Big Leagues Begin Investigation to Determine Whether Holdout of Players Is Directed by Fraternity

CLUB OWNERS FEAR ORGANIZED HOLDOUT

Rickey Starts Investigation—Majority of Players Remain Unsigned.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

The refusal of major league players to sign contracts for the coming season is beginning to cause considerable uneasiness among major league club owners. With the time for reporting at the training camps only a few weeks away the majority of big league players are unsigned. According to an estimate furnished by a person in close touch with local baseball matters less than 35 per cent. of the regular players in the two major leagues are signed. This small percentage includes players who had holdover contracts, such as Alexander, Cobb, Ed Collins, Doyle, Hersog, Baker, Mamaux, Pipp, Nunamaker, Gedeon and a few lesser lights.

The New York National League club is the only one of the sixteen big league clubs which has the majority of players in line. The only unsigned players on the New York Nationals are their three star pitchers—Schupp, Sallee and Perritt, and three outfielders, Burns, Robertson and Thorpe, and the new captain, Shortstop Fletcher.

The Boston Red Sox and the two Chicago clubs also have most men in line, but each of the other twelve clubs has only a handful of players signed.

A Serious Situation.

The situation is regarded by some club owners as even more serious than the strike situation of last winter, when the players who were members of the Players Fraternity were pledged not to sign contracts until certain technical concessions were obtained for minor league players. The bottom fell out of the winter strike during the February meetings, when the fraternity was forced to surrender unconditionally to the major leagues.

Several Western club owners, led by Branch Rickey, president of the Cardinals, yesterday started an investigation of the holdout question to ascertain whether it is an organized attempt to prevent the owners from cutting salaries to meet war conditions. Rickey's players almost to a man have returned contracts, and Branch is greatly perturbed over the situation.

The club owners unquestionably have the whip hand this spring, and if players do not sign it is unlikely that they will be coddled into doing so. But as one club owner expressed it, "The present spring would be a bad time to fill the sport pages with salary wrangles. I had hoped that this year we would be saved from the situations which were the natural sequences of the Federal League war and the attempted strike of last winter."

Fear Fraternity in Charge.

One of the first things Rickey and his fellow investigators will attempt to learn in their investigation is whether the holdout is being directed from the office of the Players Fraternity.

In that connection the prediction of President Tener of the National League on the attempted strike of last winter is worth repeating.

"If we gave in to Fultz now and coerced the minors into granting his demands, a year from now we would be confronted with a far bigger strike for bigger game," said Tener a year ago.

"If we gave in to the players now we would be at their mercy ever afterwards with the club of a strike threat continually hovering over our heads. For that reason we must fight this thingout to a knockout now."

Short Stay at Marlin.

The Giant players will not leave here this spring for Marlin until March 11, Secretary Foster having allowed four days for the men to reach Marlin. Training is to start on March 15. Prior to that the battery men of the club and Heinie Zimmerman and Larry Doyle will take a boiling out course at Hot Springs.

This will be the shortest stay the Giants will put in in Marlin. In former years Giant rookies got busy on the Marlin ball park before Washington's Birthday, and some members of the team remained there five weeks. This year the club will stay at the Texas resort only two weeks. Another week will be put in at San Antonio.

Hans Wagner, in making a four minute war address in Pittsburg yesterday, reiterated his former statement that he will not play ball this year and has retired from big league baseball. The big fellow recently lost a baby daughter shortly after its birth.

SAM RICE ENLISTS.

Young Washington Outfielder Enters Naval Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Samuel Rice, star hitter of the Washington club, has notified the Washington club that he has enlisted in the navy. He joined the sea fighters in Chicago. Rice was regarded here as the leading asset of the Washington club next to Walter Johnson. He came to the club as a pitcher in 1915, but showed such marked ability as a hitter that Manager Griffith placed him in the outfield, where he hit .299 in 1916 and .302 in 1917.

Rice is the third outfielder Manager Griffith has lost to the service, the others being Mike Menosky and Horace Milan. The former has been drafted, while Milan enlisted in the Aviation Service.

LEO, JR., SQUASH VICTOR.

Enters Fourth Round in New York A. C. Tourney.

J. P. Leo, Jr., (plus five aces) entered the fourth round by defeating J. J. Slattery (scratch) in a match of the Class B squash tennis tourney at the New York Athletic Club yesterday. The scores were 15—5, 11—15, 15—11.

Leo was exceptionally fast and furnished many good "gets." He depended chiefly on a straight up and down "kill" and a cross court shot to defeat Slattery.

RED SOX DROP WAGNER.

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—Heinie Wagner, veteran shortstop of the Boston American League baseball team, will not play with the team this year, according to a statement to-night by Harry H. Frazee, president of the club. A contract was sent recently to Wagner at his home in New Rochelle, N. Y., but that was before John Evers was signed up. President Frazee believes that Evers will be able to play as well as coach, and that Wagner will not be needed.

