TWENTY-ONE-PLAYER LIMIT RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON NEXT MONDAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUBS WILL PROBABLY AGAIN ABUSE THE 21-PLAYER LIMIT RULE

Majority of Teams Took Advantage of This Ridiculous Clause in Code Last Season. Effective Next Monday

THE National League's 21-player limit is supposed to go into effect Monday, but, judging by reports from several cities, this ridiculous rule is going to be abused again owing to the disability clause, which permits a team to place a man on the ineligible list and retain 21 other players. If the National League strictly enforced this rule and refused to allow players to be placed on the disability list, it probably would perform the function for which it was adopted. But so long as clubs are permitted to beat the rule on technicalities it is valueless.

It is understood that the rule was made for two purposes, one being to prevent extravagance and the other to prevent strong teams from carrying a large number of star utility players who may be needed as regulars on a weaker team. In theory it is an excellent rule, but to date has proved valueless because of the disability clause.

Last season the Phillies took advantage of the disability clause and probably will do it again this year, while Brooklyn already has decided to place Walter Mails, the promising young southpaw, on this list until Manager Robinson decides whether he will ask for waivers on either Mowrey or Olson. Other clubs also are going to place one or two players on the disability list in order to beat the rule.

As long as the clause exists there is absolutely no reason why the Phillies should not place Bill Killefer's name upon the disability list for a few weeks, as there is little chance for him to catch until July. It is said that Killefer is ready to go behind the bat now, but there is hardly a chance for him to catch for a month at least, and it is extremely doubtful if he will be of any use to the champions this year.

Dodgers Beat Phils at Their Own Game

The Phillies were beaten at their own game by Brooklyn yesterday. Throughout the 1915 season, and so far this year, the new champions have won because they continually outguessed their opponents and always were pulling the unexpected offensively. The squeeze play has been perfected to such an extent by Moran's men that the Phils seldom fail to tally when they get a man around to third with none or one out.

On the other hand, Brooklyn has shown less inside ball and more bad baseball than any team in the National League. Yesterday the Dodgers convinced the Phils that they have taken a leaf from Moran's book by sending the champions completely up in the air by beating the champions with their own stuff.

With one man out and runners on third and second bases in the seventh inning yesterday, Catcher Miller caught the Phillies napping by pulling a squeeze play with Mike Mowrey, who was on third, and George Cutshaw, who was at second. The Phils were not looking for any inside stuff from the Dodgers, who always had favored the slam-bang game to score runs, and Miller's bunt resulted in Stock tossing the ball to the stand. This misplay gave Brooklyn two runs and permitted Miller to reach third.

Phils Went Completely to Pieces

The play also rattled the Phillies badly (a failing which the fans thought the Phils did not have), and before the side was retired five runs had been tallied off Alexander the Great. Five hits were made by Brooklyn in this inning, and they batted the Philly star hard, but it was the squeeze play which put them up in the air. Bancroft fumbled a grounder a few seconds later, while Luderus muffed a throw and Bancroft and Whitted allowed a high fly from Daubert's bat to fall safe in left field for a double.

It was Brooklyn's first appearance of the season in this city, and Robinson's team made an excellent impression. If Robinson has at last convinced his hard-hitting aggregation that it is easier to score runs by mixing the attack and playing inside ball, Brooklyn will be a hard club to beat in the pennant race.

There is a great deal of natural hitting strength in the Dodgers as they are lined up at the present time, and it also is a powerful defensive team, barring pitching. The pitching staff is strong enough to carry the team through if the hurlers are not overworked in the early part of the race. Yesterday Robinson warmed up four first-string pitchers for the last three innings of the game, despite the fact that Brooklyn enjoyed a comfortable lead. A continuance of this system will result in a badly overworked staff by midseason.

Winning Streak of Team and Alex Broken

Prior to yesterday the Phils had won five consecutive games, and with Alexander the Great on the mound the fans were expecting another triumph which would increase the lead of the champions. Alexander fooled the fans by showing little of his old-time form. The Dodgers batted him hard after the second inning, and while the five runs were not entirely the Nebraskan's fault, Brooklyn hit him enough to deserve the victory. Incidentally it was Alexander's first defeat of the season, and the first time he has been driven from the mound since last spring.

After the one brief spasm of erratic play the Phillies came back strong and worried Larry Cheney to such an extent that he lost the location of the plate, and after he had forced in one run and filled the bases with gifts he was replaced by Rube Marquard. The lanky southpaw entered the game with the bases full and Luderus at bat. His first three pitches to Luddy were balls. It looked very much as if the Phillies were to be handed a few more runs, but Marquard got the next two balls over and then the Philly captain rolled an easy grounder to Cutshaw for the third out.

