

Diamond Agrees On New Policy

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—Baseball is one happy family today with the major league's policy committee, reporting "agreement in principle" between players and owners on proposed contract reforms.

The diamond social revolution, mild in form, will cost the majors more money in 1947. There can be no question about that. But in the long run, if the improved owner-player relations can snap the union threat and end the Mexican raids, the majors will consider it cash well spent.

High on the list of matters to be discussed at yesterday's parley between the six-man policy committee, representing the owners, and the six-man player group was a minimum wage. The National league athletes had asked for \$5500 and the American had set no figure.

When Chairman Larry MacPhail of the major league committee announced "as far as the committee's recommendations are concerned mutual agreement in principle has been reached on all matters discussed." He included the minimum salary.

Because the owners believed it would be better to keep secret the exact details of their agreements until the August 27 meetings in Chicago, the exact minimum make is not known.

The players will also get an allotment to cover incidental expenses during spring training. MacPhail indicated it would not be the \$5 per day that was asked, a sum he estimated would run into \$130,000 per year.

Dixie Holds Batting Edge

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (AP)—Dixie Walker, Brooklyn Dodger outfielder went on a batting rampage during the past week that enabled him to resume the individual batting leadership of the National league while Washington's Mickey Vernon retained first place in the American league's hit derby for the third straight week with a .357 mark.

The popular ballhawk of the Dodgers slammed out 12 hits in 22 appearances at the plate including games of Sunday to boost his average from .367 to .378 while Boston's Johnny Hopp, last week's pace setter, collected only three singles in 18 attempts and fell to second with .368.

Vernon amassed 13 safeties in 36 times to the plate while runner-up, Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, connected safely four times in 16 appearances at the dish to fall from .355 to .351.

Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals held on to third place in the senior circuit although he slumped from .362 to .356. Johnny Pesky of Boston vaulted from fifth to third in the Harbridge loop as he increased his mark four points to .327.

Beavers Drop Salem 6 to 3

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—The Portland Beavers defeated their Western International league farm club, Salem, 6-3, last night.

It was the season's second game between the two and the second victory for the Beavers. Lefty Wandel Mossor, The Senators gave him a bad time in the opening inning, scoring twice, but from then on he had the situation in hand while his mates were collecting 12 hits off Carl Gunnarson.

It was a costly exhibition for Portland's Shone who drew a \$50 fine and a 10-day suspension without pay from General Manager Bill Klepper for misconduct on the field.

Mayors Will Angle For Fishing Honors

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—The mayors of Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles will convene at the Columbia river mouth August 31 to see who can take home the best fish story.

An all-mayor fishing derby, suggested originally as a joke, was formally set by Portland's Mayor Riley yesterday. The Pacific coast crown goes to the mayor with the largest catch.

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press
NEWARK, N. J.—Fredrick Archer, 144, Newark, outpointed Vic Costa, 149 1/2, the Bronx, 10.
PITTSBURGH—Charley Burley, 157, Pittsburgh, outpointed Bert Lytell, 153, Fresno, Calif., 10.
SAN FRANCISCO—Jerry McSwain, 185, Pomona, Calif., outpointed Tony Bonnick, 186, San Francisco, 10.
TROY, N. Y.—Joe Bakst, 219, Kulpmont, Pa., knocked out Indian Sandy McPherson, 219 1/2, Troy, O., 4.
WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Elmer (Violent) Ray, 192, Hastings, Fla., stopped George Fitch, 204 1/2, New Haven, Conn., 15.

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College Football Promises Class This Fall



Oklahoma A&M's Bob Fenimore (left), Georgia's Charley Trippi (center), and Texas' Bobby Layne are three big guns returning to their respective gridirons this fall, and these, along with Glenn Davis, Doc Blanchard, Harry Gilmer, Smackover Scott, Herman Wedemeyer, Jake Leicht and a host of others are going to give the autumn sport its best season.

MICKEY OWEN JUMPS BACK

Mickey Owen, who left a first string catching job with the Brooklyn Dodgers last April to play in the Mexican league, was reported back in the United States today, ready to return to his old post at Ebbets field—if organized baseball will have him.

Branch Rickey, Dodger president who said his information came from a mutual friend, disclosed that Owen had deserted the Vera Cruz club in the Mexican circuit, Texas and would seek reinstatement in the National league.

