

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been known as a batter who clawed his way to major league success on courage and fight.

Stanky, who is 34, was silent on his rebuilding plans for the Cards, who finished third last season, under soft-spoken Marty Marion.

NO POSITIONS CLEARED

"No player on the team will have to win his job," he declared. He refused to predict where the Cardinals would finish next year but said he'd definitely be in the lineup to help them out.

To all other questions Stanky replied with a terse, "that will depend on spring training."

Saigh revealed after Stanky was signed that he "was the man I wanted right from the start."

In granting Stanky a two-year contract, Saigh reversed himself on his decision to fire Marion because it was all over.

"It wasn't fun any longer," he said slowly. "That's why I've played my last game of ball."

Then, without regrets, he looked back down the years and spoke proudly and without longing of his great moments.

"My most memorable," he recalled, "was that 56-game hitting streak in 1941. But for one day—or let's say three days—I'll never forget coming up to Boston in 1949."

Nor should he. For Joe had been out of the lineup 65 days with a heel injury that season when he stepped back into uniform for a make-or-break series with the challenging Red Sox. All he did was win all three games, and kill the Red Sox with four home runs and a single, driving in nine runs.

"I guess the best catch I ever made was against Hank Greenberg in 1939," he said. "There was one out and a man on first and Greenberg hit a ball just short of the centerfield flagpole, where I says 465 feet. I wanted to hold it to a triple but I stuck up my hand and there was the ball for the out."

"But I pulled a boner on it," he grinned wryly. "I forgot there were only two out then, and the man got back all the way from third."

Now, though, he was glad it was all over. He made his decision the day after the last series ended—and never wavered. "The Yankees tried to change his mind but Joe wouldn't budge. Never would he become a has-been."

So the Yankee Clipper is gone. And just as they didn't find a new Ruth or a new Gehrig—so, too, they'll never find another DiMaggio.

N. C. State Meeting Reaches No Decision

RALEIGH (AP)—Choice of a successor to Eddie Feathers as head football coach at N. C. State was as much a mystery as ever today, despite a meeting of the athletic council that lasted more than two hours last night.

Chairman H. A. Fisher said after the closed meeting that no announcement concerning a new head coach or Feathers remaining at the college in another capacity would be made.

The meeting started at 7:30 p. m. and lasted until 9:45. Feathers left at about 9:15.

Speculation had picked as the favorite to succeed Feathers Horace Anderson, backfield coach and chief scout who joined the gridiron staff only last summer. He is the only member of the 1951 staff still with the Wolfpack.

the great ex-shortstop wanted more than a one-year contract.

Stanky had wanted a three-year contract to give him time for a rebuilding job. The two-year agreement was apparently a compromise.

Stanky said he understood the Cardinal fans "don't like me because I played as hard against the Cardinals."

FIRST GAME OPPOSITION FOR GREENWAVE

GREENWAVE BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TOMORROW NIGHT — Wilmington boys come into for a Nassau County Conference game tomorrow night to open the basketball season for the Greenwave. Junior Varsity, girls, and Varsity games will be played in the Army with the J.V.s starting first at 8:00 p. m. Back row: Cy Stewart, Rudy Brown, Leo McDonald, Jack Long, and Joe Smith. Back row: Ray Brock, C. B. Brock, Wayne Coleman, Billy McDonald, Jasper Temple, and Dennis Ballard, and Coach Ed Bradley. (Daily Record photo by T. H. Stewart.)

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Benhaven Girls, Boone Trail Boys Take HC Victories

The people out in Western Harnett saw two good ball games at the Benhaven gym last night as neighboring Boone Trail and Benhaven split a very closely played doubleheader.

The young, surprising Benhaven High girls added another victory to schools astounding record last night as the rebels team outscored a win from the rival Boone Trail girls by a 42 to 40 score.

Grace Kennedy led the red and white to their second win of the year against one conference loss. Jean Stewart topped the victors.

Cecil Quinn and Richard Cummings scored 10 points apiece for the Boone Trail boys in taking a 46-46 win over the home team while Wallace Cash was playing a fine all-around game.

One of the best ball players in the county, Joe Holmes, gave his team plenty of support in scrapping to within only two points of the winners as he dropped in 25 points as the home team fought to the finish.

Both games were hard-fought battles between a couple of rivals that glory in defeating each other.

Boys' scoring:
BOONE TRAIL 16 28 45-46
BENHAVEN 18 28 39-46

Erwin Boys Win, Lillington Girls Run Up Big Score

The Lillington High girls basketball team really went to town in the scoring column last night at the Erwin gym as the visitors racked up 70 points against the win's good 56 score.

Doris Brown, junior forward, hit the nets for 28 points in leading the visitors to their second conference win. Shirley Lee and Christine Smith topped the defense for the winners.

Gerry Matthews did a swell job of hitting the baskets for the Erwin team as she gave Doris Brown a real battle for high-scoring honors with 23 points in her second game as a regular Erwin forward. Delores Mason got the credit for leading the defense.

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Coach Pebara's boys had only a one-point lead at halftime over the visitors, but they began to hit with those one-handed punts after intermission and finished the job.

George Buchanan, who is well-known for his steady play, didn't get warmed up last night, but he led the attack with 16 points. George Lucas was right behind him with 14. Both boys were joined by James Stewart in playing good all-around floor games.

Leo McDonald and Joe Smith led the scoring for the visitors with 10 and 10 points. Smith had Rudy Brown give the opposition trouble on defense.

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RIGHT RESULTS

WALTER FLEMING, Jr., Johnny Williams, and J. S. Montgomery, A.M. candidates for Burton, 145 S-4 St. Louis, Mo. 6.

TORONTO — (AP) — Alan McFarler, 141 S-4, Toronto, outpointed Harry Smith, 130 S-4, Scarborough, N. Y. 6.

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