Another Philly rally was started in the ninth. With one man out, Stock walked and Bancroft singled to right. Paskert, who had hit a long home-run drive into the left field bleachers, was implored by the fans to repeat, but he fanned, missing the third strike by a foot. Then came Cravath. He was overdue, and the fans were hoping for a home-run drive, which would tie the score. Catcher Miller muffed a high foul and gave the Philly slugger another chance, but Cravath also fanned on the next pitch, which he also missed by a foot or more.

Mackmen Continue to Play Fast Ball

There was some consolation for the fans yesterday, as the Athletics continued their splendid work by winning from Washington in a close and well-played game. A long triple by Rube Oldring with Witt on second in the eighth inning gave the Athletics the victory, the final score being 3 to 2. The great work of the Mackmen amazed the Washington fans, who, like fans of other cities, had been led to believe that the Athletics were only in the league this season to provide victories for seven other teams.

Joe Bush pitched another splendid game and got the breaks for the first time this season. He was splendidly supported in the field, the Mackmen playing their third errorless game of the season, two of which have been in succession. The victory was particularly sweet, as they at last defeated "Chief" Gallia, who for two years has been able to trim them any time he started a game.

As has been the case in every game won by the Athletics, Rube Oldring's bat was a prominent factor. Oldring drove in two of the runs, including the winning run. On Saturday Oldring's two long doubles beat the Red Sox, while his single and sacrifice fly were responsible for three of the runs tallied in the game Myers beat the world's champions.

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Andy Coakley, former Athletic pitcher, has developed the best ball team Columbia University has had in 20 years, and unless the pitching staff goes to pieces the Morningside Heights aggregation is likely to annex its first Eastern baseball title. Harvard is the only Eastern nine which may trouble the Blue and White, and the Crimson does not appear to have as many consistent pitchers as Columbia.

Four of the present Columbia players are booked for major league positions this summer. They are Pitchers Shea and Beck and Infielders Buonguro and Watt. Manager Mack, of the Athletics, was after Watt, the second baseman, and Beck, the southpaw twirler, but Andy Coakley has turned them over to another club. It is believed that the Giants have landed Watt, Beck and Buonguro, while the Yankees have Shea's agreement to join them at the end of the present college season.

Buonguro is batting above .400 for six games and appears to be a great natural slugger, but Manager Mack believes that Watt has a better chance to develop into a major league star. Watt is further advanced than Buonguro and apparently is ripe for major league duty. Beck is not only an excellent pitching prospect but also is one of the best hitters and base runners in collegiate ranks.

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It was rather odd that the home-run drives made by Olson, of the Dodgers, and Paskert yesterday fell in the same spot. The same fan tried to catch each ball, but they fell just out of his reach. Paskert's drive was a line smash, however, while that of Olson was more of a high fly.

JUST A PLAIN BLUE SERGE

WILLIS E. DAVIS AGAIN VICTOR ON TENNIS COURTS

Interesting Matches Between Cynwyd and Phila. Cricket Club Teams

ANNUAL DINNER HELD

The first annual tennis dinner held at Cynwyd Club last night proved a tremendous success. It was a success, due to several things. These included the guests of the club, among whom were Willis E. Davis, the Philadelphia indoor champion and California State titleholder; Louis de Cazenove, of Wilmington Country Club; Warren L. Nish, of Plymouth Country Club, Norristown; Hosmer W. Hanna, of Stenton Athletic Club, and many other prominent tennis men; the delightfully sincere hospitality of Cynwyd club made manifest by its president, Mr. Frank Sykes; the excellent dinner, and, last but not least, the exhibition tennis matches played yesterday afternoon by Davis and Thayer, of Philadelphia, and Johnson and Tilden, of the home club.

Willis E. Davis again proved himself second only to Williams in Philadelphia tennis by easily defeating Wallace F. Johnson, 6-3, 6-2. Davis absolutely outclassed Johnson yesterday, serving terrifically and volleying and driving with an accuracy that was marvelous. Johnson, it must be said, was not in his true form, but whether it was not due as much to Davis' attack as to his lack of practice is a big question.

Tilden easily defeated Alex. Trayer, 6-2, 6-0. Thayer has played better this year and was far off form. Tilden relied mainly on back court ground strokes, being willing to allow Thayer to beat himself.

The doubles brought out the best tennis of the day when Johnson and Tilden sprang a mild surprise by beating Davis and Thayer, 6-4, 7-5.

