

Battling Wrestling Boxer Basketball

Players' Union Instrumental in Getting Pay Checks Hiked

By FRANK G. MENKE.

This new baseball players' union already has cost magnates in the National league something beyond \$100,000. And "the end isn't yet."

All of which indicates that if the organization is a "joke," as the moguls insist, these moguls can't do any boisterous laughing about it.

Up to this hectic moment, exactly 135 players in the National league have enrolled in the union—which is approximately 80 per cent of the roster of the eight clubs involved. And those who are piloting the destiny of the union assert that before the 1923 season gets under way the outfit will number every National league player. George Burns, the veteran outfielder for the Cincinnati Reds, most likely will be elected president. Men as conspicuous as Burns in diamond affairs will fill the other officiating positions and make up the number of directors.

Confined to Nationals.

Nothing so far has been done to recruit players from the other leagues. It is said by those concerned in the union that the plight of the National league players was infinitely worse, as regards salary, than the American leagues, and, therefore, it was determined that the first movement would be made for the betterment of the National players.

Ray Cannon, the Milwaukee attorney, who organized the union, enrolled all the members, and is the brains and dominating spirit, was asked:

"Are you going to organize a separate union among American league players? Are you going to permit American league players into the present union—or won't you enroll any American league players at all?"

Gets Players Increase.

Cannon grinned, winked one eye then the other, and then began to wiggle his fingers in mute-conversation fashion—indicating that he was very dumb on the subject.

"What have you to say with reference to the charges of Charles Ebbets that the union is merely an organization put together for the purpose of extracting the highest salaries possible from the magnates?"

Cannon again resorted to finger-wiggling and chuckling and an interpreter of sign language who stood alongside, declared:

"Cannon says that he no speaks da English—not now, anyway."

But despite Cannon's reluctance to discuss concerning the future plans of the union, these facts have been established:

Golf Officials to Test Shafts

New York, Dec. 20.—Asserting its refusal to permit use of steel-shafted golf clubs in national championships has been misconstrued, the executive committee of the United States Golf association issued a statement Tuesday explaining its attitude and announcing that official tests of the new shafts would be authorized.

"A number of people seem to have misconstrued the action taken by the executive committee of the United States Golf association with regard to the steel shaft," a statement said. "We were asked to approve its use; we felt that it was a distinct departure from the accepted form and make of golf clubs, and that no one at that time knew enough about its possibilities to be sure that its use was for the best interests of the game."

"We, accordingly, refused to permit its use in the national championships. Our feelings are still the same. The executive committee itself will try out the shafts and request that a number of the leading amateurs do the same and report their findings to the committee. They also will request that all other players who use the shaft and who desire to, should submit their views to the committee."

Basket Ball Squad Gets No Vacation

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special)—There is one group of Nebraska university students to whom Christmas vacation means little or nothing. That group is formed by the candidates for positions on the basketball squad. There will be no letup in practice during the holidays. The squad will work out each morning.

Three attempts to schedule an early season game with a Big Ten team, fell through. Coach Frank tried to book games with Minneapolis, Wisconsin and Iowa. The Big Ten teams are limited to three practice games, and these teams are booked solid. Nebraska opens the season January 5, with Kansas on the Jayhawkers court.

Spalding Gun Club Endorses Koster for Game Warden

Spalding, Neb., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Spalding Gun club after its Christmas shoot held its annual election of officers, in which over 60 members participated. Tom Haynes was elected president and treasurer, and Dr. Dowd secretary. A resolution was unanimously passed endorsing George Koster as state game warden and asking Governor-elect Bryan for his reappointment.

Leaguers in Manila.

Manila, P. I., Dec. 20.—The baseball team composed of stars from the National and American leagues, arrived today from Japan, where they have just finished playing a series of games.

The visitors will play four games with Manila teams and sail for Hongkong Monday.

Nebraskan to Lead Aggies.

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 20.—Ben Rumpeltes of Kearney, Neb., was elected captain of the North Dakota Aggies 1923 football team at the annual banquet here this evening. Rumpeltes is a tackle.

Eastern Football Teams on Way West Stop in Chicago

Warriors Ready for Battles on Pacific Coast During Holidays—Players in Fine Shape.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Two big eastern football teams on the way to California for holiday games spent today here, departing tonight for the coast.

The University of West Virginia coach, 23 in number, in charge of Coach Spears, arrived on the same train with Coach Hugo Bezdek's Penn State team, which is scheduled to play the University of Southern California at Pasadena, January 1. The West Virginia eleven will battle Gonzaga at Los Angeles on Christmas day.

Coach Spears said the West Virginians were in the best of shape after the eastern season and the players certainly looked it. They were as full of play as high school youngsters.

