

# Decision Is Awaited By Baseballers

By Oscar Fraley  
NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—Organized Baseball faced a three and two pitch Monday as it tensely awaited a federal court decision which will indicate the future fate of the much-maligned reserve clause—and of baseball itself.

Some time this week, probably on Wednesday U.S. District Court Judge Edward A. Conger will rule whether three players who jumped to the Mexican League should be reinstated immediately. The trio, Max Lanier, Fred Martin and Danny Gardella, have two years remaining of a five-year suspension.

**Reserve Clause Issue**  
Their fate actually isn't the major issue.

The big factor is that such a ruling would render the reserve clause powerless. Some believe it virtually would assure permanent destruction of the clause, which binds a player to the club which owns his contract from one season to the next.

This clause permits baseball to be attacked under the Sherman Anti-trust laws as a monopoly controlling players' lives.

There can be little doubt that it is.

But the court held that there is such a thing as a legal monopoly, so baseball faces the issue hopefully.

Judge Conger bolstered this hope when he asked:

"It is good the petitioners are out of luck."

"It is bad," argued John L. Flynn, attorney for Lanier and Martin. "It pits man against monopoly; human rights against property rights."

"It is good," said baseball attorney Mark F. Hughes, in rebuttal. "Any restraint which serves to help and build cannot be condemned."

But the reaction of the hundreds of players in organized baseball may be a tremendous factor when Conger hands down his decision.

**Players Favor**  
In a poll taken by Dixie Walker of the Pittsburgh Pirates, player representative of the National League, no team has raised a voice against the reserve clause. All have favored it.

This is an unexpected reaction but easily explainable.

Just as in any other business, so in baseball you are much better off with a working hookup than if you must free lance every spring for another job.

Once a contract has been signed a baseball contract until sold or declared a free agent. And, when the day comes that they no longer can play in the big time, baseball players find it easier with this association to continue earning a living in the minors. The way is smoothed. They are offered jobs which wouldn't come without the contracts.

**Urges 3-Man Board**  
The big pinch is that, even in the majors, if a player doesn't want to work for the money offered he cannot sell his services elsewhere.

The players have seized this opportunity to suggest that such salary disagreements are arbitrated by an impartial three-man board.

Acceptance by baseball's brass hats of this suggestion and voluntary reinstatement of the suspended players might have settled the whole issue.

But if Judge Conger rules in favor of the suspended players you can expect this whole issue to drag through the courts for years.

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### HIGHLIGHTS

BY BILL LOVE

**★ Another successful state tournament is over . . . And once again, a hearty thanks for a job well done is due to hundreds of people who have had a hand in making this state tournament a success.**

We know of many Eugeneans who worked around-the-clock during tournament week to make this 31st state hoop spectacle a success . . . And there were others who put in hours of labor for over a month preceding the actual competition . . .

There are too many names involved to give praise here individually . . . Herm Rasmussen was Active Club tournament chairman, and he and all of the committee members and the club members did another excellent job . . . The tournament guide was again a big success, and the policing of McArthur Court went off without "serious incident."

Likewise, the University of Oregon was an ideal host, as in the past . . . The entire athletic staff participated . . . And Oden Hawes and other OSAA officials did a good job of directing, and proved very cooperative . . .

Attendance might have dropped slightly over last year (this is only our guess, as official figures haven't been released yet) probably for two reasons . . . First, the absence of such teams as Astoria, and Klamath Falls from the tournament, and the fact that Salem, after the first night, was playing morning games . . . Salem always draws well . . . Also, having Junction City playing morning and afternoon games didn't help . . .

The second was the fact that the two Portland papers, with state-wide circulation, didn't get a chance to drum-beat interest because of a strike . . .

But all-in-all, it was a big success . . . And everyone seemed to have a good time, win or lose . . .

**★ We had quite a chat one evening with Oden Hawes, secretary of the OSAA and state tournament director, about the method of selecting officials for the state contest . . . This year, four out of five were from Portland, and the "big city" has completely dominated the selections for too long a time . . .**

Quite a few squawks have come our way, both from local officials and from down-state coaches, who insist that "politics" in Portland is the determining factor . . . The Board of Control has the final voice in the selection, but usually goes along with the suggestions of the 16 district committees . . .

Each committee sends in its three choices, and after the tabulation the men with the most votes are selected . . . Theoretically, Hawes says, the district committees are supposed to poll the coaches in the district before sending their recommendations — but the coaches say this isn't usually done . . . So, its school administrators—who "may or may not" know how to judge calibre of game officials—who make the choices, and that is where the fault lies . . .

