

Military Drills for American Leaguers

Johnson Circuit Is Pledged to Preparedness Scheme

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A policy looking toward military preparedness on the part of its players was adopted by the American League at its annual meeting held at the Wolcott Hotel yesterday afternoon. The Johnson circuit subscribed unanimously to a scheme adopted and prepared by Captain T. L. Huston, of the Yankees, which will be found in full elsewhere in these columns.

The club presidents and managers of the junior major league pledged themselves to stimulate interest in military preparedness among the American League players, even to the point of providing cash incentive, if necessary. Competent drill masters will be taken to each of the eight training camps. An hour each morning will be devoted to military drill and exercise. Lectures will be held each night, or so often as deemed advisable.

It is the purpose of Captain Huston and his associates to continue this campaign of preparedness throughout the year. If the players respond with that ready alacrity promised by all the athletes who attended the meeting there is no doubt the drills will continue throughout the summer and that a gigantic training camp, laid after the lines of that at Plattsburg, will be attempted next fall somewhere in the South immediately after the close of the world series.

National League Cooperates

The National League has pledged cooperation in the movement. It is expected the International League will follow suit at its meeting in Newark to-day. The military camp next fall, it is hoped, will be supported by all organized baseball, minor as well as major leagues. The scheme in detail is best described in the Huston resolution.

These military matters occupied chief attention at yesterday's conference of the American League club owners. For some reason, which no one could explain, the proposed meeting of the joint committee failed to materialize. The American Leaguers discussed rule changes informally, but offered no tangible suggestions of amendment.

President Ban Johnston was appointed a committee of one to draw resolutions of regret upon the death of Tim Murnane, of Boston, dean of the baseball writers and a former player of the first magnitude. The American League itself elected a committee to erect a monument to the memory of this venerable friend. Detail of arrangement was placed in the hands of Mr. Johnston.

The schedule for 1917, approved and adopted, will also be found elsewhere on this page.

National Commission Meets

A special meeting of the National Commission was held at the Waldorf Astoria yesterday morning. The chief business before the Triumvirate was the petition of the National Association (or that element represented by the Class AA and Class A leagues) to have certain changes effected in the drafting rules.

It was hoped by the big minors that the Class AA leagues might even be relieved of draft, at least, that a rule would be passed excluding its minor league talent from draft until it had been two years with a league. This would be the Big Three denied.

The commission was asked to go back to the old system of draft that obtained several years ago. Hereafter clubs making draft will be obliged to name players instead of cities only. Of late, it has been customary for the big fellows to claim the right of selection from the individual cities instead of naming definite talent.

Hereafter as formerly the major league clubs will name the players they wish to secure. The drawings will be decided by lot. It was agreed to give the big minor league clubs the privilege of option as to whether players drafted should immediately report to major clubs or to the minor leagues at the minor seasons. The minor leagues also were given the right of refusing major league players on optional agreements, but optional agreement practices, for the big fellows, the American League ratified the commission actions in full.

Repeals Players' Fraternity

The American League formally repealed the Baseball Players' Fraternity with the following resolution which carried unanimously:

"Whereas, the Players' Fraternity have repeatedly violated the letter and spirit of an agreement entered into with them on January 6, 1916, therefore

"Resolved, by the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs that all relations with said fraternity be and the same are hereby terminated.

The action was almost identical with a similar stand of the National League two days previously.

The case of Cather John Henry, of the Washington club, was not discussed in conference, Johnson and his colleagues declared.

"That case involves the Washington club and the Washington club only," declared Ban Johnston.

"We have given Messrs. Minor and Griffith assurance that whatever action that club may feel called upon to make in the interests of discipline will meet with our hearty cooperation."

From the most reliable sources it is learned that Henry will be tendered a contract calling for a cut of \$1,200 a year. He is supposed to have drawn \$4,200 in 1916. Henry was at the meeting yesterday. Through friends he attempted to arrange a conference with Griffith. The two had not met at a late hour last night.

Players Making Peace

The strike fizzle seems to be bearing fruit for the club owners. A number of prominent stars made their peace with the "octopus" yesterday. Bob Shawkey, the star pitcher of the Yankees, came over early in an attempt to reconcile with Manager Bill Donovan.