CLEVELAND SIGNS HOLT.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 20.—Announcement was made here to-night that E. W. Holt, formerly with the Brooklyn Federal League Club, has been signed by the Cleveland Americans. Holt was a free agent. Last year the infielder played with St. Paul in the American Association.

CONCANNON KEEPS LEAD.

Is 69 Points Ahead of Kreuter at Pocket Billiards.

Joe Concannon, New York State champion at pocket billiards, and Louis Kreuter, a leading contender for the national title, are having a nip and tuck battle in their 1,200 point match at Maurice Daly's.

These experts split even on two games yesterday, though Concannon scored the greater number of points.

Kreuter won the afternoon game by 114 to 100, while Concannon captured the night contest by 100 to 46. The total score for three days now is 600 for Concannon and 531 for Kreuter. The scores:

AFTERNOON GAME.

	Pts.	Ings.	H.R.
Kreuter	114	13	28
Concannon	100	13	29
Concannon	100	11	28
Kreuter	46	11	24

WEINER SURPRISES CLASS B CUE MEN

Wins His First Game and Sets High Average Mark at New York A. C.

Standing of the Players.

	W.	L.	H. R.	H. Ave.
Charles E. White	2	0	39	6 14-31
Julian Rice	2	1	31	6 20-30
George T. Moon, Jr.	1	0	26	4 22-42
David Weiner	1	2	30	7 11-27
C. P. Mathews	0	3	30	5 13-27

David Weiner, who made a very poor start in the Class B 18.2 billiard tourney at the New York A. C., came to life last night and played the best game of the competition. He defeated the veteran Mathews by 200 to 148, set a high average of 7 11-27, and played remarkably fine balkline from start to finish. If Weiner maintains the same pace in his remaining games the tournament promises to be exciting before the last point has been counted.

It appeared that Weiner finally got accustomed to the cushions on a new table. At any rate he counted nearly every time he stepped to the table and left Mathews in the shade. Julian Rice, the former Columbia College boy, met his first reverse of the tournament in the afternoon game when he was defeated by the champion Charles E. White, in a close and well played contest by 200 to 182.

The youngster set a hot pace at the outset and took a comfortable lead on his opponent, and this he increased when White beginning with his twelfth inning collected seven goose eggs in a row. After this remarkable exhibition, the champion settled down to business and played with customary consistency. He finally got on even terms with Rice, and when the youth began to wabble at the finish, the veteran went out and won. The scores:

AFTERNOON GAME.

C. E. White—0, 0, 4, 0, 7, 0, 19, 3, 2, 4, 6, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 6, 8, 8, 0, 7, 0, 16, 4, 0, 0, 0, 4, 23, 1, 11, 0, 10, 13, 0, 0, 10, 22, 0, 0, 4, 3, 7, 6, 3. Total, 200. Average, 4 16-46. High runs, 23, 22, 19.

J. Rice—16, 1, 5, 0, 15, 0, 8, 3, 0, 8, 2, 8, 6, 0, 0, 1, 1, 4, 0, 0, 31, 2, 3, 3, 0, 0, 0, 17, 8, 13, 1, 6, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 4, 8, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 0, 0. Total, 182. Average, 4 2-45. High runs, 31, 17, 16.

NIGHT GAME.

D. Weiner—2, 23, 8, 1, 6, 15, 4, 5, 0, 2, 0, 20, 9, 0, 11, 30, 1, 15, 2, 2, 11, 12, 5, 11, 4, 14. Total, 200. Average, 7 11-27. High runs, 30, 20, 15.

C. P. Mathews—0, 24, 0, 0, 18, 8, 18, 1, 19, 1, 7, 0, 1, 1, 0, 3, 0, 1, 12, 6, 1, 13, 7, 4, 1, 0, 0. Total, 148. Average, 5 13-27. High runs, 24, 18, 19.

ELLIS SHOWS SKILL AT THREE CUSHIONS

Defeats Kieckhefer and De Oro and Ties for Lead.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Charles Ellis of Milwaukee defeated both August Kieckhefer of Chicago, present world champion, and Alfredo De Oro of Cuba, former champion, to-night in the ambulance fund three cushion billiard tournament and tied for first place with Kieckhefer. Each man has won nine games and lost three.

Ellis defeated De Oro, 50 to 33, and made a run of 10 against Kieckhefer on his first shot, winning, 50 to 43. Kieckhefer, behind, 40 to 22, at one stage of the game, played brilliantly in the final innings, but was unable to overcome the lead. It was his third straight defeat.

To-morrow, the final day of the tournament, Ellis and Kieckhefer both play Bob Cannefax of St. Louis. Victory for Cannefax in both games will result in a three cornered tie, which would be played off immediately after the regular games.

