

Judging from the Holdouts on the Beavers, One Would Think Portland Won the Title

HOLDOUTS DESPITE INCREASE

Low Blue and Kingdon Offered \$1400 More Than 1919 Contract; Refuse to Sign.

By George Bertz
ALTHOUGH increases of \$50 a week were tacked onto their 1920 contracts, Wendell Kingdon and Low Blue have returned their contracts unsigned to Judge McCredie.

The judge is at a loss to understand why Kingdon refused to put his "John Henry" to the contract as a \$50 increase is quite a raise for a youngster who is just breaking into baseball and whose future is of unknown quality.

Blue's reason for not signing is because he believes that the McCredies are holding him down. The Portland club did not receive a single offer for Blue last year, although he has an idea that a press agent story that sprang up in the "hottest stove league" in the country was authentic.

WAS LOTS TO LEARN
While Blue has all earmarks of being a corner, he has a lot to learn before he is ripe for the majors. Another year's experience will make him ripe for a whirl at big league baseball.

Kingdon is no doubt a promising major league prospect, but before any major club will take a chance with him he will have to show a little improvement with the stick. In the winter league games in Los Angeles, he has failed to show any promise of picking up in batting. He did not send any word with his contract so the judge is awaiting a letter from him.

SCHROEDER ON FENCE

The increases offered Kingdon and Blue totaled \$1400 for the year. This should not be entered at by the two players, because if they fail to sign they may find themselves out of baseball for the year.

"Lefty" Schroeder is still holding onto his contract, although he says he will refuse to sign it.

As far as the judge knows these are the only players who have refused to sign up.

The Salt Lake club will train at Boyes Springs, Cal., this spring, according to an announcement made by Manager Ernie Johnson. The pitchers will be asked to report a few days before the first of March while the remainder of the squad will assemble March 1.

Pitcher Miles Maine of the Salt Lake team has been loaned to the Joplin club of the Western league.

BOXING

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Fred Murphy, former amateur welterweight champion of the Pacific coast, now a professional, fought a draw with Joe Azevedo here last night in the main event of the weekly boxing show. Al Somers, Portland middleweight, easily won the decision over Joe Welsh. Somers had every round of the four fought. Sal Carlo held Billy Shade to a draw in the special event. Frankie Jones outboxed Eddie "Bev" Krosky won a decision over Jack Landon.

Brooklyn, Mass., Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Jack Ketchell, who was given the decision over Chic West of Holyoke, after 13 rounds of fast milling here last night.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Kid Wolfe, Cleveland bantamweight, shaded Joe Burman, Chicago, here last night in a 10-round bout.

No Agreement on Commission Head

New York, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—No agreement regarding the selection of a man to succeed Garry Herrman as chairman of the national commission has been reached by the major leagues, according to President John A. Heydler of the National league, who returned to his headquarters here today from the "West. Heydler said he believes the chairmanship situation has been cleared up by Herrman's resignation and that the committee appointed to choose a new chairman will act in due time.

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CONTENDERS FOR THE WORLD'S MAT TITLE



Joe Stecher (above) and Earl Caddock, claimants of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, who will settle the question of supremacy in New York next Friday. Both men are finishing up their training for the contest.

BEARCATS WIN CLOSE HOOP GAME

Oregon Aggies Defeated by One Point in Contest With Willamette; McKittrick Stars.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Jan. 24.—In a game which was a tight fight from the start to finish, the Willamette quintet defeated the O. A. C. five Friday night by a 28 to 25 score. The contest was fast and intensely interesting, keeping the crowd on its feet during many exciting plays.

The local varsity men outplayed and outshot the collegians, showing a great improvement over the exhibition against Whitman last week. Rarey and McKittrick did excellent work in guarding the floor as well as converting six out of eight free throws. O. A. C. lost its chance to tie the score in the last minute when Stinson failed to throw a foul.

BEARCATS TAKE LEAD
The Beavers led for the first few minutes of play, after which Coach Matthews' men tightened and again maintained a safe lead until the end of the first half, when the score stood 19 to 16.

The second half was marked by close defensive work on the part of both teams, the ball staying in the middle of the floor much of the time. During the last three minutes of play both teams fought their hardest with Willamette leading by 1 point. A double foul on Rarey and Arthur saved Willamette from losing the lead at one point.

