



Bill Loes Seeking Increase

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Maybe you can't call 'em hold-outs yet, but players like Billy Loes, Don Larsen, Dave Philley, Del Ennis, Sandy Amoros and a host of others are off to a good quiet start in that direction.

The ball clubs don't like to talk about players who are dissatisfied with their contracts. They don't even call such players hold-outs until March 1, but call 'em anything you like, here are some fellows who are unhappy with their contracts:

Billy Loes, Dodgers — Feels his 10-4 record warrants a raise.

Don Larsen, Yankees — Figures he is entitled to a raise, too, on the basis of his 8-2 record with the Yanks and 9-1 slate with Denver.

Dave Philley, Orioles — He wants more than \$20,000 for hitting .299.

Del Ennis, Phillies — Batted .296 but those 44 homers and 120 runs batted in are his big talking points.

SAVED SERIES — Sandy Amoros, Brooklyn — His brilliant catch saved the World Series for the Dodgers but they are paying him more along the lines of his .247 batting average over the entire season.

There are numerous others, too, who aren't exactly making a bee-line for their pens.

One of them is rookie shortstop Luis Aparicio of the White Sox, who, after hearing how confident Chicago officials are that he will be able to take Chico Carrasquel's place, expects them to reflect some of that confidence in a little matter like dollars and cents.

Bob Grim and Billy Hunter of the Yankees have each fired back a couple of contracts and so has southpaw Johnny Antonelli of the Giants.

Robin Roberts, who is reported to have set his sights on \$50,000, hasn't signed either but in connection with him and Ennis, Secretary George Fletcher of the Phils says, "When you deal with players in the big money brackets, it usually takes several conferences to work out an agreement."

SIGNS EARLY — Maybe so, but Ted Williams, who is getting \$100,000 — and you can bank on that figure — usually needs only 10 minutes to come to terms each year.

The Dodgers announced the signing of their relief ace Clem Labine, who won 13 and lost five last season in addition to sparkling in the World Series against the Yankees. He was given a raise.

Outfielder Lou Skizas signed with the Yankees.

Right-hander Mel Held, a 24-game winner with San Antonio of the Texas League, signed with the Orioles, who are giving him his third trial in the big leagues.

The White Sox reported the signing of pitchers Jack Harshman and Bill Dufour while the Red Sox signed veterans Grady Hatton and Johnny Schmitz.

UCLA's Ronnie Knox received credit for an 82-yard punt against the College of the Pacific last season.

Home Games Await Pels, Tech Cagers

Klamath Union's Pelican basketball team and the hoopsters from Oregon Technical Institute face home court battles this weekend as they host the Grants Pass Cavemen and Eastern Oregon College of Education Mountaineers in two conference outings.

The Klamath-Grants Pass series will be the final home games of the season for the Pels, who will finish their remaining weeks on the road when they face Medford and Ashland.

Coach Don Peterson's Pelicans stand a very good chance of sewing up the second place finish in the Southern Oregon Conference, but they must win both from Grants Pass while Ashland falls twice to Medford. In clinching at least the second spot in the final conference standings, the Pels would assure themselves of a trip to the state tournament.

Klamath already has dumped the Cavemen twice, and will probably be tabbed favorites to trip the Grants Pass quintet here Friday and Saturday nights, but Peterson isn't ready to accept the favorite's nod.

The Cavemen pushed the Whitebirds to the limit in their first two meetings this year at Grants Pass, and since that time have been improving with great strides, including a close three point loss to Marshfield, who in turn whipped Medford.

OTI will be gunning for conference victory number four when they go against the tough Mounties from La Grande. In their first two meetings this year on the EOCE maple court, Tech fell twice to coach Bob Quinn's chargers, led by talented Ted Schadewitz and Lowell Kolbaba.

Schadewitz, currently the conference's leading scorer and 1954-55 a conference selection, is the spark behind the 1955-56 Eastern Oregon club, but Kolbaba, a service-returnee has been a big help to the Mounties around the backboards with his 6-4 frame and scoring abilities. EOCE holds to second place in the conference standings, trailing Portland State College.

The Pelicans Court preliminary games will pit the KUHS junior varsity against the Coca Cola team of the City League on Friday night, and the Grants Pass Jayvees Saturday evening. The OTI Jayvees will meet City League foes both nights in the prelims to the OTI-EOCE contests.

YMCA Church League

Peace Memorial topped Mt. Laki 28-16 and Chilquinn Methodist whipped First Christian in two intermediate Division games played during last night's YMCA Church League basketball action at Twyla Ferguson school.

Allen scored nine points to lead the Peace Memorial victory, while Oles eight points topped the Chilquinn scoring efforts.

Outrage Flares In Ring Vote

LONDON (UP)—Outrage boiled up today against a referee's decision that gave young Peter Waterman of Britain a split-decision in a 10-round welterweight bout Tuesday night.

British fans, newspapers and officials led the criticism heaped on the aging head of Ben Green, one of the most respected ring officials in the country.

British boxing czar Jack Solomons, promoter of the fight, said there was "bound to be an inquiry" over the decision. Informed sources said it was possible the British Boxing Board of Control would reverse Green's decision.

