NATIONAL LEAGUE TO BE WALLOPED WORST BY DAVE'S FRAT BOYS

American Circuit Stars Are Signed to Long Time Contracts or Are Lukewarm.

GIANTS WOULD WIN RACE

If Walkout Is Ordered and Obeyed New York Would Have Better Chance Against Makeshift Teams.

By H. C. Hamilton.

New York, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—With the first spring training date for big league clubs only slightly more than a score of days in the future, Dave Fultz and his baseball players' strike have yet to be shown that they aren't ready to give the National league an awful jolt. They have admitted the American league will not suffer to any great extent if the walkout becomes a reality.

Charges and counter charges have muddled up the atmosphere to such an extent that the real seriousness of the affair has not made itself felt. Apparently the magnates are doing all in their power to hide the fact that out of all the ball players expected to take part in the two flag chases not more than half, barring recruits, can be counted on absolutely to show up at the training camps.

Two Clubs in American Free.

In the American league there are two entire clubs—New York and Philadelphia—which have very slight representation with the Players' fraternity. Cleveland, too, is not heavily involved in the fraternity. Tris Speaker is a member, but the fact that he has a contract all signed precludes the possibility of his striking.

In the younger organization nearly every star player is signed or is not a member of the fraternity. Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Walter Johnson, Eddie Collins, Ray Schalk and dozens of the high class players will not be with Fultz in his battle, except as rooters.

Daubert Is Tucked Away.

In the National league Jake Daubert has the stage to himself in the matter of stars who have signed. The New York Giants, however, are particularly free, as a club, from fraternity members. Charley Herzog, Benny Kauff and many others have signed or are not members.

The upshot of the thing appears to be a runaway affair for the Giants in case the strike goes through. The entire first line defense of the Brooklyn club is on the outs with Charley Ebbets over the salary question and the chances are that, even if Fultz does not putt off his coup, the 11 dodgers who had tucks taken in their salary checks will put a crimp in renewal plans of Wilbert Robinson.

Ad Wolgast Is Still Great Drawing Card

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Despite the fact that Ad Wolgast has been condemned to the discard a half score of times, the Michigan bearcat still is some little drawing card. Larney Lichtenstein, Wolgast's manager, announced today that he could play single-night stands all over the east if he accepted the offers he gets for his fighter.

Wolgast is scheduled to fight Young Brooks before the Armory Athletic club at Boston, February 20. The fight will go 12 rounds to a decision.

On February 24 Wolgast mixes with Frank Fleming before the Shamrock Athletic club in Montreal in a 10-round decision bout.

The following week he is matched to meet Willie Jackson, the Philadelphia scrapper, who last week disposed of Johnny Dundee in the first round before the Harlem club in New York, and a week later he fights Young Terry McGovern at Philadelphia.

Lichtenstein Gets Young Lightweight

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Larney Lichtenstein, Chicago promoter and manager of Ad Wolgast, has added another promising lightweight to his string. Today he signed Charlie Metrie, Milwaukee idol. Metrie is matched to meet Sailor Kirke, coast lightweight, before the National Athletic club at Denver, February 5, over the 15 round route. Both fighters have agreed to make 135 pounds. Metrie has fought 33 battles and carries an undefeated record.

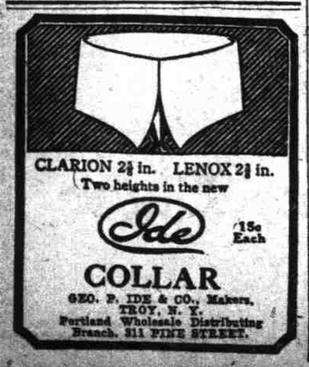
Commercial League Averages.