Hawes let us see the district recommendations, and the tabulation . . . All was on the "up and up"—the top five men being selected to work the tournament, and the top two for the championship finals . . .

**★ We presented a suggestion to Hawes — not because we thought it would result in better officiating (after this last tournament, we're convinced it couldn't result in any worse officiating for the ball . . . We also would question one of the fouls on Keefe, The plan would divide the state into five general areas (making Portland one area), and having the coaches select the officials for the tourney from within the area . . .**

For as long as officials are voted on at large, Portland will dominate no matter what kind of a system is used . . . Besides the city of Portland, officials from the metropolitan area work the games in seven nearby districts, which means a lot of commutemen get to learn their names . . . What chance does a Lane County official, or Southern Oregon official, have of getting in, when he has enough work in one district so that he doesn't have to go elsewhere . . . Carl Kluge has made it from Pendleton for two years — though we aren't quite sure how, unless he officiates games west of the mountains also . . .

There is nothing easier than to bicker at the officiating, but we honestly thought it was inferior to last year's which itself wasn't good . . . Certainly, it wasn't "state tournament calibre" . . . Officials have to use their judgment, but we thought that at least four of the five in the tournament tried to use a rule-book interpretation every time — which means that if you breathe down a guy's back while scrapping for the ball you've committed a foul . . . The poor kids became almost afraid to fight for the ball . . . And the boys weren't working together — far too many differences of opinion on important decisions — including one game-winning basket in the Salem-LaGrande game . . .

**★ We do feel convinced, however, that Junction would not have lost to Hillsboro had Jim McKay remained in the game, and Leon Keefe not had four fouls, which prevented him from fighting for the ball . . . We also would question one of the fouls on Keefe, and two called against McKay . . . One or two mistakes can go a long way in "making or breaking" a game for a team that lacks capable replacements and can't afford to lose any regulars . . .**

The opinion on officiating isn't just ours . . . Others of the press had the same impression . . . And we didn't run around any coaches who were going out of their way to tell us how good the whistlers were, either — Emil Piluso excepted . . .

So maybe a new plan would bring in new blood and be an improvement . . . At least Hawes has assured us he will bring it to the attention of the Board of Control . . . As foresaid, we can't see where it would do much harm.

**★ Our pardon to Jack Nichols of Junction City . . . Somewhere along the line a week ago Sunday there was a slip-up, and his name was not listed in the scoring . . . Jack played in eight of the twelve district games, had nine baskets, nine freethrows, 15 personal fouls, and a total of 27 points . . .**

**White Believes Rainiers Will Be One of Coast's Top Clubs**

WILMINGTON, Cal., March 21—(AP)—The Pacific Coast League managers have put "the finger" on JoJo White and his Seattle Rainiers to win the 1949 pennant.

No shrinking violet, the Rainier manager agrees with the rest of the baseball experts that his club may cap the 1949 bunting.

"My boys will finish in the first division," says White, "and with a few of the breaks we can cop the pennant."

Owner Emil Sick has spared no expense in rounding up a gang of sound, professional ball players to represent the far north in this year's competition. He has a solid infield, powerful outfield; good catching.

The lone fly in the ointment may be the pitching—which right now can be rated just about average. The six men White is depending upon to take him to the top this year won 67 and lost 63 last season for various clubs. That kind of hurling won't win a pennant.

But White has hopes. He believes that Big Charley Schanz should win 20 games this year. He also expects Rugger Arzofino, obtained from Hollywood, to win that many. And he figures on winning seasons for Lefty Herman Besse, Cley Dreiswever, Herb Karpel and Guy Fletcher.

The pitchers, naturally, will have a lot more hitting power to back them up this year—and a fine, ball-hawking infield.

"The inner defense will be composed of big Heinz Becker at first base, a 330 clouter, but no fielding wizard; Bob Sturgeon, down from the majors, at second; Jackie Albright at short; and Hillis Layne, former PCL hitting leader, at third.

In the outfield, the starting calls probably will go Neil Sheridan, Al Lyons and Bill Ramsey. Frank Coleman, former New York Yankee farm-hand, is the No. 1 utility man for both infield and outfield.

The major burden of the catching chores will go to Mickey Lass, who caught 140 games last year. He'll be backed up by Jack Warren, also backed from last year. With that outfit, White believes he'll give the other teams a run for their money.

# Kentucky Favored in Eastern NCAA Play

## Illinois Gets Nod Over Yale

Road Looks Rougher For Wildcats, Though

NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—Kentucky's try-again boys make another stab at basketball glory here tonight in the opening round of the NCAA playoffs.

