

Did Broken Heart Kill Wrigley?

NEW YORK — If Philip K. Wrigley had not been 82 years old and in the December of a full and productive life, one might deduce that he died of a broken heart.

"Phil's soul was in baseball and there is no doubt about that, like many of us, he was greatly distressed by the trend the game was taking," said M. Donald Grant, chairman of the board of the New York Mets, commenting on the death of the chewing gum magnate who owned the Chicago Cubs.

"His passing would be a sad occurrence under the circumstances but especially unfortunate at this stage when there is so much confusion and dissension. Free agency and high salaries are causing a lot of unhappiness.

"The pendulum will swing back. Baseball is bound to change back to the kind of game Phil Wrigley fought for and envisioned. It is too bad he didn't get to stay around and see it."

Phil Wrigley was one of a vanishing breed, an unshakable traditionalist who never saw the game as anything but an



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afternoon of sport played on green grass in bright sunshine before shirt-sleeved men, women and kids.

Although he presided over a vast chewing gum fortune in Chicago, he never quite got used to the intrusion of the 20th Century into the game he loved. Night baseball, bigtime television, the players' union, law suits, tampering with the reserve clause, agents and the resulting astronomical salary demands — these were realities he refused to face.

One of his final acts as a blow for the preservation of the status quo was that

of unloading the National League's two-time batting champion, Bill Madlock, saying to a friend: "How can I pay a man three times more than I make as chairman of the board of my company?"

He steadfastly stuck to his belief that baseball, as conceived by Abner Doubleday, was intended to be a daytime game for the whole family. He never allowed lights in Wrigley Field.

"In the 30 years I knew him, we sat in many meetings together," said Charles (Chub) Feeney, president of the National League. "He was never bombastic. He never tried to force his will on any-

body. He would subordinate the interest of his own club for those of baseball.

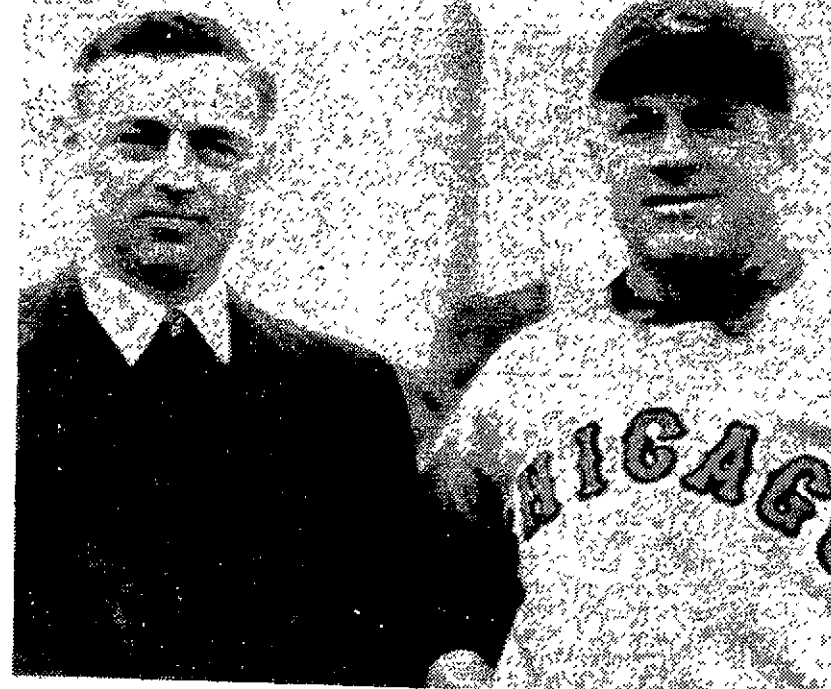
"Owners looked upon him as a stabilizing influence. They watched how he voted and then went along."

St. Louis infielder Don Kessinger, a Cub for 11 years, said Wrigley always had an ear for a player's problem. "I never dealt with him on contract matters — nobody did," he added.

