

Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

Wave of Money-Madness Sweeping Over Ball Players of Major Leagues ---Holding Out Is Favorite Sport

Ruth Wants Small Amount of \$75,000, While Hornsby Yelps for \$25,000 for Three Years—Plenty of Holdouts Among Yank and Giant Players.

New York, Feb. 17.—Major league baseball players are crazed by the greatest wave of money madness the game ever knew. Contracts that run into figures are being sprung by players who could not have made the major league grade 10 years ago, and club owners are coaxing the recalcitrants in vain.

"Babe" Ruth wants \$75,000. Roger Hornsby yelps he must receive \$25,000 a year for three years. And Harry Heilmann is trying to take Frank Navin over for \$15,000. To say nothing of the \$54,000 case of Roush.

Magnates admit that one-half of the regular players in the major leagues remain unsigned and when this much is admitted it is safe to say that the percentage is much higher. And this with the training camps scheduled to open within the fortnight.

Is Fair Example.

The condition of the two New York clubs probably is a fair example of how the rest of the clubs stand. The Giants and the Yankees are not in the habit of airing their disputes with players, but demands this winter came so exorbitant that the owners decided to let the fans know the real conditions.

Of the Yankee pitchers, Jones, Bush, Mays, Sharkey and O'Doul have yet to agree to terms. Harper has been excused from reporting. Mays is demanding more money in spite of a contract that has another year to run. Barnes and Douglas, two of the Giants' most effective boxmen, have not yet agreed to terms.

The Giants' catching staff, Smith and Snyder, remains out of the fold, and so does Schanz, the regular Yankee backstop. Hoffman and Devorner, second and third string Yankee catchers, have signed contracts.

Yank Infield Corralled.

The Yankee infield is fairly well corralled, with Scott, Fawcett, Baker and McNally in line, but Ward and Pipp have not signed. Ward demands \$10,000. Frisch and Groh have signed Giant contracts, but the other half of McGraw's \$1,000,000 quartet is out—Kelley and Bancroft. Rawlings, who saved the world's series for the Giants, but who will warm the bench this year, has not signed.

Word comes from California that Irish Meusel has signed a Giant contract for \$10,000. If true, this will complete McGraw's outfield, but Miller Huggins has plenty to worry him in the outer works. Bob Meuse, an habitual holdout, and Ruth have not come to terms.

Babe Ruth Important.

Of all the list of unsigned players, the greatest one—Babe Ruth—probably will have the easiest one any club owner will have to deal with. Babe has more ground for his \$75,000 demand than many of the others have for \$10,000 and his club owners know it. In addition, Babe has his full share of intelligence and knows how to strike a business deal.

His decision to start to camp now and talk business later is a good example for other players who are demanding salary increases. If the rest of the field will imitate Babe's moves, a difficult situation will be sooner overcome.

Bodie and Shaw Denied

Reinstatement by Judge

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Judge K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, today denied reinstatement to "Pinky" Bodie, former New York, Boston and Philadelphia outfielder, and also barred Ben Shaw of Pittsburgh from organized baseball. Phil Weinert of Syracuse was reinstated.

Bodie and Shaw, both jumped contracts. Weinert, the decision said, had "recovered from the swelled head which followed the pitching of winning ball and which caused him to forget all contract obligations."

George Burns Signs Cincinnati Contract

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 17.—George Burns, former New York National league outfielder, who was obtained by the Cincinnati Reds in a deal which took Heinie Groh to New York, has signed a contract with the Reds, according to advices from New York today.

Win President's Buttons.

Dr. Paul Ellis and Frank Masterson, Omahans, won president's buttons in competitive pair match play in the Central Whist association tournament at St. Joseph Wednesday.

Basket-Ball Facts You Should Know

By Ed Shoop

Q.—When jumping at center, I hit the ball on the way up. Has referee the privilege of calling a foul? (N. R. G.)

A.—Yes, if he thinks you did it purposefully, otherwise he will have players jump again.