Johnson was the star of the Cynwyd pair, scoring many wonderful passes down the side lines and showing a generalship that was truly marvelous. Davis drove off service with a deadly accuracy never seen before at Cynwyd. In one game off Tilden's service he scored five clean aces off service, each of them on set point for Johnson and Tilden. It was a marvelous exhibition of offensive play in the pinch. The whole match in doubles was hard fought and spectacular. It brought out the best doubles seen around Philadelphia for some time.

"Efficiency Race" to Be Feature

The Philadelphia Motor Speedway Association will award at its premier meet, October 7, a trophy to the car which shows efficiency in fuel, oil and car performance, as well as high speed. It has been announced by Charles L. Hower, secretary of the association, that this trophy, which will be unique in motordom, will be the feature award at the races which formally will open the speedway now under construction at Warminster, Bucks County.

Track Horsemen to Organize

BALTIMORE, Md., April 27.—A general organization meeting of the horsemen will be held in the near future and the Maryland Thoroughbred Horse Association probably will be the result. The owners got together in Kentucky recently and formed the Kentucky Thoroughbred Horse Association. More than 60 joined at the opening meeting, which was a rousing success, according to reports from the Blue Grass State.

North Penn Horsemen to Organize

The North Penn Trotting Association will hold a special meeting tonight for the purpose of reorganizing and selection of officers to serve for the ensuing year; also to take action to get the lease of Cedar Park half-mile track and clubhouse for the coming season.

"PEPPER'S POND" PESTERS PLAYERS PICKING POSIES

Huntingdon Valley Golfers Find Strange Waters for Erring Shots—St. David's Percentage Is .000—More Dope

TARDY golfers at Huntingdon Valley will find unexpected pleasures there awaiting at the opening of the season Saturday. A new body of water has been formed by the aid of some little damming of a creek. It seems strange that the pond hasn't been formed before this. The new pond ripples where a patch of daisies used to be, between the fairways of the third and the 17th holes. It has been named "Pepper's Pond," after John W. Pepper, president of the club, whose scheme it was. It is designed principally to add to the scenic charm of the course. Golfers who formerly scuffed around in the daisies to find their pulled drives or zigzag approaches can now stand on the banks and plainly watch their ball sink from sight in a circle of ripples and bubbles. When the season gets riper golfers can rent diving suits to rescue their balls.

Findlay Speaks Out

One of the sincerest and most genuine of all the golf fans in the city is Alec H. Findlay, of the Springhaven Club, well known here and abroad for his golf activities. His hobby is links construction, and in his 30 years of golf he has laid out a good many fine courses. He says he has done it for love of the game and has never accepted compensation, thus maintaining his amateur standing unsullied in these parlous times. He was born in Scotland, but thinks that Ireland has the greatest possibilities for golf courses.

"I never go abroad without going to Ireland," said Alec. "I love to go out alone, perch on the top of a bunker, commune with nature and bask in the pure sunlight of golf contemplation. I like to take nature in my two hands, so to speak, and figure how by adding a little here and taking away a little there I could improve on nature and make an ideal golf hole where a faulty one was before. A heart throb trembled—the famous Alec's voice.

"Or else," he said, "give me my clubs and a caddy and turn me loose on one of Ireland's seashore courses. I want no company but the skylarks, the rabbits and gorgeous nature. Then to whack my ball into the sea breezes, to study the hook and the height of the flight so she'll pull up right, to just play and play all day—that—" he choked with emotion—"that's food for the soul. I'm not big enough to enjoy it."

Alec laughed. "When a fellow gets that way he's a bug." He blushed and added, "But it's nobody's business, anyway."

Alack! St. David's

St David's, alas! is the only team in the conflict of the fair sex for the various division cups now up to have a perfect score. The result of every match has been the same. In 14 matches she has won all but 14. The only thing, alas, also, that keeps her from being at the top of the heap is the fact that there isn't any "1" in front of the ".000." She has met two "tartars," however, and will likely pick up more percentage when she tackles some of the other teams. The Cricket Club has lost but one match so far, Huntingdon Valley only two and Merion three. These teams seem too strong for the other teams in the division. It looks as though things will happen when they meet.

Item Off Golf Bills

Long slices will be clipped off golf bills this season by the material reduction in the cost of golf balls. Something that has never been sold before is a grade of ball that in other products is called a "second." This is a quality that does not quite "get by" the inspection tests and heretofore it has been promptly discarded and remolded. This year they will be placed on sale for 25 cents each. They are intended for practice, but as they are cast in the same mold as the expensive balls there will often be a scarcely perceptible difference. Perhaps the bramble or dimple is not cut true, but what linksman worries over the cut of his bramble when large gobs of clay cling to the ball at an hysterical moment in the play? The expiration of a patent permits many other brands being materially reduced, so that the golfer playing at the rate of $1 a stroke need not lose another dollar when he slices a brand-new ball into oblivion.