	G.	Ave.		G.	Ave.
Firestone	3	203	Wascher	42	168
Reichert	30	188	Rea	45	166
Roblin	12	181	Morgan	39	166
Johnson	6	181	Bucholtz	24	166
Hage	42	179	Smith, Ferry	35	165
Austin	45	175	Abrams	39	164
McGinnis	36	175	Witt	36	162
Chapin	48	174	Devers	17	161
Armitage	45	174	Plummer	27	160
Merrick	36	174	Smith, Ferd	35	158
Arbuckle	48	172	Dooly	30	158
Moritz	42	173	Pigg	23	158
Showers	48	171	Grisweld	38	158
Long	42	171	Dickey	12	155
Bruce	42	171	Shroyer	16	153
Franzen	81	171	Seyfert	33	153
Stegeman	33	170	Lilly	33	151
Metzger	39	169	Darnall	18	148
Natemeier	42	168			

High team, three games, Multnomah.....2779
High team, single game, Telegram.....1009
High individual game, Merrick.....246

Oak Contracts Coming In.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Manager Del Howard of the Oaks returned here today to see how contracts for 1917 are coming in. He expects to have all the players under contract by the middle of February.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By George McManus

JOHNSON BEATS RICE IN FEATURE BOUT OF SESSION

Protzman and McManus Will Play Off Their Chess Game Tonight.

It is very doubtful if Eugene C. Protzman, the dean of chess players in Oregon, in his long and honorable career as chess player ever faced a more critical task than will confront him this evening. If he wins his game against L. B. McManus, the Chamber of Commerce chess team will tie for first place with the Multnomah club and Acacia club, while a loss for the veteran means that the Chamber of Commerce team is out of the running for the league championship.

All other games in the match between the Chamber of Commerce and team "B" of the Portland Chess and Checker club were finished last Saturday night and resulted in an even break, so the adjourned Protzman-McManus games to be played off this evening at the Portland Chess and Checker club will settle the issue. The results Saturday night were as follows:

Chamber of Commerce vs. Team "B."

H. Dobrin	0	J. Van Zante	1
E. Protzman	*1	L. B. McManus	*
F. S. Myers	1	F. Krueger	0
H. F. Latourette	0	A. L. Raught	1
C. W. DeGraff	1	W. Kerr	0
Total	2	Total	2

*The game between Protzman and McManus will be played off this evening.

Multnomah A. A. C. vs. Acacia Club.

C. T. Rice	0	A. G. Johnson	1
F. J. Dent	1	L. Van Bebber	0
F. Goldman	1	W. H. Woodward	0
L. McCusker	1	J. W. Gates	0
Total	3	Total	1

Will Play Wednesday Night.

The match between Vancouver and the West Side team will be played at Vancouver Wednesday evening, January 31. If the Clarke county chess fans succeed in winning that match, Vancouver will also be a participant in the playoff tournament to break the tie and determine the league championship. The Southeasters and team "A" of the Portland Chess and Checker club will also finish their match during this week to break the tie now existing between the two teams for the sixth and seventh places in the league standing. In this match the duels between Thorne and Burnett and between Arnold and Adamson should prove particularly interesting.

The individual game which attracted most interest in the matches last Saturday evening was that between Johnson of the Acacia club and Rice of Multnomah. It proved to be a game of "ups and downs," as Johnson first secured the advantage of two pawns, but an ingenious attack by the Multnomah player forced Johnson to give up a bishop for three pawns and whatever advantage there was in position lay with the "Winged M" player, until an unnecessary retreat of the Multnomah champion's queen allowed Johnson to break through with his king, and force a win by queening a pawn.

The present standing of the teams:

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Acacia club	4½	2½	.643
Multnomah club	4½	2½	.643
Vancouver	3½	2½	.583
Team "B"	3½	2½	.583
Chamber of Commerce	3½	2½	.583
Team "A"	2½	3½	.417
Southeasters	2½	3½	.417
West Side	½	5½	.083

Perfect Score Made By Local Shooter

J. S. Hyatt of the Portland Rifle club registered a 200 possible score in the first match of the National Rifle association yesterday. This is the first time any of the local shooters have scored a perfect marking.

The other members of the local club hung up some high scores, C. A. Meyers making 192 and Roger Newhall and H. F. McDonald tallying 182 each.

