

No end in sight for history-making baseball strike

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NEW YORK (AP) — The first general strike in baseball history continued Thursday with no indication of any settlement in sight following a long, but unproductive meeting between the chief negotiators in the dispute over pension benefits.

Indications were that even an immediate end to the strike would not see any games played before Monday, for the St. Louis Cardinals announced they were postponing their Saturday and Sunday games against Philadelphia.

Marvin Miller, executive director of the Major League Players' Association, and John Gaherin, the owner's chief negotiator, met Thursday morning in a session characterized by Miller as providing "frank discussion."

But it didn't provide any break in the situation.

"We are not close to any settlement," Miller emphasized.

Miller said Gaherin did not bring any counter-proposal from the owners and pointed out that they have come up with "none of the dozen or so proposals we have

made through the course of negotiations."

Asked directly if, in the absence of a counter-proposal, there had been any movement at all, Miller replied: "No."

Meanwhile, it was reported that American League President Joe Cronin and National League President Chub Feeny would prevent players from using ballparks for practice. Neither Cronin nor Feeny were immediately available for comment.

Miller, meanwhile, took on Cincinnati General Manager Bob Howsam and Detroit owner John

Fetzer, who issued two of the latest statements critical of the players' position in the pension dispute and Miller's role as the players' chief negotiator.

Howsam, issuing a statement in Cincinnati, said "there would be no strike if it were not for Marvin Miller. He has not played one inning as a professional player. He has never worked for a baseball club. I challenge his knowledge of baseball to represent to the players the need for a strike."

Miller's background, Howsam continued, "is in the field of la-

bor negotiations, not baseball. Money seems to be his only concern. Baseball is not the steel industry and he can't use the tactics of a steel negotiator."

In reply, Miller said he would only comment "that Mr. Howsam's thinking still is 30 years behind the time." He took greater exception to remarks made in Detroit by Fetzer, who criticized the players' position in the dispute.

Fetzer said "the union's official position is a mirage. They would sack the reserve fund of

the pension to reach a temporary solution in order to take themselves off the hook. At a time when the owners were negotiating in good faith, they called an ill-advised strike, an extreme violation of good ethics.

"Mr. Fetzer," said Miller, "is completely inaccurate in his remarks and clearly does not understand either the plan or what he himself agreed to in pension agreements resulting from the 1967 and 1969 negotiations.

"In both those instances the capabilities of the plan's earn-

ings were utilized by the management and by the association to improve the plan. We've been proposing the thing as in those two years

The players have asked a surplus in the pension to be used to meet their demands. A 17 per cent cost-of-living increase in retirement benefits owners have rejected that, and an original offer of \$2.50 annual increase over their \$2.00 annual contribution.

Miller and Gaherin plan to meet again today.

Texas Relays are next stop for injured Aggie tracksters

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Although still plagued with injuries, the Texas Aggie track team will compete in the prestigious Texas Relays in Austin.

Thirty-eight university divisions teams are entered in what coach Charlie Thomas calls, one of the greatest track meets in the nation.

Individuals competing in the high-caliber meet are such Olympic performers as Randy Matson, Jim Ryun and Dick Fosbury. College standouts who are vying for a spot on the 1972 Olympic team are Cliff Branch, Colorado sprinter; Pat Matzdorf, Wisconsin high jumper; Dave Roberts, Rice pole vaulter; and SMU shot putter

Sam Walker.

"In this meet, you've got to run a great race just to qualify for the finals," Thomas said. "Our biggest hope is riding on the sprint medley relay."

In that event, Alan Swagerty and Donny Rogers will run the 220-yard legs, Horace Grant will take on the 440 and Willie Blackmon will finish with the 880.

Doug Brodhead is the biggest injury problem for the Aggies in this weekend's meet.

"Without Brodhead I doubt if we can qualify for the finals in the mile or distance medley relays," Thomas said.

Brodhead injured his foot in the College Station Relays two weeks ago and has not responded to

treatment as fast as Thomas had hoped.

In the meet, six relays and seven individual events will be run.

