

CHICAGO OWNER FORCES SHOW-DOWN ON NATIONAL LEAGUE 21-PLAYER LIMIT RULE

WEEGHMANN FORCES ISSUE AND OTHER MAGNATES WILL OVERWORK "INELIGIBLE LIST"

Chicago Owner Gains Point in Clash With President Tener, Who Admits That Disability Clause Covers Case

THE 21-player limit rule which is in effect in the National League has caused the row which was predicted, and the absurd clause which permits teams to dodge complying with this rule has been upheld. The show-down came when Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Cubs, declared that he would not cut his team to conform with the 21-player limit, claiming that the peace agreement gave him permission to carry as many players as he wanted.

President Tener insists that the 21-player limit must be enforced, but adds that the Cubs can carry as many players as they want, providing that all men over the list of 21 regulars are placed on the "disability" list. In other words, Tener and the sponsors of the rule won a moral victory, but Weeghman carried his point.

While it is true that the peace agreement gave the Cubs permission to carry more than the required number of players, other clubs will continue to take advantage of the ineligible list just as they did in 1915. It stands to reason that no team wants more than 21 players eligible for each game, and so long as they can put a player who is in poor shape or a promising youngster not likely to be called upon often on the ineligible list, by giving the league 10 days' notice, each club will carry all the men it wants.

As the object of the rule was to curb extravagance and to prevent a strong team from holding extra men who might be desired for regular positions on weaker teams, it is not hard to see that the overworked ineligible list makes the 21-player limit rule valueless.

Miserable Pitching Made Mackmen Look Bad

The Athletics did not look very good yesterday, but neither will any team when its pitching is as poor as that shown by Rube Bressler and Morrisette. Bressler was responsible for the Yankees walking away with such an easy victory, and it was not alone his failure to get the ball over the plate or fool Donovan's men that caused his downfall.

The first thing every pitcher should learn is fielding his position. One of the most important duties in this department is covering first base on balls hit to the right side of the diamond. If the second baseman fields the ball, it is up to the pitcher to back up the throw, while when the first baseman takes the ball he should take the throw at first.

Yesterday Bressler gave the Yankees four runs in the fifth inning because he failed to cover the bag on Baker's drive, which bounded off McInnis' hand straight to Lajoie. Two men were out at the time, with Gilhooley on first. Baker's hit was a terrific smash, which McInnis was lucky to knock down, but Larry had the ball in time to retire Baker by 25 feet if Bressler had covered the bag. Instead of being at first Bressler was standing in the center of the diamond watching the play.

Bressler's Failure to Cover First Was Costly

Gedeon then drew a pass, filling the bases. Pipp scored Gilhooley and Baker with a double and Gedeon and Pipp scored on Nunamaker's single after Peckinpaugh had walked. If Bressler had covered first base, the side would have been retired without a run, and it is by no means certain that he would have got himself into another hole, as he pitched well from the first to the fifth inning.

Morrisette, who Relieved Bressler, Was Wild and Ineffective, Permitting the Yankees to Tally Three Runs in the Last Four Innings. Otherwise, the game might have been made interesting by the late rally of the Mackmen, who bunched a home run, two triples and a single for four runs in the last two innings.

Scribes Claim Phils Have Joined "Riding" Club

Let us hope the Phillies turn over a new leaf and do not enter the class of the Boston Braves, who made themselves the most unpopular champions in the history of the game through their "riding" of opposing players and rowdiness in general. The latter is something which Manager Moran will not tolerate, but judging by reports from the three cities in which the Phillies have played and from a few fans who sit behind the Philly bench at home, the new champions are becoming as proficient at "riding" as the Braves were last year.

No one blames Eddie Burns and Manager Moran for being put off the field in Boston, as it is a rare occurrence for a Philly player to be put out of the game. But they should not lose sight of the fact that one of the main reasons why they won the pennant last year was that they paid strict attention to business and kept away from the umpires, while several of the Braves spent a great deal of time on the bench owing to suspensions.

Empire Rigger Needs No Defender

After the Phillies had been beaten by the Braves in Boston several of Moran's men are said to have declared that Empire Rigger was deliberately "throwing it into them" because he wanted to see Brooklyn win the pennant, as Rigger was in the employ of the Dodgers at Daytona rebuilding the ball park this spring. Such a thing is ridiculous, and we hope that Boston scribes who claim the Phils made remarks of this nature are stretching the point.