SCORES 14 POINTS
In teamwork and shooting the Bearcats had the edge of the visitors throughout the game. Irvine showed up well in the game, doing effective work against Rarey and McKittrick. Wapato each made four field baskets, McKittrick's fouls throwing giving him a total of 14 points. Arthur made 12 of the Aggies' score and Stinson made 11.

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Arthur (12).....F.....Irvine (28):
Stinson (11).....G.....Wapato (8):
Rarey (11).....G.....Jackson (2):
Hudson (11).....G.....McKittrick (14):
Reid (11).....G.....Walker (14):

Cougars Beat Montana
Washington State College, Pullman, Wash., Jan. 24.—The Washington State college Cougars drew first blood from the University of Montana Bruins in the first game of the basketball series between the two institutions here last night. The final outcome was 34 to 30 and the second contest is billed for tonight. Coach Dr. Bohlen is highly pleased with the showing made by his winners, even though their play was ragged at times, due mainly because of so little previous practice. The first half ended 15 to 13 with the Cougars on top and with a front scissor, and the second in 21 minutes with a head scissor and arm lock.

Peters Beats British Matman
Boise, Idaho, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Charles Peters of Omaha, won two straight falls from Sam Clapham, British heavyweight champion, here last night. The first fall came in 51 seconds with a front scissor, and the second in 21 minutes with a head scissor and arm lock.

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Oregon 23, Washington 26
University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—The defeat of the University of Washington basketball team here last night at the hands of the University of Oregon made the two game series result in a 50-56 break. Washington won the opening affair, 28 to 26, but last night the Lemon-Yellow delegation staged a "comeback" and won, 29 to 26, in a widely exciting contest. At one time the Purple and Gold was leading 12 to 4, but when the first half ended Washington had 15 to Oregon's 13. A few seconds after the start of the second half the Oregonians tied the count and from then on it was anybody's game until Oregon took the final lead in the last minute of play.

past. He can be reached by calling Tabor 4142. If opponents cannot furnish a floor to play on, the Woodmere grammar school gymnasium is available for the occasion.

The H. Y. M. C. quintet won from the First National bank representatives, 24 to 19. For games with the winners, call Manager Gynther at Woodlawn 4230.

Lineups:
H. Y. M. C. (24): First Nat'l (19):
Hudson (8).....F.....Peters (8):
Peters (8).....F.....Zimmerman (6):
Miller (6).....G.....Griswold (2):
Jenn (2).....G.....Hodson (2):
Hodson (2).....G.....Slaten (2):
Slaten (2).....G.....Barton (2):

The Jefferson high five held a practice session against the Acorns in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Thursday night, the high schoolers losing 9 to 12. Kenneth Irie, coach of the Lincoln high basketball squad, was the referee.

Lineups:
Jefferson (9): Acorns (12):
Rockley (8).....F.....Steele (2):
Peters (8).....F.....Watson (2):
Bennett (2).....G.....Yomans (2):
Granton (2).....G.....Barton (2):

CADDOCK HOPEFUL OF VICTORY

Head Scissors and Condition Being Depended on to Beat Joe Stecher.

By Jack Velock
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—Earl Caddock will depend on the "head scissors" and perfect physical condition for a victory over Joe Stecher when they meet at Madison Square Garden next Friday night for the world's heavyweight wrestling championship.

"Stecher is a great wrestler and a heavier man than I am," said Caddock today, prior to his departure for Great Neck, L. I., to finish training. "But I believe I will beat him."

"It is nearly three years since I met Stecher and I won that match when Stecher refused to come out for the third fall after we each had taken one. He was through—he had had enough."

"I think it was physical condition that counted most in that match and I believe that endurance will be a big factor in the match next Friday."

"I'm not expecting an easy match or a quick victory. This match will be for one fall only and I don't expect to take any chance, such as a wrestler might take if the match called for the best two out of three. I don't suppose he will take any. But when I once get that head scissor clamped on him I think it will win for me. That is my favorite hold."

Caddock said he never felt better—and he looked the part.

Important Game Lost by Robins

The Robins Drydock soccer football eleven, after winning 15 games in succession in three different competitions, national cup, National league and American Football association game, and also capturing four exhibition matches and winning two games and tying another in its recent trip to St. Louis, was eliminated from the American cup ranking by the Morse Drydock team of New York 1 to 0 recently. Robins' home field is in Brooklyn. They are to play the Fall River Rovers in the next round of the national cup tourney.

