

New Clubs Get 16 Minor Leaguers

Boston—(UPI)—The American League announced an early Christmas "gift" of 16 minor league players to its new Washington and Los Angeles entries. Price tags ranged up to \$25,000 per player.

The announcement came from American League President Joe Cronin who, on Tuesday, also will refer to a unique draft of major-league players in which the expanded circuit's newest members will acquire readmade rosters for their first season in 1961.

The Tuesday session, first of its kind in the history of organized baseball, will be attended by the owners and top officials of both new teams.

Cronin said Gen. Elwood (Pete) Quesada, owner of the new Washington franchise, and both board chairman Gene Autry and President Bob Reynolds of the American League's Los Angeles club will attend the two-team player draft and, possibly, take an active hand in it.

Special Draft

Addition of the newly-revealed special minor league draft meant that the better part of \$5 million will flow into the coffers of the existing American League from its newest members.

Actually, the most both clubs could pay for players under the league's stocking program would be \$4.6 million. The final figure may be a few thousand dollars less, but the rock bottom player purchase price must be at least \$4 million, or \$525,000 per club.

The new A.L. owners were not required to pay for their franchise rights but under the

arrangement, each of the eight existing clubs will receive at least that amount for players at \$75,000 apiece in lieu of other compensation. The minor league draft could add as much as \$400,000 to the total amount changing hands.

In addition, some league officials privately expect either or both new clubs to immediately launch a bargain counter trading campaign with the National League during the 50-hour gap between their roster selection and the end of the inter-league trading period Dec. 15.

The player grab, already a complex operation, was further complicated by the decision of the owners to "make an additional gift of minor league players at the regular draft price." This price ranges up to \$25,000 per player.

Ground rules laid down by Cronin go something like this: The owners, general managers, and field managers (if available), of the two new teams, will sit in on the closed-door player picking session at 10:15 a.m. (EST) Tuesday.

Any and all may take part, but the general managers are expected to run the show.

Cronin will referee and American League aides will keep the books.

Each club must pick 28 players from a roster of 120 established by the other eight teams.

No more than seven players may be chosen from a list of 15 submitted by each club.

First choice will be by coin toss.

Then, in addition, the new entries each may purchase

eight minor leaguers (one from each club) who were bypassed in the recent minor league draft at St. Louis. The minor leaguers attain draftable status by failing to move up in organized baseball's classification ladder during the past season. About 160 minor leaguers are "available."

When the session is over, both Washington and Los Angeles must have purchased at least 28 players but not more than 36. Washington already has acquired three but they won't count.

Major Qualification

One other major qualification has been imposed. Fred Haney, the Los Angeles general manager, and general manager Mickey Vernon, who ever is Washington boss, each must pick at least 10 pitchers, two catchers, six infielders, and four outfielders as part of their list of 28. That leaves six picks at their own discretion.

The official list of 120 players as made up from their rosters by the eight entries will not be made public before, during or after the meeting. Only those players chosen by the new teams will be identified.

Joe McKenney, league public relations director, says there probably will be some surprises in store insofar as player identity is concerned. While he admits that the published lists of players probably submitted for the unique stocking session was "70 or 75 per cent correct," he also notes that in the cases of some teams, "they were way off."

It is, in fact, the belief of some American League officials that the new Washington and Los Angeles teams, while certainly not pennant contenders in their maiden seasons, could break out of the ninth and tenth place positions in the 1961 American League standings and "might even make it to seventh and eighth place."

John Day Screening Saves Fish

Portland—Salmon and steelhead in the John Day river system have been given a new lease on life as a result of the rotary screening program of the game commission, in operation for the past five years.

More than 400 of these rotary fish savers are now in operation throughout the John Day river basin, Oregon state game commission has reported.

From the time the first screen went into operation records have been kept on important tributaries of the number of downstream migrant salmon and steelhead returned to the river to continue their journey to the sea.

In 1956, not a single chinook salmon passed the bypass traps—a device installed on many screens which traps downstream migrants so an accurate tally can be made. During the migration season of 1957, a total of nine young chinook salmon was counted, and in 1958, 38 of the young ones were tallied. The 1959 number reached 404 young chinooks through the traps and this summer saw 370 making their downstream journey.

Bandon Five Wins Over St. Mary's

Bandon high, holding off the Crusaders at the finish, defeated St. Mary's 42 to 41 here Friday night in pre-league basketball competition.

