

Dave Fultz Who Fought Players Battles for Many Years Likely to Be Chosen President of International To-day

INTERNATIONALS TO CONVENE TO-DAY

Only Minor League to Weather War Storm Will Draw Plans for Coming Season.

FULTZ FOR PRESIDENT

Club Owners Favor Former Head of Baseball Players' Fraternity.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

The New International League, the only minor to weather the war torn year of 1918, will make another effort to draw up plans for the 1919 season at a meeting to be held at the Imperial Hotel this afternoon.

It is probable that Dave Fultz will be elected president of the league today. Lieut. Fultz is ready to take the job and there is little doubt that he would handle the International League situation in a thorough, businesslike manner.

Charles Chapin, the Rochester club owner, threatened at the last meeting to withdraw from the league if Fultz were elected. However, International League men do not regard that seriously. The fact that Chapin recently acquired seven players from the Rochester club, shows that he has been reconciled to the former players' fraternity head as league president.

Lannin May Retire.

What was more significant than Chapin's threat at the last meeting was the statement made by Joe Lannin that if the big leagues do not lift the draft from the minors he will drop all his baseball interests. Lannin backed three clubs last season—Buffalo, Newark and Syracuse-Hamilton. On it against the best interests of a league to have the same man back so many clubs, but in the case of the International Lannin's money was all that enabled the league to weather the last two seasons. With the return of normal conditions it is hoped to get a home base for the Newark club. The Hamilton franchise will be disposed of to another club.

The fact that the big leagues have expressed a willingness to do something to help the minors and make their lot easier may induce Lannin to stick to his franchise. However, the chance of the major leagues consenting to exemption from the draft for class AA leagues, the major leagues believe, is a splendid opportunity and that it insures the graduation of players to the higher places in their profession.

Many men, among them Jack Dunn of Baltimore, and other club owners, are taking off they would stop selling players. However, would it be fair to hold a player in the International League if he had the ability to play big league baseball?

Want Draft Revoked.

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MINOR LEAGUES SEEK BASEBALL REFORMS

Draw Up Recommendations for National Commission.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—A. R. Tearney, president of the Three-I League, and chairman of a committee representing the minor leagues; President Hickey of the American Association, and Edward Hart of Sioux City, Iowa, acting president of the Western League, left here tonight for Cincinnati, where, tomorrow, they will urge several baseball reform proposals before the National League Commission.

HANDICAP AIDS MILOFSKY.

Enables Him to Win Long Island League Run.

L. Milofsky of the Kings County A. A. won the weekly four and a half mile handicap road race of the Long Island Athletic League over the streets of the Bushwick section in Brooklyn yesterday.

TRAVELERS LEADS HARRIERS.

Wins Opening Run of Mohawk A. C. by 25 Yards.

The Mohawk Athletic Club opened its cross-country season yesterday. It held a race over the club's regular four and a half mile course.

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GOWDY TO PLAY WITH BRAVES

Sends Word From France He'll Be Back in Spring.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. HORTON, Jan. 6.—Word has just been received from Hank Gowdy, now in France with the American Expeditionary Force, by the management of the Boston Braves to the effect that the great backstop will be back in time to participate in the spring training and wants to don the mask and chest protector for Stallings' men when the 1919 season opens.

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GOLF PROFESSIONAL FACES NEW SYSTEM

Many Clubs Likely to Pay Instructors on Straight Salary Basis.

BY JOHN G. ANDERSON.

The handwriting on the wall for the golf professional is that what we see in the new arrangement recently made by the Country Club, Brookline.

At Brookline, the professional is hired at a straight salary. All the fees secured from the giving of lessons, sales of clubs, balls, bags, repairs, cleaning and storing clubs, etc., go into the coffers of the club directly with a consequent lowering of the prices to the members. It is found that this can be done and no money loss is incurred by the club.

Let us delve into the matter a bit more deeply than we have on previous occasions. What has come to pass in Brookline was forecasted in these columns some years ago. The new arrangement has been slower of movement than we anticipated.

To begin let us consider the two viewpoints which prompted the start of the new arrangement. The club members, or those who represent them, may have felt that the position was worth \$4,000 a year and that sum had been acceptable to the professional. Some from his mind in a twinkling were the worries of accounts, the collection of bills, the losses of rainy days and the losses of the winter months, the days which are in the everyday experience of the average professional who is anxious to make a good living. In return the club is enabled to arrange prices, if there is a desire to do so, at a profit so that the members will pay only so much for their merchandise or work as will enable the committee in charge to pay a salary to the professional and the other member of the staff.

The larger the club the greater the income and the lesser the prices. Moreover, if there is need of the club making a profit, the professional can be made to be the usual with the members benefitting in the general way. The arrangement at first sight seems feasible and equitable.

What are the responses made by the professional who does not fancy the scheme?

Against Proposed Change.

From time immemorial, he says, it has been the custom of the professional golfer to have entire personal charge of the sale of clubs, balls, club cleaning, repairs, etc., and to receive lessons and a definite salary from the club in payment on the standard of skill and experience. To change this familiar professional privilege of long standing.

No, he insists, can give his best efforts in the matter of club selection, teaching or selling when he is doing this and at the same time being a member of the club. The independence of the professional would be much curtailed and he would feel that every one in the club had a right to respond to the offer of a committee on. Reduced prices for merchandise would tend in the future to reduce the salaries of the professional.

Criticism of the pro would be more rampant; changes would be more frequent. If the club made money there always would be in the mind of the club a desire to reduce the salaries of the professional.

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