

Graziano Didn't Hurt Marsillo

'We Can Still Fight,' Fusari's Manager Cried

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The bravest man of the fight the other night was Charlie Fusari's manager, who went into a choleric rage when the referee, Ruby Goldstein, one time lightweight star, stopped the action and awarded the victory to Rocky Graziano with less than a minute to go in the 10th and final round.

"You can't do this to us," stormed the courageous gent who had stood up gallantly under the brutal pounding his protegee had taken in the closing scenes of the Polo Grounds melodrama. "We can still fight."

These may not be the exact words the gent—followed manly Marsillo—used but they faithfully represent his emotions.

ONE OF the oldest gags in boxing is the one which pictures a fight manager screaming to his battered boy: "Keep punching. He can't hurt us." This was Fusari's manager all over. At the moment his boy, a welterweight, was getting his brains knocked out by a middleweight and instead of seeking some way to rescue him, if that were possible, you had the spectacle of him berating the referee in angry invective for quite possibly—saving the boy's life.

It's odious little vignettes like this that make you wonder whether prize fighting is at all worth while.

Of course, Goldstein—who is developing into one of the nation's leading referees, by the way—was absolutely correct in stopping the fight when he did. There was no protest from the crowd.

It is true that Fusari was still on his feet but he might just as well have been stretched out on the floor with a lily in his hands. If you ever saw a human punching bag Fusari was it from the moment Graziano got him in that neutral corner and started bouncing three base hits off his glove encased head.

Low Shadows, Fielders' Late-Season Curse, Arrive

They Affect Batters, Too, and Can Cause Anything to Happen, DiMaggio Says

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NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The treacherous time of the year is here. The shadows the players' curse are creeping into the pennant race.

The sun is low in the sky and it is just over the towering stands, such as we have in the Yankee Stadium. That makes problems for hitters and for outfielders, because of the lengthening shadow. The ball is harder to see good at bat, and more difficult to catch in the outfield.

Greenberg, Foxx, Mize, all the hard swingers, complain there is not too much view of the ball. Williams and I know it.

Most of us go back to a heavier bat. That makes you look over the ball a little sharper and cut down on the swing. The heavier bat is too much to get through the ball in the intense summer heat, but the cool of the year comes on with the shadows.

Changes His Bat

Just for example, I have gone back to a 37-ounce bat. I am used to a 34-ounce bat, but I must go down to 34 ounces in the heat. Just can't get around with anything heavier. I changed between games of the double-header Sunday, because I was missing too many balls with the lighter bat. I do not miss more than two or three balls a week when I am hitting. I foul them off, or fly out, but I do not miss. Therefore, I knew it was time to switch, because my strength was back in the cool weather, and I was swinging below my weight.

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Lopez Sends Lint Against Millers Tonight

Indians, Now 2 Down In Playoffs, Still Full Of Fight to Win Series

Tribe Loses Second Straight, 6 to 5; Teams Off to Minneapolis Tomorrow

By EDDIE ASH, Times Sports Editor

Although the Minneapolis Millers have shoved the Indianapolis Indians behind the eight ball in the American Association's first-round playoff, the Tribesmen don't intend to roll over and call it a season.

The Millers still have to win two games to eliminate the Indians in the best-of-seven series and Tribe Manager Al Lopez is banking upon his ace lefthander, Royce Lint, to put the home boys back in the running out at Victory Field tonight.

It will be the finale of the first round in Indianapolis. After tonight's contest, the rivals will hit it out for Minneapolis to resume action on Sunday. Tomorrow will be traveling day.

If on Weather

However, should tonight's game be rained out, the teams will remain here and play the third tilt tomorrow night.

Miller Manager Tommy Heath said he is well fixed for pitchers since he used only two in the first two battles. He listed three right-handers as ready for tonight's assignment. Wes Bailey, Don Robertson and Alex Konkowski.

But Tribe Chiefstain Lopez thinks that Lint is a cinch to turn back Minneapolis if he's backed up by tight fielding. Lint won 14 games against only three setbacks in regular season competition.

Two in Row

The Millers made it two in a row by winning, 6 to 5, last night. In the other half of the semifinal playoff, at St. Paul, the pennant-winning Saints slaughtered third-place Milwaukee to even their series.

The Millers beat Mel Queen, the Tribe's righthander, for tonight's assignment. Wes Bailey, Don Robertson and Alex Konkowski.

A chilled crowd of 3356 was thrilled as the Tribe swingers belted three home runs, a triple, a double and three singles, only to lose out in the long run.

Loose, shoddy fielding on the Tribe infield in the fifth and seventh cost the game. A wet turf had something to do with the Indians' downfall, but the fact sticks out that the Millers played errorless ball.

That Man Harshman

The visitors teed off on Queen in the second inning. After one out, Ray Dandridge singled, Bob Brady doubled, scoring Dandridge, and Jack Harshman hit a home run over the right field wall. The drive hit atop the bricks and bounced out of the park. It was Harshman's second homer in consecutive nights.

He smacked a three-run homer on Wednesday.

The Indians came right back at the Millers in the fourth. Until that time, Dave Barnhill, righthander, had not allowed a Tribester to reach base.

But Ted Beard led off the inning by blasting a double, Jack Cassini grounded out and Nanny Fernandez combined a home run over the left field wall.

