

Holding Out by Major League Players Is Not So Profitable These Days as in the Past

BASEBALL HOLDOUTS DON'T WORRY OWNERS AS IN FORMER YEARS

With Judge Landis Telling the Players Where They "Get Off" It's a Different Story Now—"Let 'Em Try and Get It," Says Ebbets

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Petersburg, Fla., March 4.—The hold-out league received a jolt when Babe Ruth virtually came to terms with his owners and is expected to sign the papers at any minute. On the heels of this startling news came an announcement that Carl Mays also had signed and the principal holdout Yankees had returned to the fold. All of which furnished the chief topic of conversation in the open-air meeting in front of Bada's last night. The bench heaters and their stock of recent newspapers were very much in evidence, and it was agreed that Ruth deserves every cent of the salary handed him. The orators did not say much about Mays.

"Eddie Roush is still holding out," said John Rex, who once resided in Norristown but now makes his home here. "Eddie still wants his \$18,000 a year, according to my paper, and Garry Herrmann says he won't get it. Garry declared emphatically that Roush will play for Cincinnati at the terms offered by the club or he won't play at all. Looks as if Eddie was up against it."

Roush wanted that three-year contract, but it's a safe bet that he will sign the papers in a very short time. If he can't get what he wants he will do the next best thing and split the difference with his club. Holding out these days is not so profitable as in the past. There was no Judge Landis on the job to tell the boys what's what. Helme Groh tried it last year and was ordered to return and lose a month's salary. This was an object lesson which has been remembered.

NEW YORK wants Roush, but he will never go there. The other seven clubs in the league will raise a terrible howl, the same as last year when it was all set to ship Ruth to Gotham. Landis refused to do it and for it, and the judge had the final say. Eddie will be with Cincinnati, and you can bet the broken machine on it.

Doesn't Blame Player to Get All He Can "I DON'T consider my men holdouts," said Charley Ebbets the other day. "That term doesn't apply to ball players. If a man tries to get more money for his services he cannot be blamed. He is entitled to all he can get, if he can get it. He has to dickie with his owner during the winter and do all he can to get an increase in salary."

"However, if no agreement is reached and the player refuses to join his club in the training camp, then the matter becomes serious. He not only hurts himself, but also his club. "Last year we had several men who reported late, and they were no good to themselves or the club for a couple of months. We lost a chance to stay in the first division and they lost some extra money. This year most of my players are in Jacksonville, and I don't think any will be more than a week late."

Squire Ebbets has one tough person on his holdout list, and that is Burleigh Grimes. The spitballer has been given an increase, according to reports, but it is not enough. "Grimes has been offered a salary which is the second highest in the league," said Ebbets. "Alexander, of Chicago, is the best-paid pitcher, and he deserves it. If we come to Grimes' terms Burleigh will get more than Alex. Funny how important some pitchers become when they look at their contracts."

Alexander is said to be receiving \$12,000 a year, and Grimes probably is holding out for \$13,000, which he will not get. They say up in Jacksonville that Ebbets is starting the war on the Class AA clubs that refused to accept the draft. He has about forty athletes in training camp, and only two are from a Class AA club. The others are from the A, B and C leagues.

Last winter Ebbets suggested that the major leagues ostracize the draft dodgers and refuse to have further dealings with them. This was voted down, but the squire evidently is following his own ideas. He is developing his own future stars and in a year or so several should be ready for the big show.

FOR the first time in his career Robinson has an assistant in the training camp. Nap Rucker is helping him with the rookies, and now all Robbie has to do is watch the regulars, chase balls and carry in the bats.

Golfers Training for West Coast Title Play West Coast open championship in two weeks. Barnes, Hutcheson, Walter Hagan and other stars are on the way, but more than twenty already are here getting in shape.

At the St. Petersburg Country Club Charley Smith, the noted pro, is entertaining a dozen aspirants. George Smith, of Terre Haute, one of the youngest pros in the country, is playing every day, and they think there that he has a chance to get a slice of the money. George comes from Montrose, Scotland, and has improved greatly in the last two years. He holds the course record here with a 69, which is going some. He plays at Belleair in the low twenties, and it wouldn't be surprising if he caused a few upsets.

Steve Gakan, who is pro at the Williamsport Country Club, also will enter. Steve has been here all winter assisting Charley Smith. Jack Brett, of Birmingham, is the first American professional to teach golf in this country. He has been at Belleair all winter and is playing a good game.

Others who are practicing daily are Jimmy Duncan, who goes to Silver Lake Country Club, near Akron; Arthur Boggs, of Cincinnati; Eric Anderson, of Lawrence Park Country Club, New York, and Johnny Landmans, Johnny is here on his honeymoon, and his wife, who also is a good golfer, established a new record on the St. Pete course yesterday when she turned in a 91.

