Major League Magnates Vote to Re-Establish Seven-Game World Series

Will Replace Longer Series Next Season

One Dissenting Vote Cast by National League Club Owner — Landis Ballots.

New York, Dec. 15.—Major league owners, in joint meeting today, voted to re-establish the seven-game world series, instead of the nine-game series.

American league club owners were unanimous for the change, while National league magnates voted seven to one against it. Inasmuch as under a joint agreement, each league has only one vote, Commissioner Landis, who is authorized to tie, voted for the seven-game series, cast the deciding ballot in case of a

Downey May Meet Gibbons or O'Dowd

St. Paul, Dec. 15.—Efforts will be made to match the winner of the Mike Gibbons-Mike O'Dowd boxing bout here Friday night with Bryan Downey, Columbus, O., middleweight. Terms already have been offered Downey, it was learned today.

With the selection of George Barton of Minneapolis as referee everything is in readiness for the 10-round, no-decision battle of the two Mikes. Both Gibbons and O'Dowd reported they are in excellent condition.

Gibbons' manager sent a telegram to Tex Rickard at New York asking that the latter endeavor to arrange a bout between the Phantom and Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion.

Chicago Offers Stanford Track Date

Stanford University, Cal., Dec. 15.—An offer from the University of Chicago to come west for a track meet here with Stanford March 28 or 29, during the Easter holidays, was received yesterday by Graduate Manager William Fletcher. He replied, stating field arrangements under which Stanford would be willing to accept.

University of Pitt Will Accept Offer

Pittsburgh, Dec. 15.—University of Pittsburgh will be glad to accept the Harvard invitation for a foot ball game with the Crimson on October 28, if the University of California is unable to play in the east on that date, said Karl Davis, graduate manager of athletics, yesterday.

South High Will Open Season Friday

Coach James Patton's South High school basket flippers will crack open the 1921-22 season tomorrow night in the South High gymnasium when they tangle with the school alumni in the annual contest.

The game is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

Tearney Opposed To Draft in Western

Chicago, Dec. 15.—"Put restrictions around the draft that will protect the little fellows and the minors will accept it," was the answer of Al Tearney, Western and Three-Eye league president, yesterday to the proposal by Charles Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club that the majors break away from the minors. Ebbetts put this proposition before the National league magnates simply as a means to scare the small magnates who have refused to recognize the right of the majors to raid the minor ranks.

Coogan Beats Wallace

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 15.—Mel Coogan, Brooklyn lightweight, had the best of it over Otto Wallace of Milwaukee in a 10-round bout last night.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Veterans in Lineup.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 15.—Basket ball enters the curriculum of Neligh High school this year with a number of letter men back to form a team and a number of promising new men that are giving the regulars a hard go for their places. Allan Godkin, Claire and Lyle McLeod and Harold Green, forwards; Claude Goodspeed, center and guard; Lloyd White and Royal Egbert, guards, and W. Zeigenbein, center, are among the old men. Royal Egbert captains the team and Coach E. E. Carstens is opening his first year at Neligh. The team last year won 12 games and lost 12. The schedule:

December 14—Clearwater at Neligh.
December 20—Oakdale at Neligh.
January 13—Elgin at Elgin.
January 20—Brunswick at Neligh.
January 27—Tilden (place undecided).
February 3—Orchard at Neligh.
February 10—Elgin at Neligh.
February 17—Open.
February 24—Ewing (place undecided).
March 3—Oakdale at Oakdale.

Prospects Look Bright.

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 15.—The cage schedule of Wahoo High school is complete and with a promising quintet and a record of 13 games won out of 15 games on its 1920 calendar, Coach H. J. Freeborn expects to have a good basket ball year. J. Paspisil, W. Cunningham and Roy Finley, forwards; Grant Paspisil and Ray Barry, guards, and B. Magnusson, center, make up the regular squad, all with from two to four years' experience. Paul Cunningham, Wilbert Rock, Clyde Worrall, Harold Hamilton, H. Berry and George Dean, make up the squad of new material that Coach Freeborn believes will greatly augment the regulars. The coach also is superintendent, this being his sixth year at basket ball here. The schedule:

December 16—Fremont at Fremont.
December 23—Mead at Wahoo.
January 13—Havelock at Havelock.
January 20—David City at Wahoo.
January 27—Mead at Mead.
February 3—Schuyler at Wahoo.
February 10—David City at David City.
February 17—Omaha at Wahoo.
February 23—Schuyler at Schuyler.
February 24—Ashland at Ashland.
March 2—Havelock at Wahoo.