Once figured almost a shoo-in for both the National Invitation and NCAA titles the Kentuckians now will have to prove they can win under fire.

They've been beaten only twice in 31 games this season, but the two they lost were the big ones. St. Louis whipped the Wildcats by two points in the final of the Sugar Bowl holiday tournament, and Loyola of Chicago trounced them, 62-47, in the quarter-final round of the National Invitation a week ago.

**Road Rough**  
Almost nobody doubts that the Lexington Wildcats can get past the Villanova Wildcats (22-3) tonight. But the road ahead certainly doesn't look as smooth as it did a short week ago.

The immediate stumbling block seems to be the University of Illinois, Big Nine champion with a 19-3 record. The Illini are favored to brush aside Yale (22-6) in the first game of tonight's doubleheader.

The first round winners meet Tuesday night for the right to oppose Oklahoma A. and M. in the national finals at Seattle, Wash., Saturday. The second place team here also will travel west for a consolation engagement with Oregon State, which lost to A. and M. at Kansas City Saturday night, 55-30, in the western final.

Underdogs Yale and Villanova will feature the nation's two highest individual scorers among major colleges. Tony Lavelli, ace of the New Haven Blues, has averaged 22.7 points in 28 games. Paul Arizin of Villanova has hit at the rate of 21.7 for 25 games. Thus, for the first time, tournament competition will determine the national scoring title.

Despite its poor showing in the invitation, Kentucky is a 14 point favorite tonight. The experts figure the Wildcats can't look that bad twice in a row. Illinois is rated 10 points better than Yale.

If form prevails the Yale-Illinois contest should be the closer of tonight's two games. Illinois hasn't played in Madison Square Garden since 1940 when one Lou Boudreau, who now hangs out in Cleveland, was its ace. This time the club is led by Dwight Edleman, a first string football player and a member of the U.S. Olympic team last summer as a high jumper.

**West Point, Grove Shooters Hit 75's**

SOUTHERN WILLAMETTE TRAPSHOOTING

West Point 75, Cottage Grove 75, Roseburg 75, Newport 75, Marcola 75, Sweet Home 75, Stiuslaw 75, Springfield 75, Yoncalla 75, Cascade 75

West Point and Cottage Grove shooters posted perfect 75's in the Southern Willamette Valley Telegraphic Trapshooting tournament, sponsored by the Register-Guard, and the West Pointers continue to hold top place with five straight victories.

Although Eugene, Toledo and Marcola are undefeated, the once-beaten Cottage Grove team holds second place with eight points, two less than West Point and two more than Eugene.

Only 11 shooters fired perfect 25's Sunday. No reports were posted by the Sweet Home, Toledo and Coos clubs.

Sunday's results follow:

WEST POINT (75)—George Beebe 30, Pete Schmitz 25, Larry Beebe 20, Bert Simmons 20.

COTTAGE GROVE (75)—William Harpole 25, Blaise Claska 20, Ray Wolfer 25, Miller 24, Dunson 24.

ROSEBURG (75)—Davis 25, Rogers 24, Miller 24, Dunson 24.

EUGENE (75)—Dick Baker 25, Gordon Hunter 24, Emerson Bricker 24, Gordon Miller 24.

SPRINGFIELD (75)—George Keating 24, Cliff Cain 24, Lane Smith 24, Fred Kimball 24.

NEWPORT (75)—Harry Gauntlett 24, Ernie Major 24, John Guidovich 24.

STIUSLAW (75)—Robert Kile 25, Charles Baker 25, Glenn Long 25.

MARCOLA (75)—McDonald 26, William Baker 25, Louise Shaw 25.

YONCALLA (75)—Floyd Ram 24, J. Hughes 24, A. Blamhard 21.

CASCADE (75)—Doug Logan 21, Clarence Raker 21, Larry Farmer 20.

**Coan Looking Good**

WINTER GARDEN, Fla., March 21—(AP)—Outfielder Gil Coan of the Washington Senators was making club owner Clark Griffith look like a Prophet.

For two seasons Coan has failed to live up to promise with the Senators. Griffith, however, insisted, "give the boy a chance; he'll come around." Coan has "come around" the past two days. He bunter out three hits against the Phillies last Saturday and chipped in with three more Sunday as he paced Washington to a 6 to 1 victory over the Red Sox.

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## Major Leaguers Ex-'Bama Grid Coach Suffers Heart Attack

FULLERTON, Cal., March 21—(UP)—If the Los Angeles Angels get any help at all this year from the parent Chicago Cubs, they are going to be a tough outfit to beat.