H. B. MARTIN has charge of the Belleair tournament, and says the entry list is the best in years. Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company

CHANEY AND O'BRIEN IN READINESS FOR GONG Aggressive Battlers Meet at National Club Tonight George Chaney is in town from Baltimore. Shamus O'Brien has come on from Yonkers, N. Y. Both returned to promoter Al Wagner last night in tip-top shape for their scheduled eight-round meeting this evening at the National A. A. Eleventh and Catharine streets.

Chaney and O'Brien are of the same fight type. Neither knows what it is to take a backward step, both are rugged, aggressive and keep punching continually. Shamus has established a remarkable record as a lightweight boxer, having been in the ring for a number of years and having met all of the leading men of his weight.

A change has been made in the semi. Archie Walker, lightweight amateur champion of New York, will pair with Billy Hines and Johnny Graydon opens the six-bout program against Preston Brown.

Y's Krax WHERE there's a Will there's a way, says Kid Norfolk. At that, they generally hang a belt over the button of a Norfolk.

Daily Guessing Contest—Who won the Davis Cup named after? The RUTH BEATS HIS TRAINING RELEAS-UP BY TAKING A BATH. Health policies only pay single price for measles and hickey levers.

There is a letter in the Sports Department of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for Jimmy Jordan. Youngstown, March 4.—Dick Loadman, veteran Buffalo boxer, has been indefinitely suspended by the local boxing commission. The action follows Loadman's poor showing in a fight with Dan Barry at Cleveland last night. The referee stopped the match in the fourth round.

Frankie Mason Wins Class One New York, March 4.—Frankie Mason was a close decision over Tommie in a ten-round bout

AND THEN HE GAVE UP GOLF



KIRKWOOD LANDS IN U. S. FOR KEEPS

Australian Golfer and Trick-Shot Expert to Build Nest Midst American Links

H. VARDON NOT TO COME By SANDY McENTBLICK AMERICA is said to be assured of one of the best golf pros in the business as an addition to its non-transitory citizenry. All of which is the salute of Joe Kirkwood, champion of all Australasia and money finisher in nearly every event of a world tour the young "Down Under" completed in last year. Aside from that, Kirkwood is the world's champion trick-shot golfer. Nobody else has his stuff.

Kirkwood just arrived on the Pacific Coast a day or so ago. As the result of telegraphic correspondence with the young star, A. H. Findlay, the well-known local player, states that Kirkwood will ease his way to Pinehurst for the North and South open by way of California, Texas, Florida and other Southern States, taking in such events as come his way.

Kirkwood will go abroad for the foreign events which he will play in this country. Mr. Findlay states in this country. Play Exhibitions It may be that Kirkwood will be lured into the acceptance of a job as pro at some California club, but the probability is that he will prefer to go on an exhibition tour. His trick shots have brought him great fame through the length and breadth of the world. There has been a great demand for Kirkwood's exhibitions.

He plays shots that were never played before, and one beauty of it is that the gallery can park on the grass and watch the whole show from one place.

Kirkwood was one of the strongest contenders in the St. Pete tournament. One of his bright showings was in reaching the annals of the great Glen Eagles match play, where Kirkwood only lost to Mitchell, but the final exhibition was a display of ability to enter the hills for a roll, where Joe was hitting into them.

Kirkwood is alone this time, his partner Victor East, having stayed home on business there.

Mr. Findlay has just returned from Europe. He spent some time in London, which was in turmoil of soldiers, and in Rome, which was in a furor over the election of the Pope. In Great Britain, it was ascertained that Harry Vardon, master linksmen, would not come over this year. George Duncan and Abe Mitchell are coming, and so are J. H. Taylor and Sandy Herd.

The latter pair will sail in the middle of July to play in the American open and also to tour in exhibition matches. This part at least of the British contingent is being held back, but it's the veteran's first visit. Taylor was runner-up to Vardon twenty-two years ago in the U. S. open.

These players are expected to appear in Philadelphia against a couple of locals. Vincent O'Donnell, manager of the Holme firm here, is being exhibited and Herd for Philadelphia exhibitions.

The decision of the Royal and Ancient to send a team of amateurs over here to compete at Brookline has made a distinct hit on both sides. It is almost a certainty that Great Britain will have its very best players in all three American championships, and Yankee golfers will have to look to their laurels this year.

Despite foreign opposition we won our own amateur open, open to women's event last year, and carried off a British open title—a great showing. But the competition will be even hotter in what promises to be the greatest golf year over—sailing for 1922.

Nativity Plays East End Richmond Basketers Oppose Camden Cage Quintet Tonight The East End basketball team, of Camden, with such former Eastern Leaguers as Sam Lennox and Joe Hyde in the line-up, will play Nativity at the latter's hall, Holkrade and Allegheny avenue, tonight.

Nativity will have Pike and Vogel at forward, Fossett at center and Hedy and Douglas at guard. Eddie Gallagher is rapidly recovering and will soon be back. The Nativity team is one of the few clubs that have played the same line-up from the start of the season.

