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Dear Fog:

I have a team in the Kansas City Ban Johnson League and we are having trouble with the major leagues taking our players in the middle of the playing season. I am tickled to death to have them take the players at the end of the season, but do not think it fair for them to take them in the middle of the year, thereby changing a club from possibly a first division to a second division. My contention is that a player is not a professional, even though he has signed a contract to play professional ball, until he has either played or received money for playing or signing a contract.

I have just had a case of one of my players whom the New York Yankees wanted to sign, and, due to my objections, promised to sign the young man at the end of the season. The Detroit Tigers come along and sign the young man now, and have him report to a minor league club. Had the Yankees been permitted to sign this young man now to report in the spring, this would never have happened.

Frank Goodman, President of the Kansas City Ban Johnson League, contends that when a player signs a contract to play professional ball, he then becomes a professional, which makes him ineligible to play in the Ban Johnson League.

Would you be so kind as to tell me whether the Conference rules would consider a young man a professional who is signed to play in the future as I explained above. I am trying to sell Frank Goodman on the fact that he is wrong in his ruling.