Solomons, referees of preliminary bouts, experienced boxing reporters, and the 10,000 Harringay Arena fans all believed former world champion Gavilan had won easily with a bewildering variety of punches and aggressive tactics that obviously befuddled Waterman — whose experience gained in 30 undefeated fights was no match for the 130-pound guile of Gavilan.

The referee's card has not been made public yet. But a United Press survey of cards kept by ringside reporters showed a unanimous decision for Gavilan. The United Press card gave Gavilan seven rounds and Waterman three.

From the fifth round on, Gavilan was in complete control of the fight. He fought in flurries but was always the aggressor. He easily landed two punches to Waterman's one. He changed his boxing style at least four times and continuously drove Waterman to the ropes. Waterman obviously was befuddled by the Kid's know-how.

Proposal To Hinder MVP Title

By OSCAR FRALEY

NEW YORK (UP)—Baseball seems intent today on making the "Most Valuable Player" award more farcical than ever.

This becomes evident in the proposal of Commissioner Ford Frick that there be a special award to the "Most Valuable Pitcher." And that the hurlers thereby be deleted from MVP consideration.

In other words, the pitchers aren't players.

Now this will get you an argument from, at least, anybody who ever toed the pitcher's mound. The theory is that pitchers only work every four days. Actually they do more work in a nine inning stint than most outfielders do in a week.

Working on Frick's theory, maybe there should be a different award for each position. It would make about as much sense.

We could have an award for red-haired second basemen with the most freckles on Sept. 1. All you'd have to do is count 'em, and the winner couldn't be debated.

Shortstops ought to get some reward, too. How's for a trophy to the one with the most spoke wounds as of the last day of the season.

Third basemen could be trophied or atrophied, for the most chest blisters sustained while covering the hot corner in short-sleeved undershirts. And there certainly ought to be one for the outfielder who eats the most bowls of cold cereal seven days running.

All of which would make about as much sense as awarding a separate trophy to pitchers and excluding them from the most valuable player balloting.

Or as much sense as the MVP trophy the way it currently is balloted.

The system now consists of three ballots from each major league city. It provides for some great injustices.

The year Ted Williams hit .406, Joe DiMaggio won the award with a .357 average. The year DiMaggio hit .346 and made a comeback which carried the faltering Yankees to the pennant — over Boston — Williams won it with a .343 mark.

The year Jackie Robinson captured the award, one voter left him off his ballot completely. This year Duke Snider was nosed out by Roy Campanella — because one voter left Snider out of his first 10 places completely.

Your most consistent victim has been Robin Roberts, the Phillies' great pitcher. In 1952, Hank Sauer took the award with a .270 average on the basis of 121 runs batted in — not phenomenal — and a tie for the home run title with 37. Roberts only won 28 games and toiled a league-leading 330 innings.

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BASKETBALL

STOCKTON, Calif. — University of San Francisco stretched its record winning streak to 43 by whipping College of the Pacific 77-69.

FOOTBALL

ALBANY, Pa. — Raymond J. Whipple, Lehigh assistant, was named head coach at Muhlenberg.

RACING

MIAMI, Fla. — L/Script (\$123.30) and Royal Gold (\$32.20) combined for a \$1,069.40 daily double at Hialeah.

ARCADIA, Calif. — Cyclotron (\$6.90) shaded the favored Don McCoy by a neck in the \$7,500 feature at Santa Anita.

Gambie Leads Scorers

LOS ANGELES (UP) — Dave Gambie of Oregon State is the Pacific Coast Conference's leading individual scorer while the unbeaten UCLA Bruins pace the loop's teams in pointmaking, statistics showed today.

Gambie has scored 183 points in 10 games for an 18.3 point average. UCLA's Morris Taft is second with 144 points in six games for a 24 point average, tops in the PCC. Other leading scorers are Bruno Boin, Washington, 133; Willie Naulls, UCLA 129; Max Anderson, Oregon, 129 and Larry Beck, Washington State, 119.

UCLA has averaged 82.3 points a game. Southern California is second with a 67.5 point average and Stanford has 66.5. The Bruins also lead in team rebounding with 59.3 per cent, followed by SC 52.5 and Oregon State 51.3.

Southern California dominates team defensive statistics. It has allowed opponents 57.1 points a game. Stanford's defensive average is 57.4 followed by Washington's 57.9. SC also has allowed opponents to hit on only 30.5 per cent of their field goal attempts. Washington is second with 31.6 and Stanford 32.4.

In individual statistics, Bernie Simpson of California replaced Taft as leader in the field goal accuracy department. Simpson has made good 14 of 28 field goal attempts for a 50 per cent average. Taft has dropped in 57 goals in 116 shots for a 49.1 percentage, trailed by Bob Blake of California, 47.3, and Gary Van Gelders, Stanford, 47.4.

Idaho's Bill Bauscher is the top free throw shooter, sinking 24 of 29 tries for 82.8 per cent. Blake has 80.6 per cent. Naulls 78.9, Ron Batmoe, Washington 78.6 and Doyle Perkins, Washington, 78.0. Southern California's Larry Hausner turned in the best game performance of the season Saturday night against Oregon when he sank 10 out of 10 free throws.

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