Owen himself could not be found up to an early hour today, but it was learned here that the catcher was en route to his home at Springfield, Mo., and planned to appear personally before the commissioner, (Happy) Chandler to ask his reinstatement.

No Comment
Chandler, informed of the report at his Versailles, Ky., home, said he had "no comment."

Rickey said he "would intercede with Commissioner Chandler in Owen's behalf."

"My friendship for Owen goes back nine years," the Dodger chieftain pointed out. "If there is anything I can do, I'll be glad to do it."

Asked if he would take Mickey back into the Dodger fold, Rickey answered: "That's something I can not discuss now. It's up to Commissioner Chandler to rule on his case first."

Chandler, at the time Jorge Pasquel and his four brothers were recruiting U. S. players for their Mexican league, stated that players who jumped south of the border could not be reinstated for five years.

Leo Would Like It
Manager Leo Durocher, as surprised as anyone over the latest development, was asked if he would like to get Owen back. Said Leo: "Personally and as a player, I would be glad to see him with the Dodgers again. But it's up to Mr. Rickey and Commissioner Chandler."

At Mexico City yesterday Gerardo Pasquel expressed "complete surprise" at the report that he had jumped back to the United States.

Luis Olmo, formerly with the Dodgers and Danner Gardella, ex-New York Giant player, who has been Owen's teammates at Vera Cruz, said he was not at his apartment when they stopped by to pick him up.

Chevs Force 3-Way Series

Upsetting the playoff apple cart, Ashley Chevrolet prolonged the final playoff games between the four top teams in the men's softball league by walloping Veterans of Foreign Wars 8 to 4 last night on Recreation field, and thus making preliminary playoffs necessary to determine who will be the fourth team in the finals.

It was the third Ashley-VFW game, two others ending in ties. The Vets started out well, and were leading the ball game until Al Bellotti slugged a home run in the fourth inning, which gave Ashley a never-contested lead. Mel Schulmire and Lon Sanders, both of the Vets, also hit homers in the third inning.

Five hits were made by Ashley, while four were recorded for the Vets. Ashley made one error, the Vets made three. Batteries were Bill Sweet and Hank Schortgen, pitching for the Vets, with Don Schortgen catching. "Sweede" Anderson and Jim Derah carried through the whole game for Ashley.

VFW, Ashley, and the Knights of Columbus now are tied up for the position of fourth team in the standings.

In a short meeting following the game, a toss of a coin gave Ashley the bye on Wednesday night, at which time the Veterans and KCs will play out one team, and the winner to meet the Chevs next Friday, August 9. These games are planned to start at 6 p. m.

Flashes Of Life

Hurry Home, Dear
SAN DIEGO, Aug. 6 (AP)—Police Traffic Sgt. Bill Thien, admittedly sympathetic to husbands, came up with this information:
Ten times as many men are injured hurrying home from work between 4 and 5:59 p. m. as meet mishaps going to the job between 7 and 8:59 a. m.

Manhunt Strategy
CHENY, Wash., Aug. 6 (AP)—For the first time in the school's 56-year history, men will outnumber women students at Eastern College of Education this fall, Registrar George F. Wallace reported yesterday.

Two pretty coeds, he said, asked him to keep the figures secret lest the prospect attract more women.

When he declined, one was philosophical. "Oh, well, 50 per cent of the men probably will be married anyway," she said. But the other insisted: "Just think of that other 50 per cent."

Free Shelter
CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (AP)—Policeman Edward P. Mendenhall is considering leaving his shiny, new automobile at home.

Yesterday he drove it to work for the first time and parked it in front of the Chicago avenue station. Scanning rain clouds he stretched a tarpaulin tent-like over the new machine and started out on his beat.

Later, as a light rain fell, Detective Frank Sheehan saw a pair of shoes protruding from the sheltering tent. He investigated and found three men—all without funds to rent a room—fast asleep. He gave them the bum's rush and notified Mendenhall to come to the station and remove his "trophies."

Customs Slows Journey North

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 6 (AP)—Mickey Owen, former Brooklyn catcher who jumped to the Mexican league, is in Brownsville clearing customs.

Apparently having driven to the border from Mexico City by car, the baseball star was at a local hotel. He asked customs officials to keep his whereabouts quiet.

He arrived late yesterday. Efforts last night to contact him failed.