In the afternoon game to-day De Oro won from Charles Morin of Chicago, 50 to 49.

ZUCKER LEADS HARRIERS.

Wins Five Mile Run of Clark House A. A.

M. Zucker of the Clark House A. A. last night won the five mile monthly road run of his organization over the streets of the East Side. W. Charken, a team mate, was second. He finished ten yards behind the victor, and M. Seinfeld of the Kings County A. A. finished third. Zucker was timed in 27:56. The finish:

Pos.	Name and Club.	Time.
1—M. Zucker, Clark House A. A.		27:56
2—W. Charken, Clark House A. A.		28:00
3—M. Seinfeld, Kings County A. A.		28:06
4—E. Thwaites, unattached		28:55
5—N. Foran, Keystone A. C.		29:01
6—I. Weisel, Clark House A. A.		29:07
7—I. Jacobs, Clark House A. A.		29:08
8—S. Nable, Clark House A. A.		29:13
9—I. Berjensky, Clark House A. A.		29:17
10—L. Krosnes, E. R. C. No. 188		29:19

ANOTHER FOR CRESCENTS.

Brooklyn Passers Gain Nineteenth Consecutive Victory.

The Crescent Athletic Club basketball team last night won its nineteenth straight victory of the season by defeating the All Star Army and Navy team on the New Mooners' court by 33 to 26. The army and navy team was made up of former local basketball players who are now in either the army or navy. The lineup:

Crescent A. C. (33).		Army and Navy (26).
Nicklas	Right forward	Muller
Heath	Left forward	Seaman
Ashmead	Centre	Fredler
Colton	Right guard	Combes
Butler	Left guard	Smith

Field goals—Nicklas 3, Heath, Ashmead, Butler 4, Swenson 3, Trenkman, Muller, Seaman 5, Fredler 3, Smith 3, Combes. Goals from foul—Nicklas 7. Substitutes—Swenson for Heath, Trenkman for Colton, Austin for Ashmead. Referee—Mr. Alcade, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. Time of halves—20 minutes.

ROCKNE SUCCEEDS HARPER.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 20.—Knute K. Rockne was appointed director of athletics at Notre Dame University, to succeed Jesse C. Harper, whose resignation takes effect next June, according to an announcement made to-day by President John Cavanaugh. Mr. Rockne was graduated from Notre Dame in 1913 and since that time has been Coach Harper's assistant. He captained the football aggregation in 1913.

FAVORITES WIN ON BELLEAIRE LINKS

Few Surprises Mark Second Round of Match Play in Golf Tourney.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

BELLEAIRE, Fla., Feb. 20.—The second round of match play in the Washington Day tournament came off to-day with few surprises in the winners' column. T. A. Ashley of Woodland, as expected, won his match from Dr. F. A. Furfley of Brookline, without having to extend himself in the least. The margin of his victory was 5 and 4 and he was close to the 80 mark all the way.

Another favorite to win was Clarence Hobart, the old tennis champion, who played a consistent game with J. A. Roberts of Kansas City. W. B. Fitch, the Chicago entry, proved his strength to-day by beating his opponent by 4 and 3. That showed his victory over the medal winner was no fluke. He will oppose T. W. Kennedy of Dubois, Pa., to-morrow and should reach the final round if he can keep his game intact.

Five sixteens were played to-day with no defaults recorded. The scoring was better as a whole, and most of the losers had stories to tell of the fast pace set for them by their opponents. The summaries:

First Sixteen—T. A. Ashley, Woodland, defeated Dr. J. A. Furfley, Brookline, by 5 and 4; Clarence Hobart, Harbor Oak, defeated J. A. Roberts, Kansas City, by 1 up; W. D. Fitch, Chicago, defeated P. F. Stone, Clearwater, by 4 and 3; T. W. Kennedy, Dubois, Pa., defeated J. R. Hanley, Bay City, Mich., by 3 and 2.

Second Sixteen—H. D. Cashman, Englewood, defeated J. B. Kelley, New York, by 1 up; C. A. Whelan, Essex County, defeated A. C. Martin, Swanoy, by 1 up; S. L. Judd, New Britain, Conn., defeated E. M. Husted, Buffalo, by 2 and 1; W. C. Dennison, Cleveland, defeated W. W. Morrison, Toledo, by 2 and 1.

Third Sixteen—W. R. Harper, Philadelphia, defeated E. J. Curtiss, Memphis, by 3 and 2; Dr. F. L. Keay, Rochester, defeated Edward S. Wilkinson, North Adams, by 1 up; Dr. T. W. Proctor, Clearwater, defeated C. W. Bullock, Denver, by 4 and 2; B. P. Foster, Cleveland, defeated C. G. Hataway, Hackensack, 2 and 1.

