

THE POET SAYS, WORK OR FIGHT OR BE A BASEBALL UMPIRE AND DO BOTH

McGraw Calmly Works Building Team Despite Chaotic Conditions

Acquisition of Toney and Lajoie Sure to Help Giants in Fight Against Cubs et al. for National League Flag

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

McGraw is overlooking no bets these days, regardless of the wobbly condition of our great national pastime. Jawn Jay evidently knows nothing about the critical conferences in Washington and the final effort of the magnates to save the game for the remainder of the season.

McGraw started the baseball world Monday when he calmly announced he had captured, grabbed, purchased or swiped Big Fred Toney, of the Cincinnati Reds. On the heels of that came the news that Larry Lajoie, manager of the defunct Indianapolis club of the American Association, would don the National League spangles in the near future and do most of his playing on the Polo Grounds.

Toney should be a good drawing card and, incidentally, win a few games for his new boss. He will not last more than one season, for he is in bad with his draft board, is mixed up in a white slave case and his trial comes up in September.

New Yorkers are hoping that baseball will continue this season anyway. After that they don't care. A very large amount of money has been wagered on the Giants at big odds, and if everything is called off now the Cubs naturally will be handed the pennant or something like that.

Always Could Get Players When He Needed Them

The scrappy manager of the Giants is no piker. Whenever his club starts on the slippery toboggan he goes out after players, and usually lands the ones he is after. Once he needed a second baseman and arranged a deal with Cincinnati which sent Charley Herzog to the Giants.

Last year Toney won twenty-four and lost sixteen games. He was expected to come back strong this year, but for some reason or other he has slivered miserably. Manager Matty could do nothing with him, he was walloped all over the lot every time he went to the mound and the only thing left was to sell him.

McGraw's pitching staff is shot to pieces. Anderson, Barnes, Benton and Jeff Tereau have departed and no one knows when the others will jump. His hurlers failed him at a critical time in the race and the result was a flock of defeats which sent the team into second place.

Magnates Confer With Government Officials Today

The hasty adjournment of the National League meeting in Pittsburgh yesterday and the trip to Washington, where the magnates will confer with General Crowder and Secretary Baker today, presages a speedy end of the baseball controversy.

"I think we deserve some recognition," a big league magnate told me the other day. "Baseball is not a fly-by-night organization, but one which has been established for forty-two years. It is a national institution and should be given time to straighten its affairs instead of receiving abrupt notice."

"Then there is another thing. We have been losing money steadily all season, but never made a complaint. We ran into bad weather, had poor crowds, and now that the weather is in our favor and there is a chance to break even the game is threatened. I am for helping the war first, last and all of the time, but I maintain we deserved a better deal than the one we were handed."

It is significant that Ban Johnson has taken a different stand on the question since Saturday and ordered his clubs to keep on playing. Ban was very patriotic when the news broke, but on calm reflection discovered his mistake.

Gardner Did Not Accompany Athletics West

When the Athletics left for Detroit today Larry Gardner, the star third baseman, was not with them. This does not mean that the former Red Sox star has jumped the club and intends to quit the game.

In addition to playing baseball Larry is a prosperous garage proprietor at Enonburg Falls, Vt.—a metropolis which hides twelve miles from the Canadian border. About two weeks ago the place was destroyed by fire and several cars burned.

"I wanted to leave for home last Sunday," said Larry, "because I was afraid I would miss the games on Thursday in Detroit. Connie Mack, however, asked me as a special favor to play in the Weart benefit game and come back as soon as I could for the regular games. Connie wanted to help Billy Weart's family and placed that benefit game above the league games."

"I never have been so contented in my life," resumed the third baseman. "Connie Mack is a wonderful man to play for and the other members of the club are great fellows. There is more spirit on the A's than on any club I have ever seen, and that accounts for the game we are playing. We have a good team, and if we had two more good pitchers you would see us fighting with the leaders."

Fulton and Dempsey to Go to Work After Saturday

According to several press agent reports Fred Fulton and Jack Dempsey will engage in Harrison, N. J. Both boxers are within the draft age and doing nothing but earning their living with the padded mitt. They say they are willing to quit for the duration of the war if they are allowed to settle their little argument.

"I want to prove that I am the best heavyweight in the world," says Fulton, with his usual modesty. "Willard is afraid of me, so are the others, and the only one left to fight is Dempsey. I can beat him, but I want the people to witness the battle. After that I am willing to go to work at anything else."

The big fuss, which has been kicked around for the last month, is now of unusual interest. Heavyweight scraps are scarce, and as Fulton and Dempsey are the best of the lot in the old Fed ball game, the outsiders of Newark, N. J., should be well filled. The promoters will hold a twilight battle, starting the main event about 7 p. m.

