

# OUTLOOK BLOOMY FOR FUTURE GAMES

### Request for Higher Rating of Northwestern Not Likely to Be Granted.

## BIG MEETING ON TODAY

### Ewing Denies He Seeks Wolverson to Handle Seals—Henry Berry Makes Important Deals, Trading Pete Daley for Three.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—(Special.)—Fleider A. Jones, president of the Northwestern League, probably will ask the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs at its meeting in Milwaukee tomorrow to raise the classification of his league. Jones probably will be disappointed, however, as the magnates of the Coast League while expressing willingness for him to present his claim, will not support him.

Jones conferred with Cal Ewing, of San Francisco, and other Coast magnates today. Fleider told them what he wanted and the Coast League owners told him to go ahead and ask the baseball body for a higher rating. They told Jones they had no objection to his bringing the question up before the body, but they make it plain that they will not vote in favor of the proposition.

**Trouble Is Predicted.**  
Jones said tonight that he would bring the matter up tomorrow. He may, however, change his mind before that time, as the Coast magnates intimated there would be trouble if the classification of his league was raised. The Coast magnates pointed out that the Northwestern League was invading its territory at Portland now only with the consent of the league, while the others made it plain to Jones that if the baseball body did raise the classification of the Northwestern League, the latter system would have to withdraw from Portland.

**Hamm Is Willing Only.**  
"We are quite willing," said Hamm, "to allow the Northwesterners to present their proposition on the floor, but we are certain they will be turned down. Naturally the Coast League does not want their rating raised and I don't suppose we would vote for it. In the first place class AA leagues cannot draft from class A leagues where the majors have already taken a man. Again the draft price will be higher. Last, and more important, even counting Portland, the Northwestern League has a million population and we cannot afford to break the rules we have made. I don't believe they have a chance for success."

Jones didn't say whether he would put the matter before the National Association, and it is likely that he will prefer to discuss the question further with his own league directors. Fleider Jones, ex-manager of the Chicago club in the American League and now president of the Northwestern League, may present the status of his organization for a higher classification from class B to class A. Jones says that under the present plan with all players subject to draft it is impossible to keep the clubs intact from season to season.

**No Limit Most Approved.**  
Unofficially the Coast League is about ready to adopt some sort of a salary limit. It is likely to be forced upon them, although they would prefer no limit at all. There is a rule in organized baseball to the effect that minor leagues must establish a salary limit, the same to be approved by the National commission.

President Barrows, of the International League, says the early report sent to the Coast of a \$2000 salary limit per man per year is altogether incorrect. It is now proposed to establish a salary limit of \$800 per month per club with not more than \$400 per month per man. This would suit the Coasters, as they could stay well within the limit. It is said that there was no individual salary last season above the \$400 mark. Possibly some compromise to that effect will be arranged.

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Have Oakland will throw over Mitt, who has been named for the berth, but they hint perhaps Jack Atkin, of Sacramento, may make Wolverson an offer. The Senators are still without a manager, and in the West, if not the East, Wolverson has demonstrated his worth. The only light on Wolverson's New York break was given by an executive of one of the International League clubs, who remarked:

**Charlie Irwin Blamed.**  
"I suppose Wolverson was released because he failed to make good. There isn't a man in the world who can make good as long as Charlie Irwin is in the dugout. He is a good player and is also playing first base."

**Berry Makes Deals.**  
Henry Berry made the first of his contemplated deals this morning when he purchased Cy Seymour from the new International League. Seymour, as fans will recall, did service with Cincinnati and later with New York. First baseman and pitcher, and when his arm failed him went into the outfield because of his hitting strength. A couple of years ago he was turned back to the minors and Newark. The worst thing against the Angel is his age, 38, and lack of speed, but he is hitting well and Berry proposes to use him as a cleanup hitter in place of the late Heilmuller.

**Pete Daley Traded.**  
Berry completed an important deal late yesterday when he traded Pete Daley to Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Americans, for three players, the most important of which is Carl Mays, right hander, and a pitcher, and a year ago. The other men who will join the Angels in this proposition include Crabbie, a pitcher from Davenport in the first I League, and Fahy, an infielder.

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Fahy is a college man and hails from Dartmouth, where he was captain and shortstop. Fahy joined the Athletics last summer and Mack claims he is the best college prospect he has seen for some time. Mays is anxious to return to the Coast and it looks as if Berry has made a mighty fine deal for himself. In fact Henry is hailed as some trader. In addition, Berry has purchased Jackson, a right-handed pitcher, from St. Joe in the Western League. He is rated a good man.

**National Association Members Gather at Milwaukee, Wis.**  
CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Two hundred men identified with major and minor leagues left Chicago tonight for Milwaukee to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, which opens there tomorrow. The board of arbitration, which has been in session here deciding disputed cases, finished its work tonight.

Discussions on salary limits and re-classifications of leagues will be the principal questions for settlement at the Milwaukee convention. Fleider Jones, ex-manager of the Chicago club in the American League and now president of the Northwestern League, may present the status of his organization for a higher classification from class B to class A. Jones says that under the present plan with all players subject to draft it is impossible to keep the clubs intact from season to season.

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