

Griffith Would Wipe Out Sales And Trades of Diamond Players

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Gaffney To Take Back Braves And Name Gowdy Manager

CLARK GRIFFITH WOULD ABOLISH ALL TRADING AND SALES OF PLAYERS

Clark C. Griffith, manager of the Washington club, in which he is a heavy stockholder, offers today an agreement under which he thinks the majors and the minors would receive justice and equity, both for players and owners.

By CLARK C. GRIFFITH.

Three years ago I presented a resolution to the American League requesting it never again to buy, trade or sell a ball player. After discussion, the resolution was denied on the grounds that it was not the proper time to adopt such a measure...

Organized baseball, both major and minor, can be governed by three rules, which will give justice and equity to player and club owner alike.

- 1-The reserve rule. 2-The draft rule. 3-The waiver rule. The reserve rule will protect clubs' property rights and investments. The draft rule will insure the advancement of the player in his profession.

The waiver rule protects the club owner and, at the same time, the rights of the player.

Rules that shall govern the application of the three above-mentioned rules are to be as follows, viz:

- 1-No club shall be permitted to buy or sell a player, except by the waiver rule. 2-Waivers cannot be recalled. 3-All clubs to work under a close player limit. 4-All minor league players shall go to the draft. 5-No club shall be allowed to trade a player. 6-The number of players to be drafted in class AA and A shall be greater than the number the rules now provide for. 7-The waiver price of clubs in the same classification shall be the same amount. 8-The waiver price on a player classed as a "drafted" player shall be the same as the amount for which he was drafted. 9-The waiver price on all other players shall be the regular waiver price of the league requesting the waiver.

What Griff Would Do to Game

Clark Griffith, a baseball veteran, would do away with all buying, trading or selling of baseball players. He would retain the draft, reserve and waiver rules, making the latter unrecalable.

Griffith would have "all baseball run by one supreme head."

The minor leagues than in the majors. The minors would get the draft price for a player and get him back or some one else in his stead, for nothing.

The minor leagues' backs have been broken by carrying major league-owned players and being unable to get players when they wanted them.

The major leagues, and, in fact, all leagues, should be compelled to cut their rosters to the players limits by the commencement of their seasons. This would allow all clubs in lower classifications to have a chance to get the players they need.

Baseball should be put on a "sport" basis, by minor and major leagues alike. The way to do this is to quit trying to live on selling players, but by the gate patronage. If a club can't live that way, there is no other.

The 1917 National Association record shows that the National Association paid the majors \$110,000 for optional agreements and outright sales of players.

The minors, under the new system, would save this \$110,000, besides having all the money paid them for draft. Records show that each club would have to depend upon drafting and developing its players instead of buying them already made.

Minors Benefit Most. The benefits accruing from the above rules would be much greater in

Stupid—He's Gotta Head Like a Tack



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By TAD

GOUDY TO BE BRAVES' BOSS

Training Scheme In Air

Training trips are beginning to occupy the minds of the magnates. The Detroit Tigers are to have thirty men go south next spring, according to President Navin. The New York Giants have decided to leave Marlboro, Tex., and team up with the Boston Red Sox either at Hot Springs, Ark., or in California.

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—President James E. Gaffney and Manager Hank Gowdy, that's the program for the National League in this city, and it is one that will very likely raise the roof at Braves' Field, for Gaffney is popular everywhere in New England and the smallest kid in Roxbury knows Hank Gowdy, the great slugger of the world's series with the much-touted Philadelphia Athletics of 1914, and the first major league ball player to enlist under the Stars and Stripes for service overseas.

All Boston is pleased that Jim Gaffney has decided to take over the Braves. When he sold his holdings in the world's champions of 1914, it was because of ill-health. The syndicate, headed by Percy Haughton, never was popular with Hub rosters. Haughton had made a great reputation as a football coach for the Harvard eleven, but he failed to make one as a big league magnate.

Being led to believe that the profits in major league baseball were huge, the syndicate of bankers couldn't stand the fact when the Braves fell from their lofty perch in 1914. Being showed business men, they stood willing to pass up a proposition which means nothing but paying out, as it has meant for them during the past two years. If Gaffney takes back the Braves, as he now intends, the Boston players will shed no tears. Indeed, they'll probably hold a jolly little celebration at the Union Club of the Algonquin.

After winning the title in 1914, Gaffney built Braves' Field, the largest and finest baseball park in the world. It is said to have cost him close to \$200,000. The bankers' syndicate never made any money as baseball magnates. Last summer they quit cold on spending another cent on their holdings, and only a few weeks ago Gaffney had to hurry home to get his money and save his interests in Braves' Field.

