

Minor Leaguers Seek Freedom In Defiant Note

Chicago, Feb. 27 (UP)—The combined minor leagues, through their selected revision committee, struck a defiant note today as they prepared once again to try to win their emancipation from the majors.

The 10 wartime minor circuits are tired of being snubbed by their big brothers and are demanding an equal voice in the selection of a commissioner as well as a more prominent place in baseball's ruling class. Their latest showdown is being prepared by a preliminary 10-man revision committee which is meeting here to draft a new major-minor league agreement.

Vote Requested

The minors took their stand yesterday, when the committee requested a 50-50 vote with the majors in selecting a successor to the late Kenesaw M. Landis. The big leagues at present have all the power to do the voting on a new chief.

Meeting here for three days to revise the agreement which governs relations between the majors and minors, President Thomas H. Richardson of the Eastern league, committee chairman, issued the 50-50 proposition, stating that the minors should be ready to share expenses of the commissioner's office for voting privileges.

The committee put teeth in its proposal, too. Noting that the majors apparently are going to select a commissioner without consulting the minors, the committee went on record as "favoring certain legislation for the protection of the minor leagues that would enable the association to either reaffirm or cancel the agreement."

Called 'Movement'

"This is not a fight but a movement," Clarence (Pants) Rowland of the Pacific coast league said. "The agreement is outdated and we're going to modernize it. We're no longer dependents but going concerns."

The following proposals were submitted today for discussion:

- (1) Elimination of the clause which allows no recourse to the courts from a decision by the commissioner (proposed by President Leo Miller, Syracuse club, International league).
- (2) Raise the draft price for minor league players, such as hiking the \$7,500 price for a Double-A player to \$12,000 (Rowland).
- (3) Recognition and prompt attention to minor league suggestions and recommendations by the majors (Richardson).
- (4) Guarantee territorial rights of the minors against the majors (Rowland).

Prineville Ready For Tournament

Prineville, Feb. 27 (Special)—Prineville is looking forward with enthusiasm to being host to the district 3 basketball tournament, to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 13 in the Prineville gymnasium. Teams competing will be Burns, Lakeview, Bend, Redmond and Prineville, the winning team to play the winners in district 2, probably at Medford.

Two games are scheduled each night, at 7:30 and 8:30, the first night beginning with Redmond vs. Burns and Bend vs. Lakeview. The final tilt for the championship will be played Friday night.

The Prineville band will play each night and other entertainment will be given during intervals. Outside referees have been secured. They are Emil Piluso and Don Fawcett, both of Portland.

Prineville will enter play favored to win, because of its leadership in the Central Oregon league. Bend, beaten four consecutive times by Redmond, holds the bottom position in the Central Oregon circuit, with only one game won. Redmond holds a .500 average.

Out Our Way



Coasting Along in the Sport World

By Jack Cuddy
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Feb. 27 (UP)—Frankie, Winnie and Joe mantled their recent conferences at Yalta with military secrecy. However, it was a thin blanket compared to the "pillory" secrecy now enveloping the "ballita" activities of Sam Breadon, Phil Wrigley, Alva Bradley and Donald Barnes.

These four club owners are serving as a committee to investigate and recommend candidates for the post of baseball high commissioner. Major league censorship has permitted publication of this fact. They were scheduled to meet today at St. Louis. But the latest communique stated that the meeting was cancelled.

Why was this meeting of the "mystery four" cancelled? Has another meeting been scheduled? What progress has the committee made in picking men who might succeed the late Commissioner Landis—at \$50,000 a year?

The cancellation announcement at St. Louis answered none of these questions. It contained only the bald fact that the meeting had been called off. A reporter, seeking additional information, telephoned one of the committee men. Their conversation follows:

"Why was the meeting called off?"

"I have no comment."

"Has another been scheduled?"

"I have no comment."

"How many candidates are you now considering?"

"I have no comment."

The reporter later was question-

Beavers Favored To Win Contest

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 27 (UP)—With the psychological advantage of being slightly the underdog in the forthcoming basketball contest with the Oregon State Beavers, the Oregon Webfeet went back to practice yesterday, determined to leave nothing undone toward getting in shape for the decisive game next Saturday.

Because Oregon State won the last two games from the Oregon team, 55-51 and 45-43, the Beavers have been established as the favorites, despite an early season loss to Oregon.

With the benefit of a four-day rest, Coach John Warren's charges are all pepped up and practically ready to vow that they'll win this final contest against their old enemies. Most of the players will be in prime physical condition, having recovered from small and large injuries which have plagued the squad for the past several weeks.

Cinch To Win

With Washington State a virtual cinch to win both of its games against Idaho this week-end, the winner of the State of Oregon series will automatically be pitted against the Cougars for the championship in a playoff. Should WSC stumble—which isn't likely—then either Oregon or Oregon State is a shoo-in.

Warren plans to give much attention to offense and defense this week, especially on offensive plays, since the Oregon team has lacked a scoring punch at crucial moments in the last few contests. In the last two games with Oregon State, the Webfeet failed to solve the Staters' man-for-man defense.

Cooper Facing Ring Suspension

San Francisco, Feb. 27 (UP)—Jackie Cooper, negro welterweight, today was faced with a six-month suspension from California fighting rings and forfeiture of a \$1,092 purse in the Freddie Dixon scrap here last week.