Phil McGuire and Marvin Taylor will compete in the high jump, Tim Brown in the discus, Harold McMahan in the pole vault, Frank Ybarbo in the six-mile run; David Prince in the 440-yard intermediate hurdles while Scotty Jones

and Edgar Harvey compete in the 120-yard high hurdles.

The relay races to be run are the mile, sprint medley, 880-yard, sprint two mile, and distance medley. The distance medley is made up of a 440-yard leg, 880, 1320 and mile. If the Aggies do not qualify for the finals in the distance medley they will compete in the two-mile slated for Sat-

urday.

In the sprint relay, where A&M usually shines, Thomas feels the team will not be able to qualify because of an injury problem. Gerald D'Ambrosio and Billy Porter are ailing with sore legs while Rogers and Steve Barre are sound and he feels the two able sprinters will not be able to carry the other two in this top-notch meet.

A&M tennis team faces important matches

Two big tennis matches are scheduled for A&M this weekend as the Aggies entertain North Texas State Friday and travel to Dallas to take on SMU Saturday.

The lineup for A&M this weekend will be Dick Fikes, Tommy Connell, Dan Courson, Lawton Park, Bill Wright and Billy Hoover in singles, and Fikes and Courson, Wright and Hoover and Park and Connell in doubles.

Nine matches will be played against North Texas and seven against SMU. In the SWC, championships are determined by a point system in which each match win counts as a point.

A&M leads the race with seven

points after smashing TCU 7-0 March 28. Rice has six points with a 6-1 win over Texas.

"North Texas will be a good match for us," assistant coach Richard Barker said. "The people that have beaten us have beaten them worse on most occasions but we are really very equally matched personnel-wise."

A&M will contend with the ninth ranked team in the nation when it visits Dallas Saturday. The Mustangs are made up mostly of foreign players having only one native Texan on the squad. John Gardner, SMU's No. 1 player, is from Australia.

"I feel SMU is the toughest

team in the conference," Barker said. "Rice is supposedly the toughest because it has Harold Solomon, but the rest of its players will have a hard time. I also think Gardner can beat Solomon if he has a good day."

In the conference race, Barker gave A&M the only chance of pulling an upset at this time. "I would have thought Texas had a chance until they were smashed by Rice," he said. "It will be hard for them to make up the difference now, though. Right now I would have to pick us as a darkhorse having both the powerhouses left to play."

Two more SWC matches are scheduled for next week as A&M

must travel to Houston for a match with Rice on Wednesday and host Baylor Friday in crucial contests for the Aggies' title hopes.

Poloists play Houston match

The A&M Polo Club will travel to Houston this weekend with 12 of its horses for a zero-goal team match Saturday.

The zero-goal status of players

Houston tourney says 'No hair'

DALLAS (AP) — Dave Williams, University of Houston golf coach, has decreed that no golfer can play in the All-America Invitational Golf Tournament in Houston next week "if you cannot see skin between his collar and hairline and if there's any hair over his ears."

He said "This is something they don't have to do. This is an invitational. If a team doesn't want to come that's their business. If they do come, we expect them to abide by our rules."

Williams told Dallas Times Herald columnist Sherrod he has had responses from about 75 per cent of the coaches supporting the code.

Some 24 teams have been invited to play in the tournament.

Sports schedule

Friday
Baseball: Baylor, here, doubleheader, 1:00
Track: Texas Relays, Austin
Tennis: North Texas, here, 1:30
Football: Spring workout, 4:00

Saturday
Baseball: Baylor, here, 2:00
Track: Texas Relays, Austin
Tennis: SMU, Dallas
Football: Scrimmage
Rugby: Austin tournament.

Tuesday
Baseball: Houston, here (Travis Park), doubleheader, 5:00
Football: Spring workout, 4:00

Wednesday
Tennis: Rice, dual meet, Houston
Golf: All-America tourney, Houston
Football: Spring workout, 4:00

Thursday
Football: Spring workout, 4:00

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are kept. An Outstanding trophy will be awarded to the team that all the coaches consider worthy. A&M has won it in the past two years.

Both individual and relay winners will receive watches and plaques for their accomplishments at the meet. Twenty-four thinclads will compete for awards.

means they have not yet finished handicaps. The Aggies also announced polo weekend scheduled for 6-7. Several games will be played during the two-day affair in effort to get polo clubs in together, hoping to foster competition in the state.