Schmader and Nichols Breeze Into Omaha for Big Fistic Entertainment Scheduled Saturday

ANDY SCHMADER, Louisville, Neb., heavyweight fighter, and Jimmy Nichols of Chicago, welterweight, breezed into Omaha bright and early yesterday prepared to put the finishing touches to their training for the fistic entertainment carded for Saturday night at the Auditorium. The "Windy City" scrapper will swap punches with "Kid" Schlaifer in a 10-round semi-wind up. Nichols appeared in Omaha last summer against "Kid" Graves and easily defeated the former custodian of the welter laurels on points.

Schlaifer is training daily at the Queensbury Athletic club and appears to be in tip-top condition, and looks none the worse as a result of his 10-round bout with Jack Perry in Minneapolis last Friday. The "Kid" should "take" the Chicago boxer, unless the latter has improved since his last appearance in an Omaha ring.

Schmader will workout this afternoon at the Queensbury. The "Dutchman" was a cross-country runner this morning, taking a long jaunt out north of town. He will repeat his morning jaunt Friday and Saturday. His arm, which was broken during the Melchoir fight two months ago, seems to be as strong as it ever was, judging from the way in which he punched the bag.

Tickets for the fight are selling like hot cakes and one of the largest fight crowds of the season is expected to trickle into the old shed to witness the knuckle whirling battles.

Milwaukee Ball Club in Court

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 15.—The Milwaukee base ball club and President Otto Borchert were sued in federal court yesterday for $12,250, alleged to be due B. P. Moulton, Providence, R. I. The complaint alleges Moulton turned over Gaston, Hauser and two other players on the conditions that if they were sold to some other club Moulton was to get half the proceeds.

Moulton alleges that when the players were sold that he received, he says, only part of his share of the proceeds.

Harsch Rolls Over Roller for Victory

Hiene Harsch, local pocket billiard player, took a roll out of E. G. Roller yesterday in their scheduled game in the state pocket billiard tournament when the former won over the latter after 29 innings of good billiards by the score of 125 to 81.

Harsch had a high run of 41, while his opponent chalked up 32 ivories at a stretch.

In the evening's game, Roller rolled over Andy Swanson for a 125 to 112 victory after 35 innings. The winner had a high run of 29, while Swanson's high run was 28.

Swanson and Harley Hamilton play this afternoon, while Stephens and Roller meet in the evening.

Seattle Soccer Kickers Kick Way to Victory

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—The Seattle Pacific Coast Hockey association team defeated Vancouver last night, 5 to 4, in a fiercely contested game. Lehman, Vancouver goal keeper, was forced to retire by a cut over his eye.

Champ at 76.

Louis A. Servatius, at 76, is the New York state three-cushion amateur billiard champion. His is a most extraordinary accomplishment. M. W. Leake, whom he defeated, is also over 70. The match was decided by one point, so it is plainly indicated that both of the cue experts are not subject to nerves.

Scrambled Sports

By Vag

GEORGE LAMSON, Walthill, Neb., Indian heavyweight believes in "safety first, last and always."

The husky Indian is scheduled to meet Mr Andy Schmader in a 10-round bout at the local fight shed Saturday night. Lamson is a former Omaha "pug" and while in this fair village made a lot of friends and at the same time made a host of enemys, why, no one knows. But—

Lamson would rather remain in Lincoln, his present home, until the afternoon of the fight. Of course, this is against the state boxing law, but Commissioner Doyle has granted the Indian permission to stay in Lincoln until Saturday afternoon.

Rogers Hornsby, best hitter in the National league, says American league pitching cannot be compared with that in the National and that the American has but three good pitchers, Carl Mays, "Red" Faber and Stanley Coveleskie.

Before making his decision Hornsby should have studied the averages and consulted a few American leaguers whose duty it is to face this class of hurling.

Roy Thomas, the old Philadelphia outfielder, will be back in the majors next season. The former star ball player will be assistant manager to Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals.

President Al Tearny of the Western league voiced the opinion of Barney Burch, half-owner of the local club, when he announced last night that the Minors wanted a rule or law that prevented a major club from drafting a player from the Minor leagues and then disposing of this same player to a league of lower classification than he was drafted from and at a price far above the draft mark.

The majors reap a big harvest of greenbacks each season when they draft players from minor leagues and then sell him to another club. In most cases, the player is sold to a team which is a member of a league lower than that from which the player came. The player is not assisted any in advancing by this method.

Shenandoah High Basketeers Open Season With Central

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 15.—For their first opponents of the season the Shenandoah High school basketeers have scheduled Central High of Omaha. The game will be played on the local court Friday night, December 23.

