

Baseball Union to Protect Big League Players Against Unscrupulous Magnates

Advancement of National Sport Is Aim of Union

Organizer Breaks Silence and Gives Purposes of New Organization—To Represent Members at Meetings.

Milwaukee, Dec. 26.—Better conditions for baseball and the advancement of the sport are reasons given in a statement today by Raymond J. Cannon, a Milwaukee attorney, for the formation of a professional baseball players' union.

"The sport has suffered woefully in recent years and it is hoped that these conditions can be improved and at the same time that the interests of the baseball player can be protected as against the great financial interests that own the clubs," declared Mr. Cannon.

Mr. Cannon confirmed a number of the "aims" of the professional baseball players organization, to include among other things the following:

- "To safeguard the rights of every individual player.
- "To secure fair play to the players.
- "To represent them in dealing with the club owners.
- "To prevent exploitation and unfair dealings as against the players.
- "To secure uniform action of all players on behalf of each.
- "To promote clean, honest professional baseball in America.
- "To promote the general welfare of all professional players.
- "To secure for the American public clean and high-class sport.
- "To prevent the exercise of suspicion against baseball as has arisen in recent years from arising in the future."

Mag Keeps Tab on Every Busher

New York, Dec. 26.—As unique a character as the administrative side of major league baseball has known was Barney, the plump, fat, jovial owner of the Pittsburgh ball club. Other magnates may keep in reasonably close touch with the game and its developments; Barney grabs it in both of his self-starting hands and carries it with him always. To some baseball may be a hobby or a business. To Barney it is both and more—it is his life.

Mention a class D ball player of the most obscure type—Barney will know him intimately from batting weakness to his choice in neckties. If he doesn't he will go to an index system he keeps in his office, select a card, glance at the hieroglyphics known only to himself and tell you everything proper.

A Hatter to Mind. "Oh, yes! Goofus—first name Joe. He was born in Medicine Hat, runs a taxicab in the winter, bats and throws left handed and prefers blondes. That boy will be a ball player some day, if he can overcome a tendency to go after a high fast ball on the inside. Yes, yes, I know him. His father runs a cloak and suit business in Fort Wayne, Ind., and once ran for mayor on the Nonpartisan ticket, his opponent having a plurality of 40,000. The boy himself has freckles all over his nose."

The card index system is only the halter or check rein upon a marvelous memory, however. Most of the time Barney's performance is strictly impromptu.

At the recent baseball meeting at Louisville, Barney was approached by one Bill Jackson, a Three-L league manager, who wished to introduce himself. It wasn't necessary.

Knows Baseball. "I know you," quoth Mr. Dreyfus. "You played semi-pro baseball around Pittsburgh for some time, and then you knocked around the minors for a while. Then you got a job in the Federal league. You were a left-hand pitcher, but when you were with the Feds you played part of the time at first base."

According to Jackson, this data was accurate from first to last. The result was remarkable feature, however, was that Jackson played semi-pro baseball around Pittsburgh a mere matter of 29 years ago. Yet Dreyfus remembered just as you would remember the breakfast order you gave this morning.

Barney does not crave popularity—which is just as well. He doesn't get it. But he does command and receive respect, and, regardless of whether he may spoil ball clubs by too much management of managers, he knows more baseball in a minute than some magnates will know in a lifetime.

Quakers Work Out. Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 25.—Penn State football players, contrary to expectations, today tried out the field in the Rose bowl, where, New Year's day, they will meet the University of Southern California team in the annual east-west sports feature of the Tournament of Roses.

They tried out the field and went through a limbering up process. Secret practice will begin tomorrow.

Stoneham Would Quit Giants. New York, Dec. 26.—It became known that Charles A. Stoneham wishes to resign the presidency of the New York National league club.

This Ump Admits He's Wrong; Gets Two Years
Muskegon, Okl., Dec. 26.—Ralph Ponteus, former umpire of the Western Baseball association and Southwestern league, has agreed to enter a plea of guilty in United States district court here next week, the district attorney's office stated today, to a charge of stealing automobiles and disposing of them in other states. He received a sentence of two and a half years in the penitentiary, it is said.

Quartet of 1922 Luminaries



Here are Gene Sarazen, youthful world's champion golfer; Rogers Hornsby, who led National league hitters, averaging .400 for first time it had been done in many years, and topping the field in home runs; Walter Hoover of Duluth, who won the diamond skulls at Henley, England, and Mickey Walker, new world's welterweight champion, who dethroned the veteran, Jack Britton.