Recently there has been talk of James M. Curley, former mayor of Boston, with a syndicate of business men behind him, purchasing the club from the Haughton crowd. Apparently, Gaffney, who is a millionaire, New York contractor, intends to bid in for the property himself and once more return to the National League as a progressive magnate. No nothing more is heard of the Curley syndicate.

Beat of all, from a Boston viewpoint, George Stallings will give way to Hank Gowdy. It is the wish of the fans. Even when winning, Stallings never was popular here after such leaders as Frank Selig, Jimmy Collins and Bill Carrigan. Gaffney has no use for Stallings, who hasn't a ghost of a chance to hold his job when Gaffney comes back to the Braves.

Percy Haughton, while a great figure in college football, knew little about baseball. He was led to pay for a fabulous salary. In turn, Stallings paid big money for players of small use to the club and made trades that positively hurt. Stallings' failure to come to terms with Dick Rudolph, a popular pitcher with the fans, added to the troubles last year. To make matters worse, the Braves were charged with rowdiness on a number of occasions last summer, and before Labor Day was in sight the attendance had dropped to next to nothing.

But all that's gone now. Jim Gaffney is coming back and he will set the fans crazy with delight when he makes his official announcement that his manager is Hank Gowdy, slugger and soldier and all-around good guy. Dave Astey, the New York bantam, gained a lot of publicity last summer about his proposed trip to England, for a battle with Jimmy White, the British flyweight titleholder. Ed-Edwards remained on this side of the pond. Now he is more likely to go overseas for any meeting with White.

Joe Burman, the doxy little Chicago bantam, went up against Astey at the National A. C. Philadelphia, on Thanksgiving, and dropped him for the count in the first round with a right cross to the jaw. Now Burman is being touted for the contest with White, as Astey has stopped thinking about it.

THEY FAVOR LOADMAN. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—The fans favor Dick Loadman, of Lockport, N. Y., to win from Artie Root of Cleveland, at the Olympia tomorrow night. GLAPP WINS TITLE. PINHURST, N. C., Dec. 1.—John H. Clapp, of Chevy Chase, won the President's trophy in the annual tournament here by defeating Applington Allen, of Baltimore, by 3 and 1.

LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

Clark Griffith makes public today his long-cherished scheme for the rehabilitation of baseball, which is his life's work and, therefore, very close to his heart. Having known Mr. Griffith rather intimately since his coming to Washington early in 1912, I can say honestly that his plan appeals to him more than his sportmanship angle than from that of the business office. He would play a league game in the rain with an audience of four scribes, if he thought he could win, rather than shut the gates and have a doubleheader when the sun appeared the next day.

But Clark Griffith's suggestion is not likely to be accepted. In the first place, it strikes directly at those weather clubs which have always managed in one way or the other to throw upon the efforts of their weaker brethren to advance in playing strength.

The richest ball club in baseball is the New York club of the National League. Its profits have been huge, so much so that John J. McGraw, the manager, is said to have a salary of \$30,000 yearly. And, if winning pennants and making barrels of money is any indication, McGraw is worth every cent the New York club pays him.

But the Giants, to make money, must be winners. New York is the most fertile town in the country. Washington supported right royally losing ball teams for years, but New York forgets a loser over night. And McGraw has provided New York with pennants and all that goes with them.

How He Built Giants. Clark Griffith would end all selling, trading, and buying of ball players, hoping to make managers develop star athletes and to scatter the champion clubs, as they are used to be scattered, even as they used to be scattered in the earlier days of professional baseball. McGraw built pennant-winning clubs of purchased men or those obtained in trades.

McGray, at the head of the richest ball club in the game, bought "Slim" Saltee from the Cardinals, Rube Benton from the Cardinals, and Fred Toney from the Reds, Gibson, Wilhoit and Steele from the Pirates, and Benny Kanf, Bill Harden, and Anderson from the Federal League.

McGray obtained Helme Zimmerman in a trade with the Chicago Cubs, Larry Doyle and Jess Barnes in a trade with the Boston Braves, "Doc" Adams in a trade with the St. Louis Cardinals, and McCarthy in a trade with the Brooklyn Dodgers. With the possible exception of Benton, every club in the league has had a player in the hands of McGraw.

Same In Our League. It is much the same in our league. Few fans believe that that Harry Frazee purchased his 1918 pennant. He was left with hardly a regular when winter came, the bunch consisting in the navy. So he went out and gave Connie Mack a fat wad of money and bought the 1918 pennant. And it is, too, Boston won another world's championship.