Fourth Sixteen—H. A. Wrenn, Harbor Oak, defeated W. G. Dilts, Jr., Kansas City, by 1 and 6; C. H. Foster, Cleveland, defeated W. H. Hurlburt, Philadelphia, by 2 and 1; W. S. Miller, Elyria, defeated Col. J. C. Pennell, Kansas City, by 1 up; John W. Green, Jersey City, defeated F. C. Lewin, Columbia, by 4 and 2.

Fifth Sixteen—Dr. L. D. Krouse, Evansville, defeated C. Wells Tatnuck, by 3 and 2; E. B. Curtis, Greenwich, defeated L. A. Crane, Boston, by 1 up; two holes, J. Brady, Omaha, defeated W. M. Bavier; N. B. Beecher, Clearwater, defeated S. Hullerton, by 2 and 1.

HYDEWOOD GOLF CLUB ELECTS

Whitehead Reelected President of Plainfield Organization.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Feb. 20.—Walter Whitehead was reelected president of the Hydewood Golf Club of North Plainfield at the annual meeting last night. The other officers chosen were: Lesley M. Hallock, vice-president; Charles H. Russell, secretary; G. C. M. Smith, treasurer; Dr. George D. Herring, Charles Gilman, W. R. Townsend, Francis K. Anderson and P. M. Smith, directors; Dr. George D. Herring, chairman of greens committee; Charles Gilman, house chairman; Francis K. Anderson, sports committee.

It was voted to increase the dues from $20 to $25 a year.

ARMY TOSSERS BEATEN.

Fall Before Attack of Swarthmore Basketball Team, 35 to 27.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Army athletes, with all activities tabooed for the past fortnight because of an epidemic of measles, got back on the basketball court this afternoon, only to be beaten by Swarthmore by a score of 35 to 27. It was the second defeat of the season for the soldiers. Swarthmore played a rattling uphill game and deserved to war. At half time the cadets had a 19 to 14 lead. Spectacular shooting by Yoder, who developed a deadly accuracy for the basket in the final period, was the soldiers' undoing.

The cadets will play Union here on Friday and West Virginia on Saturday. The lineup:

Army (27).		Swarthmore (35).
Hahn	Right forward	Yoder
Gorman	Left forward	Place
Vidal	Centre	Stowe
Keyser	Right guard	Larkin
Kreber	Left guard	Donnelly

Goals from field—Hahn, Gorman 4, Shrader 2, Vidal 5, Keyser, Yoder 6, Place, Stowe, Larkin 2, Donnelly 5. Goals from foul—Gorman, Yoder 5. Substitutions—Carter for Hahn, Shrader for Gorman, Wells for Kreber. Referee—Mr. Kers, Yonkers A. C. Time of halves—20 minutes.

MRS. HURD SHATTERS GOLF COURSE RECORD

Former Champion Goes Over Pinehurst Links in 81.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 20.—Going out in 39 and coming home in 42 for an 81 on the championship course at Pinehurst to-day, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd of Pittsburg broke all records made on the course by women golfers in recent years. The former national champion showed she will be ready to give Miss Elaine Rosenthal a hard fight for the latter's North and South title next month.

J. D. Armstrong of Buffalo played against Mrs. Hurd in to-day's round and is still congratulating himself on lasting all the way to the fourteenth hole. Mrs. Hurd took one over par on each of the first two holes. She reached the green in two on the 367 yard third hole and sank her putt for a 3, one under par and 2 under bogey.

Her drive for the eighth, 220 yards, reached the green, but she overplayed her putt and eventually went down in 4. A part 3 on the ninth made her 39 at the turn, and although she threw away some good chances on the way in the round was completed in 81.

Miss Rosenthal, the North and South champion, has an 83 to her credit on the championship course made in the North and South final last year when playing against Mrs. Hurd.

BEGIN BASEBALL PRACTICE.

Twenty-five Candidates Report to Fordham Coach.

Baseball practice at Fordham started yesterday afternoon. Twenty-five candidates, including four "F" men from the 1917 nine, reported to Coach Keane in the gymnasium. The veterans are Pitchers Bill Finn and Jim McQuade, and outfielders, Eustace and Shankey. From the new material, Coach Keane will be forced to construct a new infield and locate a catcher also. La Fevre, a former Fordham Prep infielder, came out for the backstop assignment. The election of a captain will take place to-day.

DECLINES OFFER TO LEAD CLUB

PORT HURON, Mich., Feb. 20.—W. H. Watkins of Port Huron, former manager of the Indianapolis baseball club of the American Association, to-day announced that he has declined an offer to manage that club this season.

HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

By DANIEL.

