

CHANGE IS NEEDED IN RULE COVERING POSTPONED GAMES

Extraordinary Conditions Demand That Double-Headers Should Be Played Off in First Series. Bargains Satisfy Public.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Something should be done by President Ban Johnson of the American League to relieve the surplus of double-headers which will be carded for Washington and all the other Eastern teams when they have finished their next Western tour and are once more in their own ballparks.

Because of the perfectly legal but unsportsmanlike tactics of some managers in juggling double-headers not only for their own benefit, but for the benefit or detriment of rival teams, the American League adopted a hard and fast rule regulating them. It has long been the law in that league that a postponed game could not be played off in the first series between two teams unless all the other teams give their consent. Year before last a rule was passed which automatically fixed the day of a second or third series on which the postponed games should be played.

Both these sections of the American League code were founded on wisdom and the best interests of baseball, but exceptional circumstances have now arisen which would well justify Johnson in suspending them for awhile. One game out of the four scheduled with Chicago was played when that team was here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Chicago is here again July 29, 30 and 31. That will necessitate a double-header on every one of the three days. Cleveland will follow on August 2, 3, and 5, and will have two double-headers. If they are played August 2 and 3 there will be five days in a row with two games per day.

Twelve games in seven days is entirely too much. It tends to cheapen the sport to an extent which is well understood by members and stockholders. With double-headers on five days the extra attractions themselves become stale, and what they are likely to do to the two remaining dates on which there will be one game is a sin and a shame. Fans who have become thoroughly accustomed to getting twice the value for once the money are prone to become satisfied with baseball, and even the chance to get something for nothing will pall on them after a short time.

Menace To Sport. All this is said without reference to the strain on the players and the unavoidable tendency to let down in the face of such a horrid grind, especially if the long summer of double-headers happens to be between teams not in the

running for the pennant, as will probably be the case when Chicago and Washington mingle again in the Capital. Any hint of letting up on the part of the players is always a serious blow to the sport, and should be avoided at any cost.

Wherefore, such being the facts, we would suggest to President Johnson that in view of the abnormally rainy spring which has interfered with the schedule, the rule should be suspended and future postponed games played off as soon as possible. The prospect for a game with Detroit today are extremely remote, and some steps should be taken to see that the double-header for there is one, be gotten out of the way this series, say next Monday. That will relieve the congestion in August, and also furnish a special card for what is generally counted a bad day from a box office standpoint. The same step would be advisable in the case of other postponements when St. Louis follows Detroit.

It may be contended that Detroit would have an unfair advantage in playing the double-header at this time with the woefully weak Washington brethren—but, cease the strife! A peep into the course in the goods, and that Washington is going to be much more formidable to the Tigers or Browns in August than it is now.

Ladies' day today. Game at 4:30 p. m.—maybe.

We have with us today Hughey Jennings and Ty Cobb, to say nothing of Sam Crawford and Matty McIntyre, Bush and Schaefer, and other notables from Detroit. This is a combination that pleases us much. Jennings is worth the price of admission as a manager and coacher. Cobb, in his batting and base-running, couples with Hal Chase in leading us, to our mind, the most interesting pair in the American League—men who are always doing the unexpected and furnishing concrete object-lessons of the highest development of modern baseball. To see either of these men in action is to take a sort of post-graduate course in the finer points of the game. Both may have swelled heads and both may not, but it is a cinch they are delivering the goods, and that is what counts. There be them who claim that Sam Crawford is a more valuable batter than Cobb because his cloths are stiffer and better calculated to send somebody else home. This point is well taken at times, for Cobb frequently fattens his average by getting to first by mere strategy or feetness of foot, without helping a team mate to any vast extent. It would be well to remember this argument of many critics in watching the work of Cobb and Crawford in the present series. Note their sticking, and draw your own conclusions.

WILL WASHINGTON STOP HIM?



GEORGE MULLIN, Detroit Pitcher Who Has Won Eleven Straight Games.

KETCHEL TELLS HIS PLANS FOR BEATING JACK JOHNSON

Will Fight Champion With Same Style Which Stopped Jack O'Brien.

PHILADELPHIA, June 11.—Stanley Ketchel, who stopped Jack O'Brien in the third round on Wednesday night, is the lion of the hour in local sporting circles.

Everyone seems agreed that Ketchel will be the next heavyweight champion some day, if nothing goes wrong with him, and that he has a fair chance of winning over Jack Johnson in California next October. Ketchel himself says that he feels sure that he will beat Johnson, and he does not think that it will be if he thought it would be wise for him to go after Johnson with the same reckless abandon he displayed in fighting O'Brien, Ketchel said.