Dallesandro Connects

After Les Fleming popped out, Dom Dallesandro, pole-axed a homer over the right center wall, an estimated 370 feet.

The Millers regained the lead in the fifth on ragged fielding. Barnhill led off with a single. Bob Hofman bunted and all hands were safe when Fleming juggled the ball and then threw too late to second to force Barnhill.

Second Fernandez Homer

In the sixth, the Indians deadlocked the game again at 4-4 when Fernandez connected for his second homer, a line drive over the left field wall after two down. Singles by Fleming and Dallesandro followed before Kalin flied out.

In the seventh, the Millers tallied two runs on two hits and two errors. Hofman led off with a double and Mel Queen muffed Maguire's bunt. Hofman holding second with Maguire safe at first. Mueller bunted and Hofman was forced at third.



Jerry Scala ... no longer an Indian.

Bush Says Tribe Is Done With Scala

Outfielder 'Ran Out,' Teammates Charge

Jerry Scala has played his last game in an Indianapolis uniform and it could be that he has jeopardized his baseball future.

Although Scala was with the Indians on option from the Chicago White Sox, and in the property of the Sox, Tribe President Owen J. Bush said he wouldn't take Scala as a giveaway in 1950.

The outfielder was indicted by his own teammates, charged with taking a "run out powder" last Sunday before the crucial series with Toledo when the Indians were battling to overtake the St. Paul Saints.

The Indians won the three games that Scala missed, though their drive fell short of winning the pennant.

Players Take Action

It was the players themselves who chalked a "Suspended" sign on Scala's empty locker at Victory Field. Realizing that the players meant what they said, Business Manager Ted Sullivan finally made the suspension official, with approval of Frank Lane, general manager of the White Sox.

The fact that Scala had been suspended was a Times "exclusive," revealed in yesterday's Red Streak Edition.

Scala was called home last Saturday because of the serious illness of his mother. Both teammates and club officials extended their sympathy.

President Bush and Sullivan asked Scala to remain here through Sunday afternoon and take a plane for his Bayonne, N. J. home Sunday night.

Cleans Out Locker

The player nixed the faster plane transportation and took off in his own car Saturday. Manager Al Lopez then noticed that Scala had cleaned out his locker of all personal baseball equipment.

Lopez became suspicious and decided that the outfielder did not intend to return for the playoffs. Scala's teammates concluded that they had been let down, and that Indianapolis fans had been let down.

Business Manager Sullivan said Scala agreed to return for the playoffs if given a bonus. Then Scala said he was misunderstood and that he had asked for a loan. Since they didn't own his contract, the Indians advised the player to contact the White Sox.

Checked Out by Pals

According to Sullivan, Scala later called by phone and consented to return. He then was told that his teammates had checked him out. That closed the books on the "Case of Jerry Scala" in Indianapolis.

But the player still had an edge in the controversy. The Indians had paid him in advance through Sept. 15, last night. In other words, he got paid for five games in which he didn't play.

The club officials also revealed that Scala had jumped them for more money a month ago. He was drawing two checks, one from the White Sox, one from Indianapolis.

Sox in Control

Tribe President Bush said the Sox controlled the player's salary and that Scala was brought up on this point in the agreement between the Indianapolis and Chicago clubs.

Yanks Find Rocky Road To Pennant

Cleveland Win Shows Stengel's Juggernaut Still May Crack Up

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (UP)—After a stretch of serene sailing against second division humpty-dumpty, the New York Yankees today became painfully aware that the way ahead to the pennant may be very rocky indeed.

They needed no reminder from Manager Casey Stengel that a team could be in first place from the opening day of the season to the last—then lose the pennant in the final afternoon. That was what Stengel told them after their shoddy performance yesterday in losing a 10-to-6 error-laden decision to the Cleveland Indians.

The Yankees had won five in a row from the sad St. Louis Browns and Washington Senators and they started out as if they meant business against the Indians, scoring two quick runs in the first inning off Bob Lemon.

Rally Fails Short

Perhaps Stengel figured that Lemon, who had hurled brilliantly from the first inning on, was just too good to be beaten and that there would be no percentage in bringing Joe Page in for a lost cause. If so, he reckoned wrongly for the Yankees came back in an inspired manner in their half of the eighth and scored four runs, two each on homers by Cliff Mays and Yogi Berra to reduce the margin to 8-6. Had Alie Reynolds been relieved more quickly, they might have established a winning margin in that frame.

As it turned out, the Yankee rally was anti-climactic as was Cleveland's final spurge for two more runs off reliever Duane Pillette in the ninth.

There were no other games scheduled in the majors yesterday.

College Football

Genoa 12, Alliance 6. Cherry Point 24, Teachers 24. Cherry Point 33, Cedarville 22.

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Cleveland	15	15
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Philadelphia	13	13
Chicago	12	12
Washington	11	11
Minneapolis	10	10
St. Paul	9	9
Indianapolis	8	8
Buffalo	7	7
Portland	6	6
Seattle	5	5
San Francisco	4	4
Los Angeles	3	3
San Diego	2	2
San Antonio	1	1
Fort Worth	0	0

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Minneapolis	10	10
St. Louis	9	9
Indianapolis	8	8
Buffalo	7	7
Portland	6	6
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