Are Major League Baseball Contracts Fair To Players?

NEW YORK—Are major league baseball contracts fair to the play-

This question will be argued a lot on the street and even in the courts between now and the next

It is the result of Danny Gardella's \$300,000 suit against the New York Giants for whom he

played two years during the war.

The Court of Appeals reversed a dismissal and sent the case back to District Court for trial on Gardella's two principal char-

1. That baseball is a "monopoly" because the "reserve clause" in contracts of all players under the jurisdiction of organized ball binds him to one club and prevents him from bargaining with another club.
2. That baseball should come under the jurisdiction of the Clayton anti-trust law because teams in organized ball, with the large received for broadcasts and

to a year to go to trial, says Frederic A. Johnson, Gardella's lawyer. Gardella, 29, is a \$36-a-week hospital orderly in Mount Vernon, N. Y. He hit .272 for the 1945 Giants, driving in 71

quently suspended by the Giants

and "jumped" to the Mexican League. This led to a five-year

suspension from organized base-ball and made Gardella virtually

ineligible to play even semi-pro

Here are two paragraphs taken

from the major leagues rules: 'Rule 3: Uniform Contract—(a)

To preserve morale and to produce the similarity of conditions

necessary to keen competition, the contracts between all clubs and their players in the Major League

their players in the Major League shall be in a single form which shall be prescribed by the Major League Executive Council. No club shall make a contract different from the uniform contract or a contract containing a non-reserve clause, except with the written approval of the Major League Executive Council. All contracts shall be in duplicate and the player shall retain a counterpart original. The making of any agreement between

"Rule 4: Reserve Lists: Filing—
(a) On or before November 1 in each year each Major League club shall transmit to the Commission—
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er and to its League President a

list of not exceeding forty (40) active and eligible players, also

untarily retired, suspended or in-eligible list. On or before Novem-

ber 15 the League President shall transmit all of said lists to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Execu-tive Council, who shall thereupon

Player (but only after requesting and obtaining waivers of this con-tract from all other Major League Clubs) if the Player shall at any

"(1) Fail, refuse or neglect to conform his personal conduct to the standards of good citizenship and good sportsmanship or to keep himself in first class physical condition or to obey the Clab's training rules; or Club's training rules: or

"(2) Fail, in the opinion of the Club's management, to exhibit suf-ficient skill or competitive ability to qualify or continue a sa member of the Club's team o;r

"(3) Fail, refuse, or neglect to render his services hereunder or in any other manner materially breach this contract."

Sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 7 is a longwinded clause. In part, it says, "if this contract is termitelecasts of games, are now en-gaging in interstate commerce (2) of this paragraph 7 for failwhen accounts of games are transmitted across state lines.

The case will take six months to a year to go to trial, says Frederic A. Johnson, Gardella's lawyer. Gardella, 29, is a \$36-a-week hospital orderly in Mount Vernon N. V. Ha hit 272 for hit sufficient skill or competitive ability, the Player as it stands. Some would like to say amount equal to thirty (30) days payment at the rate stipulated in paragraph 2 hereof and the reason-week hospital orderly in Mount Vernon N. V. Ha hit 272 for hit sufficient skill or competitive ability, the Player as it stands. Some would like to specifications. Joe Gordon, Cleveland second baseman, feels work out a plan if the court rules the reserve clause illegal.

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nate this contract in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph 7, the procedure shall be as follows:

"(1) The Club shall request wai-

vers from all other Major League clubs. Such waiver request must state that it is for the purpose of terminating this contract and it may not be withdrawn.

"(2) Upon receipt of the wai-

Tigers Win Over

Leading scorers for the win-ners were Red Cashion with 18

points and James Prewitt with 12. Langrone of the Eagles tall-

ied 22 points to take high point

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District Title

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10. (a) On or before February 1st (or if a Sunday, then the next preceding business day) of the year next following the last playing season covered by this contract, the Club may tender to the Player a contract for the term of that year by mailing the same to the Player at his address following his signature hereto, or if none be given, then at his last address of record with the Club. If prior to the March 1 next succeeding said February 1, the Player and the Club have not agreed upon the terms of such contract, then on or before 10 days after said March 1, the Club shall have the right by written notice to the Player at said address to renew this contract for the period of one year on the same terms, except that the amount payable to the Player shall be such as the Club shall fix in said notice; provided, however, that said amount, if fixed by a Major League Club, shall be an amount payable at a rate not less than 75% of the rate stipulated for the preceding year.

ligation is to pay the player 30 day's salary and reasonable traveling expenses.

