

The Swan Song of the Good Old Reserve Clause Has Been Sung in Court

It's High Time the Baseball Bugs Started Their Training Season



This is a season of the year when the rabid fan looks forward to weeks of loud-voiced and husky cheering. It might be well for baseball bugs to undergo a pre-season somewhat as do the players. The fans' part in glorified rounders is not a great deal less vigorous than the players. The cartoon in his sketches above suggests a few ways in which the fan might prepare for the season that approaches.

PHILLIES HIT PILL WHILE BROWN IS ON MOUND

ATHLETICS DROP ANOTHER GAME TO NATIONALS IN INTERCINE SERIES.

JOHNSON IS TOO GOOD

Washington's Famous Pitching Staff Is Too Much for Braves—Cardinals Win Close Game From Browns—Cy Morgan Beats White Sox.

Philadelphia, April 10.—The Philadelphia Nationals solved the pitching of Carrol Brown today and hammered out a victory of 6 to 1 over the local Americans. The series now stands three to two in favor of the Americans.

Score—R. H. E. Nationals 6 10 0
Americans 1 2 2
Batteries—Brown, Plank and Lapp; Marshall, Gessner and Kilmer.

Johnson Beats Braves

Washington, April 10.—The Americans, with Johnson pitching, defeated the Boston Nationals today, 7 to 4. Engel relieved Johnson in the seventh inning.

Score—R. H. E. Washington 7 14 4
Boston 4 4 2
Batteries—Johnson, Engel and Am-smith; Rudolph, Perdue and Dowdy.

Cards Winners

St. Louis, April 10.—The local National league club scored two runs in the sixth inning today and defeated the Americans in the fifth game of the spring series, 3 to 2. The Nationals have won four games from the Americans.

Score—R. H. E. Nationals 3 7 1
Americans 2 6 1
Batteries—Griser and Snyder; James, Taylor and Agnew.

Morgan Coming Back?

Kansas City, April 10.—Cy Morgan and Reagan were in mid-air today and Kansas City shut out the first team of the Chicago Americans, 1 to 0.

Score—R. H. E. Chicago 0 4 0
Kansas City 1 9 0
Batteries—Scott, Cleats and Schalk; Morgan, Reagan and Moore, Geibel.

Naps Nose Out

Columbus, O., April 10.—On a combination of an error and singles after two were out in the ninth inning, the Columbus American association team scored today four runs needed to defeat the Cleveland Americans. The score was 8 to 7. First Baseman Miller of Columbus led the batting with a triple, two doubles and a single.

Score—R. H. E. Columbus 6 13 3
Cleveland 7 8 6
Batteries—Cook, Schenberger and Smith; Robertson, Steen and O'Neill.

Kafara Works

Topeka, Kan., April 10.—The Pittsburgh first team hit the Topeka pitchers hard and won, 5 to 3, from the locals today.

Score—R. H. E. Pittsburgh 5 12 2
Topeka 2 7 2
Batteries—Comer, McQuillan and Kafara; Brocke, Glaze, Jones and McAllister.

Dubuc in Form

Cincinnati, April 10.—The Detroit Americans today evened in the series with the Cincinnati Nationals by defeating them, 5 to 3. Dubuc pitched sensational ball for the visitors, while Cincinnati's errors proved costly.

Score—R. H. E. Detroit 5 7 2
Cincinnati 3 4 4
Batteries—Dubuc, Williams and Slanage; Johnson, Davenport and Clarke, Gonzales.

Warm Battle

Brooklyn, April 10.—The Newark champions of the International league defeated the Brooklyn Nationals here today, 2 to 1. Brooklyn gave "Doc" Scanlon, recently reinstated by the national commission, his unconditional release today.

Score—R. H. E. Newark 2 8 0
Brooklyn 1 4 3
Batteries—Enzman, Check and Heckinger; Wagner, Pfeffer and Miller.

Baltimore Blanked

Baltimore, April 10.—The New York Americans shut out the Baltimore Internationals today, 4 to 0.

Score—R. H. E. New York 4 11 1
Baltimore 0 5 0
Batteries—Keating, Caldwell and Sweeney; Rath and Egan.

Omaha, April 10.—The Chicago American second team defeated the Omaha Western league club, 7 to 0, today.

The fielding of both teams was ragged, due principally to cold weather. Kaber struck out nine men.

Score—R. H. E. Chicago 7 7 4
Omaha 0 3 6
Batteries—Faber and Sullivan; Ormsby and Shestak, Crosby.

