

Why Differ on Sunday Sports? Hockey, Basket Ball and Bowling, but No Baseball After 6:30 P.M.

By HAROLD KAESER

It is our law. Let us enjoy it. If it hurts to have the Red Sox beaten by the Athletics, 3-0, in a game called at the end of five innings because of the Sunday curfew law, laugh it off—or change the law.

If one team is going to suffer because Sunday baseball cannot be played in Boston after 6:30 p. m., let it be a Boston team, the Red Sox or the Braves.

If the Red Sox are to lose the pennant by say the margin of one-half game come the season's end, then let it be by virtue of a defeat suffered in a curtailed Sunday game. The law makes it possible for a visiting team to lose the pennant in just that way. Let us enjoy the experience ourselves.

The Red Sox may never have the game Buck Newsom beat them, 3-0, in the second half of yesterday's double-header, but you couldn't convince anybody who saw the first game of such a dismal likelihood. If the Red Sox could overcome a 7-0 lead, if they could tie the score by making six runs in the ninth inning of the first game and win in the 10th, they certainly would have pulverized Newsom in the next inning. No doubt about it!

Present Law Has One Exception

The present law and its 6:30 deadline has one exception. If a game starts before 4:30 p. m. it can continue beyond 6:30. This compromise was made to war workers, and it will terminate as soon as President Truman declares that a state of war has ended, probably in August or September.

James C. Bayley Jr., City Councilor from Ward 5, presented a bill last January which would have permitted baseball to be played without a curfew on Sunday, except that no lights were to be used. The bill was passed by the House, after bitter debate on the first two readings, but killed in the Senate on a voice vote.

Opposition to the bill came from the Lord's Day League. Arguments included the following:

1. Baseball played after 6:30 interfered with church services.
2. There was some kind of gambling tieup involved.
3. It wasn't fair to players to ask them to work after 6:30 p. m. on Sunday, considering all the work they did during the week.
4. The law was not invoked often enough, and therefore should not be changed.

Twice last season Sunday games were called because of the 6:30 law. One game was the one lost by Dave Ferriss to the Yankees, 2-1 in five innings, on Ferriss Day. On a third occasion the law was not invoked because of the 4:30 exception.

Will Present New Bill Next Year

When Bayley presented his bill last January the Red Sox admitted they were in favor of it while the Braves said they didn't care. Neither team was represented at hearings, probably because they did not want the bill to look like their invention.

If the Senators on whom he counted had dared to face the wrath of the opposition, Bayley, an ardent baseball fan and legislator, thinks his bill would have passed. It still can be revived, but only by the unanimous consent of the Senate. Such unanimous consent would be the equivalent of unanimous common sense. It is unlikely.

Undaunted, Bayley plans to bring up his bill next year—one which will even make possible the playing of Sunday night baseball. The Braves may have this; the New England League certainly will.

According to the City Councilor, the churches are by no means solidly opposed to Sunday baseball after 6:30. How could they be when, as long ago as 1935, they permitted a bill to be passed allowing hockey and basket ball to be played on the Sabbath from 2 until 11 p. m.? Only recently Sunday bowling from 2 until 11 p. m. was legalized.

Hockey, basket ball, bowling, . . . What is it that makes baseball a base game after 6:30 p. m. on Sunday?

Lucey Looms as Saugus Grid Coach Again

By ERNEST DALTON

The central figure, Dave Lucey, hasn't made up his mind yet, but the prospects are fair to middlin' that Saugus and its high school will be the only spot in the nation with a school committee member who is also head grid coach.

All Saugus takes it for granted that Lucey will return to the Schem helm, but Lucey hasn't reached a decision. He reasons that he has his own business, albeit materials to sell are still hard to get, and he has his School Committee post.

But there is still another angle, one that does not concern Saugus High exclusively. Lucey feels that if he decides now to return to the grid post, he will be making up his mind to be a football coach the rest of his life.

Lucey Can Hold Both Jobs

As far as the legal aspect is concerned, Lucey has been advised that he can hold both jobs, once he has the goods begin to flow in his private business. "Interfere." The problem is, will his return to coaching now keep him at that work from here on.

Incidentally, Saugus has had quite a time with its football coaches lately, and through no fault of the men or the town. Henry Toczykowski came in to succeed Buzz Harvey, who was moving on to Nashua. But Toz up and joined the Navy.

Ted Galligan moved up from assistant to head coach, but before he was called out for Spring practice, he too, was in the Navy. Then before a football season rolled around, Toz was out of the Navy and back at Saugus as head coach.

He did a good job, but then moved on to Beverly (and thence to Arlington). Then to Saugus, by way of St. Charles of Waltham, came Dave Lucey. He did a bang-up job for a couple of years, but last Winter Galligan was discharged from the Navy and returned as head coach.

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SCHOOLBOY Sidelights

Boston English hopes to uncover a third dependable hurler when it chases win number three this afternoon against Commerce. On the Blue mound will be Phil Cohen, who last year came up with a no-hit, no-run job versus Brandeis.

If he comes through, English will have a trio of number one pitchers. Roman allowed South Boston three hits, second and third passed only. In the second hit, sophomore Winthrop Briggs, who lives right across the street from the school, came through with a four hit job, fanning 11 and passing three.

English will be at full strength for this game, as Bob Farrell, out with a bruised rib all last week, will be in left field. Bill O'Donnell will go back to his regular right field job, where pitched Boston and Dick Lowrey (still another mound prospect) have been holding forth.

Commerce, playing on home Smith Field, hopes to interrupt English's parade, and in addition also halt its two-game losing streak. Commerce lost a close one to South Boston, 4-2, but were then shellacked by South Boston 13-3.

Killing another rumor. . . It has been going the rounds that Winthrop was about to sever all athletic relations with Revere. . . But headmaster Corrin Davis (Winthrop) says, Augustine Whelan (Revere) know nothing about such matters. Winthrop, with enlarged Northeastern Conference obligations, decided to play only in the loop in baseball, and canceled its usual pact with Revere, which he no doubt gave rise to the story.

Schedule changes. . . The St. John's (D) at Malden Catholic game, listed for tomorrow, will be played next Friday, while the St. Patrick's (W) at Cathedral was listed for yesterday, has been moved to May 7.

The reception and banquet for Boston Commerce's basket ball team (city-wide champs) is this Wednesday, April 23, at the school gymnasium, 8:30 to 10 p. m. Wellesley's annual gym exhibition is this Friday, starting at 8 p. m.

St. John's of Danvers has quite a track schedule, meeting St. Mary's of Waltham, Winthrop, Beverly, Methuen, Salem, and Winthrop again in a string of dual meets, before being host to the annual Catholic invitation meet May 25.

More leagues begin operations this week. . . Middlesex states opens tomorrow, and on Wednesday, both Greater Boston and Essex County leagues get going. . . The South Shore loop only opens with four games tomorrow, but has four more for Thursday, four again on Friday—and in addition, in tomorrow's inaugurals, one pair will play a doubleheader, Scituate at Hanover.

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By TOM FITZGERALD

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Yesterday, the slender Greek with the great heart took his ease in the Hotel Minerva, the caravansary operated by his friend and counselor, George Demeter.

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