Strong Teams to Represent Highs

Formidable aggregations will represent both Central and Tech on the hardwood floor next year, according to pre-season indications.

Both teams open their regular schedule January 12, the Purple meeting Sutton here, and Central playing Council Bluffs at Council Bluffs.

Although short on forward material at the opening of practice, Coach "Zip" Hill has been successful in developing caging talent, and a fairly well balanced team appears in the making.

Captain Reynolds, who played guard last year, and Marrow, both stars on this year's football team, appear likely to land the flipping posts. Hill has worked this pair in a number of pre-season games and the combination should work well after a few more rough spots are smoothed off.

Perivall registers class at center, while Gerelick and Lawson appear on the inside track for the guarding jobs.

Coach Drummond of Tech has a wealth of inexperienced material, which is responding in splendid fashion to his coaching, but only two letter men, Weisenberg, a regular, and Swanson substitute guard, who played in enough contests last spring to qualify for a numeral.

A flock of this year's totem warriors have donned the abbreviated costumes in an effort to place on Tech's floor team.

A question mark hovers over Coach James Patton's South quintet. He has only two letter men and three second string men from which to build a team. Most of these players are new.

Creighton high opens its season January 5. Coach Marrin has five letter men back—Coffey, Solito, O'Brien, Monahan and Gillin.

McGraw Won't Give Up Reins of Giants

New York, Dec. 26.—John J. McGraw, manager of the world champion New York Giants, declared today there was no truth in reports that he was considering accepting the presidency of the National Exhibition company—the Giant corporation—and retiring from active management of the club.

He admitted that Charles A. Stoneham, president, had asked him recently whether he would be willing to accept the presidency, but he said he had not taken the question seriously and that he did not believe Mr. Stoneham had put it seriously.

Names Skate Officials. Chicago, Dec. 25.—Frank M. Kateaux, president of the Western Skating association, has announced as officials for all sanctioned races in the middle west the following men: Colonel J. V. Clinlin, Allen I. Blanchard, Charles Dean, referees; Harry Hahn, handicapper; Paul J. Staff, track surveyor. In addition to himself, Mr. Kateaux named Julien T. Fitzgerald and Edward A. Malika as starters.

Parcaut Throws Kallio. Breckenridge, Minn., Dec. 25.—Ralph Parcaut of Iowa defeated Gus Kallio of Omaha in 53 minutes of wrestling here last night.

Benny Leonard Eager to Escape Bout With Charlie White; Left Hook Liable to Win His Crown

By FRANK G. MENKE.

Among the saddest folks on this old earth just now is Mr. B. Leonard, sometimes actor and sometimes pugger.

It's all because of a fight staged in Madison Square Garden on the night of December 15. No Mr. Leonard was not an active participant. The thespian stuff interferes with any fistie indications which he may—or may not—have at this moment.

But Mr. Leonard was there rooting, and howling for and shrieking many words of encouragement to Mr. R. Mitchell of Milwaukee. But it was useless. Mr. C. White, the left-hooker from Chicago, emerged a victor in the sensational melee.

All of which has created so much anguish and woe to percolate within the bosom of Mr. B. Leonard.

"Yes, it's this way: Mr. Leonard is a lightweight champion and Mr. White is what might be called "runner-up," or heir apparent, or something like that. For so, these many, many moons Mr. White has been darling Mr. Leonard to knock a chip off his shoulder. And Mr. Leonard has steadfastly refused.

Ignores Challenges. This has given Mr. White frequent occasions to point in the general direction of Mr. Leonard and jeer: "Fraidy cat—fraidy cat!"

Such speech has annoyed Mr. Leonard to what can be construed as the boiling point of wrath. Perhaps, it has caused Mr. Leonard to wish that a truck could hit Mr. White, or that he'd commit burglary. Get caught in the act and receive a sentence of about 98 years.

Certainly it has created within Mr. Leonard a fearful hatred for Mr. White and the yearning to see the gentleman from Chicago hammered into a state of lasting coma. All along Mr. Leonard has asserted that he could do it all by his little self but it seems that he's afraid of soiling his hands or something.