Q.—If I take out more than three times in a game, is it a foul? (A. G.)

A.—Yes, it is a technical foul.

Q.—After dribbling up the floor and coming to a stop, I allowed my right hand to touch another player's arm. Is this a foul? (N. H.)

A.—Yes. Referee makes it a jump ball, three feet in on the court on the point it went out of bounds.

Q.—If two opponents strike a ball at the same time, causing it to go out of bounds, which side does the referee give the ball? (N. R. G.)

A.—The referee makes it a jump ball, three feet in on the court on the point it went out of bounds.

Q.—If a game where a referee and umpire are used, what are the umpire's duties? (A. R. G.)

A.—To assist referee as much as possible and pay particular attention to play in "back court."

Q.—In doubt about any basket ball rule, write Ed Shoop, care of our Sporting Department, c/o a B. stamp returned envelope.

World's Greatest Timber Topper



Earl Thomson, the Dartmouth hurdler, who is expected to hang up some new marks over the high sticks in some of the big intercollegiate outdoor meets this year. Thomson is reported to be going big guns in training.

Omaha Elk Team in Seventh Place

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—(Special.) Omaha Elks team No. 1, comprising Kennedy, Olson, Lepinsky, Fritcher and Barron, rolled into seventh place here yesterday in the five-men events of the Elks' national bowling tournament, with a total of 2,841 points.

Team No. 2, comprising McCabe, Harman, Morton, Wills and London, failed to place with a score of 2,603.

The Nebraskans showed up well in the doubles, all five two-men teams bowing over the 1,100 mark. The team composed of Jim London and Bill McCabe got into the money with a total of 1,154 points.

Fritcher was high in the singles with a total of 644 for a three-game series; London was second with 622 and Lepinsky third with 619.

Team No. 1 started out like a first place outfit, bowling 987 in the first game and 999 in the second, but in the third it made 14 splits and dropped to 857, which gave them seventh place.

The scores:

Team No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Kennedy	212	206	140	619		
Olson	191	199	124	514		
Lepinsky	184	149	275	608		
Fritcher	208	201	162	571		
Barron	179	149	532			
Total	987	999	857	2,843		

McCabe 185 | 158 | 176 | 519 | | || Harman | 162 | 163 | 174 | 499 | | |
Morton	161	164	143	468		
Wills	191	192	182	565		
London	191	174	235	599		
Total	899	848	856	2,603		

London 180 | 180 | 180 | 540 | | || Wills | 148 | 148 | 148 | 444 | | |
Kennedy	148	148	148	444		
Fritcher	148	148	148	444		
Lepinsky	148	148	148	444		
Barron	148	148	148	444		
Olson	148	148	148	444		
Total	840	840	840	2,520		

Singles.

Player	Score
Fritcher	644
Morton	619
Lepinsky	619
London	619
Wills	619
Kennedy	619
Barron	619
Harman	619
Olson	619
McCabe	619
Kennedy	619

Yankee Stars Clamoring for Higher Checks

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—These are parlous days for the New York Yankees.

Babe Ruth, lambaster extraordinary of the horsehide, thinks he ought to have more money—and measures the "more" in the thousands. Little Aaron Ward, keeper of the keystone sack, lets it be known from Fort Smith, Ark. that he wants his salary increased to \$10,000 and won't play until he gets it.

Of the pitchers, Waite Hoyt is the only one to come to terms so far. Waite recently announced himself a holdout, then got married and made peace. "Bullet Joe" Bush and Sam Jones, obtained from the Boston Red Sox, feel that their "advancement" entitles them to increased salaries. Bob Shawky is firm in his opinion that he, too, is deserving of a little monetary gain, and Cary Mays, of the subway shoots, talks about a higher check for 1922.

Meanwhile, the Yankee owners declare they will not stand for anything unreasonable.

