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"I want to live to be 50"

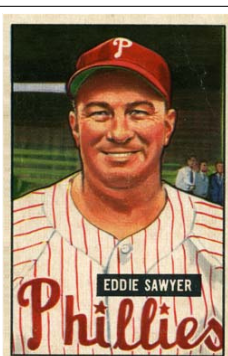
SAWYER QUILTS PHILS

Following a 9-4 opening day loss to the Cincinnati Reds, Eddie Sawyer resigns as manager of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Sawyer explains his reason for leaving, "I'm 49 years old and I want to live to be 50"

Philadelphia's owner-president Bob Carpenter immediately names 34-year-old Gene Mauch, currently the manager of the Minneapolis Millers, to succeed Sawyer ... following a victory under interim manager Andy Cohen, Mauch makes his Phillies' debut with a 13-3 loss to the Milwaukee Braves on April 16.

Mauch will manage the team to 94 more defeats as Philadelphia finishes last in the National League for the third-straight year, with a 59-95 mark.



Eddie Sawyer's 1951 Bowman card is worth \$17 in near-mint condition.

In his first term with the club (1948-1952) Sawyer leads the 1950 "Whiz Kids" to the team's first pennant since 1915 ... in all, the Westerly, Rhode Island, native will manage the Phillies in parts

of eight seasons, finishing with a 390-423 mark (.480).

Sawyer dies on September 22, 1997, at the age of 87 in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, from respiratory problems and kidney failure.

Phils' Pilot Steps Down

Resigns On Third Day Of Season - Mauch Replaces Him

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eddie Sawyer resigned today as manager of the National League Philadelphia Phillies baseball club. Gene Mauch, now managing Minneapolis in the American Assn., was named to replace him.

Bob Carpenter, owner-president of the club, made the announcement in a hurriedly called news conference in his office at Connie Mack Stadium.

He said, in prefacing the disclosure of the resignation, that "I know that this is going to be a shock to you as much as it was to me."

Carpenter said that he talked to Sawyer last night and that the affable 49-year-old manager gave him the news.

Sawyer's resignation came on the third day of the National League season. The Phils lost their only game this year—at Cincinnati.

Sawyer, sitting by Carpenter's side, declined to give any specific reason except "I just didn't want to manage."

Mauch, 34, played as an infielder in the National League with Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Chicago and the Milwaukee Braves. He also was connected with the Boston Red Sox of the American League.

His managerial experience began in 1953 as a player-manager with Atlanta of the Southern Assn.

AROUND THE HORN

High Point (N.C.) College scores 11 runs in the second inning en route to a 17-6 win over visiting West Virginia University ... the Kansas City Athletics sell utility infielder Joe Morgan to the Louisville Colonels of the American (AAA) Association; Morgan is later traded (June 23) to the Philadelphia Phillies for Al Dark ... in ACC baseball, Wake Forest rallies for five runs in the seventh and eighth innings to defeat Virginia 10-6, while Maryland moves to 3-0 in league play with a 5-4 win over North Carolina on Lawrence Kupper's 10th inning home run ... Rice takes advantage of six Texas Lutheran errors for an 8-3 win ... Idaho defeats the University of Portland 7-1 on a windy day that alternates between sunshine and snow showers.