

If Roush Insists on \$54,000 for 3 Years He Will Be a Farmer and Work for Himself

WILD SCRAMBLE FOR PLAYERS EXPECTED IF MINORS ACCEPT DRAFT

Major League Club Owners Will Make Rush to Purchase Baltimore Stars and Luminaries From Other Clubs—Holdouts Are Increasing

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

IN A very short time the minor leagues—meaning the International, Western, Three I and American Association—will decide whether or not they will accept the draft in baseball.

If the draft goes through, there will be a wild scramble in the next month in the trading market. Players will be placed on the auction block and the highest bidder will draw down the much-sought-for athletes.

Bentley is called the \$100,000 athlete, but Dunn probably will accept less than that for his services.

Trading should be active again if the draft plan is accepted. There are many desirable athletes in the International League, if the batting averages can be taken seriously.

FRED MERKLE had a good year, finishing with .349. The veteran played with Rochester and seemed to be as good as ever.

Another man who probably will get into the limelight is Babe Ruth. The Babe has signed the papers as yet and nobody knows when he will be ready to start.

The Baltimore club has a list of \$40,000 for the Yankees and \$20,000 each from the other seven clubs.

That five weeks' suspension will stand. Judge Landis will not change it and the Yankees are lucky that their star wasn't suspended for the entire year.

From a reliable inside source we learned that Landis intended to set Ruth down for one year and it took all of the club owners in the American League to talk him out of it.

According to the story, the Judge went to the Yankees' clubhouse after the pennant had been clinched to congratulate the players.

"How about that rule regarding barnstorming by players on pennant-winning clubs?" asked Ruth.

"It's a rule and I guess that about settles it. We'll discuss it some time," that was all Landis said, but he was willing to take it up with the players later.

It is said that the Judge believed Ruth and it is his pride was hurt. He also was very angry and when he started on the home run king no punishment seemed to be too severe.

NO END of honors are coming to Vincent Richards, the tennis sensation. Vinnie has been named third among the great players of this country.

There are many who expected Richards to be chosen for the Davis Cup team last summer and his playing was discussed thoroughly before he was turned down.

Richards' roots are growing and the number who are looking for him to earn a place on the 1922 Davis Cup combination is increasing.

Both Maurice E. McLaughlin and Mettelle Lewis were very young when they broke into the Davis Cup class in 1909, but they were a few months older than Richards.

It is said that he has been in three years but before Richards reaches the testing on the grass, he will be in his prime.

JOHNNY DUNDEE MEETS FITZGERALD AT PALACE

Forty rounds of boxing are on the program for the boxing day at the Ice Palace.

Johnnie Dundee, the junior champion, will appear in the main event against the rugged Whitey Fitzgerald.

The latest bantam sensation, Phil O'Dowd, will meet the third number, and the other bouts are between Jack Perry, the promising down-town bantam, and the clever Abe Al Golden, of New York, and Al Ziener and Battling Mack.

Walker Wins Slow Bout

Tom Cleary Draws With Mahoney

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'The Hardest Battle of My Ring Career'

Midget Smith Kept Punching Johnny Buff for Seven Rounds With Broken Right Hand

CHAMP GOT DECISION

By MIDGET SMITH

PUNCHING with a broken hand for seven rounds isn't much pleasure, and it was under such circumstances that I found myself up against the stiffest proposition of my career in the ring.

While down in Panama, where I started to box, they couldn't get any one to make me extend myself, but when I arrived in New York it didn't take me long to learn that things were not so lovely in fistfights.

Phil Franchini was the first opponent selected for me at the Garden. It was over before I knew it. Eleven seconds after the bout started Franchini was on the floor, knocked for a goal—he didn't move a toe while the referee counted the necessary ten for a knockout.

Then came that match in which I broke my hand. Johnny Buff, who later won the championship from Pete Herman, appeared in the opposite corner. My handers had it all dotted out that night that I had to do was hit Buff once—then curtain.

But I couldn't get over that one punch. Buff showed a lot of foot work and he kept out of each of my rights. For the first two rounds I was unable to get over a solid, Buff doing a backstep all around the ring with me hot after him.

In the early part of the third round I caught Buff flat-footed in a corner and I thought I had him. Over went my right. Buff ducked and I connected hard on top of his head. A stinging pain shot up the entire length of my arm from my knuckles. My hand was broken, I knew.

When I returned to my corner I told Harry Neary, my manager, what had happened. He told me that it wouldn't do for Buff to know about my hand being hurt at every opportunity.

After the fifth round Buff started to take more chances with me, for the news of my broken hand reached his corner. He did open up, but continued to be wary of my right, even though it really was out of commission.

My, how my hand hurt. I usually landed on his head, sometimes on his shoulder or elbow. The pain was terrible—but I was doing as advised, and the big crowd there that night—the night that Joe Lynch won the title from Pete Herman—saw a great battle.

That bout with Buff "made" me. I was laid up for weeks, but when I was ready to box again I found that the matchmakers were lining me up against the leading bantams around.

Bill Brennan will tell of the hardest battle of his ring career in Thursday's issue of the Evening Public Ledger.

Y's Krax

OUR favorite paper spoke of the Delaware Bridge feat, which, we trust, will have no fallen arches.

The draft in baseball is silent like the draft in beer.

Jack McCarthy wants to know if the public baseball team will be organized if the franchise is bought by Dr. Frank and Dr.

Pepper in the Senate. Don't feel punny. Go to it.

Funny, but experts at fencing seldom know anything about a gate.

There's always a hot finish on the Grand Circuit on account of the last heat.

The best music writers, in our opinion, are the piano movers.

Congress has refused navy uniforms a bigger pool. G'wan, say, and give 'em the whole Atlantic.

JOE LYNCH STEPS ON PATSY WALLACE

Tall Bantam ex-Champ Wins Over Opponent's Turtle Style. Kramer Knocks Out Wimler

MENDELL DIVES PRETTILY

By SANDY McNIBLICK

OH, HUM! Joe Lynch won by a whisker from Patsy Wallace in a weekly boxing show at the Olympia last night on points.

The whiskers part of it was because Joe pulled "Dimpsey" and entered the ring with a lot of hirsute adornment, from behind which he made mocking grimaces at Wallace throughout.

Lynch, former bantam champion, is built on the generous lines of a string bean, while Wallace is about the height and width of a watermelon.

Neither did get fresh, but then the works were shot and Joseph waded in. A roundhouse punch just as the bell rang on the third round caught Lynch on the whiskers and the long fight was all for calling the attention of the referee.

This added a little zip to the battle, particularly as Lynch always became infuriated when they cheered Wallace for loosening the plaster.

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Sammy Seiger Awarded Decision. New York, Jan. 10.—Sammy Seiger was awarded the judges' decision over Mickey Brown in the twelve-round bout at the Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn.

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