

Well, Jeff Finally Got Over a Decision

Drawn for The Bee by Bud Fisher



Judgments

PURSUING the topic of last week's discourse, that of "option players," one is tempted to say that the practice has been the curse of the Western league for several seasons, and never more during the one now going to an inglorious close. Without going too deeply into the why and wherefore of the situation, it may be stated as a generally admitted fact that every team in the Western, except Omaha, has one or more option players on its roster. Some of them have several. Announcement is made from time to time that such and such a player has been "sold" to one of the big league teams, accompanied with the statement that he is not to be "delivered" until spring, and that he has been "up" before. This announcement is but a polite way of telling the public that the big team owner has decided to take back his own player, to hold till after the training season, for the purpose of making a new deal with the little fellow after another season, is under way. It is the curse of organized ball, from the standpoint of the minor league owner, and it ought to be removed, and can be removed, if the men who suffer from the condition will just take hold of the matter and act with firmness. All that is necessary is for the National association to pass a law forbidding the use of option players by its members, and then enforce it. It is gratifying to note that sentiment seems to be crystallizing on this question. The Sporting News, the organ of base ball, admitting the evils of the option system, says: "That there is sentiment in the minors that will endorse a plan to do away with all optional agreements is indicated by a recent statement of Fleder Jones, president of the Northwestern League." Mr. Jones, the former manager of Comiskey's White Sox, takes exactly the stand of The Bee, in admitting the evils of the option system, and that the minors stood firmly against all optional deals it would soon break up the corner in talent maintained by the majors, force outright sales at fair prices and enable minors to operate on a constructive, instead of destructive, basis; that it, it would enable them, as well as the majors, to build up their teams with some semblance of permanency. As it is, no minor league team can count on construction a year ahead. The results-and intelligent fans do not need to be told this-are disastrous, not only to various teams, but the institution of base ball. As we have already stated, let the minors take a firm enough stand against the option curse and the fight is won, and fortunate they are if they can get such men as Fleder Jones to lead the fight.

SIXTY STILL IN THE RING

That Many Local Sandlot Teams Yet on the Roster of Live Ones. PLAY DOUBLE-HEADERS TODAY

Three of the Local Diamonds Will Stage Two Performances Each Between Well Matched and Eager Nines.

BY FRANK QUIGLEY. Out of approximately 125 teams that adorned the register when the curtain was raised last spring only about sixty still hold their noddies above water. Of course this covers the three cities. Last week a couple called in the undertaker, namely the Alhambras and the Stars and Stripes. Both of these aggregations were going good. Somebody injected some pepper into Manager Dolan last week and he pulled himself together and reorganized the Broadward Crowns from the best he could pick from the Alhambra, Independents and the Broadward Browns. They will now stick till the final. At least it is a good bet that sixty will be on the job when the signal arrives to pack up until the robins again begin to sing.

SEEKING OUT TWO WINNERS

Mooted Question Will Soon Be Names of Best Ball Players. CRAVATH AND JACKSON LIKELY

Are Recognized as Two Most Important Individuals Who Have Kept Their Teams Neck and Neck in the Race.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Who are the two most industrious individuals now playing base ball? What pair of famous diamond athletes will be officially rated as the most valuable performers for the season of 1913? These questions will soon be answered, and it is not difficult to guess what two players will ride off in the prize automobiles just previous to the first games of the world's series. Last year the coveted prizes were captured by members of teams that battled for the world's championship—Tris Speaker and Larry Doyle. And they served those honors, though some critics thought other players were more valuable to their teams than Tris and Larry. While the Giants and Athletics, who will battle for the big plum next fall, can boast of many star players, it is almost certain that the automobile winners will not be found on either team, but in the teams that waged the best losing fight for the pennant—Philadelphia in the National and Cleveland in the American.

Ben Tincup Is One of the Wealthiest Men Playing in Base Ball

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The majority of ball players are in the national game for the amount of money they can get out of it; others play it because of their love for the national pastime. Ben Tincup belongs to the latter class. Tincup, purchased by the Phillies for \$100,000, is the new Cherokee Indian pitcher the Phillies have added to their twirling staff. He hails from the Sherman town of Texas, and is said to be the richest ball player in the world, and probably one of the wealthiest men in base ball today.

American Players Are Heard of Over the Entire World

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—The New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox are going to make a trip around the world, playing games, but they have no monopoly on the scheme. Mike Fisher, a California base ball man, has a trip planned to Australia, and he is endeavoring to get together as representative a team as possible. He has scores of applications, but wants as many of the stars as possible, and just now he is dicker with Walter Johnson to make the trip. Fisher says that Johnson would be a great card in Australia, where they have already heard about him.

SPORT CURTAILED BY LAWS

Nimrods Complain Government Regulations Are Too Exact. MANY ARE ASKING FOR ZONES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—As the fall hunting season for geese, ducks and other transient water fowl approaches, nimrods throughout the United States are beginning to realize that the federal government has curtailed their sport by taking the migratory birds under its protection. Already birds are being introduced to repeal the law giving the Department of Agriculture the right to make regulations governing such matters. After October 1, when the new federal law goes into effect, all shooting is forbidden during those hours just after and before sunset, which are the best of the day, from the hunter's point of view.

TINKER TIRED OF HIS JOB

Cincinnati Reds Prove Uncomfortably Big Burden for Him.

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Two Classy Struggles

Two classy struggles are predicted for Fort Omaha this afternoon. The first muss will be between the Sol-Phils and the Overlanders, and the second scramble will be between the Armours from Southtown. Bustels of rivalry exist between the curtain raiser gents, so an argument that will be full of pepper and everything else that goes to make a real ball game will undoubtedly be spilled out for the special justification of the fans. Woolsey will host them for the Sol-Phils and Andrews will work for the Overlanders. Immediately after this game is history; the Advos and the meat cutters will get together and settle their differences. It is the intention of the Advos to pull the beef children down a few notches, and to that end they will exert all their stowed-up energy. The Armours have been going real good this season; in fact, it is their best season since they organized. Both teams at present look

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NAVY ELEVEN STARTS ITS PRACTICE SEPTEMBER 20

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 6.—The navy will begin football practice in earnest when the foot ball men, who are on a summer cruise, return here on September 20. The balance of the squad will be called out then and the entire squad will be given about ten days' workout before the opening.

Chance Like Purchase

Manager Chance of the New Yorks is enthusiastic over the work of Fritz Malen, the \$10,000 infielder recruit. The little fellow has been hitting the ball hard, but with fielders generally in the way. This unlucky streak, however, cannot last forever.

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