Following are the scores: J. S. Hyatt, 200; C. A. Meyers, 192; Roger Newhall, 182; H. F. McDonald, 182; Dr. G. E. Henton, 177; Norman Eehmidt, 173; W. B. Jett, 172, and Frank Morganroth, 154.

Washington Team To Play 'M' Quintet

University of Washington basketball players will be seen in action against the Multnomah Amateur club quintet next Wednesday night in the club gymnasium. The game will start at 8:15 o'clock and there will be an informal dance following the contest for the club members.

Although the Seattle quintet lost four straight games to the crack Washington State college team, Washington has a strong team and will probably give Multnomah a hard game.

The Multnomah players will clash with the Dallas, Or., team Saturday night.

Popular Priced Bouts.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Popular priced home talent boxing shows are about to appear here, due to the difficulty experienced in matching famous fighters. Matt Hinkle, promoter, will follow the example set in Philadelphia by Jack McGuiggan and Harry Edwards.

Cal Ewing Makes Big Hit With Kids Of Oakland School

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—If the deportment of grammar school pupils of Oakland shows vast improvement this season the school board will know baseball is responsible.

Cal Ewing, president of the Oakland baseball club, today proposed to the board that all pupils able to submit a slip showing satisfactory deportment and application, be excused half an hour earlier on Thursday afternoons. This is the week day the Oaks play at home, and Ewing proposes to give all such pupils a free ticket to the Thursday game.

The school board is considering the matter.

Ritchie Admits He's Full Fledged Welter

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Willie Ritchie, ex-lightweight champion, has developed into a full-fledged welterweight, has issued a challenge to any of them at 142 or 145 pounds and established headquarters here.

He is also managing George Thompson, Pacific coast bantam, who licked Johnny Coulon twice. Ritchie is trying to arrange a match with Johnny Ertle or Kid Williams for his protege.

BASKETBALL GAMES

Monmouth, Or., Jan. 29.—Monmouth high school was victorious in two basketball games Saturday night, when the Freshmen team bested the Buena Vista Ramblers 19 to 13, and the first team defeated Buena Vista high 31 to 27. In the main game the score at the end of the first half was 14 to 13, with Monmouth leading. Neither team could obtain a lead of more than three points during the entire game. Buena Vista defeated Monmouth at Buena Vista about a month ago, which gives each team a game apiece. Arrangements will probably be made for a game on a neutral floor some time next month.

Hood River, Or., Jan. 29.—The Goldendale (Wash.) high school basketball team, by defeating the Odell high school team Saturday night by a score of 20 to 14, won its third consecutive game from the Oregon school teams.

Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 29.—Chehalis high school basketball defeated the Labam high players Saturday night by the score of 32 to 23. The lineups were: Chehalis—Miles and Weiggleswerth, forwards; McKain, center; Gingrich and Givens, guards. Labam—Gibson and Pocer, forwards; Poppin, center; Wilkinson and Hay, guards.

In one of the fastest and roughest games played on local floors this season, the George Washington "Wows" defeated the McMinnville Firemen Saturday night on the C. B. B. C. floor by the score of 26 to 16. Daniels and McEntee starred for the winners, and Pearson and Wauguman for the Firemen. The preliminary game between the C. B. B. C Juniors and the Commerce Eagles ended in a tie, 19 to 19.

The lineups and summary:

"Wows."	Position.	McMinnville.
McEntee (10)	F	White (5)
Cudlipp (6)	F	Shawver (4)
Daniels (8)	C	Pearson (7)
Darling (2)	G	Wauguman
Wetle	G	Williams
Bloch	Spare	Brace, Holmes

Earl Crow's 140-pound basketball quintet of the Sellwood Community House league defeated the Albina team Saturday night by the score of 14 to 13 in a fast contest. Over 200 people saw the game. Ray Clifford, Poole and Fields starred for the winners, and Brosy and Murnane for the losers. Clifford scored eight points, and Poole six. The game between the 125-pound teams of the two institutions ended in a protest and will be replayed in the near future.