SOMEWHERE or other 'tis said that often it is given to him who needs not. Several weeks ago we were notified by Syracuse that it did not intend to have any varsity crews, and that there was doubt even as to a freshman eight. Now we learn that last Monday 105 rowing candidates reported to Jim Ten Eyck. Of these twenty-nine were out for boats other than the freshman. Only two of the entire squad ever had had any rowing experience, but Ten Eyck pronounced them a likely lot. It was the biggest response to a first call at Syracuse—and that in spite of the announcement that there were to be no varsity races. Evidently something is in the air there, and if the material shapes up well enough we may see the Orange in several races this spring.

Contrast conditions at Syracuse with those at Columbia, which has announced its intention to go through with one of the best rowing schedules in its history. Jim Rice is having the time of his life getting together what even resembles a rowing squad. He's at his wits' end for men with heft who can pull a sweep. The freshman response—never strong—has been particularly weak. It's about time Columbia men awoke to the great possibilities of this wholesome sport, and to the financial sacrifices which its athletic authorities are forced to make in order to keep rowing alive there.

Yale to Open Housatonic Rowing Course with Pennsylvania.

An announcement from Yale yesterday bore out the statement made here some two weeks ago that the Housatonic River course at Derby would be christened with a regatta with Pennsylvania on May 11. The general understanding had been that the races would be rowed on the New Haven harbor course, but conditions there are very bad. Besides, Yale has been hankering for a chance to open the Derby course. Princeton or Harvard, with the chances favoring the Crimson, also will row against Yale on the Housatonic course, which Guy Nickalls pronounced the best in the country.

In talking of rowing conditions at Yale Mathew Abbott, the coach, said yesterday that the outlook was a bright one. "At present it appears," said Mr. Abbott, "that we have an abundance of material, but most of it is rough. Only three varsity oarsmen are left—Capt. Hyatt, Vail and Mead. The freshman crew has even more brawn and muscle than last year's. It appears that we shall have the heaviest freshman crew that we have had in years. The other freshman crews are about up to the average.

"The rowing authorities feel that the freshmen are not doing their duty. In the past three years we have never had less than 120 freshmen at this time of the season, and although we know that the freshman class is somewhat smaller than usual this does not account for the fact that whereas we usually have twelve freshmen crews on the water this year we have only four. We wish to repeat that due to the necessity of developing three first class eights no one is ever dropped from the rowing squads. Any man who comes out now will be coached every day, and if he makes good will be put on the first crew, and if not on one of the lower crews. At any event he will take part in the big regatta in the middle of May.

"There is no better aid to the military well being of a student than rowing. The whole purpose behind our reentrance into organized sport is that men may be more fit for their physical and mental duties. Rowing is not going to be allowed to interfere in any way with the military or naval work at the university. We feel, therefore, that the freshman class is not making use of this opportunity for its physical development, which will be so necessary to men who in the future will have to stand the tremendous physical strain of the modern battlefield. Before the end of the week we hope to see a great increase in the number of first year men among us.

"Except for the failure of the freshman class to respond the outlook is a very happy one as regards rowing this spring. Of course we can hardly expect the excellence that our crews have shown in the past in this year of war when nearly all the 'Y' men are at the front and when we have only three days a week for practice. Yet we feel confident that with the spirit already shown and the material at hand we will be able to turn out crews worthy of the college."

Fulton-Moran Fight Will Be Financial Frost, Says Monteith.

Scotty Monteith, manager of Johnny Dundee and divers other boxers, got back to Broadway from New Orleans yesterday and did not give a very glowing report of fistic conditions in the Crescent City. Monteith asserted that the bout between Fred Fulton and Frank Moran there next Monday night was bound to be a financial frost.

"New Orleans never has had much use for heavyweights, and it has less use for them since the Fulton-Porky Flynn contest there in January, 1916," said Monteith. "You will remember that Fulton was knocked down by Flynn, and that the referee's decision in favor of the plasterer did not meet with general satisfaction. At any rate the fight followers soured on the big fellows and they are not looking forward with great enthusiasm to the scrap next week.

"Boxing interest in New Orleans is somewhat at a low ebb. We expected a $12,000 house at the Dundee-Patsy Cline bout last week, but it drew only a little more than $4,000. To be exact $4,616.50. This was due in a large measure to the abolition of the one dollar seats, against which I argued strongly. The big army of dollar boys was opposed to paying fifty cents more, and rather than submit stayed away and missed a great fight, in fact the greatest lightweight bout I've ever seen. I see that Harry Pollok says that Remy Dorr, the referee, is a friend of mine and that he jobbed Cline out of the decision by making it a draw. Pollok knows better, but I will say that Cline put up a surprisingly strong battle."

Byron Called Batter Out for "Vocal Interference."

The new rule of the National League against abusive coaching and "goat getting" will make possible calling a man out for "vocal interference." This reminds us of a story Bill Byron, the umpire, told at the December meeting at the Waldorf. Fred Mitchell was behind the bat and Billy Phyle, now an umpire in the Pacific Coast League, was covering third base in a game at Newark. One of the home batsmen lifted a foul right off third and both Mitchell and Phyle went for the ball.

