

Pittsburgh Gambling Syndicate Said to Have Power Over Chicago Baseball Players

White Hose Close Gap in Flag Chase

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 24.—(U. N.)—Only a half a game from the lead in the sensational pennant race, the White Sox again fended the Cleveland Indians Friday in the hope of jumping into first place.

International News Service Staff Correspondent. NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The possibility of a tie in the American league race is not remote. Today Cleveland leads the league by half a game over Chicago, following the arduous drubbing given the Indians yesterday by the White Sox.

The Cleveland and Chicago schedule both call for battles with Detroit and St. Louis clubs to wind up the season. Four will be played in Detroit and four in St. Louis by Cleveland. Chicago plays three games in St. Louis and two with Detroit in Chicago.

If Chicago takes both remaining games with Cleveland and then finishes with a clean record, the result would show 99 won and 55 lost. If Cleveland loses both games to Chicago and then sweeps the field, the result would be 99 won and 55 lost.

The procedure in event of a tie would be left up to the American league, which would probably order a post-season series between the tied teams to determine the champion. A tie never has occurred in a major league championship race.

Today all three leaders are in action. Cleveland and Chicago meet at Cleveland and the Yanks play Washington.

Ted Thye Is Winner Over Sam Clapham. Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 24.—(U. P.)—With one fall which resulted by the dislocation of Sam Clapham's arm, Ted Thye, world's middleweight wrestling champion, last night defeated the English light heavyweight champion.

Clapham was unable to return to the fray after his injury, which was caused by a wrist lock in one hour 22 minutes 42 seconds. Clapham outweighed Thye by some 10 pounds.

Major Leagues

NATIONAL. At Philadelphia (1st game) R. H. E. Boston 120 630 000—6 9 1 Philadelphia 201 020 011—7 15 2 Batteries—Scott and Mori; Betts and Whitlow.

AMERICAN. At Cleveland: 000 103 150—10 15 1 Cleveland 100 000 020—3 8 3 Batteries—Kerr and Schalk; Bagby, Caldwell, Uble and O'Neil.

Andre Anderson Is K. Oed by F. Farmer. Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 24.—(U. P.)—Towering nearly a foot over Frank Farmer, local heavyweight, and outweighing him 40 pounds, Andre Anderson of Chicago stepped out of his corner in the opening round of the Eagles' smother here last night just in time to meet Farmer's right. Andre bounced off the ropes and Farmer hit him again.

Don't Need Money—Counted Out. Oakland, Cal., Sept. 24.—(U. P.)—Benny Moore, negro boxer, stopped an avalanche of gloves before a wicked blow flattened him. "Get up—or no money," warned the referee. "Don't need money that bad," returned Benny from the mat.

English Pros. Win Match. Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 24.—Edward Ray and Harry Vardon, English golf professionals, beat "Chick" Evans and Maxwell Marston 1 up in a 36-hole match over the Merion Cricket club course Thursday.

Heavies Are Signed for 4-Round Go

MATCHMAKER FRANK KENDALL of the Milwaukee Boxing commission has matched Joe Anderson, a heavy weight batter of Alaska, and Bert Taylor, the colored workhorse at the Olympic gymnasium, for the curtain raiser of next Wednesday night's show.

Anderson, who is one of Ed Hill's proteges, has been working out in the gym for several weeks, while Taylor has been a sparring partner for practically every out-of-town battler who has been here in the past year.

Ted Hoke has been substituted for Joe Dunn, the Tacoma boy, in one of the six round contests against Joe Hoff. Dunn injured his hand in a bout at Aberdeen Monday night.

The Dempsey-Bloomberg bout, which was originally intended for the curtain-raiser, has been dropped because Dempsey is too heavy a battler for Bloomberg.

Harvey Thorp, who meets Alex Trambles in the main event, did not arrive Thursday as was expected, but is scheduled to reach Portland Friday afternoon.

Manager Rogoway of the Honeyman Hardware company toppers has been forced to give the title of the Inter-city league to the Sherwood team. Several of the Honeyman men are said to have left the city to go to college and the team is crippled thereby.

Some real "fireworks" are expected at the regular weekly meeting of the Portland Baseball association next Monday night in the Multnomah Guard club rooms, second floor of the Chamber of Commerce building. All managers are requested to be on hand to express themselves regarding the settlements of the various championships.

Chicago Players Threatened If They Win American Title

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—(U. P.)—Convincing evidence that crookedness exists in organized baseball was obtained by the Cook county criminal grand jury, according to a statement here today by H. H. Brigham, foreman. The alleged crookedness, however, Brigham said, is not widespread. It is confined, he declared, to a few players and is caused by "an unscrupulous gang of professional gamblers and racketeers." Brigham declared that if the evidence warranted, indictments will be returned. "Chicago, New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis gamblers are bleeding baseball and corrupting players," Henry H. Brigham, foreman of the grand jury, said in summing up testimony. "I am shocked at the rottenness so far revealed."