Collins Hit Freely

Dayton, O., April 10.—The Boston Americans bunched their hits at opportune moments today and won from the Dayton team of the Central league, 12 to 5. Collins, pitching, for seven

"Reserve Clause" Is Declared Invalid in Decision Written by Judge Sessions

Federal League Loses Suits Against Philadelphia, but Claims Virtual Victory Because of Invalidity of "Bulwark of Organized Baseball"—Philadelphia Club Pleased, Too, so Decision Ought Not to Create Any Uproar.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 10.—The old reserve clause in the contracts of "organized" baseball players was held to be invalid and unenforceable in a decision handed down today by Federal Judge Clarence W. Sessions in denying the application of the Chicago Federal league club for an injunction to restrain Catcher William Killifer from playing with the Philadelphia National league club.

Contracts of such nature were held by Judge Sessions to be "lacking in the necessary qualities of definiteness, certainty and mutuality."

"A contract exists," the decision says, "but, if broken by either party, the other is remediless, because the courts are helpless to enforce its performance or to reward damages for its breach."

Judge Sessions denied the application because he said the plaintiff knew Killifer was under a moral if not legal obligation to play with the Philadelphia club when it induced him to repudiate his obligation by offering him a longer term of employment and much larger compensation.

"In so doing a wilful wrong was done to the Philadelphia club, which was more heinous and harmful because the injured party could not obtain legal redress," the decision sets forth.

The conduct of both Killifer and the Federal league club was "tainted with unfairness and injustice if not actionable fraud," in the opinion of Judge Sessions.

The Reserve Clause.

The reserve clause bulwark of organized baseball, came into being in 1880 when the old National league adopted a by-law which retained a player's services indefinitely to a club with which he signed a contract. This reserve clause was suggested by A. G. Mills, who afterward was first chairman of the national board. In 1882, when an alliance was formed by the National league, American association and Northwestern league, the reserve clause was retained.

It was decided later that the contract was illegal because it gave the player no rights under contract. It was then—about 1890—that the "10 days' notice" was inserted after legal advice. When a magnate gave a player 10 days' notice the release then ended the contract between the manager and player.

The reserve clause was thought absolutely necessary to protect ball clubs, prevent constant contract "jumping" and subsequent competitive bidding. Under the present ruling of the court the old reserve clause contracts are not valid.

Federals Helped.

Chicago, April 10.—Judge Sessions' statement regarding the reserve rule makes legal the claim of the Federal league on practically every one of the 200 ball players on its roster, according to officials of the league here. Except Earl Hamilton, the pitcher who "jumped" a St. Louis American contract to join the Federals and one or two others, all the players now in the Federal organization were held to their former league affiliations only by the reserve clause.

The Federal league has contended that the old reserve rule was illegal and declared it was within its rights when it signed players or organized ball whose old contracts had expired.

Regarding the ruling that the Federals came into court lacking "clean hands," the league's representatives here declared that organized ball "which took away five men who had signed Federal contracts" would have trouble showing "clean hands" in court.

President Gilmore, believing that the verdict indicated a victory for

bums for the visitors, was freely hit.

Score—R. H. E. Boston 12 14 1
Dayton 3 8 3
Batteries—Collins, Kelly and Gady; Faber, Grant, Merchant and Armstrong, Westaway, Garrity.

A Family Affair

Knoxville, Tenn., April 10.—The Chicago Federal first team defeated the Chicago Federal second team here today, 8 to 2.

At St. Joe.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 10.—The Minneapolis club of the American association defeated the local Western league club today, 9 to 3.

Rain.

Portland-Helena game postponed; rain.

No Definite Plans.

Indianapolis, April 10.—Whether further proceedings would be instituted against William Killifer, whom the federal club at Grand Rapids, Mich., today refused to enjoy from playing with any baseball team other than the Chicago Federals, Charles E. Gates, general counsel for the Federal league, did not say tonight. He issued the following statement:

"I regard the decision as a victory for the Federal league in that it sustains our contention in regard to reserve clauses and that the 1913 contract of organized baseball is not enforceable because of lack of mutuality on account of the 10 days' release clause."

"The Killifer contract of 1914 with Philadelphia had the 10 days' clause stricken out. In the case at Grand Rapids, so that while of course the 1914 form of contract of organized baseball was not involved in the Killifer case, nevertheless, the opinion of the court would cover any contract containing a 10 days' clause. The 10 days' clauses contained in the regular form of Federal league contracts for 1914 were stricken out in all cases where players of known and recognized ability were signed."

Philadelphia Case.

Philadelphia, April 10.—George W. Pepper and Samuel M. Clement, Jr., counsel for the Philadelphia National league club, today made the following statement in regard to the Killifer decision:

"We feel gratified at the decision because the contention of the Philadelphia club is sustained in every particular. In our position before the court was that the reserve clause in the 1913 contracts created a legal relationship between the player and the club which no third person could lawfully disturb."

"We concluded that if a player violated the reserve clause the club could not compel him to perform; but we insisted that until the club and player had agreed to disavow our friends of the Federal league must keep hands off. It will be perceived that the same conduct that discredits the Federal league to equitable relief also gives the Philadelphia club the double right to sue for damages for past injury and to seek protection by injunction from any future interference with its business."