Portland Spending Up According To Survey

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Portlanders spent 3.2 per cent more to buy essential items during the second quarter of 1946, according to a bureau of labor statistics survey.

Food costs increased 3.4 per cent during the period here, and clothing, 4.2 per cent. The cost of living is 140.3 per cent above the 1935-39 average, the report said.

CPA RULINGS
PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—The civilian production administration today approved \$146,000 worth of construction projects, but denied \$600,000 others. Approvals included a \$10,000 laundry at the state penitentiary and a \$16,980 elevator shaft at the U. S. National bank, Salem.

New Boxers On Docket

Six First-Timers Have Spots On Armory Bill

Tonight at the armory a special boxing card will be held to take care of some of the many boys who have been working out here and clamoring for fights but who have only seldom been able to locate a spot on the regular every-other-Tuesday shows.

Six of the lads on tonight's docket, including the main-eventer, have not boxed here before, and three others have come before the public only once.

The main event will be between Bruce Miller, hard-hitting undefeated Indian middleweight from Chiloquin, and Mexican Joe Narazallo of Napa, Idaho, a newcomer with amateur ring experience.

Johnny Jones, one of the local ring perennials, fights again in a five-rounder, meeting Hefty Jim Wright in a middleweight duel.

Topping the quarter of prelims will be Pepsi Moreno fighting Wayne Hatcher of Chiloquin, and the big weight bout of the evening will be a four-round lightweight affair between Gene Danks and Jack Dodge, both of whom tip the scales at a little over 160.

Little Joe Marceida of the Marine Barracks comes back after his loss last week to Pepsi Moreno to take on Kid Bliss of Chiloquin, and the opener, featherweight division, will pit Chief Hatcher against Billy Martin.

The curtainraiser gets going at 8:30, and general admission tickets go on sale at the armory gate at 7:30.

SPORTS

By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

Brooklyn's Lead No Credit To Hill Staff

By The Associated Press
Brooklyn's ability to defeat the Boston Braves and the Philadelphia Phillies with almost monotonous regularity continues and Manager Leo Durocher has the knack of yanking a faltering moundsman at the right time.

With 101 games under their belt, the Brooks enjoy a 24 game margin over the second place St. Louis Cardinals in the National league but only 33 complete games have been turned in by the Dodger hurling crew, 26 of them victories.

In 68 Dodger contests, Durocher employed 201 hurlers in bag-

Walt's Next Is Mad Mike

Next opponent of Walt "Sneeze" Acheu, the grappling Chinaman, will be the clowning Mike Nazarian in a six-round tussle next Thursday night, but this match will now be fought with judo jackets as have Acheu's last three appearances.

Nazarian, who has been battling around on prelims for a number of weeks, unconditionally vetoed an offer from Acheu for a mixed match with the gymnasium garments, preferring rather to stick to the type of work he knows best, catch as catch can.

Sneeze, since his return to Klamath mat wars, is slowly working his way through the available crop of opponents, having disposed of Bob Keneston and Pete Belcastro.

Two prelims for Thursday night will be four stanza encounters and introduce a couple of new boys to the armory mat.

One is Jack Pinto, 19-year-old lad, who has been active for several weeks up in the Willamette valley and now is making his first tour of the southern end of the northwest circuit.

Pinto is a son of Stanley Pinto, an old-time rasser who still follows the game as second and trainer for young Jack. Tex Hager will furnish the opposition for Pinto's debut.

The other newcomer is a Montana Indian named Ike Cazell, a bad man of the mat, who will tangle with the ever-popular Joe Lynam.

Cooper Folds

Mort Cooper began for Boston but blew up in the fifth. In an exhibition contest at New York, the Giants dropped a 3-2 decision to the New York Yankees and also lost the services of Johnny Mize, the senior loop's top home run hitter, for two to three weeks. Mize suffered a fractured right hand when struck by a pitched ball by Joe Page in the first inning.

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Hawaii-Portland Sail Uneventful

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So declared Harold Oakes, Portland, and Ralph Musick, Honolulu, on their arrival here aboard the Mermaid. The fishing from Honolulu to the coast isn't good, either, they said. All they got were flying jellyfish and squids which flopped into the boat at night.

WRONG GUESS

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—Burglars who entered the Oregon Culvert and Pipe company found two heavy cash boxes, both locked. They carried off the empty one, and left the money-filled one.

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