In the same paragraph 7 under parentheses (f) the contract says:
"If the Club proposes to termi-

It's in paragraph 7 under parentheses (b) and reads:

"The Club may terminate this contract upon written notice to the accordance with the Major Lea-gue Rules."

Some baseball men are surprised that baseball itself failed to alter drastically the wording of the re-serve or rennewal clause after 1946 when a dozen or more players jumped to the Mexican League. Some contract changes were made, however slight. One was the

mailing date of contracts. tracts formerly were mailed out by Feb. 15. Now they are mailed Feb. 1 or sooner.

A change was made in the termination rule. Clubs could void a contract upon 10 days' written notice to the player. Now a con-tract can be terminated in less time than it takes a club's gen-eral manager to dictate an unconditional release to his secre-

A number of players have been questioned regarding the reserve

player to his home."

In other words a club can drop a player and the club's only ob-

TYLER, Tex., Feb. 21 —(Æ)—Floyd Wagstaff, head coach at Tyler Junior College, has in 14

amassed what is probably one of the finest records in the state.

reer, the stocky Apache mentor has led his charges to victory 355

times while being defeated in only

This year, Wagstaff appears to have collected his "dream team." His Apache cagers have already won their second straight Southwestern Junior College Conference title by defeating 12 straight conference or property

straight conference opponents. There are two more games re-maining on their schedule, but

the Apaches' nearest opponent has already suffered three de-feats, two at the hands of the

Included in the list of victims

failed to maintain a perfect rec-ord this year in their third game

This year, with the conference crown already won, the Apaches are looking forward to another shot at the national tournament.

in Lake Charles, La., in March.



Pictured above are members of the A&M basketball team of the 1948-49 season. Seated on the front row from left to right are Syden Hrachovy, Wallace Moon, Truett Mobley, Sam Jenkins, Gene Schrickel, Jackie Miller, Jewell McDowell, and Bill Batey. Standing from left to right are Jim O'-Connell, manager; Marvin Martin, Robert Allen, John DeWitt, Ben Evans, Jim Kirkland, Bill Turnbow

Battalion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1949

High Champs Prepare For State Basketball Tourney

By The Associated Press

Class B

Kentucky Ranks

Team of Nation

Of the 84 writers and sports-

casters participating, sixty-four picked Kentucky for the no. 1

spot. Only 13 preferred St. Louis which led the poll for the first two weeks. It is the third straight time Kentucky has been

out front.

High school district basketball champions-Class AA, A and B-this week bid for places in the state tournament City conference schools — those from Dallas, San An-

tonio, Houston and Fort Worthwill compete in their own tournament at Houston, March 11-12.

The lineup for bi-district play in Class AA is complete:

Some of the district champions in Class A and B have not yet been certified by the Interschoyears of coaching basketball in high schools and Junior College,

in Class A and B have not yet been certified by the Interscho-lastic League office. All, howlastic League office. All, however, will be in action in tournaments or series this week which will determine the field for the state tournaments next week.

Brownwood, winner in Class 7-AA, and Texas City, winner in Class 12-AA, are assured spots in the Double A state meet. They drew byes in bi-district play.

The lineup for Class AA bidistrict series: (Some series sites not set).

Lubbock (distict - champion) vs. Childress (2).

Lamesa (3) vs. Bowie of El

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Paso (4). Three game series starts so far this season are such teams as the Freshmen of Rice, Baylor, and Texas A&M, the Freshmen of

Thursday at Lamesa.

Bonham (5) vs. Highland Park
of Dallas (6). First game of
three game series at Dallas tomorrow night.

Tayantana (6) and Texas A&M, the Freshmen of North Texas State Teachers College and the Freshmen of Sam Houston State Teachers College. Last week the Wagstaffmen trounced the wandering House of David at Texarkana tomorrow.

Nacogdoches (10) vs. Port Arthur (11)

list of coaches, scouts and trainer, excluding non-playing manager, which players and personnel the club desires to reserve for the ensuing season; and also a list of all its players who have been promulgated as placed on the National Defense Service, Government, voluntarily retired, suspended or in-

lingen Tuesday.