Kalama, Wash., Jan. 29.—The local high school basketball team defeated the Rainier high school five in one of the deciding games of the Lower Columbia River league Friday night by a score of 20 to 19. In a preliminary game between the second teams of the two institutions Rainier was winner, 11 to 10. Kalama will play Astoria in the near future for the championship.

Coach Rice Worries Over Rowing Crews

Jim Rice, Columbia university's famous rowing coach, is having trouble getting enough candidates for his rowing crews. Rice has sent out a call for at least 70 men, but only 47 responded, only a half dozen of whom have reported for practice. All students weighing over 150 pounds are being given tryouts at the machines, rigged up on "Yellow Pine Lake," as the gymnasium floor has been christened.

Brottem to Join Omaha.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 29.—Catcher Tony Brottem of the St. Louis Nationals, has been released to the Omaha club of the Western league. Brottem formerly played in the Northwestern league.

"CYCLONE" WILL PLAY WITH VANS HERE TOMORROW

Frank Patrick's Team Is Only Half Game Behind Hockey League Leaders.

Frank Patrick's Vancouver Millionaires, who are just one half a game behind Seattle in the race for the championship of the Pacific Coast Hockey league, will face the Portland Rosebuds here tomorrow night. The British Columbians have been strengthened by the return of the famous "Cyclone" Taylor, who has been out of the game for nearly two months on account of appendicitis.

The Portland players have been practicing daily in hopes of getting back into their winning stride. Captain Tobin has ordered a stiff workout for this afternoon. Clem Laughlin, who was kept on the bench in last week's game against Spokane to give Alf Barbour a chance, will be in the line-up against Vancouver.

The Multnomah Amateur Athletic club and the Northwest Auto company teams of the Portland Amateur Hockey association will play tonight at 8 o'clock in the Ice Palace. These teams are tied for the leadership of the league and as they are evenly matched a close game is expected.

Billy Kean, the Eastern league official, will probably work in tomorrow night's contest between the Portland and Vancouver clubs.

Charley Tobin, captain of the Portland Coast league hockey team, resigned his position following Friday's game, it became known last night. The rink officials will try to have him reconsider, it is said. If he fails, it is not sure who will be offered the job.

Sanders to Meet Chavez.

Denver, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Frankie Sanders of New York and Benny Chavez of Denver will travel the 15-round route here tonight. This is the second meeting of the pair. Chavez won the decision in the previous encounter.

W. C. Bristol Cup Is Awarded Idaho Man

L. L. Burtenshaw of Council, Idaho, won the W. C. Bristol cup for 20-guage guns yesterday at the Portland Gun club's shoot at the Everding traps. His score was 20 out of a possible 25.

Because he will be unable to stay in Portland to defend the cup, Mr. Burtenshaw turned it over to A. Woelm. E. H. Keller has challenged Mr. Woelm and the cup will be shot for again in two weeks.

The scores in the shooting for the cup were: L. L. Burtenshaw, 20; Frank Templeton, 19; E. H. Keller, 19; H. R. Everding, 19; C. C. Kelley, 17; F. E. Butler, 17; A. L. Zachrisson, 17; A. W. Strowger, 16; A. Woelm, 16; J. K. Simpson, 16; A. K. Downs, 15; A. J. Jerrard, 12.

Four visitors were at the traps, notwithstanding a snow storm, L. L. Burtenshaw of Council, Idaho, F. E. Butler of Lewiston, Idaho; Mark Siddall of Salem and A. J. Gerrard of Seattle.

Scores on the regular practice targets were: L. L. Burtenshaw, 96; Mrs. Ada Schilling, 96; C. C. Kelley, 96; Frank Templeton, 92; C. J. Schilling, 92; A. L. Zachrisson, 88; Mark Siddall, 88; E. H. Keller, 84; A. J. Gerrard, 84; J. K. Simpson, 76; F. E. Butler, 76; J. P. Bull, 76; A. K. Downs, 72; A. Woelm, 72; A. W. Strowger, 72; Mayfield Standifer, 65; C. L. Diven, 60; H. R. Everding, 58.