Boston College Wins Cardinal's Cup

Captain Jimmy Fitzpatrick of the Boston college football team has received the Cardinal O'Connell cup offered several years ago by the famous plate for competition between Boston college and Holy Cross, to be given the team which won three games. Boston college beat the Worcester gridiron stars three games in the series, the final last fall, 9 to 7 points.

BILLIARDS

LARRY TALBOT made a high run of five in his match against C. F. Lathrop in the annual three-cushion billiard tournament at the Rialto Billiard Palace, Talbot winning 25 to 14 in 41 innings. The only other contest of the evening found the leader of Class A, Harvey Hicks, defeating W. A. Walby 30 to 24. High runs of three were made by both players. No more than nine balls were to be played until Monday night, according to an announcement made by Manager Harry Green.

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DOWLING

THE El Rol Tans have a big lead in the Portland Alley House league, losing only four out of 21 games. Karg Shoe company are holding down last place and do not seem able to win, while the Engineers and Railroaders are only one game apart.

Although Mims had a bad series last week he still tops the individual with 180 average. All the special prize records are at present in the hands of the El Rol Tans, Johnny Flavin having both high single game and high three, 224 and 212 respectively; 245 and 2763 are the team records.

HOUSE LEAGUE STANDING	Games	Wins	Losses	P.O.	Ave.
El Rol Tans	17	11	6	809	849
C. W. R. & N.	11	10	1	824	798
Ca. Shoe	12	11	1	476	774
Karg Shoe Co.	4	17	191	758	

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES	Games	Ave.
Mims	21	180
Melvin	21	178
Flavin	21	169
Moore	18	168
Muchlig	18	165
Hose	21	164
Elliot	18	164
Anderson	21	163
Johnson	21	157
Crego	19	154
Adams	6	154
Tuma	21	153
Forbes	18	153
Karg	21	153
Crowe	21	150
Belmont	21	147
Sture	21	145
Henks	21	144

EIGHTY-FOUR FACE BARRIER IN FIRST TIA JUANA RACES

Prominent Sportsmen Guests of Jim Coffroth on Opening of 1920 Racing Season.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—They're off! With ideal weather, a fast track and thousands in attendance, the first day's racing at Tia Juana started today.

Seven races feature the opening day's card, with 84 ponies entered in the various events. The big race of the day is the first hurdle handicap, in which the class of the horse flesh at the track is entered.

Crowds began arriving early in the day at the track. They came by special train, automobile, stage and even old doddies were called into play as a means of transportation.

Many notables were guests of President James Coffroth of the Lower California Jockey club. They included Jack Dempsey, Barney Oldfield, Douglas Fairbanks and a score of other celebrities.

The old-fashioned bookmaker is a thing of the past at Tia Juana. Parimutuel machines have been installed in their place. The track and plant are in the best condition and give no evidence of their three years of idleness.

New York Giants To Increase Salaries

New York, Jan. 24.—(U. P.)—All of the members of the Giants are going to be given an increase in salary because of the high cost of living.

This was the cheerful news brought back from Cuba Friday by Charles A. Stoneham, president of the New York Nationals, who returned on the Ward liner Moro Castle with contracts in his pockets providing substantial increases for every unsigned member of the team.

"The soaring cost of living makes a general boost necessary," said Stoneham. "That's why we have decided to grant material advances to all of our players."

He added that the players who already signed for 1920 will be taken care of. Manager McGraw, he says, will return to New York soon to make preparations for the spring training trip to San Antonio.

Hamilton (Ont.) Y. M. C. A. will receive the Hamilton to Dundas foot race on New Year's day.

SPORT NOTES

NEW YORK CITY athletic clubs will shortly include the Continental, which will locate at Sixty-second and Central Park. A 16 to 18 story clubhouse is proposed, with all modern equipment.

Northwestern university students will be instructed in pre-dressing, including the Japanese and Swedish methods.

Princeton basketball team will play 25 games, concluding March 20 with Union of Schenectady.

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Olympic stadium at Antwerp, Belgium, is expected to be completed May 1.

Dartmouth has added fencing to its officially recognized sports.

Greater Boston interscholastic hockey leagues will be revived this winter.

Princeton track candidates are to report for indoor practice January 6.

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