It is rumored the men have failed to agree on a referee and that the former Sports Editor of the Public Ledger, would be the third man in

MOVIE OF A MAN STALLING—AFTER ARRIVING HOME FROM A POKER GAME



BECOME FAMILIAR WITH RULES OF GOLF BEFORE YOU PLAY AT MERION

Most of These Rules Will Come Up in the Midsummer Handicap or Class Tournament Over the East Course

By WILLIAM H. EVANS

HERE are some more golf rules that every player who will compete in the midsummer handicap or the class tournament at the Merion Cricket Club tomorrow should know.

When you leave the tee tomorrow you will be handed a card on which you must keep the score of your fellow-competitor, while he will have another card on which yours is kept. Be sure of two things: that you get the card correctly and that he keeps yours correctly. At the end of the round be sure that the correct score is on both cards.

Many penalties occur on the green. If your ball lies within 20 yards of the hole and you play it and it strikes the flag stick or the person at the hole, whether it is your fellow-player or either of the caddies, you lose 2 strokes.

Both balls are on the green and your ball hits the other ball you are penalized a stroke. If you are away from the hole the privilege of asking the other player to lift his ball or play it, at his option. If he refuses to do so he is disqualified.

When Ball is Out of Bounds If you are in doubt whether your ball has gone out of bounds you may play another ball, teeing, if the stroke is made from the tee, and dropping it in other cases. You are not entitled to assume that the ball is out of bounds until you have made a search of five minutes.

Don't Pick Up Your Ball If your ball lies nearer the hole and the other man plays first and you think his ball is going to hit yours, resist the temptation to lift, for if you do lift while the other ball is in motion you lose a stroke.

Notes of the Bowlers The terrific heat of last evening failed to diminish the large audience which gathered at the Keystone bowling alleys to watch the duck pinners, the strong Pittston team, composed of a number of their series with the schedule last night.

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There are other rules, but these given yesterday and today are the most important and are rules that every golfer should familiarize himself with.

Do not touch the line of putt except in making your putt or in the ways mentioned. When you are on the green do not putt until the other ball has come to a rest, otherwise it will cost you two strokes.

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SHIP LEAGUE TO BRANCH OUT

Will Widen Sports Scope to Include Various Activities

CLUBS ARE PENALIZED The Delaware River Baseball League, at a meeting held last evening at the Princeton Club, decided to broaden the scope of its organization and include all sports, such as football, soccer, trap shooting, basketball and boxing; also to change the name to the Delaware River Shipyard Athletic Association.

The fact that the Emergency Fleet Corporation recently decided in favor of all kinds of sports for shipbuilders by shipbuilders evidently sent the eligibility committee to work investigating the status of protested players, and a report submitted recommended that a game won by a player against his club should be null and void.

It was also unanimously agreed to stage a game after the close of the season, Saturday, August 10, between the two leading clubs, for the benefit of the war effort, and to present the pennant trophy to the winner on that occasion.

Monte Cross manages a tall-end club in the Shipbuilders' League, but has fine prospects if the "work-or-fight" order is carried out. Yesterday at the Traylor plant, in Cermels, he was visited by Adams, Bancroft, Freudenag, Bradley, Hoag and Henningsway, all anxious to secure positions there.

The Bethlehem Steel League pennant is now being settled with the playing of the opening game. The teams are no longer in the same league, but the playing of a game means the shifting of league pennants, and this always excites the league that plays a short schedule and where the tie-ups are an evenly balanced.

The Northeast Suburban League is planning for a number of "twilight games" to be played shortly, and the committee has announced them in a few days. It is the first time in the history of the league that a game in front of Franklin Arsenal, Quaker City, has been scheduled.

The J. & J. Dobson nine of the Main Line League, is leading for the first time this season and it looks as if the team's delegation is due to annex second-half honors in the second game. The team defeated Lansdowne and Autumn, the other strongest club, and will continue to pitch the best ball of any club in the league.

Steele, leader of the Bethlehem Steel League, suffered a hard knock when Steve Verdon, captain and second baseman, fractured his leg in the second inning of Saturday's game with the Quakers. Steve Verdon probably is out for the rest of the season.

That F. G. I. is by no means assured of the pennant in the Manufacturers' League is shown by the fact that the team have been ousted by Monrope. Of course, Monrope has a number of postponed games, but these are not assured victories by any means. With Lecker, Smith and Page on the street of a winning streak with four straight, the walloper workers now loom up as a dark horse in the race.

Three clubs, Hoopes & Townsend, Philadelphia Roll and Machine and American Philadelphia Manufacturers' circuit, with a percentage of 54. There is only a game difference for first place between Quaker City and Philadelphia Textile, with the former ahead and under a cloud of Saturday.

JOHN BUCK WINS HOG ISLAND TITLE

Defeats Mickey Carey and Receives Two Months' Vacation With Pay

LARGE CROWD PRESENT Johnny Buck today is one of the happiest men enrolled as a worker at Hog Island. Johnny has reason to be joyous for last evening he earned a two months' vacation with full pay.

These two months' vacation with full pay is a concern for his progress in the boxing ring but such is the case with Johnny Buck.

At the high-class game some prize offered each week, Donora led the power players with a score of 400, followed by Redden, with a score of 400, stepped into second place last two days of the series.

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