Shawkey will leave for Macon, Ga., with his wife this afternoon. He intends to get a week's start on the pitchers. Shawkey has won several well and hopes to outdo last year's brilliant achievements.

"There never was any serious difficulty between the club and myself," said the Yankee star. "The Fraternity had nothing whatever to do with my failure to sign before this. The New York club always has treated me most handsomely. I appreciate the treatment and am going home early in an attempt to reconcile to the utmost of my ability."

Huston's Military Plans for Players Adopted by League

Whereas, a lack of military preparedness now confronts our nation, the American League feels it appropriate that baseball should do its part in a movement looking toward the country's protection and to demonstrate the fact that our national game is a genuine national institution:

Whereas, to set an example by which the youth of our land may be impressed with the need of physical preparedness and of military training:

Whereas, these major league players are looked upon as heroes by the boys and young men of America, and their appearance upon a field trained in military tactics, we believe, would arouse in the hearts of our boys an ambition to emulate their example in doing something for the country:

Therefore it is suggested:

First—That the ballplayers of the American League be given an opportunity to become civilian soldiers.

Second—That in each spring training camp one hour be devoted to military instructions and that the travel from hotel to ground be executed in military formations.

Third—That military drill be continued during the season at morning practice.

Fourth—That a military training camp of the Plattsburg type be established immediately following the world series.

Fifth—That Mr. Johnston be empowered to consult with Major General Leonard Wood concerning the detailed working out of this project.

citizen and star pitcher of the Braves, has made his peace with Percy D. Haughton, the American League's executive. The two players, who have been at odds since the signing of a two-year contract, with the ten days' clause eliminated, at \$7,500 a year.

The National League blocked all possibility of Dick realizing such an ambition when it voted that no changes in contract phraseology would be tolerated and that hereafter contracts of more than one year's duration would be prohibited.

Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Browns, who came here with the avowed intention of separating Mausel from the Yankees, declares it would be suicidal for the Mount City to part with Sisler.

Won't Part with Sisler

"Sisler," said Jones, "is the only player I know of who has no weakness. He can play any position. He is the greatest southpaw in the game. He is a fast runner, a good hitter, a right-handed batsman as much as Matty's. He is a southpaw who gets better results against right-handers than against left-handers. You know what that means."

"I believed," concluded Jones, "that I might be able to arrange some deal that would benefit not only my club, but the game as well. If the other fellows cannot see things from my standpoint it is our mutual misfortune. As to parting with Sisler, that is a joke. He will remain with me so long as he is serviceable."

DATE CONFLICT FOR OPEN GOLF TOURNEY

The dates for the national open championship were announced yesterday by the United States Golf Association. July 11, 12 and 13 were chosen, but evidently there must be some mistake made as July 12 and 13 were set aside for the playing of the metropolitan open and announced as official about three weeks ago. As it is unreasonable to expect the pros to be at both places at the same time one or the other must change their plans.

The open championship will be played this year along different lines. Heretofore there has always been two days to get the field over the 36-hole route in one day. According to the new plans suggested to the pros by the United States Golf Association, the first two days will be played on the first two days. After this for the final day's play all but the sixty-four low scorers will be dropped. The first two days' play will count on the 72-hole round.

Boston Boxers Beaten

Local amateur boxers defeated their Boston rivals by winning all the bouts in the intercity series at the Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn, last night.

Eddie Ford, of the Trinit, was the only Hub boxer to reach the final round.

New Orleans Entries

First race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Second race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Third race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Fourth race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Fifth race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Sixth race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Seventh race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Eighth race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Ninth race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Tenth race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Eleventh race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

Twelfth race (10 furlongs) will be contested by the following: Tanager, 112; Shale, 110; Dredge, 108; and others.