At a hearing yesterday, state athletic commissioners John Rustigan and Ed Pencevich declared his performance to have been "unsatisfactory." Rustigan withheld a vote on forfeiture of Cooper's share of the purse. The commission's finding must be voted upon by three Southern California members who were not present at the hearing.

Mighty Herman To Quit Baseball

Ontario, Cal., Feb. 27 (UP)—Babe Herman, veteran home run king, has quit baseball "for good" after 23 years of slugging in both the major and minor leagues. Buck Faustet, manager of the Pacific coast league Hollywood Stars, said today.

Herman, who had been with the stars since 1933 as an outfielder, coach and pinchhitter, batted .325 during 11 years with major league clubs in Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Chicago and Detroit between 1926 and 1937. Herman said he would give up the diamond sport to devote full time to raising turkeys and chickens on his Sunland, Calif., ranch.

Coal gas, produced when stoves, furnaces or flues are defective, killed over 350 persons in American homes in 1943.

Central Oregon Quintets to Join In District Play

Five schools from the great Central Oregon plateau, the state's largest basketball district from a geographical standpoint, will meet in Prineville this week to determine the championship of this region. Play will be under the Oregon State High School Athletic association setup. The five schools participating will be Prineville, Redmond, Lakeview, Bend and Burns.

The winner of the tournament in this section, officially designated as district 3, will then trek to southern Oregon to meet Medford, winner in district 2, whichever team comes out on top in this playoff will then have a ticket to the state tournament in Salem.

Metropolitan newspapers are picking Medford as state finalist, and the possibilities of either one of the two leading schools from this district stopping the unbeaten Tigers seem remote. Both Prineville and Redmond play comparatively slow, deliberate games, while Medford relies almost entirely on a fast-breaking attack.

Bears Badly Beaten

On the basis of the only comparative scores available, the Black Tornado rules a 15 to 20 point favorite over either team. Bend was the only team from this region to play the district 2 champs, and was beaten by an average of 40 points. The best the Cowboys could do against the cellar-dwelling Bears was a 14-point margin. Saturday night Redmond rolled up a larger edge by leading 17 points at the end of the game with Bend.

The Prineville tourney will open Thursday evening. Prineville draws a bye to go into the semifinals. Redmond is expected to trounce the Burns Bulldogs, to enter Friday night's feature against the Cowboys in a contest that should decide the district champions. Friday night's prelim will probably see Burns tangling with either Bend or Lakeview in the consolation bracket.

Fight Results

(By United Press)

New York, (St. Nicholas arena)—Steve Dudas, 198½ Edgewater, N. J., stopped Jimmy Carollo, 198, Corona, N. Y. (8).

Providence, R. I.—Bert Lytell, 155, Oakland, Cal., outpointed Charlie Jones, 161, New York (9).

Newark, N. J.—Johnny Carter, 163½, Philadelphia, Stopped Gus Alexander, 168, Trenton, N. J. (7).

Holyoke, Mass.—Lige Drew, 151, Springfield, Mass., outpointed Joe Bennett, 154, New York (10).

Baltimore—Lee Q. Murray, 206, Norwalk, Conn., outpointed Al Hart, 226, Washington (10).

Pittsburg—Ossie Harris, 159, Pittsburg, outpointed Tommy Bell, 150, Youngstown (10).

Microfilmed blueprints and drawings of naval ships and aircraft, sent overseas by plane, have saved invaluable time and money in repairing damaged boats and planes in distant repair bases.

McKeever Plans To Leave Irish

South Bend, Ind., 27 (UP)—Ed McKeever, Notre Dame's 34-year-old acting athletic director and head football coach, is expected to resign soon in order to take the head coaching job at Cornell university.

Close friends of McKeever here said that the stocky Texan has been considering an offer from the Ithaca, N. Y., university for some time and is expected to submit his resignation to Notre Dame within the next couple of days.

Bowling Notes

Bend Bulletin bowlers posted a new high series for the season last night in Industrial league play on the Bend Recreation alley by scoring 2635 while winning three straight games from the league-leading Medo-Land creamery team. High individual total for the evening, 588, was scored by George Mirich. In other league matches, Superior cafe won two from Piland's, Bend-Portland took two from Bend Recreation and Pepsi-Cola won a pair from Gateway lunch. Results of the matches follow:

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

5:00—Sam Hayes
5:15—Superman
5:30—Tom Mix
5:45—Night News Wire
6:00—Gabriel Heatter
6:15—Jimmy Fidler
6:30—American Forum of Air
7:15—Lowell Thomas
7:30—Red Ryder
8:00—Treasury Salute
8:15—Enoch Light's Orchestra
8:30—Mysterious Traveler
9:00—Glenn Hardy News
9:15—Rex Miller
9:30—Broadway Bandwagon
10:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
10:15—Tommy Tucker Time

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

7:00—News
7:15—Dick Brown
7:30—Maxine Keith
7:45—Morning Melodies
8:00—LARRY CLINTON
8:15—News
8:30—Take It Easy Time
8:45—Today's Bulletin Board
8:50—Western Music
8:55—Lanny and Ginger
9:00—William Lang and the News
9:15—Morton Downey
9:30—Rationing News
9:35—Old Family Almanac
10:00—Glenn Hardy News
10:15—Luncheon With Lopez
10:45—News of Prineville
11:35—Lady About Town
11:40—News
11:45—Traffic Safety
12:00—Mal Hallett

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