Joie Ray Will Try to Smash Record Tonight

New York, Feb. 17.—The world's record in the 3,000 meter run is certain to go by the boards at the 13th Regatta armory here tomorrow, when Joie Ray of the Illinois A. C. and Walter Higgins of Columbia university clash for the first time, if either of these running stars show the form that has made both famous. Harry Helms, of Buffalo, and Don Forsman of Princeton are also entered, but it is doubted if they can stand the pace with the other two.

Ray has been running hardly more than exhibitions lately, because of lack of competition. He has beaten them all, but in Higgins he meets a worthy competitor. The Columbia university star is considered in the best condition of his sensational career. It is figured Higgins will have little difficulty in holding Ray safe at the mile mark, as he is a dependable 4:22 miler, while Ray is not expected to pass the mile post faster than 4:24. The balance of the distance should find them together, as Bonhag's mark of 8:38 may fall to 8:30.

Breaking records is Ray's forte. His lowering of his own mark in the mile and half being one of his sensational performances this year. He also ran the mile in 4:20 3-5, and the two miles in 9:20 4-5, and this week smashed the mile and a quarter mark made by Tom Conneff in 1895 by negotiating the distance in 5:33 3-5.

Olympic Committee Prefers Canoe Racing to Baseball

Paris, Feb. 17.—The French committee in charge of the Olympic games for 1924 has rejected baseball as an official sport, selecting canoe racing to complete its program.

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Basketball Results

THURSDAY'S RESULTS.

Yank college, 22; SHL, 19.

Lincoln, 21; Biens Vets, 12.

Iowa Wesleyan, 21; St. Ambrose, 22.

Herrington, 20; Vanhook, 20.

Kansas, 22; Drake, 18.

Yank Falls, 23; Aberdeen, 15.

South Dakota State, 21; North Dakota, 17.

Michigan Aggies, 30; Notre Dame, 21.

Church League Results.

First Reformed, 13; First M. E., 8.

St. Paul, 10; First Baptist, 10.

Grace M. E., 10; Clifton Hill, 2.

First Christian, 10; Walnut Hill, 4.

Evers and 'Kid' Gleason on Job

Chicago, Feb. 17.—William "Kid" Gleason, manager of the Chicago White Sox, and Johnny Evers, veteran National league, were bubbling over with energy today as they started preparations for the White Sox exodus tomorrow. Gleason and Evers arrived in Chicago yesterday.

Gleason conferred with Owner Comiskey, who has just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast.

"We had a good ball club last year," Gleason said upon his arrival, "but we didn't have the pitchers. I expect Jose Acosta to be a big help to me."

Asked if he expected to do any trading with the New York Yankees, Gleason said he was willing to talk trade to anybody who could show something worth while in the pitching line.

Local High Teams Play Out of Town

Nebraska against Drake at Des Moines. Commerce against Council Bluffs at Council Bluffs.

Iowa Deaf against Benson at Roswell school.

Central against Schuyler at Schuyler. South High against Fremont at Fremont. Iowa State against Grinnell at Grinnell. Washington against Oklahoma at Norman.

Three Great Athletes to Enter Penny Carnival

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Three of America's star all-around athletes will compete in the college pentathlon championship at the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival, April 28 and 29. They are Legendre of Georgetown university; Hamilton, University of Missouri; and Reinartz, Manhattan.

A new relay class for technical colleges has been added to this year's program. Entries to date include 81 colleges, 102 high schools, 44 preparatory schools and 45 grammar schools, a total of 272 institutions.

Crippled Taxicab Drivers Form Bowling Team

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Five men, badly crippled, will take part in a bowling match tonight with the leading team of a taxicab drivers' league here. The men, former chauffeurs, who were crippled while driving cabs, are aided by their physician, to be good bowlers. One with a broken leg bowls from a wheel chair and has averaged 150 in several games. Another has a crushed hand, another a broken foot, another a broken arm and another a crushed foot.

Jack Lawler Outpoints Gene Delmont in Go at Tulsa

Tulsa, Okl., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Jack Lawler, Omaha contender for the junior lightweight championship, won a clean-cut decision over Gene Delmont of Memphis in a fast-moving 12-round bout here last night.