"Yes, why not? Men are always slow with their punches and any punch that I can see coming will never do me any harm. I will go after Johnson the same as I did after O'Brien, only faster. Of course, I will fight the colored man somewhat differently than I did O'Brien, but the result will be the same. "I shall start West shortly," continued Ketchel, "since I have an engagement to box at Denver on Tuesday of next week. I do not know who the man is, but I understand it is to be something of an exhibition. From Denver I shall continue on to the Pacific coast, where I am to fight Billy Papke on July 5. After that I shall get myself

JEFFRIES AGREES TO MEET KETCHEL IF JOHNSON LOSES

MONTREAL, June 11.—Jim Jeffries, former world's heavyweight champion, who is appearing here in vaudeville, has announced that in event of Jack Johnson being beaten by Stanley Ketchel in their battle next October, he would not fight Johnson, but would take on Ketchel, should the Michigan Lion challenge him.

"I surely will not fight Johnson if Ketchel beats him in October," said the giant Californian. "If Ketchel wins and wishes to challenge me for the title I will take him on, but in the event of Ketchel whipping Johnson, the big Texan will be a 'dead coon' as far as I am concerned. "And I think Stanley will whip Johnson. I wouldn't be surprised to see Ketchel stop the negro in four or five rounds. Stanley is game, and that is more than I can say of Johnson. I am forced to admit that Johnson is a great man on the defensive, but I am satisfied that either Ketchel or I can batter down his defense. And once you sling a broadside into Mr. Johnson's midship, he will lower his flag. He hasn't the grit of a chipmunk."

In the best possible condition for Johnson.

Never Hurts Hands. Questioned about his hands, Ketchel said he had never hurt his hands seriously since taking up the fighting game. "I shall continue on to the Pacific coast, where I am to fight Billy Papke on July 5. After that I shall get myself

PLAN TO TRANSFER READING FRANCHISE

Current Rumor Says Tri-State Team Will Make a Shift.

READING, June 11.—Numerous rumors are afloat here regarding the Reading Tri-State ball team. The latest is that the Reading team is to be transferred to Atlantic City. It is said that the game last Sunday day between the local club and the Athletics was simply a try-out to ascertain whether or not Atlantic City would stand for Sunday ball and support a league team.

Says Temptations Will Not Alter His Present Clean Mode of Living.

had O'Brien buffaloed, and that he could not put up with his usual fight. There is nothing in that. He did the best he could and did pretty well for a time, too. At that he was lucky to stay as long as he did. The blows O'Brien landed on me did no harm whatever, and knowing that he could not hurt me, I paid no attention to them. Against a harder hitter I would take more precautions."

Sends Papers Home. Reminded that he was to win the championship of the world and hold the title for any length of time, must continue to live a clean life and turn his back on temptations, Ketchel said: "I shall continue my present mode of living. I have withstood as great temptations as it is possible for a man to be offered, and I do not fear that I shall fail."

Some of those who bet on the result of the fight so worded their bets as to call for a knockout, and some of these are hunting for excuses to keep from paying their bets. They declare that as O'Brien was not counted out he was not knocked out.

Referee McGuigan said yesterday that to all intents and purposes O'Brien was knocked out. He stopped the bout to prevent serious injury to O'Brien, and thinks Ketchel should be given credit for a knockout in his record.

MAY SELECT SITE. Members of the Columbia Golf Club will hold a meeting at the Raleigh Hotel next Wednesday evening for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee on sites for a new course, and take such action on the matter as seems advisable.

PLAN NEEDED ACTION AGAINST INELIGIBLES

Departmental League Stirred Up Over Alleged Infractions of Rules—Radical Changes Expected. Eligible Players Listed.

The trouble which has arisen in the Departmental League growing out of the action of several of the clubs in playing ineligible men, will come to a head at a meeting of the board of directors, which has been called for the early part of next week.

As stated in The Sunday Times some time ago, several of the teams have expressed dissatisfaction at the growing tendency of certain of the clubs to play new men, who are ineligible under the rules, when a close game is anticipated. As the weaker teams have been the principal offenders in the past, and the presence of the ineligible men has not changed the result, no formal protests have been made against the practice, but the recent action of the War Department in playing an ineligible player in a game against the Laborites, which resulted in the defeat of the latter, has been the cause of much hard feeling, and it is probable that a protest of the game will come up before the board at the meeting next week.

COMMITTEE TO ACT. In the meantime the executive committee has taken steps to eliminate the tendency to transgress the rules, and a list of eligible players, together with a warning that all games in which ineligible men are played will be decided against the offender, has been sent to the manager of every club in the league.

The board will also be called upon to determine the protest of certain of the clubs that several of the players who have been certified by the various departments are ineligible for certification. Under the rules of the league, all players certified must be bona fide employees of the department certifying them, or the permission of the board obtained to play outside men.

These protests have been taken up by the executive committee, and a list has been prepared of players who have been certified as bona fide employees, but who have had no connection with the department certifying them, and it is the intention of the committee to place this list before the board for action.