In the preliminary contest Nativity reserves open Holy Name of Camden. This is the team that administered a crushing defeat to the up-towners recently, and they asked another chance to redeem themselves.

Basketball Statistics

Table with columns for Eastern League, Western League, and other basketball statistics including team names and scores.

UMPIRE QUESTION STILL UNSETTLED

Arbiters Will Classify Members and Furnish Moguls With Line on Ability

WON'T CONFINE SELECTIONS

THE umpire question in Philadelphia baseball was debated for four more hours last evening between a committee representing the Philadelphia Baseball Association and the United Empire's organization. The moguls were represented by George Boden, of Hilldale, and Bill Glasgow, of North Philadelphia, while eight representatives sided with the umpires.

OGDEN SIGNS CONTRACT

Baltimore's Pitching Ace Comes to Terms With Jack Dunn Jimmy Ogden, former star pitcher at South Philadelphia, has signed a one-year contract with the Baltimore Orioles. Ogden, who was Baltimore's sole ace in the little world series last year, will be Jack Dunn's hope for a pennant this season.

VICTORY FOR LITTLE JEFF

Baltimore Boxer, Has Better of Mickey Morris in Cambria Wind-Up Little Jeff, the Baltimore midweight, weighing 114 pounds, defeated Mickey Morris, 105 pounds, in the eight-round wind-up at the Cambria A. C. last night. Jeff had every advantage over his rival in height, reach and weight. His victory was assured by dropping Morris for the count of nine in the eighth round.

Baseball Filled in Big League Camps

The inclement weather which has been the lot of the Pirates at West Baden, Ind., since yesterday, and pitchers and catchers who will be in the line-up for the first practice session today.

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COME HAVE DINNER AT MEENEHAN'S CAFE

SUNDAY SPECIALS Lobster Dinner, \$1.50 Half Roasted Lobster \$1.00 Meenehan's Special, \$1.50 Chicken Platter, \$1.50

PENTATHLON FOR WOMEN SWIMMERS

Mermaids Perform Here in Intercity Tank Competition Tonight

Although a junior national championship race is on the card of swimming events which the Philadelphia Turngemeinde will hold at its pool, Broad and Columbia avenues, this evening, judging from the list of entries, more interest will be centered on the winner of a water pentathlon for women, to be held in local waters, and mermaids from swimming clubs throughout the Eastern section of the country will be on hand to vie for honors.

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CAMPUS TO PRO GRID NOW COLLEGE DRAMA

Why Should Football Ability Be Compulsory When Education is the Main Desire?—First Use of Learning Now Pro Football

By GRANTLAND RICE Advance Notice We've sung to the shadows the blight of old Feb. So on to the grapple of Gibbons and Greb.

The guns are now silent from Mont to the Somme. So feed us the battle of Harry and Tom. For the resin may cease us a championship scab. Somehow from the pattern of Gibbons or Greb.

"A MAN may be down but he's never out." Rarely, at least, to the grandstand umpire when the home club's at bat.

SO FAR the official score stands at eleven robins and four bluebirds. We are not in position to state whether this is a world's record or not for March 4, north of forty odd. Even if it is, what of it?

A Query—Plus a Reply DEAR SIR—What about an instance of this sort, and there are many such: A poor boy wants a college education and he hasn't the money to pay for it. But he has football ability that will take him through, with all expenses paid. He can't work his way through college, for there isn't time enough to work, play football and keep up in one's studies. What is the first step to use to which their highest education happens to be put is professional football.

THERE may not be time enough to work one's way through college, play football and attend to studies. But why should football be compulsory where an education is the main desire? We have also noticed that about 87 per cent of those good football players who have their way paid through college to get an education have a way of kissing the jolly old campus good-by around the afternoon of December 1. Also, that the first select use to which their highest education happens to be put is professional football.

THERE are thousands who work their way through college without finding football a necessary and leading course. Black and white are never the same color. When a man is given a remuneration for his athletic services, he is a professional. When he parades as an amateur he is merely cheating, and the

FROWN ON MIXED BOUT

N. J. Boxing Commission Says Public Against Dempsey-Willis Match Jersey City, N. J., March 4.—The New Jersey State Boxing Commission does not look with favor upon a match between Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight boxing champion, and Harry Willis, black Negro heavyweight. While no action was taken to definitely prohibit such a match in this State, the commission, through its chairman, Robert H. Doherty, met and issued a statement expressing the belief that "the public" generally was apposed to this match.

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A. A. U. JUNIOR CHAMPS

More Than 200 Athletes Will Compete in New York Tonight New York, March 4.—More than 200 athletes, many of whom are holders of sectional A. A. U. and intercollegiate titles, will compete tonight in the Amateur Athletic Union junior indoor championship track and field meet. Eleven individual title events and one relay championship will be contested. The events are runs at 60, 300, 600 and 1000 yards and at two miles, one-mile walk, standing high jump, running high jump, running and running broad jumps, 16-pound shot and 14-mile relay.

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