Coach Spears said there was a difference in the tactics of the three eastern schools—Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Penn State—which are to play on the coast. Pittsburgh will play Stanford, December 30.

"We use a line shift and Pittsburgh shifts only backs," Spears said. "Then, there is a difference in the way we go after forward passes. The eastern teams feel they are fairly well fortified against anything the far western teams can spring, and, of course, hope to emerge on the long end of the score."

The Penn State squad, composed of 22 players, traveled in a special car, which will be dropped off at Williams, Ariz., Friday night. The party will make a tour of the Grand canyon on Sunday afternoon to prepare for the Southern Californians on New Year's. The mountaineers are used to both frosty weather and to warm, and do not believe the heat of the west will slow them up.

"It probably will be like our early practice weather," Coach Spears said. "The only thing we did not have an opportunity for a workout here, for the day would have been ideal."

St. Louis Man Pays \$850 to Keep "Lost" Golf Balls

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Retrieving lost golf balls on the municipal links has been so lucrative to Matt C. Malley that he bid \$850 for the 1923 privileges. This bid was accepted this afternoon by the board of public service.

Malley, who holds this year's concession under an informal contract for which he paid \$225, employs boys to search for the balls. If found, they are returned to the owner. Many balls, however, are not found until the owners leave the links, and Mr. Malley pays the boys 5 cents apiece for these, repays them and sells them for from 10 to 40 cents, it was explained.

California Quarter Injured.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Chet Dooley, quarter back of the University of Southern California football team, may not be able to play in the annual east against west contest against Penn State college at Pasadena, New Year's day because of an injured knee, according to Coach Elmer C. Henderson.

Harold Galloway, second string quarterback, probably will call signals for the Trojans.

Yesterday the varsity held scrimmage against the "rookies," who used what were said to be Penn State formations and the varsity which, at first, seemed to have trouble making substantial gains, soon hit its stride and made yardage at will.

Salvadore and Long in Draw.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Phil Salvadore, lightweight, of Sacramento and Ray Long, welterweight, of Oklahoma City, Okla., boxed a draw at Vernon arena last night.

Edward Delehanty's Major League Batting Record

Year	Club	League	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	S.B.	Per.
1889	Philadelphia	National	54	246	37	72	92	19	.292
1890	Philadelphia	National	51	210	32	52	75	18	.262
1891	Philadelphia	National	128	545	92	136	191	27	.249
1892	Philadelphia	National	129	470	78	147	236	35	.312
1893	Philadelphia	National	125	508	115	118	246	36	.279
1894	Philadelphia	National	114	487	110	109	283	29	.280
1895	Philadelphia	National	116	481	113	113	296	46	.289
1896	Philadelphia	National	123	505	121	139	313	37	.294
1897	Philadelphia	National	129	530	110	200	281	28	.377
1898	Philadelphia	National	142	547	115	183	251	62	.334
1899	Philadelphia	National	144	573	133	234	335	38	.408
1900	Philadelphia	National	130	512	82	153	231	14	.319
1901	Philadelphia	National	138	538	106	192	283	18	.357
1902	Washington	American	123	414	103	178	279	14	.376
1903	Washington	American	43	154	27	57	68	3	.338
Total 16 seasons			1825	7494	1596	2593	3787	473	.346

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

With the exception of Babe Ruth, Ed Delehanty, who reached his greatest fame with the old Phillies, could hit the ball harder than any man who ever lived. But where Ruth is a left-handed hitter, Delehanty's terrific clout was slung against the fences from a right-handed posture. When "Del" crashed a ball past an infielder everybody knew it was a hit.

Delehanty has another unique distinction. He is the only player who led both the National and American leagues in batting. He topped the National league sluggers in 1899 with an average of .408, and four years later as a member of the Washington club he led the Johnson circuit at bat with a rating of .376.

Several other old-time players, however, shared the distinction of leading two majors at bat. Ross Barnes led the old National association in 1875, and then led the National league in 1876, the first year of its organization. Pete Browning topped both the Players league and the old American association, while Dan Brotherton showed the way in the National league in 1889 and again in the American association two years later.

Delehanty has one slugging record, which makes Babe Ruth green with envy whenever he stumbles across it in the records. On July 12, 1897, "Big Ed" socked Bill Terry of Chicago for four homers and a single in the same encounter, 17 total bases in the same game. Delehanty, however, shares this record with Bobbie Lowe, who also collected four four-baggers and a single in a nine-inning contest, Ruth's best effort so far is two homers and a triple made off Dickie Kerr in 1920.

Among Delehanty's other worthy achievements is the major league record for two-baggers, 55 doubles slammed against the Philadelphia fences in 1899. Tris Speaker tried hard to equal this record in 1912, when he hit 53 two-baggers for the Red Sox.