Iowans Take Drives in A. B. C. Tourney at St. Paul

St. Paul, Feb. 17.—The vanguard of several hundred bowlers from outside the twin cities is scheduled to appear today and tonight at the annual tournament of the International Bowling association, being held here.

Those who will roll today include visitors from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

See Want Ads Produce the Best Results.

"SPORT-O-GRAPHS"

Another Challenge for Tunney.

Martin Burke, New Orleans light heavyweight, has added his voice to the chorus of challenges directed at Gene Tunney, the new champion of that division. The tall, red-headed southern lad is kept busy with his ring engagements before the Mason and Dixon line, but after his bout with Young Bob Fitzsimmons at New Orleans on February 12 he expected to come north.

Tunney holds a decision over Burke, whom he fought at Dyckman Oval last summer. Burke at that time was badly handicapped by a split ear which had been giving him trouble for months and which prevented him from being one of Dempsey's sparring partners at Atlantic City. He fought Tunney shortly after he had submitted to an operation.

Burke claims decisions over Harry Foley, Bob Roper, Willie Meehan, Al Reich and Happy Little, and has stopped Dick O'Brien, Terry Keller, Jim Coffey, Joe White and Jack Downey. He recently boxed a draw with Bartley Madden. In the ring Burke greatly resembles the late Bob Fitzsimmons.

Yankees Showing Early Crabbing Form.

One of the joys of operating a championship baseball club is listening to the squawks of the athletes when they receive their contracts for the year following a pennant winning season. Somehow the boys do not figure a world's series prize as sufficient reward, but insist on liberal increases of salary.

The signed contracts arriving daily at the Yankee office do not include many returned by the "regulars." The rookies—ambitious lads who are willing to accept any salary to have their fling at the big chance—are getting into line rapidly, but others are quibbling.

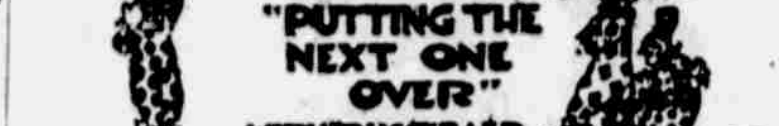
Business Manager Barrow says no cases of outright "holdouts" have developed, but that he is receiving a number of minor complaints. Players who have not signed by February 15 may be regarded as hardened cases; and doubtless Scout Bob Conners will be sent out to "sit on them up."

There is plenty of work ahead for the Yankee board of arbitration. A new agreement must be made with Babe Ruth, whose demands will be gauged according to his strength as a box office attraction. None of the other stars of the club are yet under contract.

Kearns Sponsors Another Lightweight.

The firm of Kearns & McKittrick is bringing on a new lightweight from the Pacific coast, one Jimmy Duffy.

"TWO AND THREE" "PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER" WITH "DUGS" DAIR



Dear Sir—What's the idea of boxing that big bear, Gus Shadow, as he is called, at the rate of pugilistic vegetation. Why don't you say something about the show of fists between that heel, Gink Fuster, and my man, "Feet" Furst? He has called "Feet" Furst, because that was the way he was carried out of his fight. Well, "Feet" Furst, knock Fuster scider than Fuster's brother and placed him with the paper doll cutter's of America.

You ought to let O'Sullivan manage Gus Shadow. O'Sullivan is the only man who ever made anything out of a beat. Hoping to have the pleasure of never meeting you.

JOHNNY CREELEY, Wahoo.

H A! ha! That's one for the looseleaf ledger. This vulture "Feet" Furst, busted into Roughtown surrounded by an admiring log. Before the log blew loose he hid himself in a telephone booth and challenged the world.

He started to nickel Roughtown to death, and an indignation meeting was called to take place the first Tuesday after the first Monday the Mayor came home sober. The Mayor juggled the beans by declining the nomination and staggering over to the radicals. "Feet" called up the Home for Incurable Pinheads Players and announced his intentions of bulldozing the suburbs.