Among the teams expected to participate are a club from Brownsville which will be bringing horses 800 miles for the A team from Houston has announced tentatively.

Plans are being made for the first outdoor intercollegiate tournament to be held at this fall. Many clubs in the United States—including those representing several Ivy League schools—will be invited to championship event.

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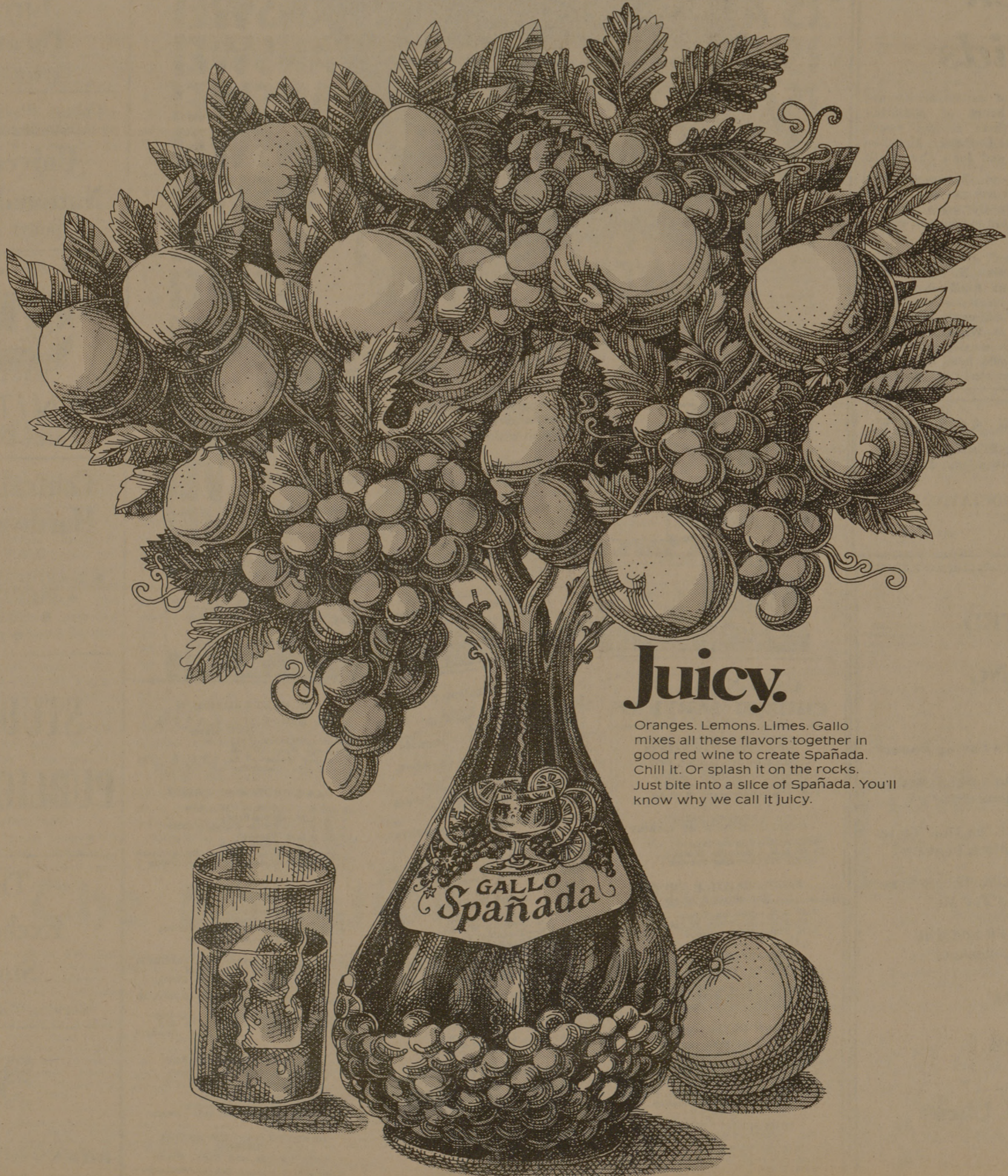
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