Walter Miller in Win Over Reuben

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—Walter Miller, claimant of the middleweight wrestling championship, defeated Ben Reuben of Chicago in a two-hour match here last night. Neither was able to gain a fall and Miller was given a referee's decision. He was the aggressor throughout and only wonderful defensive work saved Reuben from being pinned.

Midget Boss Of New York Signs Contract

Major League Moguls Believe Draft Will Be Restored In Organized Base Ball.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

New York, Dec. 15.—Miller Huggins will lead the Yankees next season. After some days of conferring with Colonel Ruppert and Colonel Huston, the two owners of the American league champions, the midget manager came to terms and signed a contract today for one year.

Before the official announcement was made, there were various rumors that Huggins would not be back as boss of the Yankees. It was said that the two colonels could not agree on the matter, that Ruppert wanted Huggins at the terms asked and that Huston balked.

That the draft will be restored in base ball seemed quite likely, judging from action taken by both major leagues, but it may not be possible to change conditions until after another season has passed. After discussing the proposition set forth on the previous day by President Ebbets of the Brooklyn club—that the majors refuse to buy any players from leagues rejecting the draft—the National league adopted a resolution submitted by President Herrmann of Cincinnati:

"Resolved, That President Heydler as a member of the advisory council be instructed to present to his colleagues in a joint session of American, National and minors, a proposition to amend the major-minor agreement so as to re-establish the draft."

Americans Pass Resolution.

Almost at the same time, the American league magnates were taking action on the same issue by passing a resolution as follows.

"Resolved, That Judge Landis, as commissioner, call a meeting of the advisory council for the purpose of proposing some way to amend the present major-minor agreement so as to re-establish the draft."

Judge Landis, himself, who arrived from Chicago in the morning, stated that it was his intention anyway to call a meeting of that body for that very purpose, so it looks as if all are of the same mind.

The minors may have a strong objection and may be powerful enough to prevent any change until a general meeting of all major and minor clubs could get together for a vote on the matter, which might carry it over for another year. However, in the end, the draft is pretty sure to be restored, which will mean that ball players will not be blocked in their chance for advancement.

Old Dissension Exists.

That the old dissension still exists in the American league was shown in the election of a board of directors for the coming year. The league secretary announced that the new board would consist of the presidents of the Detroit, the Washington, the Philadelphia and the St. Louis clubs. Later it was learned that Colonel Ruppert, as head of the New York club, had been elected, but immediately resigned, declaring that it was the turn for President Comiskey of the Chicago club or President Frazee of the Boston club to serve. The members then elected a fourth member in President Navin of Detroit, ignoring Ruppert's plea for Chicago and Boston. All of which means that the vote in the American league is five to three.

York Quintet Open Season With Lincoln

York, Neb., Dec. 15.—York High school basket ball team will open its season with Lincoln quintette Friday night at Lincoln. The York boys are working hard and hope to make a good showing in their opening engagement. The schedule is as follows:

Dec. 16—Lincoln, at Lincoln.
Jan. 6—Harvard, at York.
Jan. 10—Grand Island, at York.
Jan. 13—Open.
Jan. 20—Sutton, at Sutton.
Jan. 21—Lincoln, at York.
Jan. 26—Minden, at Minden.
Jan. 27—Kearney, at Kearney.
Jan. 28—Holdrege, at Holdrege.
Jan. 31—Seward, at York.
Feb. 3—University Place, at York.
Feb. 4—Central City, at Central City.
Feb. 9—Shelton, at York.
Feb. 10—Clay Center, at Clay Center.
Feb. 17—Sutton, at York.
Feb. 24—Grand Island, at Grand Island.

Landis May Modify His Ruth Order

May Allow Ruth, Meusel and Piercy to Accompany Yankees on Spring Training Trip.

(By International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 15.—Before Judge Landis issues the official order barring "Babe" Ruth, Bob Meusel and Bill Piercy from participating in championship games with the Yankees until after May 20 of next year he probably will modify it to permit the "Three Musketeers" to accompany the team on the spring training trip and to take part in exhibition games before the regular season opens.

An agreement of this sort will greatly relieve the present situation, which is causing some embarrassment. While the owners of the New York club assure Landis of their support in this case they are facing a heavy loss, which may be greatly lessened if the judge will consent to a spring armistice.

Even then the players would lose their world's series money and more than five weeks' salary, amounting to a few thousand more, but the club would have them trained and ready to go on as soon as the suspensions are lifted. Such a compromise is no more than fair to the club owners, though there is little comfort in it for the real transgressors.

May Tone Down Order.

Judge Landis is not altogether familiar with conditions governing the control of major league players on training trips. When he imposed his sentence on Ruth he probably estimated the total damage as a loss of pay from April 12 to May 20, plus the world series money. It is believed that he will tone down the official order by permitting the players to condition themselves next spring at the New York club's expense, but without any salary returns.