Benny Myers was coaching at third and as the enemy players came near him he shouted, "I'll take it." Both Mitchell and Phyle backed away while the ball fell to the ground. They stood looking at each other sheepishly, while the fans sent up a roar that reverberated down to Broad street. Mitchell and Phyle had bumped heads in a similar effort only the day before and the unpleasant memory had made them cautious. Byron came to their rescue by calling the Newark batter out for "vocal interference," and the decision stood.

An Attempt to Popularise the Big Dog Show.

The annual show of the Westminster Kennel Club, which opened yesterday in Madison Square Garden, is marked by an attempt to popularize the event. There is high jumping and diving by dogs—vaudeville stunts intended to impress the average person in attendance with the versatility as well as the doggy points of the animals on exhibition. It's a great, interesting and varied show, well worthy of the attention of even those only remotely interested in the dog.

In re the show, there's a rather interesting controversy going the rounds. Some time ago the American Kennel Club passed a rule whereby it became mandatory for all judges to obtain licenses from the governing body. Some well qualified judges refuse to apply for licenses. Most of these are persons of independent means whose connection with dog shows is purely that of amateurs. Undoubtedly it is rather hard on them, but the rule works for the general good and the protection of the majority, so it must be accepted as it stands. The A. K. C. might make some sort of provision for these amateur judges.

PHILADELPHIA GIRL REPEATS AT GOLF

Miss Campbell Again Vitcor in Palm Beach Tourney.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 20.—Miss E. Campbell of Philadelphia had an easy matter in to-day's first round at match play in the woman's annual golf tourney for the championship of the State. She disposed fo Mrs. Maitland Alexander of Pittsburg, who also played good golf. The Philadelphia girl played her usual hit or miss style and made few errors.

There were no upsets in the list. The second flight developed a nineteen and twenty hole match. In the latter Mrs. Irving Chase of Waterbury won from Mrs. Menlske, Baltusrol, and in the nineteen hole match Mrs. Charles Downey, New York, defeated Mrs. William L. Koehn, Westmoreland. The scores:

First Division—Miss Ethel Campbell, Philadelphia, defeated Mrs. Maitland Alexander, Pittsburg, 4 and 2; Mrs. William Soylert, Berkshire, defeated Mrs. A. M. Kushel, Oak Park G. C., 3 and 2; Mrs. D. R. Calhoun, St. Louis C. C., defeated Miss Alice Houston, St. David, 7 and 6; Miss L. Stumer, Ravisloe, defeated Miss S. McCook, Tuxedo G. C., 3 and 2; Mrs. C. D. Smithers, Nashua G. C., defeated Mrs. Fred Lewisohn, Wheatley Hills, 7 and 5; Mrs. D. W. Paige, Bellport, defeated Miss E. Alein Stermer, Ravisloe, 7 and 6; Mrs. C. J. Felber, Lacrosse, defeated Miss Ada Norbert, Memphis, 3 and 2; Mrs. G. C. Carnegie, Pittsburg, defeated Mrs. F. E. Bentley, Brae Burn, 2 and 1.

Second Division—Mrs. J. M. Rutherford, Tuxedo, defeated Mrs. Nash, Rockwood, 4 and 4; Miss B. Pierson, Tuxedo, defeated Mrs. Moylan, 1 up in 19 holes; Mrs. M. F. Fiske, Baltusrol, defeated Mrs. Irving Chase, Waterbury, 1 up in 20 holes; Mrs. Charles Downey defeated Mrs. William L. Koehne, Westmoreland, 1 up in 19 holes; Mrs. William Brett, Brookline, defeated Mrs. Sweatt by default; Miss Lund defeated Miss M. Kennedy, 3 and 2; Mrs. H. N. Steele, Minneapolis, defeated Mrs. S. I. Folger, Shelter Island, 3 and 2; Mrs. G. M. McGill, Weston, defeated Mrs. I. Blumenthal, North Shore, 3 and 2.

SPIRITED BOUTS BY SOLDIER BOXERS

Fort Hancock Artillerymen Treated to Keen Contests.

FORT HANCOCK, New Jersey, Feb. 20.—Fort Hancock soldiers were served a treat to-night in the way of four spirited boxing contests arranged by Director of Athletics Lieut. Journeay. The bouts were full of action and kept the Coast Artillery boys at a high pitch of excitement throughout. The bouts resulted as follows:

Young Vagardio and Kid Hettaman slugged three rounds to a draw; Fighting Ambrico was awarded the decision over Sergeant Santeno; Kid Ryan jabbed his way to victory over Bill Fries, and Charlie Sheppard, champion of Fort Hancock, boxed a three round exhibition with Jack Connor, a former pugilist of note, now a member of the New York Fire Department.