Rigger is one of the fairest and most competent umpires in the game and his integrity has never been questioned. When ball players start making charges of this sort they are questioning the honesty of the game, and should be made to prove their charges or publicly apologize.

Miss Palmer's Throw Starts Argument

A few days ago Miss Gladys Palmer, of Oak Park, Ill., a coed at the University of Wisconsin, threw a baseball 217 feet 6 inches, which is claimed as a record for the fair sex. This toss started many arguments relative to the throwing records for both sexes. Several years ago a Miss Peale, of this city, threw a ball at least 270 feet at one of the local country clubs. A year ago she pitched for the women against the men and won her game. There are other famous throwers of the fair sex. Miss Carrie Moyer, the famous pitcher from Macungie, Pa., who once twirled against the Phillies in an exhibition game, claims to have thrown a ball more than 190 yards, and one who has seen her play ball does not doubt that she accomplished the feat.

There is no doubt as to the throwing record for men. A mark which had been looked upon as the world's record since 1872 was shattered in the field day for major league clubs held at Cincinnati on October 10, 1910, when Sheldon Lejeune, a minor leaguer, threw the sphere 428 feet 8 1/2 inches. The old record was 400 feet 7 1/2 inches. It was made by John Hatfield at Brooklyn, October 15, 1872. Lejeune was given a trial by Pittsburgh last spring, but was released to Sioux City, of the Western League, where he is still playing. Lejeune is a wonderful minor league player, but has never shown anything but a powerful arm in major league ranks.

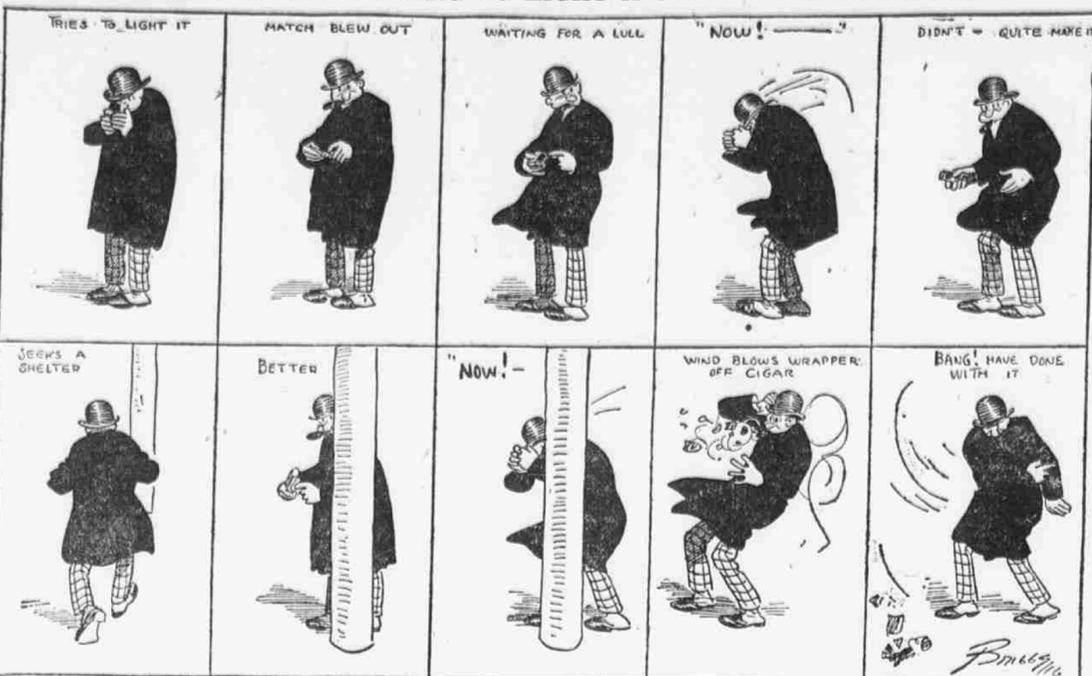
Last Friday the EVENING LEDGER denied that Watt, of Columbia, would join the Mackmen in June. Watt corroborated this statement yesterday by declaring that he had not signed with any team and did not intend to until he graduated from Columbia in June. At the same time, we mentioned that Mack had picked up a wonderful youngster in Lowry, the Maine infielder, according to the traveling salesman who predicted Watt would be a regular. Lowry will report here after the Mackmen return from the West.