THE LIST. The list of players who have been certified by the various departments is as follows:

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INTERIOR—Carr, Julian, Beaulac.

AMATEUR LEAGUES. Games Today. Capital City League—No game scheduled.

Departmental League—Treasury vs. Agriculture and Navy vs. War. Maritime League—Bloomington vs. Congressionals. Sunday School League—Ninth vs. Peck. Independence League—Wallach vs. Agriculture. League—Parkview vs. Brightwood. R. R. Y. M. C. A. League—Union Station vs. Trainers. Bankers' League—Commercial vs. American National.

Barnhart, Sullivan, Bonner, Tanall, Fridy, Moore, Sutton, Larkin, Krause, Edwinn, Carroll, Purcell, Rohrman, Burke, McKee, Limberger, Lynch, Wilkins, Thrall, McDonald, Hampton, Hayden, Duganne, Brennan. NAVY—R. S. Doyle, H. E. Geiss, B. R. Green, C. W. Howard, T. S. Scrivener, A. M. Daniels, Charles Plozet, C. R. Peaslee, H. C. Buroker, John McMahon, R. F. Toulotte, F. J. Schuyler, Eric McGladman, A. Graef, W. J. Gammell, W. A. Hanna, Jr., P. J. Croghan, J. M. Torner, W. P. Borland, R. H. Waters, T. Walters, C. E. Craddock, Avery Hill, G. F. Fessenden, J. N. McDonald, T. E. Sullivan, W. W. LeMaitre. POSTOFFICE—Norman A. Kraft, John Bradley, Arnold P. Fenton, Virgil H. Michael, Roscoe C. Bangs, John P. Ryan, Collie Wahler, Lloyd F. Gritson, James Kerr, Harwood M. Bacon, L. H. Gott, Merrill Vaughn, Alfred C. Harvey, Charles J. Callahan, John E. Haas, Vincent P. Sannino. TREASURY—O'Neil, Miller, Hester, Gordon, Reichert, Seth Glavin, Smith, Evans, Gertman, Riolski, Leticia, Carthy, Torney, Asquith, Fulcher, Cohen, Melree, Boone, Heinrich, WAR—Rea, Shaw, Bazgett, Dampier, Collins, Meister, Corrigan, Mullin, Neus, Forester, Fenwick, Scholl, Watson, Daly, Gallagher, Heider, Donaldson, Long, Nichols.

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HEAVIES MAY MEET FOR FINISH SCRAP

Nevada Club Hangs Up \$25,000 for Johnson-Kaufman Fight.

BOSTON, June 11.—Jack Johnson and Al Kaufman will probably meet in a finish fight for the championship of the world at Goldfield, Nev., on Labor Day. Johnson has received an offer from the Goldfield promoters of \$25,000 for a bout with Kaufman, but the champion will hold out for \$30,000, and believes the Nevada club will post that amount.

With Johnson scheduled to appear in court on June 15 and his next fight charged, it is likely that the champion will remain in Boston for some time. He expected to leave next week, and after two days' stay at Atlantic City, planned to leave for the coast, but the court cases have upset his plans.

GLOOM IN CUB CAMP, JOE TINKER IS SICK

Chicago Shortstop Is Confined to Bed With Kidney Trouble.

CHICAGO, June 11.—There is gloom in the Cubs' camp today. Joe Tinker, shortstop, has been ordered by his physician to remain in bed for several days. Joe is suffering with kidney trouble, which is complicated with neuralgia.

YALE NINE PLAYS TIGERS TOMORROW

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 11.—With the largest bunch of Yale rooters ever taken to Princeton, the varsity baseball club will leave this evening for New Jersey.

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MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS AMERICAN LEAGUE. Yesterday's Results. Washington vs. Chicago—Rain. Philadelphia vs. Cleveland—Rain. Detroit, 2; New York, 1. Boston vs. St. Louis—Rain. Games Today. Chicago at New York. St. Louis at Philadelphia. Detroit at Washington. Cleveland at Boston. Standing of the Clubs. W. L. Pct. Detroit 23 15 .600. New York 22 17 .564. Philadelphia 23 18 .561. Boston 24 19 .558. Cleveland 19 22 .462. Chicago 17 22 .436. St. Louis 17 24 .415. Washington 12 27 .308.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Yesterday's Results. Pittsburg vs. Philadelphia—Rain. Chicago, 5; New York, 0. Cincinnati vs. Boston—Rain. Games Today. Philadelphia at Pittsburg. Boston at Cincinnati. New York at Chicago. Standing of the Clubs. W. L. Pct. Pittsburg 21 17 .556. Chicago 23 17 .577. Cincinnati 25 21 .547. New York 23 18 .563. Philadelphia 17 23 .426. St. Louis 19 26 .422. Brooklyn 17 25 .406. Boston 12 28 .300.

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