Eddie Forbes refereed and Lieut. Guidera acted as timekeeper.

HOCKEY GAMES TO-NIGHT.

Schoolboys Will Play in Brooklyn Ice Palace.

Owing to the fact that Washington's Birthday falls on Friday the weekly schoolboy hockey double header will be played to-night at the Brooklyn Ice Palace. The more important game will bring together New Utrecht and Erasmus. The game is an exceptionally important one for the Flatbush lads, as they have to win if they hope again to take the lead in the championship series. A tie game will cause a tie with Poly Prep.

Jamaica will cross sticks with Commercial in the other game of the double header. Every indication points to a victory for the Long Islanders.

BROOKLYN REPEATS IN HOCKEY GAME

Again Beats Manhattan Team, This Time by 5 to 4 in Interborough Series.

By GEORGE B. UNDERWOOD.

Many of the hockey fans are of the opinion that if the aggregation of former St. Nicholas and Hockey Club players operating under the camouflage of the All Manhattan hockey team ever win a game they never will survive the shock. Last night in the Brooklyn Ice Palace the All Manhattans crossed stick shillelahs with their Brooklyn rivals in the third game of the interborough series and for the third time the Gothamites "bit the dust."

Once more a lone goal loomed up large in the proceedings, the Brooklynites emerging victorious by a score of 5 to 4. The two other games were dropped by Manhattan each time by a score of 3 to 2.

To the credit of the All Manhattans it must be said that they showed a big improvement in their work. The trouble was that the Brooklyn team had advanced in a corresponding degree. Last night's match was replete with clever hockey, the passing and combination play, so conspicuous by its absence in the previous two matches, being of high order.

The Crescent A. C.—the All Brooklyn sextet is composed exclusively of New Mooners—flashed an especially pretty combination attack. The forwards worked nicely together and teamed well with Shirreff and Kennedy whenever Jim or Sars came up from the second line trenches and "went over the top." The Manhattan rush line worked just as smoothly, Castleman and Lieut. O'Keefe carrying the brunt of the attack, ably assisted at times by Britton and White. Lang's work at goal was superior to that of Collins's and the Brooklyn victory virtually was due to the edge the former Yalensian had on Collins.

Brooklyns' Attack Good.

Play opened up slowly, but once the boys got warmed up there was some fast hockey. Manhattan started the scoring pot boiling when White, stopping a Brooklyn charge down in his own territory, took the puck back up the rink and drove a hot one past Lang, in 5:15. The score against them stung the All-Manhattans into action, and they shot rush after rush down into the Manhattan zone.

Kennedy on a pass from Fyfe tied the score in 8:10, and two minutes later Fyfe rang up a bullseye on a pass from O'Rourke. After another two minutes Fyfe and Hall came down the ice in a pretty rush, passing the puck back and forth between them. When within range Fyfe blazed at goal and caged the puck. Manhattan braced and held strongly for four minutes. Then, in 17:20 O'Rourke, after a pretty swoop from around behind the net sent a nifty angle shot past Collins. The half ended with Brooklyn leading by a score of 4 to 1.

Both sextets brought up the reserves in the second period. Gelatly, who cut his knee in the first period, was supplanted by Von Bernuth, Britton moving up to the right wing. Frank Farah went in on the left wing for Brooklyn in place of Fyfe, and later gave way to young Bottling.

The Manhattanites broke out with a hot rally in the second period and outplayed Brooklyn in a greater part of the session. O'Keefe registered on a wing shot in 5:05. O'Rourke came back with a goal for Brooklyn in 9:35. The Gothamites kept pounding on the Brooklyn front, Castleman scoring on a pass from O'Keefe in 10:20, and ringing the scoring gong again in 12:40 on the rebound from White's shot. With Manhattan right on their flank Brooklyn braced and held the Gothamites in check in the remaining minutes of play. The lineup:

The Summaries.

Manhattan (4).		Brooklyn (5).
Collins	Goal	Lang
White	Point	Kennedy
Von Bernuth	Cover point	Shirreff
Castleman	Centre	Hall
Britton	Left wing	Fyfe
Lt. O'Keefe	Right wing	O'Rourke

Referee—P. G. Stewart, Hockey Club. Goal umpires—Ted Britton and Byrne Farah, Hockey Club. Timer—E. Kelley, Hockey Club. Time of game—Two 20 minute periods.

GOALS.

First period—White, alone, 5:15; Kennedy, on pass from Fyfe, 8:10; Fyfe, on pass from O'Rourke, 10:01; Fyfe, on return pass from Hall, 12:14; O'Rourke, swoop from behind net, 17:20. Score end period—Brooklyn, 4; Manhattan, 1. Second period—O'Keefe, wing shot, 8:05; O'Rourke, side shot, 9:35; Castleman, pass from O'Keefe, 10:20; Castleman, rebound White's shot, 12:40.