They Can't Put You in Jail for That



Official American League Schedule, 1917

	AT CHICAGO	AT ST. LOUIS	AT DETROIT	AT CLEVELAND	AT WASHINGTON	AT PHILADELPHIA	AT NEW YORK	AT BOSTON
CHICAGO	Eight	Apr. 11, 12, 13, 14 May 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Sept. 4, 5	May 15, 16, 17, 18 July 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Sept. 14, 15	May 2, 3, 4 June 30, 31, July 1, 2 Aug. 12, 13, 14, 15	June 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 25, 26, 27	June 1, 2, 4, 5 Aug. 5, 6, 7, 8 Sept. 18, 19, 20	June 11, 12, 13, 14 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1	June 15, 16, 18, 19 Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1 Sept. 21, 22, 24
ST. LOUIS	Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22 May 29, 30 Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 16	Weeks	Apr. 24, 25, 26, 27 June 27, 28, 29, 30 Aug. 12, 13, 14	Apr. 23, 25, 26, 30, May 1 June 27, 28, 29 Sept. 2, 3	June 1, 2, 4, 5 Aug. 2, 4, 6, 7 Sept. 18, 19, 20	June 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 25, 26, 27	June 15, 16, 18, 19 July 30, Aug. 1, Sept. 1, 2 Sept. 21, 22, 24	July 11, 12, 13, 14 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1
DETROIT	Apr. 23, 26, 28, May 1 May 23, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 2, 3	May 2, 3, 4 June 23, 26, July 1, 2 Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9	More	Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22 May 29, 30 Aug. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 1	June 15, 16, 18, 19 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 21, 22, 24	June 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1	May 31, June 1, 2, 4, 5 Aug. 4, 5, 7, 8 Sept. 23, 26	June 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 18, 19, 20
CLEVELAND	Apr. 24, 25, 26, 27 May 30, 31, 27, 28, 29 Sept. 8, 9	Apr. 15, 16, 17, 18 May 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Sept. 14, 15	Apr. 11, 12, 13, 14 May 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Sept. 11, 12, 16	to	June 11, 12, 13, 14 July 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1	June 15, 16, 18 July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 Sept. 21, 22, 24, 25	June 6, 7, 8, 9 Aug. 8, 9, 10, 11 Sept. 18, 19, 20	May 31, June 1, 2 Aug. 5, 6, 7, 8 Sept. 25, 26
WASHINGTON	Apr. 24, 25, 26, 27 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 23, 25	May 18, 19, 20, 21 July 19, 20, 21, 22 Aug. 20, 21, 22	May 14, 15, 16, 17 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 17, 18, 19	May 16, 11, 12, 13 July 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 26, 27, 28	the	Apr. 11, 12, 13, 14 June 28, 29, 30, July 2 Sept. 3, 5, 6	Apr. 16, 17, 18, 19 July 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1	Apr. 25, 26, 27, 28 July 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 Oct. 2, 3, 4
PHILADELPHIA	May 14, 15, 16, 17 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 17, 18, 19	May 10, 11, 12, 13 Aug. 12, 13, 14 Aug. 25, 27, 28	May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 23, 25	May 18, 19, 20, 21 June 30, 31, July 1, 2 Aug. 29, 31, 22	Old	Apr. 20, 21, 23, 24 June 30, 31, July 1, 2 Sept. 13, 14, 15, 17	Apr. 25, 26, 27, 28 July 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 Oct. 2, 3, 4	Apr. 29, May 1, 2 July 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 3
NEW YORK	May 10, 11, 12, 13 July 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 25, 27, 28	May 14, 15, 16, 17 Aug. 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 17, 18, 19	May 18, 19, 20, 21 July 19, 20, 21, 22 Aug. 29, 31, 22	May 24, 25, 26, 27 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 23, 25	Box	Apr. 30, May 1, 2, 3 May 28, 29, 30, 31 Sept. 18, 19, 22	Apr. 25, 26, 27, 28 July 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 Oct. 2, 3, 4	Apr. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 July 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 3
BOSTON	May 15, 19, 20, 21 July 19, 20, 21, 22	May 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 July 15, 16, 17, 18 Aug. 25, 27, 28	May 10, 11, 12, 13 July 11, 12, 13, 14 Aug. 25, 27, 28	May 14, 15, 16, 17 July 7, 8, 9, 10 Aug. 17, 18, 19	Score	Apr. 16, 17, 18, 19 June 12, 14, 15, 16 Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8	Apr. 11, 12, 13, 14 June 28, 29, 30, 31 Sept. 12, 13, 14, 15, 17	Apr. 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 July 29, 30, 31, Sept. 2 Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 3