"But you could pick up the phone and call him anytime. He always answered personally."

This father image was confirmed by Hall of Famer Ernie Banks in Chicago, the inveterate Mr. Cub.

"Mr. Wrigley always liked for us to come in and talk," he said. "One of the last things he said to me, when I got in the Hall of Fame, was, 'Ernie, keep your feet on the ground and not your head in the sky — stay close to the people.'"



WRIGLEY DIES — Philip K. Wrigley (left) poses with Charlie Grimm in 1934 at the Chicago Cubs training camp on Catalina Island, Calif. Grimm was manager and first baseman for the team at the time. Wrigley was 82 when he died Tuesday in Elkhorn, Wis. (AP Photo)

High School Track Roundup

Tygers Stay Unbeaten

ONTARIO — Power in the sprints has been Mansfield Senior's strong point and the Tygers utilized it fully in Tuesday's tri-meet high school boys track victory over Ontario and Galion.

Mansfield, unbeaten in dual and tri-meet action, rolled to 61 points, nosing the Warriors with 54 and Galion's 44.

The Tygers captured both the 100 and 220 dashes and the 440, plus both relays. Mansfield also snared a pair of firsts in the hurdles, Del-Ray Feagin running a 15.2 in the highs and a 20.4 in the lows.

Ivan Peoples ran the 100 in 10.2 for Mansfield, Jerry Powell took the 220 in 22.8 and William Bonner chugged a 52.2 in the 440.

The Tygers' 880 relay foursome of Cliff Belmer, Peoples, Powell and Henry Washington clicked a 1:34.1 and the mile relay squad of Feagin, Powell, Williams and Bonner chartyed a 3:37.3.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK

SCORE: Mansfield Senior 61, Ontario 54, Galion 44.

TRACK EVENTS

100 dash — 1. Peoples (M), 10.2; 2. Davidson (O), 10.4; 3. Washington (M), 10.8.

220 dash — 1. Powell (M), 22.8; 2. Bonner (M), 52.2; 3. Williams (M), 52.8.

440 dash — 1. Bonner (M), 52.2; 2. Williams (M), 52.8; 3. Williams (M), 52.8.

880 relay — 1. Peoples (M), 22.8; 2. Belmer (M), 22.9; 3. Peoples (M), 23.0.

1 mile relay — 1. Feagin (M), 3:37.3; 2. Powell (M), 3:37.3; 3. Williams (M), 3:37.3.

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Shelby Trots Past Madison

SHELBY — Nine firsts helped Shelby trot past Madison, 77-50, Tuesday in high school boys track.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK

SCORE: Shelby 77, Madison 50.

TRACK EVENTS

120-yard high hurdles — 1. Imhoff (S), 15.6; 2. Varble (S), 16.2.

100-yard dash — 1. Crawford (M), 10.4; 2. Dummitt (M), 10.5.

1 mile run — 1. Tarvin (S), 4:40.7; 2. Stewart (M), 4:41.3.

880-yard relay — 1. Shelby (Boyce, Varble, Eisenman, Hineman), 1:33.7.

440-yard dash — 1. Dummitt (M), 51.1; 2. Arnold (M), 51.3.

1500 dash — 1. Tarvin (S), 5:10; 2. Brumfield (M), 5:11.

500 dash — 1. Dummitt (M), 23.5; 2. Crawford (M), 23.5.

2-mile run — 1. Heifner (S), 10:14; 2. McDewitt (M), 10:23.

1 mile relay — 1. Madison (Baka, Brumfield, Stewart, Dummitt), 3:47.1.

FIELD EVENTS

High jump — 1. Finley (M), 5 feet; 2. Imhoff (S), 4-0.

Long jump — 1. Heifner (S), 20 feet, 3 1/2 inches; 2. Mawharr (S), 20-11.

Pole vault — 1. Downs (S), 11 feet, 6 inches; 2. Pickard (S), 11-0.

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