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SPORTS

No One Named To Baseball's Hall Of Fame

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The voting for baseball's Hall of Fame drew a big blank again today — meaning no one was elected for the second straight time — and Commissioner Ford Frick says it may be high time to change the system of balloting.

President Joe Cronin of the American League agreed with Frick that "some new procedure should be adopted," although National League President Warren Giles said the latest failure to elect anyone to the shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y., "doesn't necessarily indict the whole system."

No One Close

Not only wasn't anyone elected this time, but no one even came close despite the fact a record number of 269 members of the Baseball Writer's Assn. of America took part in the balloting.

Ed Roush, former Cincinnati outfielder, polled the best among the 129 players receiving votes. He got 146 votes, still far short of the necessary 202 minimum needed for election. Sam Rice, one-time Washington and Cleveland outfielder, was runnerup with 143 votes, followed by former Philadelphia and Cincinnati pitcher Eppa Rixey with 142 votes.

Unless the rules are changed, the balloting marked Roush's last chance at the Hall of Fame in a vote by the writers although he still may be enshrined by a special old-timers committee. Only those players active for at least 10 seasons between 1930 and 1954 were eligible in the latest voting. Roush completed his 17-season National League career in 1931 and the last active player date in the next election will be 1932.

Frick Disappointed

Under the present system, in which votes are cast every two years, a player must be named on 75 per cent of the ballots. Some feel the system is to stringent, others feel it keeps out the undeserving.

"I was disappointed that no one was elected," Frick declared. "I don't want to criticize the writers but we may have to re-survey the method and come up with something else."

The latest voting results were announced in Boston by Secretary Hy Hurwitz of the writers' association. After Rixey, Burleigh Grimes finished fourth with 92 votes and Jim Bottomley fifth with 89 votes. Rounding out the top 10 were Charley Ruffing, with 86; Urban Faber, with 53; and Hack Wilson, Kiki Cuyler and Luke Appling, with 72 votes apiece.

Hockey Results

National League

Toronto 4, New York 2.

International League

St. Paul 3, Fort Wayne 2 (overtime). Louisville 5, Indianapolis 4. Minneapolis 7, Toledo 2.

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Junior High Wins Over Maplewood

Decatur Junior high racked up another victory Wednesday evening, defeating Maplewood, 42-20, at the Maplewood gym.

The Junior Jackets trailed at the first quarter, 10-4, but moved out in front at the half, 14-12, and at the third period, 27-18. Sheets and Elliott shared scoring honors for Decatur with 15 points each, and E. Barker led Maplewood with nine.

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TOTALS

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Today's Sport Parade

(Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.)

By OSCAR FRALEY

United Press International

NEW YORK (UPI) — The car

hummed through the Carolina night and the two men spoke but little. Then the short, dark-faced one sat up straight and his voice was decisive as it broke the silence.

"I," said little Pancho Segura excitedly, "could be the greatest tennis player in the world if the big men couldn't go right to the net behind their service."

"You're nuts," replied Jack Kramer as he steered the car around a curve.

"It's so," stoutly asserted the tiny South American. "It's just that I am too small."

Three Bounce Rule

They lapsed back into silence, each of them considering Segura's words. But that was the manner, on a night in 1951 when they were driving from Tuscaloosa, Ala., to Philadelphia for a pro tennis match, when the idea was born for the new "three-bounce" rule which the pro tennis troupe currently is trying.

Under the "three-bounce" rule the server cannot wallop his service and charge the net right behind it for a killing volley. The ball must bounce in the service court and then be allowed to bounce once on each side of the net — two returns — before either player can go to the net.

It has slowed down the serve-and-smash pro game to the point where, finally, the customers can see some tennis. And it only came about even at this belated date because Pancho Gonzales, the five-time pro champion, agreed to the experiment.

Fair To Public

"I didn't think, until now, that I should have to give up the service and net game advantage I had developed over the years," Gonzales explained. "But this probably will be my last year of competition and it has had a fair effect on the public. They get to see more strategy and tactics instead of the points ending so quickly."

Gonzales hasn't played the three-bounce rule yet, because it is used only in the pros' preliminary match.

But the preliminary battlers find the three-bounce rule well to their liking.

It figures to give the big men their troubles — and put the little fellows back in the game. Segura obviously knew what he was talking about that night in North Carolina.

North Carolina Tarheels Lead In Conference

By United Press International

The North Carolina Tarheels are making a poor—but happy—prospect out of Coach Frank McGuire.

"We'll be lucky if we don't have six losses when we start the new year," said McGuire. "The situation readily looks black."

Well, here it is heading into the home stretch of the season and McGuire's Tarheels lead the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 5-0 slate and have an overall 10-3 mark. They're rated 11th in the country and look like they're headed on the way up.

Close At First

North Carolina passed another stern test Wednesday night when it scored a 75-66 victory over Maryland at College Park, Md.

With only a few minutes left in the first half the score was tied at 24-24. But then York Larese broke in for a three-point play that put the Tarheels ahead, 27-24, and they left the court with a 31-26 bulge at halftime. North Carolina quickly widened the gap in the second half and Maryland never was closer than six points.

The University of Detroit scored its 15th victory in 17 games with a 65-58 win over Marquette and Loyola of the South division. Loyola of Chicago, 66-64, in the first integrated sports contest held in Louisiana in four years.

Mangham Gets 26

Detroit led by only two points with 22 seconds left in the game but a free throw by Charley North and a tip-in by Larry Hughes enabled it to pull away.

Marquette's Walt Mangham scored 22 points in the first half but was held to only four points in the second half.

Vim League Title Game On Tonight

In the semi-finals, the Fairway Par Fives won, 76-48, over Huntington at the Bingen Gym in the second game of the Vim league championship tournament.

Tonight, the local team plays Fisher's of Columbia City for the title of the league at 7:30 p. m. at St. John's Lutheran church gym, about seven miles north of Decatur on U. S. 27.

Jim Bleke led the scoring parade, netting game high totals with 22 points. Other scorers were Bill Grieve, 17; Ron Ballard and Jerry Williamson, 9 each; Al Conrad, 8; Fred McDougle, 5; Jim Price, 4; and Jerry Price, 2. The Haylofters had actually defeated the Fairway in a previous contest, but in doing so used an ineligible player, forfeiting the contest on a protest. Local fans are invited to attend the championship tonight.

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Five Golfers Tied In \$100,000 Meet

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