

The Leavenworth Braves beat the visiting Hutchinson Elks 3-2, snapping a season-long 22-game losing streak in a Western (C) Association tilt.

The Braves goes through three managers that season en route to last-place finish, a full 70 1/2 games behind the first-place St. Joseph Cardinals. Not one of the 30 players to play for the independent Braves that summer will play in the majors.

That morning, Leavenworth officials had announced that Bill Cronin will coach the Braves that night, but that they are reopening negotiations with Ray "Fido" Murphy to become manager of the team. Murphy had promised team officials that he will bring some players with him if he named manager.

The following day, Leavenworth President Robert Ricketson announces that he has completed a telephone deal with Murphy to become the Braves field manager on May 27, succeeding Cronin, who will hold the position until Murphy is able to take over. Murphy, who had been suspended from organized baseball in 1947 for having a side agreement with a player while the owner and manager of the Topeka Owls, informs Ricketson that he will bring with him six players to "bolster" the team.

On July 17, saddled with a 21-game losing streak, Murphy will quit as manager of the Braves. President Robert Ricketson hires the team's business manager, H.L. "Red" Harvel, as manager.

Leavenworth Breaks Losing Streak at 22 With Win Over Elks

By The Associated Press

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 17—The Leavenworth Braves won their first Western Association game of the season here tonight, defeating Hutchinson, 3-2.

Prior to tonight's game Leavenworth had lost 22 straight.

Pitcher Tom Scanlon won his own game when he singled in Catcher Ralph Casanova for the Braves' second tally in the seventh inning. Casanova had slammed out a triple.