He soon became known as the Telephone Champ, with Jose or Dray. A determined effort was made to match "Feet" and Gink for the championship of something, but nobody could think of what was at stake. Finally The Glutt offered to fight for no reason at all.

No reason at all was enough reason in Roughtown, which paid double in spades. The Glutt went into active training.

The Glutt trained by shadow boxing. He had the most vicious, untamed shadow in the world. It would follow The Glutt around for miles, snapping at his boots. The only way The Glutt could lose it would be to pop into a cellar. But Gus Shadow would be waiting for him when he came out.

This pleased the patrons so much that they took the building home with them. Then they rushed the box office to get their money back. But the grand jury found out that everybody had horned in on a raincheck.

This puzzled the judge, because there hadn't been any rain in Roughtown since 1843.

The only umbrella in town was on a statue of Cassie Chadwick. This puzzled the jury so much that they ordered ginger ale by mistake.

Gink was declared champion again without a blow being given either in hate or in anger.

Once again Roughtown had demonstrated that spaghetti is an elusive dish.

Omahans Winners in Central Whist Meet

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The twenty-eighth annual tournament of Central Whist association opened with formal play yesterday. In afternoon progressive pair play, Mrs. J. A. Abbott, Omaha, and Mrs. Bert Voorhees, St. Joseph, were first, east and west with 150.

George W. Martin, Omaha, were first and south, with 173. W. J. McGinnis, St. Joseph and C. E. Herring, Omaha, second, 166. Mrs. John Bettinger, St. Joseph, and Jack Austen, Omaha, third, 157.

Informal mixed play for president's billiard and pool was held last night. Mrs. L. C. Gubson, Omaha, and Quincy Sprague, Minneapolis, tied with Mrs. Walter Bender and Bert Voorhees, St. Joseph, with 208, east and west. Mrs. Abbott and George W. Martin, Omaha, were first, north and south, with 187. Tonight's session completes play for the Harris trophy.

Collins and Edgar Appleby Win in Billiard Tourney

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Percy N. Collins of Chicago last night won his second match in the international amateur class A 182 ball nine billiard tournament, defeating J. E. Con Norton of Philadelphia, 300 to 185, in 23 innings. Collins averaged 13 and 1-23 and had high runs of 67, 52 and 30. Norton's average was 8 and 1-23 and his best runs, 45, 38 and 29.

Edgar T. Appleby, New York, national champion, defeated his brother, Francis S. Appleby in the afternoon, 300 to 208. The champion's average was 17 11-17 and his high runs 96, 33 and 31. Francis Appleby's average was 13 and his high run 43, 33 and 29.

Walters Twice Save Doc Johnson From the Minors

Cleveland, Feb. 17.—When the Philadelphia Athletics made claim for Wheeler (Doc) Johnson from the Cleveland American league club, it was the second time the veteran first baseman has been saved from the minor league through waivers.

At the close of the 1914 season, Cleveland asked waivers on Johnson and Pittsburgh intervened. After two seasons with the Pirates, he went to a Southern association team and later to Milwaukee in the American association. He has been with the Indians since his purchase from the latter club in 1918.

Hunter Ill From Eating Fowls Full of Shot

Astoria, Wash., Feb. 17.—John H. Bell, noted locally as a hunter of wild fowl, and who, for a period of years past, has eaten his kills regularly, was taken seriously ill a week ago with a mysterious malady.

Examination by X-ray finally disclosed that his intestines were full of shot and that lead poisoning had resulted. Physicians removed more than 200 of the shot, but a new X-ray examination today showed more than 100 shot still in the digestive canal.

Today in Ring History

Thirty-Two Years Ago.—Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey failed to knock out Billy Maher, Buffalo, 4 rounds.

Twenty Years Ago.—Young Britt won from Toby Irwin, Princeton, 15 rounds.

Thirteen Years Ago.—Johnny Collins and Johnny Daily box six rounds to no decision, New York.