Few think Charlie Comiskey would have won the 1917 pennant had he not given \$50,000 for Eddie Collins, besides assuming a five-year contract for a total of \$75,000. If Clark Griffith's suggested plan of the world's championship, one equalization among major league clubs, thus taking away the present decided advantages held by the richer clubs of New York, Boston, and Chicago, it would appear to an outsider that all the little fellows would support it.

Connie Would Check. For one, Connie Mack would chuckle at the adoption of such a scheme as that offered by Clark Griffith. If pennants were to go to managers who could find and develop great players, Shibe Park once more would be the scene of the annual chase for the world's championship. Connie has been down the line and found able to deliver the goods, no matter how great the handicap.

For another thing, some men managing as managers would be unmarked. After reasonable trials as managers, they would be found to be only leaders, some of them not even that. Managing young players, teaching them how to improve, watching for weaknesses in opponents and tending to the thousands and one shifts and changes of even one championship ball game do not require outlandish yells from the coaching

Penny Ante A Man Misreads His Hand. By Jean Knott



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PITTSBURGH LOSES TO SAILOR ELEVEN

CLEVELAND, Dec. 1.—Pittsburgh, mighty conqueror of Georgia Tech, has fallen at last. In losing to the Cleveland Naval Reserves, 10 to 9, was defeated for the first time in four years.

Ducto, former Alabama Poly full-back; Stinchcomb, who will return to Ohio State after he is mustered out, and Harlan, who helped make Georgia Tech famous by carrying the ball in Cleveland Naval Reserves' 10-0-0 defeat over Pitt.

It was Ducto's toe that booted a 40-yard field goal in the second quarter, and it was Harlan's arm that hurled a 50-yard forward pass in the fourth quarter from which Stinchcomb oozed through four Pitt buckles for the ten yards that took him across the goal line and tied the score. And it was Ducto's toe again that kicked the goal after that touchdown and gave Cleveland the point that won the game.

Harlan shared with Ducto the line plunging honors, and he also intercepted a Pitt forward pass and raced forty yards in midfield in the second quarter, paving the way for the world's championship. Pitt in position for Ducto's field goal.

Pitt made a field goal early in the fourth period after stopping Navy on Pitt's own 8-yard line. Taylor made a series of big gains through Navy's line, but Navy braced on its own 8-yard line, Ducto's kicking dropped back and booted the ball over the bar.

SYRACUSE IS TRIUMPHANT OVER RUTGERS 21 TO 0

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Sweeping away the menace of the "scarlet scourge," Syracuse football eleven smothered Rutgers at the Polo Grounds here by a score of 21 to 0.

The up-State eleven won the contest with a brace of touchdowns in the first quarter, and during the remainder of the contest played largely a defensive game, though they managed to put over a touchdown in the third quarter which set aside all danger of Rutgers turning defeat into victory with a belated rally.

Alexander, left guard of the Syracuse eleven, put heart into his team in the first period when he blocked Ketchel or Billy Pakke. Burke made a quarterback kick and scored seven yards for a touchdown. Usher of Syracuse duplicated Alexander's feat at blocking a kick and recovering the ball later in the first period. He squirmed through a broken field for thirty yards and crossed the goal line. Again Ketchel's blocked punt the ball between the bars for the extra point.

In the third quarter Rutgers made a desperate attempt to turn the tide. Kelly, darling end and for a thirty-yard run and French hitting the line for two gains of ten yards. But Rutgers lost the ball at this stage and the battle shifted back and fourth across the mid-field until Syracuse maneuvered the ball to Rutgers' thirty-yard line when Usher, right tackle, slipped through the "scarlet defense for a touchdown and, Ackley planted another goal from touchdown.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 1.—John Smith, boxing commissioner, has barred Clay Turner and Harley Madson, heavyweight, from all New Jersey rings for six months, following their fake bout the other night. The referee fired them out of the ring, and Commissioner Smith has now backed up the referee.

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Mechler and Scheurman called the bluff of Tobolt and Campbell in bowling circles and on a "grouch" match. The winners won in the third match. Three matches were run off, one on October 27, another on November 24, and another Thanksgiving Day. The engagement caused considerable excitement among bowling men here.

The Supreme Court of the State of Washington put a ban on bookmaking, which worried the racing gentry considerably. The selling of auction pools or the maintenance of a resort for bookmaking was prohibited.

Sallor Burke got real chummy and wanted to meet champion Ketchel or Billy Pakke. Burke gained fame by fighting Joe Thomas to a finish. Thomas had previously fought three times with Ketchel.