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—(I. N. S.)—Ban B. Johnson, president of the American league, will be recalled today, it is expected, to tell the Cook county grand jury what he knows about an alleged plot to "blackmail" the Chicago White Sox in the following season of league pennant this year. George M. Cohan, noted actor, and Mont Tennes, a well known Chicago gambler, probably will be subpoenaed for questioning regarding reports that between them they lost \$100,000 betting on the White Sox in the 1919 world's series.

JOHN DARE NOT WIN. SOX'S statement of a blackmail plot is but one of the sensational angles of the baseball "scandal" that are being made the subject of a rigid grand jury investigation. Predictions are being made today that the evidence produced before the grand jury will result in a thorough house cleaning.

The statement made by Johnson declares that he has been informed that the "White Sox" will not dare to win the pennant in 1920, and alleged that the gambling syndicate which is said to have "fixed" certain Sox players in the 1919 series is threatening the players if they should win the flag this year.

On top of Johnson's sensational declaration came a bombshell from Rube Benton, the New York Giants' pitcher, who revealed that he is ready to tell the grand jury, if he is asked to do so, the details of the alleged "fix" in the 1919 series. Benton, who is a well known betting syndicate in the leading cities, is said to have paid \$100,000 to White Sox players to have the last world's series "fixed" in the Cincinnati year.

"Last fall," Benton said, "a man named Hahn, who hails from Cincinnati, and who is known as a betting commissioner, visited me at my home in Clinton, N. C. One morning, while we were hunting I asked him about the world's series. He said that the series was not on the square. He said that the deal to fix the series was made by a syndicate of gamblers from Pittsburgh, for whom he worked as a betting commissioner in Cincinnati."

Plenty of Birds Are on Hand for Oregon Trials. Lebanon, Or., Sept. 24.—With cool, damp weather, plenty of birds and everything in fine shape, the annual trials of the Oregon Field trials club opened here yesterday morning. Several noted dogs were among those present and the Portland owned dogs came in for a share of the honors.

Kentucky Club Seeks to Stage Big Horse Race. Lexington, Ky., Sept. 24.—M. J. Wilson, general manager of the Kentucky Jockey club, announced that the Kentucky Jockey club would give a purse of \$75,000 and a gold cup worth \$25,000 for a race to be run in Kentucky this fall between Man-o-War, Sir Barton and Ex-terminator. The conditions of the race would be determined by the owners of the horses, Mr. Wilson said.

Battery Men Signed for 1921 Tryout

A PAIR of promising young California battermen—Fred Connell, Modesto, pitcher, and Jim Lawson, Los Angeles, catcher, have been signed for tryouts with the Beavers in 1921. This announcement was made by Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland club, Thursday afternoon, as he was discussing the probability of the barometer climbing skyward so as to permit his club to take in at least the hotel bill for the visiting Salt Lake players.

THURSDAY'S contest was wiped off the schedule on account of a heavy rain and hall storm just prior to game time.

BEATS EX-BEAVERS. Getting back to the pair of phenoms, this fellow Connell is said to be a wizard. He has been pitching against "Lefty" Schroeder and Frank Johnson with great success. He is a big, strapping right-hander, with lots of speed.

EBEL GOODMAN, who is sort of a scout for Boss Walker in Los Angeles, highly recommends Lawson, who caught for the Long Beach high school team last summer. Lawson is a fair-sized fellow, and with little more training should develop into quite a ballplayer.

The McCredies are undecided about purchasing Pitcher Valencia from Yakima. Valencia, pitcher of the second team of the club, but according to reports will never make a winning pitcher in the Coast league. Valencia seems to possess natural hitting ability, and it would not be bad idea for him to take a hand at chasing flies in the outfield.

JOHNSON MAY GET BACK. Prospects for a contest Friday are very doubtful. This is the worst week the Beavers have had to contend with for some season. Manager Johnson is bewailing the postponement of games, as it is hurting the chances of his team in the pennant race, but it is giving him a chance to get in shape to return to the mound.

Provided the grounds are in shape to play Saturday's double-header, it is likely that Johnson will be in the lineup.

SAN FRANCISCO GETS THIRD STRAIGHT IN SEESAW FIGHT. Los Angeles, Sept. 24.—The Seals took the third straight game from the Angels Thursday by a score of 3 to 2. The game was a ding-dong affair and was anybody's up to the end of the ninth.

TEAM STANDINGS

Pacific Coast League. W. L. PCT. Vernon 97 77 557 Seattle 87 82 513 Los Angeles 82 81 502 Portland 83 84 488 San Fran. 82 82 502 Portland 78 84 483 Salt Lake 88 80 524

National League. W. L. PCT. Brooklyn 85 85 500 Philadelphia 72 75 490 New York 83 82 501 St. Louis 70 76 478 Cincinnati 87 83 503 Boston 85 88 497 Pittsburgh 78 80 521

American League. W. L. PCT. Cleveland 91 85 512 Boston 87 89 495 Chicago 92 85 520 Washington 62 78 448 New York 87 81 512 Detroit 85 88 497 St. Louis 73 71 507

HI SCHOOLS TO OPEN FOOTBALL YEAR OCTOBER 5

C. E. CLEVELAND, president of the Portland Interscholastic league, has called a meeting of the board of directors Friday afternoon at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club to ratify the 1920 football schedule arranged by the coaches of the various schools of the league.