Weegman Gratified.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 10.—Charles Weegman, who is here with the Chicago Federal league team, of which club he is president, was shown the decision and said:

"I expected such a decision. The loss of Killifer will in no way injure the Chicago club because we have just as good catchers. If the reserve clause is not valid, why did we come into court with 'unclean hands'?"

Herrmann Pleads.

Cincinnati, April 10.—Contending that present baseball contracts differ materially from the one which Judge Sessions made a ruling on at Grand Rapids today, August Herrmann, chairman of the national baseball commission, issued the following statement:

"I am of the opinion that the deci-

How They Played When Game Was Youthful

OLD RULES GIVE IDEA OF WAY IN WHICH BASEBALL WAS PLAYED IN OLD DAYS.

It will not doubt be interesting to the baseball fans of today to compare some of the rules of 65 years ago to those of the present time. When the rules were first framed, about 1845, they would not fill one page of the baseball guide of today.

The Knickerbocker club of New York city was the first one organized to play the now national game of baseball and was the one from which the succeeding clubs derived their rules of playing. The organization bears the date of September 23, 1845, when playing rules were adopted, which are given below and present a curious contrast to those now in vogue.

1. The bases shall be from "home" to second base, 42 paces; from first to third base, 42 paces, equidistant.

2. The game to consist of 21 counts or outs, but at the conclusion an equal number of hands must be played.

3. The ball must be pitched and not thrown for the bat.

4. A ball knocked out the field or outside the range of the first or third base is a foul.

5. Three balls being struck at and missed and the last one caught in a hand out; if not caught, is considered fair and the striker bound to run.

6. If a ball be struck or tipped and caught, either flying or on the first bound, it is a hand out.

7. A player running the bases shall be out if the ball is in the hands of an adversary on the base, or the runner is touched with it before he makes his base; if being understood, however, that in no instance is a ball to be thrown at him.

8. A player running who shall prevent an adversary from catching or getting the ball before making his base is a hand out.

9. Three hands out, all out.

10. Players must take their strike in regular turn.

11. All disputes and differences relative to the game to be decided by the umpire, from whom there is no appeal.

12. No ace or base can be made on a foul strike.

13. A runner cannot be put out in making one base when a ball is made by the pitcher.

14. But one base allowed when a ball bounds out of the field when struck.

Pitchers' Battle.

San Francisco, April 10.—San Francisco won a pitchers' battle here today from Portland in the seventh and ninth innings, but almost tossed it away in the first half of the final frame, when two errors and two hits enabled Portland to tie the score.

Score—R. H. E. Portland 2 7 1
San Francisco 3 8 2
Batteries—Brown, Hansen and Perkins; Fischer, Bernah and Schmidt.

Barrenkamp Too Good.

Sacramento, April 10.—The Sacramento Wolves could not solve Barrenkamp's delivery today and Oakland won, 5 to 1.

Score—R. H. E. Oakland 5 11 2
Sacramento 1 5 2
Batteries—Barrenkamp and Arbogast; Gregory and Rotzer.

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HERE LIE OUR POLO HOPES



POLO PONIES ON THE WAY TO GEORGIAN COURT.

Here are some of the 55 polo ponies belonging to Harry Payne Whitney that were recently shipped to Georgian court, George Gould's country estate in New Jersey. Here they will be trained for the battle next summer with Britain's crack poloists.

GRIFF LOST NAME ALIBIS FOR WORLD WHEN HE TOOK MULLIN ARE PROVIDED HERE

DEAL IN WHICH "THE FOX" LOST HIS TITLE WAS BAD ONE WITH DETROIT.

Clark Griffith will not be known as "the fox" in the future. The manager of the Washington American leaguers is cured of the trading habit, George Mullin cured him.

There is not a manager in the major leagues who traded as many ball players as Griffith while he was manager of New York, Washington, Cincinnati and Chicago. Griffith had a passion for trading players and never did he refuse to take what another manager offered, no matter how useless the player was.

Got Rid of "Fox."

They generally got the better of Griffith. Therefore the name of "Fox" he was firm in the belief that he had the ability to handle bad actors and induce "has-beens" to execute a "come back." So Griffith kept trading and the baseball public continued calling him "the Fox."

Bill Burns had almost finished his career as a pitcher. Bill was too lazy to do anything. Detroit found that out. Others found it out. But Griffith believed he could reform Bill. He secured his services and they lasted through about two games. Then Bill got back into his rut.

"Piano Mover" Fails.

In Cincinnati Griffith paid \$4,000 for Frank Smith, "the piano mover." He got him from the Boston Americans. Before that was possible every club in the American league waived on Smith. That did not amuse Griffith. Smith won one game for Griffith, lost several and was released.