The Penn-Columbia game yesterday resulted in one of the greatest pitching duels of the college season. The game was called at the end of the 10th inning with the score tied at 2-2. Judging by the way Spielman, of Penn, and Smith, of Columbia, were pitching, the teams might have battled on for many more innings without a score if darkness had not intervened. Columbia had won seven straight games prior to yesterday and none of their opponents had even given them a close game.

The protest of the University of Pennsylvania crew men at the quality of food served them at the training table is the climax of a year in which athletics at Penn were handled worse than at any time in the long history of the Red and Blue in athletics. It is hoped that the board of directors throws aside prejudice and forgets favorites in selecting the new graduate manager of athletics, so that many things which have occurred in the last year will not be repeated. Again we nominate Byron Dickson as the most capable candidate.

Fielder Jones pulled a "Merkle" yesterday and gave the White Sox a victory. After Eddie Plank had relieved Park in the seventh inning and stopped a rally, Jones pulled the southpaw from the mound for a pinch hitter in the last half of the same inning, despite the fact that the Browns enjoyed a two-run lead at the time. Weisman was sent to the mound in the next inning and the White Sox proceeded to bat out a victory in the ninth. If Jones had been content with a two-run lead and allowed the steady Plank to remain on the mound, it was a 16-10 shot that the Browns would have won.

MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO LIGHT A CIGAR ON A WINDY DAY



YALE SHOULD WIN FROM PRINCETON IN TRACK MEET

Blue Athletes Look Stronger Than Tigers for Games Next Saturday

STRONG IN FIELD EVENTS

By TED MEREDITH

The Yale-Princeton dual meet, which will be held in New Haven on Saturday, looks to be the most interesting meet of the year. These two teams are more evenly matched than the others who are scheduled to clash. Cornell will, in my opinion, have an easy time with Harvard, and Pennsylvania will win from Dartmouth.

Yale's team is a well-balanced one, having men in nearly every event. Because of this, I think Yale should win, but she will have to use all her best in order to beat the Tigers.

In the sprints Yale has Treadway, who will beat any one from Princeton in the 100 and probably in the 200 yards. Princeton will use Captain Billy Moore in these events. I imagine, and should they do so I think he will make Treadway be content with second in the running.

Four Quarter Milers Yale has not any good quarter milers this year. The loss of Wylie by graduation and Orr, who left college after mid-year, has left them without a first-class man in this event.

Princeton is, on the other hand, very strong in the quarter, as the one-mile relay race this winter has developed several good men. I do not know who they will use in this event, but I suppose it will be Richardson, Eddy and Wallace. This trio should easily win the first three places.

The half-mile will be Yale's event in which to show heavy scoring, as the Phils have been specializing on this race all winter and have four good men. Overton is the best of the bunch and should win both the half and mile against Princeton. Bar will get a mile for Princeton if he will and he looks like the only one who will.

Strong in Field Events

Yale will be exceptionally strong in the field events. One will win the high jump and broad jump. Brown is a good man in the weights and Nagle, Johnston and Buck, who cleared 12 feet last Saturday in the pole vault, make them look better than Princeton in this department.

Overton runs the mile and half mile which will not be a good man in the two-mile run. So this event will be Princeton's race at present. The other team's race at present looks like either team's race at present.

Princeton will score heavily in the hurdles. Crawford is a good man over both the high and low sticks. Yale has lost Liesenring, due to injury, and is weakened considerably in these two events.

In the hammer-throw Princeton has two good men in Norse and Hill. The other Princeton men who will show well in field events are Davy, who has cleared six feet in the high jump, and Carey, who has a record of 12 feet 2 inches in the pole vault.

Evenly Matched

Summing up the value of these two teams, I think they are pretty evenly matched. Yale has a good bit in Princeton in the field, while I think Princeton will score heaviest on the track. The odds are with Yale, however, and Eli should win.

The strength of these two teams in the intercollegiate will not be the same as in the dual meets. Yale has a better team in my opinion for the intercollegiate. Their good men are much better than Princeton's good men. I mean that Yale has a number of sure points in the intercollegiate, while some of Princeton's men may not place, and if they do, not well up toward the front.

Franklin Field Gossip

A new list of men on the training table will be posted today, at Franklin Field. The men on this list will be the ones who are most likely to go to the intercollegiate on May 25 or 27.

Coach Orton and Assistant Coach Robertson will spend their time from now on only on these men. The rest of the candidates will have to come out before the varsity squad in order to get proper coaching for at the present time training the varsity is all that these men can do and do well.