Freddy Stuyck made a mile from a standing start on a motor cycle in 1.01 at Los Angeles. He rode five miles in 4.38. In an hour race he covered twenty-five miles in twenty-four minutes.

John Considine cabled the London Sporting Life he would hang up a purse of \$10,000 for a match between Frank Gotch, America's wrestling champion, and Yusuf Mahmoud, the Turk, who defeated Tom Jenkins.

GAGNON'S FIELD GOALS GIVE BROWN A VICTORY

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 1.—By a 6 to 3 victory over Harvard here Brown clinched what was regarded in college circles as the New England inter-collegiate football championship. It was strictly a service game, all players being members of the students' army training corps.

All scoring was done by the air route. Right Halfback Gagnon of Brown put a neat field goal over the Harvard cross bars in the second period. He booted the ball from Harvard's twenty-yard line. At the opening of the next service game, Hunneman, the Crimson fullback, standing on Brown's twenty-five-yard line, tied the score by a drop kick.

In the final period Brown's back started down the field with a push but near the Harvard goal line the Crimson held. Gagnon again went back to the Harvard twenty-yard-line and kicked a field goal that gave the victors the game and the collegiate championship.

THE ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP basketball starts Tuesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Technical plays Eastern and Western meets Business in a double-header. The teams, five in number, including Central, will play double-headers every Tuesday until mid-February.

Basketball will start up at Gallaudet shortly. The Kendall Greeners will have practically the same team as that which defeated Catholic University last year, and caused an upset in the District Intercollegiate League.

STARTS UP BASKETBALL

High school teams here with two exceptions, will elect no football captains for next season. Central and Western will probably hold elections this week.

STATE TO DEMOBILIZE. Maryland State College will start demobilizing its S. A. T. C. men this week, and in consequence will make no attempt to carry on football. The proposed football game with Georgetown is apparently out of the question.

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TORONTO AGAIN BOBS UP FOR GRIFFS' FRANCHISE

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The sale of several major league franchises which may eventually bring about changes in the territorial make-up of the two big leagues, as well as the International League and the American Association were discussed in baseball circles with interest here today.

While the chances suggested are based on hearsay, it is believed possible that the St. Louis Cardinals and the Washington Americans may change hands and that the clubs and franchises may be moved to other cities.

Kansas City capital is said to be after the St. Louis League franchise. The Cardinals are reported to be in a bad way financially, and with Owner Phil Ball, of the Browns, apparently established in the Mount City, the baseball wage will not be surprised about the National League franchise be sold and transferred.

Differences between Manager Clark Griffith and President Minor and other owners of the Washington club, rumored of late, and the fact that Washington has not given the American League team support for several seasons, has brought about rumors that the Senators may be sold and the franchise and club transferred.

The American League, it is said, is casting covetous eyes toward Toronto, and the Canadian city is suggested as a likely spot for planting the Washington club should Ben Johnson's league decide to abandon the National Circuit.

Both changes in major league franchises as have been suggested here would necessitate territorial changes in both the International League and the American Association.

NAVAL GUNNERS TO MEET CAMP HUMPHREYS ELEVEN

Naval Gun Factory players, after defeating the Marines on Thanksgiving Day, will meet again today in a battle with the crack Humphreys team at American League Park. The game will be staged at American League Park at 2:30 p. m.

Humphreys will have Earnecio, Penn State tackle and all-American choice; Tibbott, Camp's 1906 all-American selection; Prizell, another Princeton star, and several former Western college players.

The Naval Gunners have ridden roughshod over all the service teams this season. Coach Turner declares his charges ready for today's game.

MICHIGAN WINS, 14 TO 0

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 1.—Michigan clinched its claim to the Western Conference championship by defeating Ohio State, 14 to 0. For three quarters nothing happened, but in the final quarter the Wolverines forged ahead. Sticketee's punting duel with Tife, of Ohio State, featured the contest.

WILL RESUME ATHLETICS. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 1.—With the disbanding of the S. A. T. C. West Virginia University is planning to resume its ambitious athletic program of the past years. Basketball will be featured this winter, and there will be a baseball team next spring.

BRIDIRON SCORES.

- Cleveland Naval Reserves, 10; Pittsburgh, 9. Syracuse, 21; Rutgers, 0. Great Lakes, 27; Pure, 6. Michigan, 14; Ohio State, 0. Brown, 6; Harvard, 3. Minnesota, 7; Chicago, 0. Pelham Bay, 6; Granite, 0. League Island Navy, rd. 27; Charleston Naval Reserve, 7. Camp Dodge, 9; Iowa, 0.