Detroit could carry George Mullin no longer. Mullin's big league days were over. Griffith did not think so. He bought Mullin from Detroit. He pitched him several games. George showed nothing and slipped into the international league.

"I'm cured," said Griffith the other day. "The only way to get ball players is to take youngsters and develop them."

FIGHTERS TO WORK AT GYM THIS DAY

For the benefit of the Saturday night crowd, Manager Piquett of the Rochester club will have the scrappers who are to take part in his feature bill next week, at work in the gymnasium this evening. From 6:30 until 8:30 this evening the quartet of scrappers who are to be principals in next week's show will work out at the club. Collins will come here this noon to start his local training. Tomorrow and every day thereafter until the fight comes off, the workouts will be held in the afternoon between the hours of 1 and 4. The seat sale for the big fight has been unusually heavy and Manager Piquett advises all who have not yet made arrangements for their seats to do so at once.

BAUMGARDNER STICKS OFFICIALS DECLARE HE'S MEANEST MAN OF AGE OF FAKERS

St. Louis, April 10.—Rumors that George Baumgardner, a pitcher of the St. Louis Americans, had jumped to the Kansas City Federal league club, were denied tonight by C. C. Madison, attorney for the Federal league team. Madison said he was not trying to sign Baumgardner and that he was waiting for the next move of organized baseball.

DELIVER HER PARDON AFTER A LONG SEARCH

Charleston, W. Va., April 10.—After a search which led them over West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky into Ohio, federal officers delivered to Mrs. Frances Brown the pardon today granted her three months ago by President Wilson. With her two brothers, J. H. and Alfred Mooney, Mrs. Brown was convicted of violation of the pension laws, but because of their age, each being over 70, they were not sentenced. When pardon was granted they could not be found.

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WHEN BIG SLUMP COMES

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There's nothing in the world like a good alibi and now ought to be as convenient a time as any for the 16 big league teams to get them ready—have them studied, catalogued and put in type to use if they fall down. Suggestions for the 16 alibis are made about as follows:

Boston: "Aw, there was two or three of the boys couldn't get along with Evers, and we oughta never let Poudse get away."

Brooklyn: "That old rag would have been one cinch with Tinker in at short."

Chicago: "What could anybody look for with Evers out the club and the old pep all gone?"

Cincinnati: "Of course yuh could not ask Herzog to turn out a winner right off the reel—if we could only have kept Tinker and had Herzog, too."

New York: "Oh, thunder—it was bound to come sooner or later, 'flog as McGraw would keep Merkle on the team, and then Matty can't go on forever."

Philadelphia: "Every year something happens to keep the best club from winning—we'd have walked in with Brennan and Knabe on the pay roll."

Pittsburgh: "Fred Clarke oughta had sense—any guy with an ounce of brains coulda told him that trade with St. Louis would ruin the pirate team. Huggins musta seen him comin'!"

St. Louis: "Miller Huggins has a head like a hazelnut. Nobody else woulda made that deal with Pittsburgh. Killed all our chances. Clarke musta seen him comin'!"

Athletics: "Well, yee, the team is getting a little old, and, then, we thought it was a cinch, and we got a little careless."

Boston: "So many changes in the ownership—that upset the boys and they couldn't seem to catch their stride and then Joe Woods had a sore thumb."

Chicago: "Just one or two spots in the infield and one in the garden that needed strengthening—and we did miss old Doc White."

Cleveland: "If them Feds hadn't Falkenberg we'd have been up there all the time, and o' course, the Esphenman ain't what he used to be."

Detroit: "Aw, this team's gotta be rebuilt. Cobb can't play nine positions, yuh know, and Jennings always was a lucky accident—he couldn't manage a Chinese laundry."

New York: "Honest to Pete, Frank had a winner all framed up, but what could he do when the Federals busted his team wide open the way they did?"

St. Louis: "Well, no one expected this team to do much this season, anyhow, but Rickey was just gettin' the foundations laid when the schedule ended."

Washington: "If we'd only had another one like Walter Johnson—"

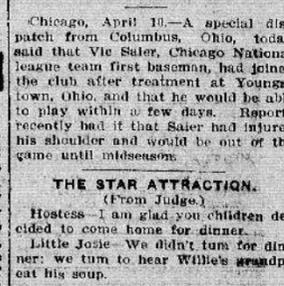
SAIER WILL PLAY.

Chicago, April 10.—A special dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, today said that Vic Saier, Chicago National league team first baseman, had joined the club after treatment at Youngstown, Ohio, and that he would be able to play within a few days. Reports recently had it that Saier had injured his shoulder and would be out of the game until midseason.

THE STAR ATTRACTION.

Hostess—I am glad you children decided to come home for dinner.

Little Josie—We didn't turn for dinner, we tum to hear Willie's wanda eat his soup.



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