The coast school moved from a 23-all halftime deadlock to a 38 to 32 third quarter lead. Bandon was ahead by nine points midway through the closing canto. St. Mary's sliced down a five-point difference in the last moments and the final score was established with just seconds left to play.

Evans Has 22

The Crusaders were on top most of the time in the first half but Bandon was in the lead 11 to 9 at the quarter. Bandon boomed to 29 to 23 in the opening part of the second half and kept the advantage the rest of the evening.

Dick Evans of St. Mary's topped all scorers with 22 markers. Ron Edwards led Bandon with 10. Chuck Beazley of the visitors and Evans were rebound leaders.

The fracas was a fast-paced one despite the comparatively low score.

North Bend Defeats GP

Grants Pass—North Bend's Bulldogs overcame Grants Pass 63 to 53 here Friday night after breaking a third quarter lead of the Cavemen cagers.

GP was in front 15 to 13 at the quarter and halfway score was 28 for each. The Cavemen took a 30 to 28 edge but NB tied the fray at 30-all then rolled to 44 to 38 margin by the third stop. GP pulled up to 44 to 42.

Chuck Johns had 18 points and Jeff Allen 17 for North Bend and Dan McIntire 14 for Grants Pass.

Pointers Split With South GP

Central Point—Central Point junior high cagers split wins with South Grants Pass on Friday.

The Pointer eighth grade was victor 28 to 22 and the South seventh won 13 to 12.

CP eighth had quarter leads of 10 to 8, 17 to 10 and 22 to 15. Frank Marshall paced with 15 points. South was on top 5 to 4 at the seventh grade halt-time. Frank Rowe of the Pointers was high scorer with seven.

Cougars Down Logger Quintet

Cave Junction—Illinois Valley high hoopers, with Frank Blair putting in 13 points and Bud Hill 12, subdued Butte Falls 65 to 42 on Friday.

The IV gang had 17 to 6, 35 to 11 and 52 to 30 period gaps. Neil Ellis totaled 11 points for Butte Falls, which had 31 to 30 scoring edge for the second half.

Twelve IV Cougars saw service and 11 scored.

Jones Boys Lead Celtics to First

United Press International

The whole town's talking about the Jones boys—and that's why the Boston Celtics are back in first place with the Philadelphia Warriors today.

Sam and K. C. Jones, who play second fiddle to stars Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman, provided the Celtics with a second quarter spark that guided them to a 146-123 victory over the Cincinnati Royals Friday night.

In the opening game of the N.A.A. doubleheader at Boston, Bob Pettit's 36 points led the St. Louis Hawks to a 131-118 triumph over the Syracuse Nationals to strengthen their first place lead in the Western division.

O'Brien Named GM Of Louisville Club

Milwaukee—(UPI)—The Milwaukee Braves Saturday announced appointment of Danny O'Brien as general manager of the Louisville Colonels of the American Association.

O'Brien, assistant general manager last season, succeeds Joe Burke, who has resigned from the Braves' organization to accept a post as assistant to the general manager of the new Washington club of the American League.

O'Brien, who comes from Elizabeth, N.J., had previously worked as business manager of the Braves' farm teams in Jacksonville, S.C., and Boise, Ida.

Sonny Liston Faces Biggest Fight of Life

Washington—(UPI)—Leading heavyweight contender Charles (Sonny) Liston faces the toughest fight of his life Monday.

Senate boxing investigators plan to swing this hard question at him:

Is he controlled behind-the-scenes by three of the nation's top gangsters?

The answer may determine whether Liston ever gets a crack at boxing's most coveted prize—the heavyweight championship of the world.

State and city athletic commissioners will be faced with the decision of whether to bar him from the ring if any link with the underworld was proved. The commissions have the power to snuff out his career.

St. Louis racketeer John J. Vitale refused to tell the investigating subcommittee Friday whether he and two other mobsters are Liston's undercover managers.

The other gangsters are Frankie Carbo, reputed underworld czar of boxing, and Frank (Blinky) Palermo, Philadelphia numbers king.

Chairman Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) warned the scowling Vitale that he would "do everything possible" to cite him for contempt of Congress. But the racketeer stuck by the Fifth amendment in refusing to answer the question.

In other testimony yesterday, million sportsman James D. Norris said Carbo was an influential figure in arranging championship bouts involving Jake La Motta, Carmen Basilio, and Willie Pep, all one-time champs.