Already they have on the grounds the makings of a good, solid first division club and the chances are they'll get some powerful mound aid, plus at least one infielder and one more outfielder.

"We expect to finish in the first division," says Manager Bill Kelly. "But I can't see whether it will be first, second,

third or fourth. It depends a lot on what we get in the way of aid from the Cubs."

Kelly feels confident that his pitching and catching will be satisfactory. He does have infield and outfield problems.

He has Cece Garriott and Dom Dallessandro, two of last year's gardeners, back with him. And there is a good, first-line infield composed of Butch Moran (bought from Seattle) at first; Johnny Ostowski at third; Bill Schuster at short and either Don Johnson or Mickey Burnett at second. Some of these men are

pretty fragile, however, and replacements are needed badly.

Eddie Malone, an experienced triple-A receiver, is back behind the plate and there are a couple of rookies coming along to spell him off.

The pitching staff causes Kelly no worries. The manager already has predicted that his ace, Red Adams, will win at least 20 games this year. Hank Wyse, down from the Cubs via Shreveport; Red Lynn, who won 19 hits last season; and Lee Anthony, a 16-game winner, will make four strong starters.

**Major Leaguers Defeat Coasters**

United Press  
Pacific Coast League baseball teams swung into the last full week of training season activity Monday before the curtain goes up on the 1949 schedule Mar. 30.

The loop's eight teams all saw action Sunday, with the feature game being played at Sacramento. The Sacs, playing the first game in their newly rebuilt \$350,000 park, edged the Pittsburgh Pirates "B" team, 11 to 8, before a crowd of 8682 fans.

Pittsburgh jumped into an early six-run lead, but the Solons got five of those tallies back in the second and moved in front with two more in the third to hold the lead the rest of the way.

**Ex-'Bama Grid Coach Suffers Heart Attack**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 21—(AP)—Frank Thomas, who coached the University of Alabama football team to four unbeaten seasons and six bowl games, battled against death Monday after suffering a heart attack.

Thomas, who long has suffered from high blood pressure, was in South Highlands infirmary for a checkup when he was stricken with the heart attack Saturday night.

The 50-year-old coach was reported in "critical" condition by his physician, Dr. Joseph E. Hirsch.

It was ill health that made Thomas resign as Alabama's football coach in January 1947 after 15 seasons at the helm. He moved up to the post of athletic director and still was serving in that capacity when stricken. He was replaced as head football coach by Harold "Red" Drew.

Thomas, a Notre Dame graduate, where he played under Knute Rockne, coached at the University of Georgia and the University of Chattanooga before coming to Alabama.

**Top-seeded Team Out Of Catholic Tourney**

DENVER, March 21—(AP)—With top-seeded Siena already eliminated — but good — teams from Pennsylvania, Texas and Minnesota will go into action Monday night in the National Catholic basketball tournament.

Sunday, Gonzaga of Spokane, Wash., ousted St. Bonaventure of New York 47-43 and Dayton of Ohio eliminated Loras of Dubuque, Ia., 53-52.

A basket and two free throws by Rich Evans in the last two minutes accounted for the Gonzaga win. Tony Iacovino of St. Bonaventure had sunk a long two-handed set shot to deadlock the count at 43-all with two minutes to go when Evans took charge.

St. Mary's of Winona, Minn., will meet St. Francis of Loretto, Pa., and St. Thomas of St. Paul, Minn., will play St. Edward's of Austin.

Dayton nailed its win with just 25 seconds to play when Bob Flynn sank a driving southpaw hook shot.

**Cougar Swim Star Enters NCAA Meet**

PULLMAN, March 21—(AP)—Undeclared in Northern Division competition this year, Brian Canning Washington State College 1,500-meter swimming star, will leave by plane Tuesday for the NCAA meet March 24-26 at Chapel Hill, N. C.

He said he will enter the 1,500-meter and 440-yard free-style events.

**Quarter-Finals Come Up in Coast League**

United Press  
The Pacific Coast Hockey League semi-finals get under way this week with four teams battling for the division championships.

Teams still in the running were Los Angeles and San Diego in the south, and Tacoma and New Westminster in the north.

In Sunday night's play, San Diego turned back Oakland, 4 to 2. The win gave the Skyhawks a 3 to 1 series victory. The Hawks will meet the Los Angeles Monarchs Thursday at San Diego.

The Monarchs downed Fresno, 3 to 1, Saturday night to blank the Falcons in the best three out of five series.

The New Westminster Royals scored their third straight win over Portland with a 6 to 2 victory Sunday night, following up their 4 to 2 triumph of Saturday.