Substitutions—Britton for White, Gelately for Castleman, Farah for Fyfe, F. Bottling for Farah.

LIEUT. OVERTON IN OVERSEAS SERVICE

Famous Athlete Is "Somewhere in France."

Lieut. Johnny Overton will not compete in the Army-Navy mile race at the third set of preparedness games of the Metropolitan Association at the Forty-seventh Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, Saturday night. He was invited to meet Willie Gordon Sid Leslie and Lieut. William Anderson in a mile race and in reply word was received yesterday at A. A. U. headquarters that Overton now is "Somewhere in France."

Athletic fans will be disappointed to hear this as they were looking forward to seeing him compete against Joie Ray in the Meadowbrook games, the national indoor championships and the John Wanamaker Commercial Institute games, all of which take place during the month of March.

A letter received yesterday by Fredrick W. Rubien, secretary-treasurer of the A. A. U., from Lew Merz, former Mohawk A. C. athlete, now at the Aviation Camp at Waco, Tex., brings the news that Clinton Larsen, national high jump champion, is with the United States Aviation Corps at Waco, and in an athletic meet held recently Larsen won the 100 yard dash, running broad jump and running high jump, and cleared the bar in the latter at six feet if his first trial, which is a new military record.

Larsen is training for the national indoor championships, which are to take place at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory on March 16.

One of the best bicycle races of the year will take place in the Forty-seventh Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, on Saturday night. The distance is two miles and the following well known bicycle stars will ride: Eddie Goodwin, the king of the flat floor riders; William Van den Dries, Anthony Attardi, Jerry Nunziatti, Val and Walter Stein, D. J. Seymour, R. J. Phillips and Pop Rhodes.

C. C. N. Y. VS. PENN TO-NIGHT.

The University of Pennsylvania's swimming and water polo squads will make their New York debut this evening, when they meet the City College men in the local tank. This will be the last match in the league for C. C. N. Y. before the final championship tournament at Princeton.

REIMER SKATING VICTOR.

Beats Fast Field in Mile Race in Newark Rink.

Irving Reimer of the Riverside S. C. captured the one mile scratch skating race held at the Newark Ice Palace, Newark, last night. The Riverside boy led home a fast field, including "Buster" Taylor of the New York A. C. and Warren Beebe and H. Wooley, the Long Branch cracks. Reimer covered the distance over the small twenty lap track in the good time of 3:33.

With the leaders alternating at making pace it was anybody's race until the last two laps. On the fourteenth lap Reimer jumped out front and opened a gap before his rivals woke up and gave chase. With Taylor pulling Beebe and Wooley along the trio shot out in desperate pursuit of Reimer. Three laps from home Taylor fell in rounding a turn and lost all chances of finishing in the money. Reimer held his lead safe and crossed the line with several yards to spare on Beebe and Wooley, who finished second and third.

YALE SWIMMERS BEAT BROWN TEAM

Capt. Thayer of Elis Equals Intercollegiate Record for 50 Yards.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 20.—Yale swimmers vanquished the Brown tank men here to-night, 38 to 15. Capt. Mayer of Yale equalled the intercollegiate record of 25 1-5 seconds for the fifty yards dash when he outdistanced Prendergast of Brown, the holder of the intercollegiate title at that distance.

The Eli captain also vanquished his rival in the 220 yard swim and beat him in the team relay. The summaries:

50 Yard Dash—Won by Mayer, Yale; Prendergast, Brown, second; Peters, Brown, third. Time—25 1-5 seconds.

Fancy Dive—Won by Benjamin, Yale, 89 points; McHenry, Yale, second; Lawton, Brown, third.

220 Yard Swim—Won by Wagner, Yale; Hincks, Yale, second; Fleming, Brown, third. Time—2:47 4-5.

Plunge—Won by Ladd, Brown; Loeb, Yale, second; Welch, Brown, third. Distance—48 feet.

100 Yard Swim—Won by Mayer, Yale; Prendergast, Brown, second; Wagner, Yale, third. Time—59 4-5 seconds.

220 Yard Relay—Won by Yale (Archbald, Prettyman, Hincks and Mayer).

YACHT RACES CALLED OFF.

Craft Almost Sink When Ice Breaks on North Shrewsbury.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

RED BANK, N. J., Feb. 20.—Last night's rain and southwest wind cut away so much ice that the second championship ice yacht race scheduled for this afternoon and the carnival set for Washington's Birthday were called off, the racing season coming to an abrupt ending. The ice gave away so rapidly that the ice yachtsmen were forced to hustle some to get their boats to terra firma.

One runner of the champion Ingenue had broken through and the Tyro had partly sunk. It was with difficulty