Once the Yankee colonels can convince the judge that a spring training loophole in the Ruth verdict will satisfy them, their task will be to persuade the three players not to take any legal steps toward recovering their world's series money, which amounts to more than $10,000 and is now held in escrow by the national commission.

Ruth, with a big salary dangled in front of him and other inducements pointed out, may consent to drop his claim to the world's series prize. This money could be made up to him in other ways. But Piercy, who doesn't expect to be with the Yankees next year anyhow, and Meusel, whose income does not begin to approximate Ruth's, probably will not yield so easily. Meusel has already declared himself. Regardless of his future in base ball he will go into the courts to collect money he has already earned.

Would End Their Career.

There isn't much doubt that the three players can force the commission to hand over the series cash, but such action would end their careers in organized base ball.

There are many perplexing angles to the Ruth decision. For instance, suppose Judge Landis decides the players can play ball on a training trip. Will he confine their ball playing to mere scrub games or will he permit these men to participate in exhibition games where admission is charged and the Yankees meet major league opposition?

The Yanks, after deducting heavy expenses, cleared about $30,000 on their training trip last year. Without Ruth as an attraction they could easily lose that much. A decision keeping Babe out of the spring exhibition games will start the club off with a loss of $50,000 before the pennant race begins.

Lincoln and York To Play Tonight

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Captain McPherson of the Lincoln High school basket ball team will not be able to start the cage season with his team, according to Coach Meade of the Red and Black quintet. The chief of the Lincoln team is down in his school work and has been declared ineligible, the coach stated Thursday morning.

McIntyre, guard on the Red and Black team, will be acting captain in the curtain raiser for the Red and Black when the Lincoln and York High school teams meet on the University of Nebraska armory floor Friday night.

Tiajuana Results

Tiajuana, Dec. 15. — First race, 5½ furlongs: Garden City, 111 (DeFord), $42.20, $13.60, $9.20, won; Pinecrest, 106 (Huntamer), $3.60, $3.20, second; Figaron, 109 (Williams), $5.20, third. Time, 1:08. Little Romper, Ask Jessie, Miss Cook, Montperri, Erna R, Squirrel Hawkins, Irish Reina, Picot and Easter Jim ran.

Second, 1 1-6 miles: Clover Junia, 110 (Williams), $7.40, $4.40, $3.00, won; Debra, 110 (Studor), $21.20, $7.80, second; Dora, 105 (Huntamer), $5.20, third. Time, 1:51. Sam Hill, Siopara, Mistress Polly and Lady Innocence ran.

Second, claiming, 5 furlongs, for all ages, purse $500: xLittle One, 109; xRingleader, 109; xMiss Curl, 109; xBilly Joe, 109; xValentine Lady, 109; Joe Underwood, 111; Goldie Rose, 114; Greetings, 114; Rafferty, 114; Orleans Girl, 114.

Third, claiming, 5½ furlongs, for 3-year-olds and up, purse $500—xIndian Brigade, 108; xLewis B, 108; xView, 108; xMcCroan, 108; xBusy bird, 108; xElSablo, 111; xLimerick, 111; xMerry Lass, 111; Plantagnet, 113; Virge, 116; No Wonder, 116.

Fourth, claiming, mile, for all ages, purse $500: xIrish Reiner, 98; Pinecrest, 99; Easter Jim, 100; xCigale, 100; xMaster Franklin, 100; xTutt, 100; xBallot Car, 103; xPeggy Martin, 103; xUranium, 108.

Fifth, claiming, 1 1-6 miles, for 3-year-olds and up, purse $500: xRhymer, 97; xPermak, 103; xJuly Fly, 105; xTom Brooks, 108; xGordon Roberts, 109; Commander, 108.

Sixth, claiming, 5 furlongs, for all ages, purse $500: xMadam Byng, 103; Lotta Speed, 105; Lady Small, 105; xBlue Belle, 106; Perch, 107; Don Jose, 110; Neg, 110; Good Enough, 118.

Seventh, claiming, 5½ furlongs, for all ages, purse 500: xDancing Girl, 103; xPrivate Peat, 107; xCarrie Moore, 107; Vic Munos, 108; McLane, 108; xC. A. Comiskey, 108; Trusty, 111; Nonsuit, 112.

xApprentice allowance claimed; clear and fast.

Postpone Cage Game Between Valley Teams

Cornhuskers-Kansas Contest Will Be Played at Lincoln January 19 Instead of December 20.