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Six Races Daily—Including a Steeplechase
Special Trains: Penna. R. R. leave Broad St. 12:34 p. m., West Phila., 12:38 p. m.; B. & O. leave 24th & Chestnut Sts., 12:35 p. m.
Admission, Grandstand and Paddock, $1.50. Ladies, $1.00.
First Race at 2:30 p. m.

LOOK THEM OVER
SATURDAY NIGHT—SATURDAY NIGHT
National A. C. National A. C.
ALVIE MILLER vs. Frankie McManus
JOE HIRST vs. JOHNNY TILLMAN
TOMMY O'KEEFE vs. PATSY CLINE
MICKEY GALLAGHER vs. YG. COHAN
YOUNG FULTON vs. LEW STINGER

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FRANKLIN FIELD
Champions and record holders to compete.
Tickets on sale at Gimbels and Franklin Field.

FRIDAY NIGHT, APRIL 28
LINCOLN A. C. 49th and Woodland avenue.
Jimmy Murphy vs. Joe Welsh

National League Park
PHILLIES vs. BROOKLYN
Game at 3:30 P. M. Admission, 25c, 50c and 75c. Box Seats, $1, on sale at Gimbels' and Snellings'.

NORTHEAST NINE HOLDS ONE GAME LEAD IN LEAGUE

Victory Over Catholic High Gives Red and Black First Place

OTHER SCHOOL GOSSIP

Northeast High stepped into first place in the Interscholastic League yesterday, when the Red and Black players defeated Catholic High, 8 to 1, on the Northeast diamond. It was Catholic High's first defeat in the race for the Princeton Cup, and it was Bilger, the uptown twirler, who may be credited with the victory.

Bilger showed that he had the stuff when, with the bases full in the third and only one out, he worked without a flurry and was calm as a cucumber, holding Catholic High safe. In the seventh inning he was again in a tight place and, though one run was scored, he had the game won when he rallied under fire and got out of the pinch with colors flying.

Frankford High, after losing three games in a row by scores which it may be just as well to forget, suddenly loomed up with a 13 to 0 victory over Germantown High School. It was Frankford's first league victory and Germantown's second defeat. In the third league game of the day West Philadelphia got an early lead in the contest with Trades School, winning by a score of 9 to 2.

West Philadelphia upset the dope in the Interscholastic Tennis League, defeating Episcopal Academy three matches to two yesterday. Darnall started with the first surprise, beating Captain Eddie Cassard, first singles for the Episcopal team, in two straight sets, 6-2, 6-4. Harper, in the singles, and Lee and Hewitt, in the doubles, won the other two points for the Orange and Blue.

DETAILS WORKED OUT FOR OPENING OF THE SEASON

Schedule Arranged by Officials for Montgomery County League

WILL START MAY 6

The Montgomery County League will open its second baseball season on Saturday, May 6, with prospects for a bigger and more successful year than during its initial season. The league has been expanded from four to eight clubs, all of them representing Montgomery County towns where baseball is the "big" sport. Glenside, Fort Washington, La Mott and Bethayres, the latter champions of the first season, will again have fast teams in the championship race, while the additional towns will be Ambler, Jenkintown, Willow Grove and Wyndmoor.

The officers of the league are men who have been prominently connected with baseball for many years, and who are vitally interested in the success of the organization. Robert W. Maxwell, sports editor of the EVENING LEDGER, is president; Charles E. Price, of Bethayres, vice president; Charles A. B. Hetzell, of Fort Washington, secretary, and John E. Hauser, a former Cheltenham High School star, is treasurer.

A 28-game schedule has been adopted by the league to close on September 30. At the towns where the opening games will be played, namely, Ambler, Jenkintown, Bethayres and Glenside, the day will be proclaimed a holiday and fitting celebrations, consisting of parades, band concerts and flag raisings will start off the season.