The win gave the Royals the right to entertain the Tacoma Rockets Wednesday in the new playoff series. On Saturday, Tacoma got into the semi-finals by blanking the Vancouver Canucks, 4 to 0, for their third win in a row.

# Frisko to Fete Victorious Don Hoopers on Arrival

## Indians Better

NEW YORK, March 21—(AP)—The still-elated San Francisco Dons were scheduled to leave Monday night for home where the folks are planning a monster celebration of their victory in the National Invitation basketball tournament.

The Dons will leave by plane from LaGuardia Field at 10 p.m. (EST) Monday night and arrive in San Francisco at 7 a.m. (PST) Tuesday morning.

Coach Pete Newell attributed the unexpected win to "team spirit that we generated as we went along."

Newell had high praise for Center Joe McNamee, whose guarding helped hold Loyola of Chicago Ace Jack Ferris to five points in the 48-47 finale Saturday night, and for Don Lofgran, who tallied 20 points and was named the tourney's most valuable player.

Newell was cautious about predictions for his team next year, but said the Dons would be back in Madison Square Garden for a game during the regular season. He said the opponent had not been selected yet, but may be CCNY, whom the Dons played in the regular season this year, or Long Island University.

Three players—John Benington, Frank Sobek, and Frank Kuzara—went on to Chicago Sunday to visit relatives. They will rejoin the team en route tonight and will be on hand when the City of San Francisco greets the victorious team.

The Dons will be met at the airport Tuesday by almost the entire U. S. F. student body, escorted in a parade through the business district to a rally on the campus followed by a victory luncheon at a downtown hotel.

**20 GAME SCHEDULE**  
The University of Mississippi has scheduled 20 basketball games for the 1948-49 season.

**NEWS VIEWS**

By H. F. "MAC" McDANIEL

Ever since the first cave man got "dressed down" by the lady of the cave for dropping gnawed bones on the floor of their little granite burrow, this time of the year has been marked for Spring cleaning. It seems to be an annual virus that nips milder and she can't rest until her home is shining like a Boy Scout on dress parade. Now this is mighty commendable, and if the brightening up process had missed a couple of generations we might be back in caves again. But it's a rough time for the man of the house. Why doesn't some scientist figure a way to quick-freeze all men for one week in Spring?

**Ontario Legion Champs**

PORTLAND, March 21—(AP)—Ontario held the Oregon championship of the American Legion basketball tournament Monday.

The eastern Oregon team defeated Reedsport, 45-43, in the final Saturday. Forest Grove won third place by forfeit over Baker.

**Phils Bump Bums**

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 21—(AP)—Outstanding pitching by Brissie and Joe Coleman gave the Philadelphia Athletics a 6 to 0 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers Sunday at West Palm Beach.

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A Minnesota farmer is suing two flyers for "bussing" his farm and killing 143 baby mink. Husbands whose wives have been after a mink coat can now claim a shortage.

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## Hugsted Captures Banff Ski Jumping

BANFF, Alta., March 21—(AP)—Giant leaps of 222 and 217 feet and near flawless form won Peter Hugsted, Norway's 1948 Olympic Games jumper, the Banff international invitational meet Sunday.

His 222-foot jump broke by five feet the Mount Norquay amateur record set three years ago by Bill Copley of Banff and was only three feet short of the professional mark set several years ago by Alf Engers.

Art Devlin of Lake Placid, N. Y., was second with 211—and 219-foot glides and Kjell Stordalen of Norway soared 196 and 204 feet to finish third on a point basis.

In fourth place, his score trimmed by form, was Tom Mohraaten of Vancouver, B. C., a member of the 1948 Canadian Olympic Games team. He jumped 199 and 206 feet.

Gustav Rauum, Norway, was fifth, followed by Norman Oskvik, Norway; Harold Hanson, Seattle; Olav Ulland, Seattle; Art Granstrom, Everett; Charles Ringler, Seattle; and Jack Pauley, Bush Lake, Minn.

## Five Northwest Boys Compete in AAU Meet

SEATTLE, March 21—(AP)—Five titlides from the recent Golden Gloves tournament at Seattle will compete in the National A.A.U. boxing championships April 4-6 at Boston. They are:

Featherweight Jerry Denson and lightweight Don Rogers, both of Multnomah A. C., Portland; welterweight Wes Behola, Bremerton; flyweight Wes Moore, Snohomish; and bantamweight Dick Ralls, Seattle.

## Good Team

Syracuse University's basketball team of 1925-26 won 19 out of 30 contests.

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