

Players' Fraternity Thought to Be Ready to Fight Clauses in 1917 Contracts

PLAYERS' FRAT HAS CROW TO PICK IN CONTRACT CLAUSE

Members Understood to Be Dissatisfied and Are Voting on Measures to Adopt.

SALARY CUTS EXPECTED

Bonuses Will Probably Be Offered for Batting Averages and Games Won.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 15.—Though no members of the Players' Fraternity identified with the Washington club will discuss it, trouble threatens the magnates in the major leagues when they come to sign up players whose contracts end this October. It is known that two clauses in the contracts as now offered the players are objectionable, but just what clauses they are will not leak out for a few days longer.

Fraternity members of all the clubs were meeting and voting on the matter, and it is hinted that the diamond performers will refuse in a body to sign any more contracts until their demands are satisfied. The Washington chapter of the fraternity held an executive meeting yesterday, but John Henry, official representative of the organization in Washington, would not talk about the question.

Manager Clark Griffith is busily engaged in securing signatures to 1917 contracts, but some of his players are holding out, giving him one reason or another. In the cases of the pitchers, aside from Johnson, he is offering bonuses for certain numbers of wins in the coming campaign. Johnson's contract has another year to run and, even if it expired this season, it is doubtful if any bonus would be offered him.

It is thought that in the cases of several players on the team cuts in salary will be enforced, with bonuses offered for certain batting averages. Manager Griffith is dissatisfied with the work of one or two in hitting way, and he may seek to encourage them by offering bonuses for increased efficiency. But these bonuses will hardly come without cuts in the salary figures of this season.

Claude Thomas, the newest twirler, got his big league baptism earlier than was expected. He reported Wednesday night and yesterday he was sent to the slab, pitching the last two innings against the White Sox. He is a tall, slender chap with a southerly accent.

Tonight the Griffmen leave for St. Louis, where they have three contests to play with Fielder Jones' men.

The big league drafts are being made today in Cincinnati. The Washington club has put in the names of but two players, one a pitcher and the other destined one day to be an outfielder. Even if the Griffmen fail to land either they will hardly be affected, as the Old Fox did not expect to use them in 1917. Both are youngsters and were to be farmed out for experience, but advanced in their profession.

Big League Biffers of a Day

Player	Team	AB.	H.	TR.	Ave.
Stengel	Dodgers	3	3	1,000	
Rice	Griffs	1	1	1,000	
Cooper	Phils.	1	1	1,000	
Gowdy	Braves	4	3	4	.750
Ness	White Sox	3	2	3	.667
Lewis	Red Sox	3	2	2	.667
Miller	Browns	3	2	2	.667
Wamby	Indians	3	2	2	.667
Stock	Phils.	5	3	3	.600

League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	20	15	.571
Detroit	20	15	.571
New York	17	18	.486
Pittsburgh	17	18	.486
Chicago	16	19	.457
Cleveland	11	24	.311
Washington	10	25	.286
St. Louis	9	26	.257
Philadelphia	8	27	.229

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	19	16	.543
Philadelphia	18	17	.514
Boston	17	18	.486
New York	16	19	.457
Pittsburgh	15	20	.429
Chicago	14	21	.400
St. Louis	13	22	.370
Cincinnati	12	23	.344

Where They Play. TODAY: Wash. at Phila., N. Y. at Detroit, Athletics at Cleve., Boston at St. L. TOMORROW: Wash. at Phila., N. Y. at Detroit, Athletics at Cleve., Boston at St. L.

Yesterday's Results. Chicago 7, Wash. 5; N. Y. 4, Detroit 1; Cleve. 3, Atl. 1.

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Yesterday's Results. St. L. 5, Brooklyn 2; Phila. 2, N. Y. 1; Cin. 1, Chicago 3; Pitts. 2, St. L. 1; Cleve. 1, Chicago 3.

Smith died, but Shanks singled. Judge filed to Jackson and then McBride singled smartly for Judge, sending Shanks and Shanks. Henry walked and Sam Rice, hitting for Ayers, singled to right, bringing over McBride. Leonard was called out on strikes.

McBride's single to right opened the ninth. He went up on Henry's death. Morgan failed as a pinch hitter for Thomas, fanning out. Leonard singled, sending McBride across.

Thomas allowed a single by John Collins to open the ninth, to come into a double play and Eddie Collins fanned, ending the attack of the White Sox.

NATIONALS. AB. H. O. A. E. CHICAGO. AB. H. O. A. E. Leonard 3b. 5 2 0 1 0; C. Collins 1b. 5 2 1 0 1; Foster 2b. 4 0 2 0 0; Weaver 3b. 5 3 0 0 0; Milan 4f. 4 2 4 0 0; E. Collins 2b. 3 1 1 4 0; Smith 4f. 4 1 2 0 0; Jackson 1f. 4 1 4 0 0; Shanks 1f. 4 1 2 0 0; Feisch 4f. 4 1 4 0 0; Judge 1b. 4 1 2 0 0; Ness 1b. 3 2 0 0 0; McBride 4f. 4 2 3 0 0; Terry 3b. 1 0 4 0 0; Henry 2b. 3 0 1 0 0; Lapp 2b. 2 1 0 0 0; Gallia 2b. 1 0 0 0 0; Jamison 3b. 0 0 0 0 0; Ayers 3b. 0 0 0 0 0; Rice 3b. 1 0 0 0 0; Morgan 1b. 1 0 0 0 0.