The official schedule follows:

May 6—La Mott, at Ambler; Fort Washington, at Jenkintown; Wyndmoor, at Bethayres; Willow Grove, at Glenside.
May 13—Ambler, at Willow Grove; Glenside, at Wyndmoor; Jenkintown, at La Mott; Bethayres, at Fort Washington.
May 20—Bethayres, at Ambler; Willow Grove, at Fort Washington; Wyndmoor, at La Mott; Jenkintown, at Glenside.
May 27—Ambler, at Jenkintown; La Mott, at Willow Grove; Glenside, at Bethayres; Fort Washington, at Wyndmoor.
May 30, a. m.—Ambler, at Fort Washington; Bethayres, at Willow Grove; Glenside, at LaMott; Jenkintown, at Wyndmoor.
May 30, p. m.—La Mott, at Bethayres; Willow Grove, at Jenkintown; Wyndmoor, at Ambler; Fort Washington, at Glenside.
June 3—Bethayres, at Jenkintown; Glenside, at Ambler; Wyndmoor, at Willow Grove; Fort Washington, at LaMott.
June 10—Ambler, at Glenside; LaMott, at Fort Washington; Willow Grove, at Wyndmoor; Jenkintown, at Bethayres.
June 17—Bethayres, at Glenside; Willow Grove, at LaMott; Wyndmoor, at Fort Washington; Jenkintown, at Ambler.
June 24—Ambler, at Wyndmoor; Bethayres, at La Mott; Glenside, at Jenkintown; Fort Washington, at Willow Grove.
July 1—La Mott, at Glenside; Willow Grove, at Ambler; Wyndmoor, at Jenkintown; Fort Washington, at Bethayres.
July 4 (a. m.)—Ambler, at La Mott; Bethayres, at Wyndmoor; Glenside, at Willow Grove; Jenkintown, at Fort Washington.
July 4 (p. m.)—La Mott, at Jenkintown; Willow Grove, at Bethayres; Wyndmoor, at Glenside; Fort Washington, at Ambler.
July 8—Ambler, at Bethayres; LaMott at Wyndmoor; Glenside at Fort Washington; Jenkintown at Willow Grove.
July 15—LaMott at Ambler; Willow Grove at Glenside; Wyndmoor at Bethayres; Fort Washington, at Jenkintown.
July 22—Ambler at Willow Grove; Bethayres at Fort Washington; Glenside at Wyndmoor; Jenkintown at LaMott.
July 29—Bethayres, at Ambler; Willow Grove, at Fort Washington; Wyndmoor, at LaMott; Jenkintown, at Glenside.
August 5—Ambler, at Jenkintown; LaMott, at Willow Grove; Glenside, at Bethayres; Fort Washington, at Wyndmoor.
August 12—Ambler, at Fort Washington; Bethayres, at Willow Grove; Glenside, at LaMott; Jenkintown, at Wyndmoor.
August 19—LaMott, at Bethayres; Willow Grove, at Jenkintown; Wyndmoor, at Ambler; Fort Washington, at Glenside.
August 26—Bethayres, at Jenkintown; Glenside, at Ambler; Wyndmoor, at Willow Grove; Fort Washington, at LaMott.
September 2—Ambler, at Glenside; LaMott, at Fort Washington; Willow Grove, at Wyndmoor; Jenkintown, at Bethayres.
September 4 (a. m.)—Bethayres at Glenside, Willow Grove at LaMott, Wyndmoor at Fort Washington, Jenkintown at Ambler.
September 4 (p. m.)—Ambler at Wyndmoor, Bethayres at LaMott, Glenside at Jenkintown, Fort Washington at Willow Grove.
September 9—LaMott at Glenside, Willow Grove at Ambler, Wyndmoor at Jenkintown, Fort Washington at Bethayres.
September 16—Ambler at LaMott, Bethayres at Wyndmoor, Glenside at Willow Grove, Jenkintown at Fort Washington.
September 23—La Mott, at Jenkintown; Willow Grove, at Bethayres; Wyndmoor, at Glenside; Fort Washington, at Ambler.
September 30—Ambler, at Bethayres; La Mott, at Wyndmoor; Glenside, at Fort Washington; Jenkintown, at Willow Grove.

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Saturday's Evening Ledger

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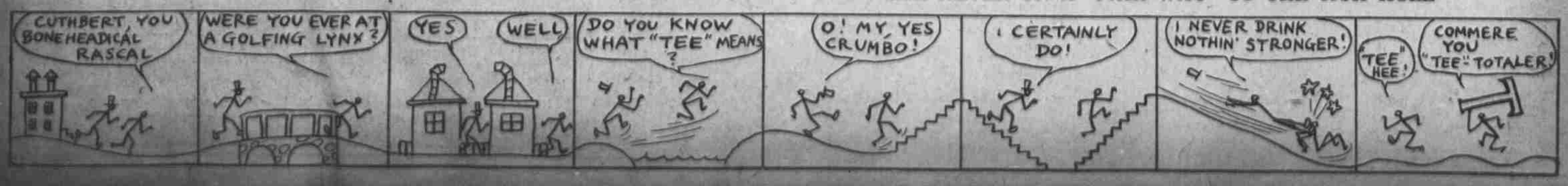
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