Such speech has passed the buck to Mr. W. Jackson. And Mr. White beat that gentleman to a pulp. Then Mr. B. Barrett of Philadelphia attempted to pinch-hit for Mr. Leonard. So did Mr. S. Marks. Both failed.

Yelled for Kayo. Then came the night referred to above. Mr. R. Mitchell, an old playmate of Mr. Leonard's, decided to try conclusions with Mr. White. Along in the second round Mr. Mitchell tossed forth a very swift right paw which collided with Mr. White's "button." The knees of Mr. White sagged with the impact.

In a twinkling Mr. B. Leonard was upon his feet: "Knock him dead, Richie—Knock him dead!"

Mr. Mitchell, hearing the call from "dear old pal o'mine" tried to appease the savage yearning of Mr. Leonard. He made a fierce and merciless attempt to kill off Mr. White in a pugilistic way. But it simply couldn't be done.

Throughout the rest of the slambang fray Mr. Leonard did everything within his power—vocally, mind you—to assist Mr. Mitchell in subduing Mr. White. But the vocal eloquence

of a champion, plus the punching power of a harrying lightweight, were unequal to the occasion.

Mr. White simply would not be subdued. It appears that his purpose there that night was to be a sub-duper—and nothing else. He accomplished his ambition after 10 rounds of whirlwind battling.

Mr. Mitchell was quite a wreck when they carried him off to his corner. So was Mr. Leonard who seemed to be suffering as much mental anguish as Mr. Mitchell in a physical way.

Well, there seems to be nothing left for Mr. Leonard to do except to let himself be carried off to his corner. There seems to be no other way out. Hence the sadness of Mr. Leonard and the gloomy outlook he has upon life just now.

For something more than two seasons Mr. Leonard, in replying to Mr. White's challenges, always has remarked something about "go and get a reputation." Mr. White—and a lot of other folks—thought he had one. But Mr. Leonard, in the way that becomes all champions, said such an idea was erroneous to an extreme.

White, ever obliging, then began to wander along the fistie highways and proceeded to beat up all whom he encountered. One by one he knocked over the men designated by Mr. Leonard as "reputation getters."

Mitchell was about the last hurdle White had to take. White took him in spectacular fashion, even though Mr. Mitchell had all the moral vocal Mr. Leonard could give to him.

And now the question is asked: "Will Mr. Leonard really fight Mr. White—or will he plead to be excused on account of Mr. White's left hook?" (Copyright, 1922.)

Billy Byckhoff, the Brooklyn bantam, whom the press agent describes as another Terry McGovern, will face Danny Lee, the Harlem bantam, in the main bout of 12 rounds at the Pioneer Sporting club Wednesday night.

No Outstanding Football Eleven During the Year

With the usual lack of clarity, the football season ended with no definite leader having established its claim to the national title. In some cases even sectional leadership was in dispute.

In the east, for example, Princeton, Cornell, the Army and West Virginia, completed unbroken seasons, and each feels that it has a valid claim to the championship. Princeton is recognized in some quarters as the leading eleven of the section, but Cornell and Army advocates are many and argumentative.

Sectional Friction. Something of the same condition exists in the middle-west. Michigan and Iowa won all of their conference games, and, in addition, the Hawkeyes came east and disposed of Yale. A comparison of Big Ten scores favors Michigan somewhat, but this fact is counterbalanced by the conference standing, which shows Iowa the winner of five games to Michigan's four.

The University of California, however, established a clear leadership in the Pacific coast conference and, in fact, through the entire Rocky mountain district, and Vanderbilt most certainly was far and away the best of the southern elevens.

In the intersectional meetings of importance the east might be given the edge because of the victories of Princeton over Chicago, Harvard over Centre college and Syracuse over Nebraska. However, the west can point to the fact that Iowa scored over Yale, and Notre Dame, after playing a scoreless tie with the Army, won easily from Carnegie Tech. The Hoosiers also disposed of Georgia Tech by way of contributing to their sustained success in international competition.

The Detroit-Washington and Jefferson meetings resulted in a western victory worthy of mention.

Dope Was Wrong. The 1922 season was noteworthy for its upset and the further fact that it developed few individual stars of lasting fame. Perhaps the best were Muller and Morrison of California; Bomar of Vanderbilt; Gullian of Brown, Kipke and Kirk of Michigan; Kaw of Cornell; Roberts of Centre college and Bredtster of the Army.