BASEBALL MANAGERS WILL ONLY WANT CLOWNS ON CLUBS FOR SEASON OF 2016

Second Cobbs, Wagners et al. Will Be Replaced by Junior Germany Schaefer's for Amusement of the Rabble

By GRANTLAND RICE

(A baseball novel, lifted from the near future.)

Chapter One

Mike Flynn, the keen-eyed scout of the Blues, sat in the Podunk grand stand, watching the Podunk team at play. He saw two slugging outfielders come up and get four hits each, including three home runs, three triples and a double. Yet it was easy enough to see that the great scout was distinctly depressed.

"I'll tell you have those two fellows pretty cheap," said the Podunk manager. "They are both great hitters. If they don't bat .400 in the big league you needn't pay a cent."

"Great hitters," said Mike. "We don't want any more hitters. We already have more than we can use." Whereupon he moved on to another town.

Chapter Two

At Popville City Flynn was even more peeved and annoyed. While here he only saw a young pitcher who had a trifle more speed than Walter Johnson, better control than Mathewson and a great curve.

"I'll guarantee this pitcher is unhit-table," said the owner. "If he doesn't win forty games out of forty-five starts you give your money back. And the price is only \$500."

"I wouldn't give you fifty cents," Mike answered. "He's a great pitcher, all right, but we've already got five or six about as good."

Chapter Three

Mike paused at Squashtown for a day and there he saw an infielder who could outrange Wagner, Maraville and Collins tossed into one heap. This youngster accepted 19 chances without a slip, got four hits and stole five bases.

"You can't use him for \$100," said the owner. "I can't use him," the scout said. "All he can do is field, hit, throw and run. The market is glutted with this kind."

Chapter Four

Finally, after a five-week hike, Flynn found the man he was after. He promptly hurried home to report the great discovery.

"What kind of a batter is he?" asked his manager.

"He couldn't fall off a steamboat and hit the water," replied the scout.

"Great fielder, I guess," the manager said.

"Nothing like it," Mike admitted. "He couldn't catch fish if they were contagious."

"Great arm then, and a lot of speed?" the manager queried.

"Neither," replied the scout. "He never played two ball games in his life, but he is a bear if I ever saw one. But they want \$50,000 for him and he wants \$20,000 a year."

Chapter Five

"Nothing doing," the manager snorted (try that on your snorters). "I wouldn't give that for Ty Cobb."

"Ty Cobb?" said the scout. "Well, I guess not. But Ty ain't in this guy's class. Listen; he can't bat, field, run or throw, but he can imitate an oyster, a duck, Charlie Chaplin, John Drew, a tightrope walker, Joe Stucher and a rhinoceros. More than that he can dive into the air and come down on either or both ears; he can wiggle his nose, dislocate his chin and stick feathers in his neck. He's got Charlie Chaplin, Eddie Foy, Joe Weber, Lew Fields, Joe Cawthorne and the injer rubber man beaten all 19 ways. He can bark like a dog, caw like a rooster and crawl like a turtle."

"Grab him quick," said the excited manager, "and give him a \$4000 bonus to make sure. We can't afford to let this guy get away if we have to trade our franchise and park for him."

As an Inspiration

If the Giants begin feeling a trifle depressed and desire to cheer up they should recall the case of the Braves two years ago.

They were not only far to the rear in May, but were also trailing badly in July. Yet they won a world championship that fall.

There is nothing like having the memory of brave deeds with one when the situation begins to develop indigo edges.

One Answer

An expert was attempting to delve into the piercing mystery surrounding the facts that put the Giants in last place when he suddenly lit upon these meagre details:

First. That they were a bad last in batting with a team average of only .212.

Second. That they were a bad last in fielding.

Third. That the pitching was badly spotted and out of gear.

At which point his research into the terrific mystery suddenly ceased.

That wild, clattering racket you hear at of a stampede under way is merely 15 or 20 of the leading lightweight trying to get the first crack at Freddie Welsh over the 20-round route. There seems to be an invisible hunch abroad that the first gent to get a belt at Freddie over this distance will be the next champ.

That's All

Johnson has nothing but speed in his wing! Well, all old Corsus can do is stng.

"Why is it," asks R. J. E., "that the golfer always wants to talk about his game? Probably for the reason that if the games most of us have stayed in the system very long they would begin to fester."

Which reminds us that we haven't yet had a report on the Willing Ears Co., Ltd., organized by George Ade and Sewell Ford. Ever wear of Hans Wagner, Nan Lajoie, Cy Young, Cap Anson or Eddie Plank?