Delehanty belongs to that small and select class which has hit 300 or more than one occasion. George Sisler was the seventh man to get into that class, the others being Burkett, Cobb, Anson, Stovey, Thompson and Delehanty. Anson, Stovey and Thompson, however, can thank one of their 300 averages to the freak year of record in 1887, when bases on balls counted as hits.

It took Delehanty quite a while to break into the 300 batting class. He always could slug, but in his early days couldn't keep them out of the outfielder's hands. It wasn't until his fifth year in the majors that Ed hung up his first 300 average. After that he hit over 300 for the next 12 years, or up to the time when he fell or leaped off a train crossing the Detroit river while traveling with the Washington club in 1903.

"Del" scored over 100 runs in 10 different seasons, seven in succession, and cracked out over 200 hits three times in his career. He was one of the few players to close his career with 5,000 total bases.

Delehanty broke into the National league with the Phils while it was playing Chicago on May 22, 1888. This was just exactly a month before our subject of two days ago, Hugh Duffy, got his big league baptism with the Phils as a second base man. He failed to get a hit in three attempts and booted two of his 11 chances.

Promising Cagers at Chadron Normal

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 20.—Two veteran players and a substitute of last year's team will form the nucleus of the Chadron Normal school and Teachers' college basketball team this season, according to R. E. West, director of athletics at that institution. Former Captain Trapp of Bruning and McKelvey of Casper, Wyo., are out for guard and forward positions, respectively, while Pate of Alliance, former substitute and utility player, is keeping an eye trained on the center station.

New men of considerable playing ability from which the team will ultimately be selected in part are Beal of Alliance, center; O'Connor of Alliance, center; Lingke, Morrill, center; Kubik, Gordon, forward; Chalfout, Chadron, forward; Fisher, Chadron, forward; Powers, Des Moines, Ia., forward; and Greenman, Indianola, Ia., guard.

The Chadron basket ball schedule is as follows: December 20—Chadron High school at Chadron. January 12—Spearfish Normal at Chadron. January 19—South Dakota School of Mines at Chadron. January 25—Wayne Normal at Chadron. February 2—Midland college at Chadron. February 6—Wayne Normal at Chadron. February 13—Midland college at Chadron. February 19—Kearney Normal at Chadron. March 1—Kearney Normal at Kearney. March 8—South Dakota School of Mines at Rapid City, S. D. March 9—Spearfish Normal at Spearfish, S. D.

Charley Hemphill Dies.

New York, Dec. 20.—Charley Hemphill, famed several years ago as an outfielder with baseball fans of several American league cities, is dead at his home in this city.

Hemphill made his entrance into the American league as an outfielder with St. Louis. He previously had been with Kew's grand old team, the St. Louis Browns, and the Yankees in 1908, with whom he played for four years. For a time he also was with the Boston Red Sox.

Humble Oil to Increase Stock.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 20.—The Humble Oil and Refining company of Houston today was granted authority by the secretary of state of Texas to increase its capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$43,750,000. Amendments also were approved changing the par value of each share of the company from \$100 to \$25.

Bee Cage Loop to Start Soon

Dundee clinched the championship in the pre-season grade school basketball league by defeating Train in the finals, 30 to 12.

Keen competition marked the play in the early season loop and assures keen interest and lively contests in the regular season. The championship basketball league, which will open the second week in January.

Approximately 35 schools are expected to enter teams. Entries will be sent out the first of the year. Grade school courts will be used to stage the games and members of the team winning the championship will be awarded gold medals.

Blouin Retains World Pin Title

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Jimmy Blouin of Chicago, world's champion bowler, retained his title here yesterday when he defeated Jimmy Smith of Milwaukee in the sixth block of their 60-game match. Blouin's total points being 278 for the six blocks, while Smith was credited with 273-27-60.

Blouin, by winning the championship, retains permanent possession of the world's championship medal for which the bowlers were contesting.

Blouin knocked down 12,300 pins, while Smith was credited with 12,277 for the 60 games. In yesterday's games Blouin bowled over 2,000 maps and Smith had 2,008 to his credit. Blouin had an average for the 60 games of 265 and Smith 264-37-60.

Where Reason Fails

Q. Is there a penalty for backing?

A. Yes, a foul for striking a player across the arms while about to shoot is commonly termed backing.

Q. A foul form the boundary line of a court?

A. It is always advisable to have the court lines three feet from any fixed obstruction, such as a bench, so that a player can have a ground rule making a wall the boundary line.

Q. In guarding can a player guarding touch his opponent and be against him as long as he does not have his arm around him?

A. You are not permitted to hold, block or push an opponent with either your body or your arms.

Q. In amateur play, a player dribbling, stops, starts to dribble again, realizes mistake and does not touch ball on rebound. Is he charged with a foul?