McDougald To Retire

New York—(UPI)—Gil McDougald, whose versatility as an infielder was only exceeded by his nice-guy attitude, has played his last game for the New York Yankees—or any other major league team.

The 32-year-old native of San Francisco announced Friday night that he was retiring from baseball "to devote more time to my family and my business."

McDougald, father of four children, is owner of a building maintenance business in New Jersey.

During his 10 years with the Yankees, McDougald appeared in eight World Series and four All-Star games, winding up his career with a .278 batting average.

He is probably the only player in history who appeared in World Series play as a regular at second base, third base and shortstop, and he was named on American League all-star squads at all three positions.

McDougald said he notified the Yankees of his intention to retire at the end of last season but was told to "think it over."

"At the time, I didn't know if this expansion thing would go through or not," he added. "Now, with the new teams in the league, it would have meant I would be away from home more often, so I decided to chuck it."

Paret Retains Welterweight Championship

New York—(UPI)—Young Benny Kid Paret of Cuba, making his first defense of the world welterweight crown, pressed 32-year-old Federico Thompson of Argentina with a relentless hooking barrage in nearly every round Saturday night and won a unanimous 15-round decision over the blood-smearing challenger.

Paret, weighing 147 pounds to Thompson's 145½, broke the Argentine slugger's unbeaten string at 32 straight bouts, including two draws.

One of those draws, in the same Garden ring on March 25, resulted in the previous non-title bout between Paret and Thompson, before Benny won the crown.

Thompson put up a game battle against the 23-year-old Paret but lacked the stamina to keep fighting every second of every round like the perpetual-motion Cuban.

Willamette and Linfield Lose

United Press International

Two of Oregon's top small college basketball teams, Willamette and Linfield, failed against Washington schools Friday night.

The Bearcats, unbeaten and with three victories, dropped a 90-64 decision to Pacific Lutheran and Linfield lost to Puget Sound, 79-68.

In other games involving Oregon small colleges, Portland State topped Central Washington, 47-42; Chico State defeated Southern Oregon, 75-66; Lewis and Clark came up with a 106-64 win over Oregon College of Education, and Oregon Tech beat Humboldt State, 63-55.

Leon Wilson and Bob Peterson each hit 16 points in Oregon Tech's win, Portland State came from three points behind in the second half to achieve its victory.

Prep Basketball

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Eagle Point Battles by Prospect

Prospect—Eagle Point high pulled ahead for good in the last quarter here Friday night to overcome a stubborn Prospect basketball.

The Prospect Cougars, who feel they have a fine chance in the Jackson County B league race, were "up" on the Class A-2 Eagles 11 to 5 at the quarter and 16 to 11 at the half. Score at the end of three seasons was 24 apiece.

Craig Gardner spurred the Cougars in their bid for upset. He had 18 markers to head all scorers. Dick Wilson put in 13 for Eagle Point and Cliff Chapman of Prospect and Tom Perdue of EP each 10.

Wilson and Perdue combined to give the Eagles an eight point lead at the start of the fourth quarter. It was a tight defensive game, each club had ball-losing troubles. Terry Gardner and Chapman of Prospect and Steve Geren and Wilson of EP all fouled out.

Eagle Point won the junior varsity tiff. The score was not available.

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SPORTS

Players Named to Squads For Copper Bowl Game

Phoenix, Ariz.—(UPI)—The first 28 players to be signed to participate in the third annual Copper bowl football game at the Arizona State University stadium Saturday, Dec. 31, were disclosed yesterday by game sponsors.

The players were equally divided with 14 scheduled to play for the National All-Stars and 14 for the South-West team. The Nationals will be coached by Pete Elliott of Illinois and Rip Engle of Penn State. The South-West team will be handled by Jim Sutherland of Washington State and Sonny Grandelius of Colorado.

The players are scheduled to arrive here on Christmas day and will have their first workouts the following day.

National Stars

The players signed were: National All-Stars: Ends—Charles Lee, Iowa; Fred Martino, Syracuse, and Hank Derleth, Wisconsin. Tackles—Dick Mills, Pittsburgh; Jack Bodkin, South Carolina. Guard—Bill Popp, Penn State. Centers—Les Sent, Rutgers, and Dick Nichols, Northwestern. Quarterback—John Esterbrook, Illinois. Backs—Glen

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