Most of these series will be on borse and the series at Harburgh best college team in the country with a dozen straight victories

Most of these series will be on a home-and-home basis, with the extra game—if needed—at the extra game—if needed—at the literate of the second tilt.

Since its December of the second tilt.

The fifth weekly Associated to 146. In or 146. In or

title in as many years, but Cardinals have added problem now.

Center Buddy Caulk broke out of the season, they lost to the SMU Freshmen, 67 to 46.
They have scored a total of 1601 points to 952 for their 23 opponwith chicken pox Sunday. Team supporters were worrying the

rest of the team might catch the ailment. Some of the Class AA and B champions which have been re-

Class A District 6, Colorado City; 7, Coleman; 9, Olney; 10, Nocona;

College Station To HOGAN IMPROVING EL PASO, Feb. 22 — (P)—Physicians today informed Ben Hogan the golfer, that he may be able to return to his Fort Worth Tex., home in a few days **Hold City Election**

The City of College Station will hold a general election, Tuesday, April 5, to fill three city council posts, N. M. McGinnis, city secrehome in a few days.

Hogan is recovering at a hospital from injuries received in a car-bus collision Feb. 2 near Van Horn, Texas.

Balle, 61-44, in 1cs only start, last week, but bowed to Ohio State 68 to 60 Monday night.

The Oklahoma Aggies, cling to third place by a slender seven-point margin over Illinois. Okla-A. Mitchell has been named elec-

ond, g ______0 2 0 2 tion judge.

Totals _____20 12 17 52 The election will be held in the council room of the city building.

Polls will open at 8 a. m. and

Free throws missed: Cathcart

Horton 2, Ambler 2, Campbell,
Kudlaty, Dolnics, Hendricks,
Schmidt 2, Burton 2.

Cofficial Al-Captic and John Mississippi's freshman basket-

Curling, played on natural or ar--Mississippi, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Florida, Indiana and Georgia.

Porkers Lead Race for Loop Cage Laurels By The Associated Press

Arkansas is just two steps and a jump away from the Southwest Conference Basketball champion-

Rice and Texas A&M are the only remaining barriers in the Razorback's path. And only Rice is rated capable of beating the Pork-

position to grab the crown last week while Rice, Texas and Baylor were knocking each other around. Texas, Baylor and Rice

results of two games this week: Rice-Texas and Rice-Arkansas.

tle for survival in the title chase. The loser can just about close its hope chest.

No matter the outcome of the Texas-Rice game, the race hinges on whether Arkansas can whip Rice. A victory for the Razorbacks will just about clinch the title. A defeat will care the control of the con defeat will give a statistician

The "big" teams aren't figured to have much trouble with other foes this week.

Baylor meets Southern Metho-dist Wednesday at Dallas and Texas A&M Saturday at Waco.

Texas faces Texas Christian at Austin Saturday.

The season will be over next

week.
Rice's star center, Bill Tom, NEW YORK, Feb. 22 _(P)_ took over leadership in individual Kentucky continues to convince the scoring for season and conference

competition last week.

He shot ahead of Slater Martin of Texas in season scoring with 337 points to 308. He replaced Julius Dolnics of Texas Christian conference scoring, 165 points a wide edge over runner up St. Louis as the season approaches the tournament stage.

In other games last week, Rice dumped Texas Christian, 62-44; Texas beat Texas A&M 56-44, and Arkansas downed Southern Methodist, 47-39.

World Series Pics Will Be Shown

Tonight at 7:30 p. m. in Room 301, Goodwin Hall, movies of the 1948 baseball World Series will be Last week the first place vote was much closer, 47-13, but Ken-tucky continues to pick up supshown. These movies are sponsored by the American and National Leagues of Professional baseball. The public is cordially invited.

The Chicago Cubs finished the 1948 National League season last in the standings and last in home run production. They hit 87.

Addition of the morning line to

Hialeah's printed program this season has been enthusiastically re

homa University smothered the Aggies, 54-41, Friday in a ma-jor upset. Illinois chalked up two western conference triumphs over Northwestern and Ohio State

to narrow the gap.

So now it's the big four instead of the big three. The point score, with ten for a first place vote, nine for second and so on down to one for tenth, finds Kentucky 805, St. Louis, 741, Oklahoma A&M 578 and Illinois 571.