A. No, if he does not touch ball after leaving it go after the end of the dribble.

Q. Is a man ever allowed to throw a ball from out of bounds?

A. No.

Q. How to Play Basketball.

The natural way in which a player shoots for the basket, is by the under-hand method, the one in which the ball is simply tossed in from an underhand position. Because this is the natural method, it has been studied and improved so that now it is very generally used for the most important part of scoring, viz: foul shooting. First, take a position, with the feet spread far enough apart so that the arms can be lowered between the knees when they are bent. The ball is grasped in the palms, fingers outspread, thumbs to the top, ball waist high, elbows and forearms close to the body. The body is pulled somewhat forward. The arms are lowered at the same time the knees are bent to allow the arms to pass between the legs as they descend. The arms are raised, the knees are stretched and the ball is lifted upward and forward toward the basket. Throughout the entire motion the feet should remain on the ground. The hand shot from the foul line is made in the same manner as the player makes the regular overhead shot during play.

Valley Ruling May Prevent Holiday Game

Proposed Football Game Between Ex-Stars of Beatrice and Tecumseh Schools Gets Setback.

Lincoln, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The proposed football game between ex-high school players of Beatrice and Tecumseh may be the cause of disbarment from Missouri Valley competition for athletes taking part according to "Bible Day of the Nebraska coaching staff. It was planned to play the game at Beatrice sometime during the holidays. As soon as Day heard of the proposed game, he cited the Missouri Valley ruling which will make ineligible all university men and even high school players who expect to come here.

Such players as Ernest and L. Hubka, "Doug" Meyers, "Phil" Purdy, Al Bloodgood, Cal Mathews, King, Layton, Heppeler and Ellis were mentioned for the Beatrice lineup, while Tecumseh was planning on using Mandary, Graff, Morrison, Reynolds, Miller, Wattman, Blakely, Stewart and Buckley.

The ruling which blocks the proposed game is included in section five, article four, of the Missouri Valley conference rules.

It comes under the heading of "Outside Competition" and reads as follows:

"A student shall be ineligible to represent his college in athletic contests, who engages in contests promoted by representatives of any athletic organization not connected with his college whether in term time or vacation."

"There is only one thing to do under the circumstances and that is to call off the game," Coach Day said.

Wops Win Close Cage Tilt, 8 to 4

Coming from behind in the second half and uncooking a brilliant attack that swept the Central Congregationalists off their feet, the M. E. Wops won a hard cage game last night in the class A Church league. The score was 19 to 11.

The first half ended, 8 to 4, with the Congregationalists on the long end of the score. Soon after the second period started, Saunders flipped a field goal and a free throw and Raber put the Wops in the lead with a long field goal.

The "Infatigables" had an easy time winning from the Bellevue five, smothering them with a shower of baskets by Mellor and Supernois. The score was 24 to 6.

The Wheeler M. E. five defeated the M. E. Barrens, 17 to 6. The close guarding of the Wheelers made it impossible for the Barrens to score.

In the final game, the St. Paul Lutheran won from the McCabe M. E. quintet by a score of 4 to 3. The Lutherans led until the final minute, when Folsom put the McCabe in the lead with a long goal. The Saviours came back, however, and flipped the winning tally in the closing seconds of play. Both teams missed many shots.

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Spink Suggests Funds to Care for Unfortunate Diamond Stars

By AL SPINK.

I OFTEN drop in to see Judge Landis, baseball's high commissioner, in his beautiful office in the Peoples Gas Light building on Michigan boulevard.

When the judge is not there I sit and look out on the great lake and on the old spot at Lake, Randolph and Michigan boulevard where I saw the first Chicago White Stockings play their games more than 50 years ago.

And while I am thinking of the olden days the judge generally drops in. I usually go in to chat about every day affairs but this time I came to see him on business.

"Judge," I said, "I've come in to talk to you about that \$120,000 you got out of that game in New York. I understand you are going to distribute it among the charitable organizations of the country."

"Now, I haven't come here looking for charity for myself, or for any other of the old boys who played ball in the olden times. But I have come to suggest that at least \$10,000 of that \$120,000 be used to establish a fund which will be available in case any old player should turn up needing a lift."

Some Die Paupers.

"Nearly all the trades and professions of this country have their benevolent associations to care for their sick and needy but when the old ball player gets down and out he does not know where to turn for a friend."

"The Old Timers Baseball association of Chicago has been able to help a little in burying the dead and lending a hand whenever it was able to do so. It was the first to call the attention of the National league to the condition of Cal McVey, the famous outfielder of the Cincinnati Reds of 1869."

Joe Nolan of the Cincinnati Enquirer first called the attention of the Old Timers to the awful condition of McVey and the secretary of the Old Timers wrote John Heydler, president of the National league, and asked him to get the members of that organization to do something for the old player.

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