Scharnweber or Pug Bennett to Be Boss

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Harry Scharnweber, or "Pug" Bennett, who helped Vancouver to win pennants in the Northwestern league during past seasons, will direct the Beavers on the diamond this season. President Bob Brown of the Vancouver club confirmed the report that one of the pair would be back again this season and would pilot the team, the local prexy having decided to confine his attention to the business end of the club. The local magnate expects to close with one or the other within the next couple of days.

WILL WRESTLE WITH VIEDHOF FRIDAY EVE

E. J. O'Connell, Who Meets Swedish Grappler for $500 Purse.

Viedhof to Wrestle O'Connell Friday

John Viedhof, the local mat product, who has been hurling challenge after challenge at Eddie O'Connell, claimant of the world's welterweight wrestling championship, for the past two years, will meet he Multnomah club instructor in a catch-as-catch-can bout before the Rose City Athletic club next Friday night.

Viedhof is confident of beating O'Connell. He has been training faithfully since the match was made, and he claims he will be in top notch shape when he hops onto the mat to lock horns with O'Connell.

Three boxing bouts are scheduled to be held before the mat event. Chester Neff, the Seattle lightweight, who beat Eddie Pinkham, former amateur champion of the far west, last week, meeting Frankie Sullivan, the Los Angeles boy, in the semi-final. The other bouts are Jimmy Duffy vs. Joe Gorman, and Jimmy Moscow vs. Fred Laue.

Duffy Lewis Says He Did Not Say "Strike"

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Now comes Duffy Lewis, Red Sox outfielder, to deny that he intends to strike.

During a brief visit here, he declared that it was true that he had so far declined to sign the contract offered him, but added that this action had no connection whatever with the proposed baseball strike. He said the contract provided the same salary as last year, which he thinks is too small.

Ty Cobb Has Surely Made Baseball Pay

If latest reports regarding Ty Cobb's salary are true, the Georgia Peach has certainly made the last three years count heavily.

Cobb, it is said, received $20,000 a year for the seasons of 1914, 1915 and 1916, instead of $15,000, as has been generally believed.

Ty's contract with the Tigers is reported to have expired with the close of the 1916 season, and Dame Rumor has it that the Georgian is one of the players slated to receive a salary cut this year.

Topeka Franchise to Joplin.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—A message received Saturday at Western league headquarters in this city, which announces that Joplin, Mo., has raised funds for a $5000 ball park, means that John Savage, owner of the Western League franchise at Topeka, Kan., will move his club to Joplin. Western league magnates will meet in Omaha, February 15, to officially confirm the transfer.

Brooklyn Claims Best Skating Rink

Brooklyn claims to have the best artificial ice rink in the country, now that the Brooklyn Ice Palace is completed and has been opened to the public. The big rink is the pride of all lovers of skating and ice games around New York, for it has a floor space of 17,000 square feet and can accommodate an enormous crowd of skaters. Hockey will be played in the new ice rink by the Crescent A. C. seven.

They Pass Through Fargo.

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Hanson, No. 11; Thompson, No. 2; Mike Kelly, No. 5—leaders in the Red River Dog Derby—Winnipeg to St. Paul, passed through here at 7:10 a. m. today, crossing the Red river into Minnesota at Moorhead.

Will Hear by February 1.

Judge McCredie doesn't expect to hear much earlier than February 1 from the letters sent east to the ball players expected to make the Honolulu trip with the Beavers. For that reason he is not worrying over the situation.

U. of M. Plans Scholastic Meet.

University of Michigan will stage its first annual interscolastic basketball championship at Ann Arbor March 22, 23 and 24. About 250 high schools throughout Michigan will be invited to compete.

Fitzgerald Says He'll Sign.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan 29.—(U. P.)—Justin Fitzgerald, Seal outfielder, is not a holdout. He announced today that he was satisfied with the contract offered by Manager Wolverton, and would sign it soon.

Alex Signs—But Not Grover.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Walter Alexander, catcher of the New York Yankees, announced Saturday that he has signed a 1917 contract. He and his wife are visiting friends here.

Cleveland will form a city lawn tennis association early in 1917.

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