The coaches went over the list of available officials during the coming campaign and they agreed to submit the following to the board of directors: Grover Francis, referee; Harry Dorman, umpire; John Welch, headlinesman; all former players of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club.

The first game of the season, as proposed, will be between Washington high and the High School of Commerce teams Tuesday, October 5, and the final engagement is set for November 25, featuring Jefferson high and Hill Military Academy.

Following is the proposed schedule: October 5—Commerce vs. Washington. October 6—Hess vs. Columbia. October 7—James John vs. Franklin. October 11—Hill vs. Washington. October 12—Franklin vs. Columbia. October 13—James John vs. Franklin. October 14—Hess vs. Lincoln. October 18—Columbia vs. Hill. October 19—Hess vs. Jefferson. October 21—Washington vs. Lincoln. October 22—Columbia vs. Hill. October 23—Columbia vs. James John. October 24—Commerce vs. Lincoln. October 27—Franklin vs. Lincoln. October 28—Commerce vs. James John. November 1—Columbia vs. Lincoln. November 4—Hess vs. Hill. November 6—Commerce vs. James John. November 10—Columbia vs. Franklin. November 11—Washington vs. Jefferson. November 12—Columbia vs. Lincoln. November 15—Commerce vs. Franklin. November 16—Washington vs. Benson. November 17—James John vs. Hill. November 18—Columbia vs. Jefferson. November 19—Commerce vs. Lincoln. November 22—Hess vs. Franklin. November 23—Jefferson vs. Hill.

Ohio State university's proposed stadium will seat 62,000 persons.

Carpentier Will Meet Levinsky in Jersey City Oct. 12

New York, Sept. 24.—The battle between Georges Carpentier and Battling Levinsky, which was barred by the New York boxing commission, will take place at the time scheduled, October 12, in the Jersey City ball park, the International Sporting club announced Thursday night.

The club issued a statement saying that the decision to stage the bout at Jersey City was made after 88 per cent of the membership had voted in favor of the move.

Bids for the bout were received from promoters in Philadelphia, Benton Harbor, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Cleveland.

Football Rules Interpreted. New York, Sept. 22.—Cutting down by throwing the ball laterally across the leg or legs of a player, not carrying the ball, from behind was interpreted as "unnecessary roughness" in a regulation adopted at a conference of big college football coaches here last night.

Players may bump interference out of the path of the man carrying the ball, provided they do so without the use of their hands.

Advertisement for Langham-High Clothes, featuring a man in a suit and the text 'A Red Letter Day THE day you put on your first Langham-High suit you find out what it means to you to have us making, as we do, a line of clothes especially for you young fellows of fifteen to twenty.'

Advertisement for Jimmy Dunn suits, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and the text 'Your Suit—Overcoat—Raincoat Is Here OVERCOATS as Low as \$25 Priced to \$50 RAINCOATS as Low as \$20 Priced to \$35 SUITS as Low as \$30 Priced to \$60 Quality Is Not Sacrificed for Price My low upstairs rent and low overhead enable me to place a very low mark upon my original costs. I positively save you money. I do not seessaw prices; they are always the same—the lowest. One flight up—a profitable journey.'

Advertisement for Oregon Trials, featuring an illustration of a horse and rider and the text 'Plenty of Birds Are on Hand for Oregon Trials. Lebanon, Or., Sept. 24.—With cool, damp weather, plenty of birds and everything in fine shape, the annual trials of the Oregon Field trials club opened here yesterday morning.'

Advertisement for Kentucky Club, featuring an illustration of a horse and rider and the text 'Kentucky Club Seeks to Stage Big Horse Race. Lexington, Ky., Sept. 24.—M. J. Wilson, general manager of the Kentucky Jockey club, announced that the Kentucky Jockey club would give a purse of \$75,000 and a gold cup worth \$25,000 for a race to be run in Kentucky this fall between Man-o-War, Sir Barton and Ex-terminator.'

Advertisement for F. R. Chown Hardware, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'F. R. Chown Hardware Co. 223 Morrison St., Near First. There is a "Premier" loaded with your favorite powder. High outside brass cup preventing "cut-off," trouble, makes the "Premier" the perfect shell for pump and automatic shot-guns. Let us supply your hunting needs.'

Advertisement for Salmon Fishing, featuring an illustration of a man fishing and the text 'Salmon Fishing! The spoon fishing for fall salmon is now at its best and there's a big run in all the streams. We have everything needed in good, strong salmon tackle.'

Advertisement for Backus & Morris, featuring an illustration of a man and the text 'Backus & Morris 273 Morrison St., Near Fourth. NOTICE Home Owners and Buyers Why buy until you have seen "The Globe" FURNACE COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF Get our prices this week ALDER SHEET METAL WORKS 223 Wash. St. Broadway 2022'

Advertisement for Base Ball, featuring an illustration of a baseball and the text 'BASE BALL Portland vs. Salt Lake Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 3 P. M. Sunday, Double-Header, 1 P. M.'