Johnny Coulson won from Frankie Burns, New Orleans, 20 rounds.

Jim Coffey knocked out Jack Twin Sullivan, New York, five rounds.

Four Years Ago.—George Charny won from Eddie Wallace, Baltimore, Md., 10 rounds.

Sam Lynch and Benny Velazquez box six rounds to no decision, Philadelphia.

Omaha Commerce Hoopsters Trim South High Packers in Fast Game

Penpushers Push Out Into the Lead Soon After Game Starts and End First Half With 6 to 2 Margin Over Packers.

OMAHA COMMERCE triumphed over South High yesterday afternoon at the Auditorium in a speedy contest by the score of 29 to 19.

The Penmen gained revenge for the defeat they suffered at the hands of the Packers early in the season.

The Leavenworth lads started out with a rush as soon as they had found themselves and soon had Patton's proteges on the short end of a 6 to 2 count.

The South Side machine did not seem to be in working order and the Bookkeepers piled up the lead to where the visitors could not touch it. Swenson and Krebs went on a shooting spree and snowed their opponents under with a volley of shots. The Packers buckled under the strain and were trailing at the half with the count 14 to 6.

South came back strong in the first minutes of the second portion of the fray and pushed its score up a notch with a neat toss. The Leavenworth guards got busy then and the way became harder for the Southerners. In spite of this Clark scored nine points off the Penmen during this period.

The Commerce squad doubled its score in the second half and then added one for good measure.

Clark of the Packers and Swenson of the Commerce started with the leather, the former getting 11 counters and the latter 10.

The lineups:

Commerce (29)	FT.	FP.	TP.	Pts.
Krebs, cf.	2	0	0	4
Kline, lf.	0	1	0	2
Swenson, c.	0	1	0	2
Shonemaker, r.	1	0	0	2
Weinberger, lf.	1	0	0	2
Kanary, cf.	2	0	0	4
Clark, lf.	1	1	0	4
Charnout, rf.	0	0	1	0
Swenson, rf.	0	0	0	0
Total	14	2	1	23

South (19)	FT.	FP.	TP.	Pts.
Clark, cf.	1	0	0	2
Johnson, lf.	0	0	0	0
Nixon, c.	0	0	0	0
Emmerich, lf.	0	0	0	0
Wendling, rf.	0	0	0	0
R. Graham, rf.	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	2

Referee: Lutes, Oregon.

Morgan Looms Up as Creighton Star

Charles Morgan promises to be the star sprinter for the Creighton track team. In a trial race yesterday Morgan covered 50 yards in 52.5 seconds, the best time which has been made in trials since training started.

Several other track candidates are showing up well in the dashes.

"Tex" Rickard Retires as Head of Madison Garden

New York, Feb. 17.—Retirement of George L. (Tex) Rickard from the management of the Madison Square Garden Sporting club was announced tonight by the state athletic commission. Rickard was recently indicted for criminal assault on two 15-year-old girls.

John Ringling, circus owner and partner of Rickard in various sporting enterprises, succeeds him as president of the club. Mr. Ringling was elected at a special meeting of the board of directors last night, a few hours after the indictment against Rickard was returned.

Wins Blade Title

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 17.—William Oliver of St. Paul, lightweight, won the northwestern indoor amateur skating championship with 100 points by winning the half mile and one-mile events in 1:22 3-5 and 2:41 3-5, respectively.

Snyder Won't Sign

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 17.—Frank Snyder, star catcher of the New York National league baseball team, last night announced that he would not sign a 1922 contract until he had conferred with Manager John McGraw.

Philly Owner Declines Invitation to Witness Hanging of Convict

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 17.—An invitation to attend a hanging at Missoula, Mont., today has been declined by Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburgh National League Baseball club.

Out in the western city Joe Vukovich, according to the official invitation, is to go to the gallows today following his conviction of murder. Frank Jones, a private scout and a resident of Missoula, recently secured the hanging