Lincoln, Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The opening of the Cornhusker cage schedule has been postponed from December 20 to January 7, according to an announcement made by Athletic Director Luehring Wednesday morning. The opener was to have been with Kansas university on December 20, but this has been changed, and the first Kansas-Nebraska game will be at Lincoln on January 19. The Nebraska-Kansas game at Lawrence will be played March 7 instead of December 20. The January 19 date will take the place of the former March 4 game on the valley schedule.

With an extra two weeks to practice, the Cornhuskers will have a double advantage in postponing the opener. The team will be able to get in the two weeks of practice and will not be forced to take a chance on a defeat in the curtain raiser they would be taking with the small amount of work already put forth. Some 35 Huskers are striving for places on the quintet.

Veteran Nebraska Trainer Celebrates His 76th Birthday

Lincoln, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Jack Best, the beloved old trainer at the University of Nebraska, celebrated his 76th birthday Wednesday afternoon. Members of the "N" club aided Jack in his celebration. A cake baked by Jack's daughter was a part of the refreshments served at the reception which the "N" club tendered the famous old husker.

"I never felt better in my life," smiled Jack as he sat among "his boys." Jack Best has been trainer at the university since 1888 and is to be found daily in the basement of the Grant Memoral hall, where he cares for the bruises, sprains and sore muscles which his "boys" receive in their various activities in athletics.

Coach Hill Working Central Hoopsters

With the first Central High school basket ball game scheduled early next month Coach Fred Hill of the Purple and White basketeers is rounding his charges into condition for the opening game of the season.

During the past week the Central coach has been drilling his men on working the ball down the floor. The 'varsity squad has been showing improvement rapidly and finds little trouble in trouncing the second squad.

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Rogers Hornsby Rivals Bambino, Ty Cobb, Speaker, Collins and Sisler in Swinging Ball Bats

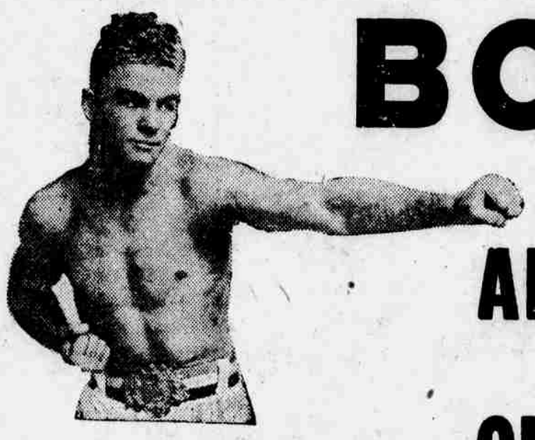
The National league boasts one of the greatest ball players of all time, one who rivals Tyrus Raymond Cobb, Tris Speaker, "Babe" Ruth, Eddie Collins, George Sisler and other great stars who draw their fortnightly pay envelopes from the American league clubs, in the person of Rogers Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The official batting averages of the National have just been released for publication, and this fellow Hornsby stands out like some of those new-fangled lace-bedecked stockings that the sweet young things are wearing, among a lot of the old cotton variety, when compared with the other players earning their salaries in the Heydler organization. It's true some of the National leaguers scintillated in different departments, but none of them held even a dim candle to the incomparable Hornsby.

First of all, Rogers participated in every one of his teams, 154 games. He was at bat 592 times and scored 131 runs. He also cracked out 235 hits for a total of 378 bases, which netted him the healthy batting average of .397 and ultra-healthy slugging mark of .693. Now stop for a minute and ponder on the accomplishments of this fellow Hornsby. First of all, his hits, 235 in umber, exceeded the best efforts of all his rivals. The same can be said for his 143 extra base hits, netted via the double, triple and home-run route. His 131 runs was also the high water mark, being 10 in excess of the total of Frank Frisch and Dave Bancroft of the New York Giants, who were tied for runner-up honors. Hornsby led in doubles with 44, was tied with Ray Powell of Boston in triples with 18 and ranked second in home runs, his 21 being just two shy of the mark of George "Home Run" Kelly of the Giants. Hornsby's average was the best batting mark turned in by a National leaguer since 1899, when the late Ed Delahanty, then with the Phillies, finished with a rating of .408. Rogers made a net gain of 27 percentage points over his 1920 mark, when he also led the National league hitters. And, to round out a wonderful season's work, Hornsby hit for the most bases in a single game, 11, cracking out two home runs and a triple on June 7.

Firemen Stop Sprinkler.

Automatic sprinklers in the checking department of the Brandeis stores basement began squirting at 7 this morning, although there was no fire. H. D. Simonson, a watchman, turned in an alarm and the fire department stopped the sprinklers before much damage was done.



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