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Nebraskan, 17 Years in Majors, Has Few Equals in Fence-Busting

Reds, and immediately proceeded to let the old 12-club National league know that he was in the circuit. He broke in with the Reds on September 16, 1899, and gathered in five hits during the course of a double-header. To show this was no mistake, Sam hit safely in his first 11 National league games before he was stopped.

Sam stuck with the Reds until the end of the 1902 season, when he cast his lot with the American league, jumping to Detroit. He remained in Henry Ford's ballclub for 15 years.

Crawford never led the American or National leagues, but he hit over .300 in 11 big league seasons out of 19. Thrice in his career he scored over 100 runs and in 1912 he cracked out over 200 hits. When playing regularly, Crawford seldom was out of the lineup with an injury, and in 15 successive years, from 1901 to 1915, inclusive, he was at bat 523 or more times.

He ranks fifth among the players who took part in the greatest number of successive games, as he played in 472 successive games from April 19, 1913, to April 18, 1916. Only Scott, Pinckney, Luderus and Eddie Collins had longer streaks.

Crawford ranks third among the batters who have hit for over 4,000 bases during their major league careers. The first five players in that department rank as follows: Wagner, Cobb, Crawford, Lajoie, Beckley. "Cap" Anson also would be in this class but for the fact that total base records were not kept in the early years of the league. (Copyright, 1922.)

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Two Out-of-Town Soccer Teams to Play Caledonians

Omaha Champions Will Try to Regain Henshaw Cup Won by Kansas Cityans Here Last Year.

Wearied by their hard game Sunday with the Caledonians, the Omaha Sports lost to the Townsends, 3 to 1, before a large crowd at Miller park yesterday.

The Omaha Sports played a fine game, and led their opponents, 1 to nil, at the end of the half, but in the next period the hard battle of the previous day began to tell on them, with the result that the Townsends forged into the lead.

The contest virtually winds up the schedule in the Omaha District Soccer league. Several games remain to be played by the All-Americans, who entered the league in the second round, but it is probable they will not play them.

The Caledonians won the championship; the Townsends finished second, and the Omaha Sports third.

The Caledonians have challenged Kansas City, who won the Henshaw cup in a post-season game here last season, and the Humboldt American Legion team, champion of western Nebraska.

The game with the western champions probably will be played at Omaha and the winner will be recognized as the state title holder.

The Caledonians must journey to Kansas City to play the champions of that city. The game will not be played until next spring.

The Henshaw cup was donated by the Henshaw hotel of Omaha for the Omaha champions to defend each year. The cup becomes the permanent property of the challenging team which wins it three years in succession.

Ames Basket Squad Perfects Short Pass

Ames, Ia., Dec. 26.—Lack of size which was the greatest handicap of the Ames basket ball team last year, will be almost entirely eliminated this year, if present indications hold out. In most of the individual men the squad this season is believed to be one of the largest in the history of the school.

The squad has been reduced to a small number, from which the squad will be chosen. Practice has been held daily. Cornell college furnished the first practice game.

Coach Chandler, who is a Wisconsin man, will make an effort to develop still further the short pass game which he inaugurated here last year.

Creighton to Prepare for Opening Game

Creighton university will resume practice today in preparation for its opening game January 3 with the Kansas Jayhawkers. A halt in training was called over Sunday and Christmas day by Athletic Director Chas. Hager, who is coaching the team. (Copyright, 1922.)

North Platte to Play Lincoln Thanksgiving Day

North Platte, Dec. 25.—North Platte football team will meet Lincoln High, winners of the 1922 championship of Nebraska High schools, on the gridiron next Thanksgiving day. Other teams on the schedule are Columbus, Cambridge, Bayard, Sidney and Getzenburg. Games also have been tentatively matched with York, Kearney and Cozad.

North Platte will have six letter men as a nucleus for next year's eleven.

Friedman Trims Barrett.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Sailor Friedman of Chicago, lightweight, won over Bobby Barrett of Clifton Heights, Pa., in an eight-round bout and Ad Stone of Philadelphia defeated George Shade of California in a light heavyweight bout.

Old Athletics Star Dies.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—Weston D. ("Wee") Flisler, a noted baseball player of half a century ago and first baseman of the Athletics, also has died in a hospital yesterday. He was about 81 years old and was born in Camden, N. J.

Basket-Ball Facts You Should Know

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