With clouds of dust swirling across the field he gave a furious swing and the Sox managed to set two runs in the fourth. The gale gave Ness a double to right as an opener. Terry sacrificed and Lapp singled over McBride's head, scoring Ness. John Collins then shoved one into right, the wind giving him three bases and scoring Lapp. Weaver rolled to Foster.

Doc Ayers was on the slab in the

MAGNATES GATHER TO DRAFT PLAYERS

Proceedings in Open Row That Federal League Is No Menace.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 15.—With nothing to fear from the bold, bad Federal League, major league baseball magnates gathered today at the Hotel Binton for the annual draft of minor league players.

Last year, because the Feds were snooping around to get a line on new material, the drafting was done in secret and the names of the prizes kept dark until they could be affixed to contracts.

Under the rules major league clubs wishing to draft players had to submit names of players along with the draft price to Bruce by 10 o'clock this morning.

ALLIE NACK MAKES FINE RING RECORD

Eighteen-Year-Old Youngster Turns Pro and Wants Action.

One of the scrappers in the East who is making great strides toward landing the lightweight championship is a youngster named Allie Nack. Nack is a New York boy who left the amateur ranks a year ago last September.

Baltimore Star Helps Princeton to Victory

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15.—The annual intercollegiate golf championship opening the links of the Oakmont Country Club yesterday. In the opening round the Yale team defeated Pennsylvania.

MINCE PIE

"LITTLE OF EVERYTHING," By "BUGS" BAER.



"Passing of Herman Schaefer indicates that baseball magnates are going to allow E. F. Keith to have the field to himself."

A hog has the right idea. He roots for himself.

They say the last big national regatta broke up in a row.

Conference between Ban Johnson and Connie Mack relative to enlarging the American League to eight clubs.

Speaking of juveniles, it's been many a moon since Pop Geers rode on half fare.

Although a co-ed institution, it looks as if Chicago University football will be run on the Stagg system.

Ump Klem attracted the ire of Boston fans by midly suggesting that he didn't think the Pilgrims had tagged Plymouth Rock.

The oldtimers who claim there is no change in baseball never saw all the quarters and dimes in Ben Shibe's ticket office.

A bout between Welsh and Dundee would be a good match if they set it to music.

Only the fact that they don't wear 'em in the ring prevents Joe Jeanette from dining off his opponents' coat-tails.

Cincinnati won't be lonely long. The baseball season will soon be over in the rest of the league.

Battling Pete, the newest Foggy Bottom heavyweight, is looking for a manager who can take some punishment.

Impossible to fish whether Al McCoy is better than all the other middles or whether all other middles are worse than Al McCoy.

St. Looey seems to have recovered from that epidemic of baseball.

That good old Turk All Bi will wait on his winter underwear and spend the season with us.

Outside of a lot of perfectly good chewing gum being swallowed in the excitement, that eventful game by the Giants was about as useful as a pair of dumbbells to a drowning man.

Interesting Baseball Facts. Very few outfielders are ever spiked by the baserunner.

Some of Nap Rucker's slow balls are so slow that they never reach a catcher.

A team of fans can count on any number. There is no limit on a team of spectators. In Philadelphia a team of rosters consists of about 25 while in New York 25,000 have been on a team.

An argument between a catcher and an umpire is absolutely sanitary as both of them wear masks.

A \$100,000 infield with a peeter two-bit piece outfield is like putting gold wheels on a flivver.

Leading the National League is just about as permanent a job as climbing a steeple with roller skates on.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES. Kinkam—Never blame a victory on the umpire.

Spot—Can't tell whether a college football player reports for the team or for the training table.

Jibbe—Can't tell whether there will be a football game between Harvard and Yale, but they will meet on the gridiron. (Copyright, 1916, by the Press Publishing Co.)

International League Will Wind Up Season

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Much more successful from a financial standpoint than in the two previous years, the International League will close its 1916 season Sunday with games at Providence and Montreal. Newark, the last place club, will close at Providence, and Rochester, seventh, will be at Montreal.

Woodward Gets In

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 15.—Donald Woodward, Columbia C. C. of Washington, will play in the first sixteen today in the seventh annual cup competition at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. St. Martin's, Woodward, with Bl, was tied for fourth.

How Big League Clubs Won Diamond Battles

American League. At Detroit: 010 000 210-1 1 0; Detroit: 000 000 101-2 3 0.

National League. At New York: Cincinnati 000 000 010-1 7 3; Giants 100 100 102-3 8 0.

Harvard Has Chance To Land Tennis Titles

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—Two wearers of the crimson, G. Colket Caner, of Philadelphia, and J. S. Pfaffman, will meet today in the final round of the singles section of the annual intercollegiate tennis championship at the Merion Cricket Club. Haverford and thus Harvard is absolutely certain to retain the crown won by Richard Norris Williams, 2d, last year.

Wins Pennant

NEW LONDON, Sept. 15.—By defeating Worcester at Worcester yesterday, New London clinched the pennant in the Eastern League race, the double, in the semi-final round of the doubles, the latter with Richard Harte, another Philadelphiaan, and the former with W. H. Whitehouse. Today Caner and Harte will play Warren and McCormick, Southern California, while Pfaffman and Whitehouse will tackle Riker and Knox, Princeton.

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