"Bill Larned won a tennis championship when he was past 40," announces a noncombatant. "Why can't ball players last in the major leagues at that age?" Ever wear of Hans Wagner, Nan Lajoie, Cy Young, Cap Anson or Eddie Plank?

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DEVON HORSE SHOW May 30, 31, June 1, 2

SCHAEFER IN REFEREE ROLE AT RYAN CLUB

Fans See "Germany" Official and Five Fast Bouts. Piazzi Wins

DALEY BEATS LAWRENCE

Last Night's Fight Results

RYAN A. C.—Johnny Piazzi defeated Danny Murphy, Johnny McLaughlin was shaded by Harry Sullivan, Terry Ketchell won from Bobby Brennan, Mike Pater beat Young Lawrence, Young Frankie Conway outboxed O'Neil.

NEW YORK—Vic Moran shaded Shamus O'Neil, Brown defeated Sam Robinson, LANTASTER—Al Mansfield lost to Gus Lewis, Tim Drones defeated Kid West, Freddy Goodman and Jimmy Livingston drew. Al Warner shaded Young McInnis, Dick O'Connell knocked out Young Stichel in the second.

SHAMOKIN—Shifty Shuck drew with Paddy Sylvester.

COLUMBUS—Gus Christie outpointed Al Rodgers.

Adam Ryan was right. He said he had no champion scheduled for his second show at the new Ryan A. C. but he KNEW each scrap would be of the ripper variety. The bouts WERE, each going the limited six rounds and resulting in fast and interesting scraps.

An added feature on the program, which came as a surprise, introduced "Germany" Schaefer, comedian ball player, formerly with Washington and now a New York Yankee, in "How to Referee."

While Mike Daley and Young Lawrence outwalloped each other around the ring the Germany man kept himself in the lead by several yards. He was ahead of the fighters throughout their set-to. However, when they fell into a clinch, Schaefer cautiously stepped up to the boxers, tapped them on their backs and very gentlemanly asked them to "break." Daley won after a hard battle.

Johnny Piazzi, because of his better work in the last few rounds, succeeded in romping off with laurels for the 17th Ward by defeating a fellow-district boxer, Danny Murphy. Murph started off well, but he seemed to get tired after the third round and Johnny lambasted Daniel good and plenty with his southpaw slams.

Sailor Jack Carroll will make his first appearance Friday the Deer stable colors tonight, when he meets See-saw Kelly at the Grand Theatre in a special contest. Sailor Jack also is scheduled for a match at the Olympia Monday night.

POLO DATES ARE ANNOUNCED Deal Tournament to Begin May 29, and Bryn Mawr on June 2

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GERMANTOWN F. S. BASEBALL TEAM SETS FAST PACE

Queen Lane Athletes Win From Chestnut Hill Academy Reserves

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Albert H. Smith, coach of the Germantown Friends' School baseball team, was exceedingly pleased with the brilliant showing of his ball tossers in their game yesterday with the Chestnut Hill Academy second team at the Queen Lane grounds. The 20 to 7 victory, so far as the score was concerned, made little difference to the coach. It was the general all-round improvement shown by his proteges that was pleasing.

Douglas Patton, Button and Arndt all did their share in overhauling the Hillers' second team. Beamish and Cowling pitched a steady game, Beamish remaining on the mound until he was hurt sliding home in the seventh inning, when Arndt, who was in the box, took over. Cowling was sent in to do the dusting. Russell proved himself a very dependable backstop. Arndt led in securing the high honors for his work with the stick. He had three singles, two two-baggers and did clever work in the field.

Having defeated the second team, the Germantown Friends' School turned forward to victory over the first team in the game scheduled to be played at St. Martin's tomorrow afternoon. It is a hope which will be referred to in the next issue of the "Ledger" as the Friends' athletes for Chestnut Hill has a strong squad.

Catholic High climbed nearer the top in the Intercollegiate League by defeating Germantown High yesterday by defeating Germantown High in the fifth inning, when the Yellow and Blue team now tied with Frankford High. Catholic High has the honor of leading South Philadelphia in the cellar position.

Northeast High, leaders of the Intercollegiate League, failed to win over the Hillers at the tail end, are both represented by second teams. If the showing of the Northeast second team may be taken as an indication of things to come, the future of the Hillers and the all-round work of Catholic High, Stetson and other members of the Yellow and Blue line.

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