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Frogs, who never threatened High scorer for the night was Frog center Julius (Daddy) Dolnics with 15 points. Bob Ambler, Hog center, led the Arkansas attack with 14 points. Two games are on tap tomor-ow. Texas and Rice tangle at Houston and Southern Methodist and Baylor at Dallas.

utes of the second half, the Frogs chilled anxious Hog back-

bones by pulling up to within one point of the Arkansas five,

making the score read 32 to 31.

and Baylor at Dallas.

The hectic conference race reached some sort of a climax last Saturday night at Waco when a group of fans shoved referee Ziggy Sears after the Texas-Baylor game, which Texas won, 36-31.

James H. Stewart, executive secretary of the conference, yesterday termed the incident an "indictment against the support-

ers of intercollegiate athletics.' Stewart witnessed the action.
A group of fans surrounded
Sears after the game and shoved

The victory gave the Porkers eight victories against two defeats. They face Rice Saturday and end the season next week against Texas A&M.

Arkansas scored first early in the initial period and was never behind. However, TCU cut the Razorback lead to three points late in the first half.

The first half.

The first against Texas A&M.

In back against the scorers' table. Baylor athletic director Ralph Wolfe and Baylor coach Bill Henderson came to his aid and escorted him to the dressing room.

Stewart said "the athletic authorities at Baylor are to be com-

the first half.
Halftime score was Arkansas
8, TCU 23.
Then in the first three minmended for their prompt control of the second half, the possibly more serious incident."



Shown pushing off the bank in the backstroke is Ed Kruse who thus far this season has two wins to his credit; he will be out for his third against Baylor in Waco this Thursday.

Best Wrestling Action Yet Seen in Quarter Final Bouts

Razorbacks Defeat

TCU Frogs, 67-52

Arkansas' Razorbacks last night cleared the first of three hurdles in their path to the Southwest Conference bas ketball championship. They beat Texas Christian, 67-52.

If the quarter finals are any indication of quality matches, then the forthcoming semi-finals in Intramural Wrestling are going to be high class exhibitions.

Baylor nosed out Rice, 55-54, Twenty bouts of the quarter finals were run off mon-but lost a share of the lead on a day Now it's up to 24 husky contestants to see who gets a

further crack at the winner's belt.+ Texas, Baylor and Rice are deadlocked for second place and the outcome of the weird conference race practically hinges on the results of two games this week:

There were numerous outstanding instances Monday afternoon. Fastest time of the afternoon was recorded as Dick Mikeska of ATC a body lock on Joe Bonnot of "C" Infantry, hoisted Bonnot to his Fare and Rice-Arkansas. Rugged action from top to bot-Wednesday, Rice and Texas bat
Wednesday, Rice and Texas bat
Wednesday, Rice and Texas bat-

Outfought but not outfoxed was Bill Parse of "B" Engineers. He lost on a pin to Clarence Trenckmann of Law in 4 minutes and 59 seconds. One second more and the match would have been decided on points. Trenckmann had Parse nearly Trenckmann had Parse nearly pinned but with his hand free. So Parse reached up and tapped Trenckmann on the shoulder and was immediately released, and was immediately released, Trenckmann believing that ref-eree Barney Welch had signified a fall. Parse bounced away un-pinned but Welch awarded two points to Trenckmann for a near fall.

Infantry, hoisted Bonnot to his shoulders and whirled him in a airplane spin for a half dozen times before dropping him to the can-vas. It was all over for Bonnet in five seconds more than a minute. Here are the results by classes:

In the 129 pound class, Curly Penn pinned Delouche Martin and Frank Sheffield won on points over

The 149 pound class found Trammell, 'C' Field, winner over Bodine of 'A' Flight. Otto Yel-ton outpointed Monte Currie and Wally Wooten did the same to Max Word. Harold Springfield pinned Cliff McGowen of "C" Air Force in one minute and forty-five seconds.
(See WRESTLING, Page 6)

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promulgate same, and thereupon promulgate same, and thereafter no player on any list shall be eligible to play for or negotiate with any other club until his contract has been assigned or he has been released." When a baseball player signs a one-year contract he actually is signing for the duration of his playing career. This item is cov-ered in baseball contracts under a marginal heading (paragraph 10) termed "Renewal." TCU In other words, if a player does not sign a contract by March 1 following his previous season of employment, he is obligated to accept his previous year's salary. If the club wishes to do so, it can this salary 25 per cent on his cut his salary 25 per cent on his On all baseball contracts there's Bond, g

Arkansas

a termination clause. Players are well acquainted with this clause.



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