

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Omaha Enthusiasts Awaiting Anxiously the Opening of Season.

SEVERAL PRELIMINARY GAMES SCHEDULED

Regulars and Colts Will Cross Bats This Afternoon and the State University Team Will Appear Tomorrow.

The base ball fan is now in his glory. The seasons of the National and the American leagues began Thursday and discussions of prospects of the various teams, club standings, batting averages, pitching abilities and diverse other things associated with the popular national sport are now the order of the day.

In the preliminary exhibition games held thus far the local team has shown up admirably. Manager Keith has a galaxy of pitchers which has already done remarkably effective work, and each of the star artists is improving perceptibly.

The failure of the Minneapolis-Omaha game, scheduled for Monday last, owing to the rain, was a keen disappointment to the several fans who braved the threatening weather and went out to the Union street grounds hoping to see an exhibition.

The locals have several preliminary games on tap prior to the opening of the season. This afternoon Captain O'Connell's galaxy of artists will try conclusions with a team of colts selected by President Keith.

Monday and Tuesday afternoons the Nebraska State university team will meet the Omahans on the local grounds and two interesting games are in prospect.

Thursday and Friday the locals will go to Des Moines and meet in exhibition games one of their future adversaries in the Western league.

On the following Wednesday Manager Bourke and his colts will leave westward, playing exhibition games at Grand Island, Kearney and North Platte, and arriving in Denver for the opening of the season May 5.

Three of the buttons, however, are missing, and the secretary would consider it a favor if any member or non-member who may have them in their possession would return them to the club.

NORTH AND SOUTH. Boutler and Jordan.....21X 3 Comstock and A. W. Scribner.....21X 2 Thomas and Bohman.....21X 2 Mickle and Rogers.....21X 6 McDowell and Cain.....21X 4 McNeill and Abbott.....21X 4

EAST AND WEST. Burrell and Garner.....20X 2 Brumby and Gorman.....20X 2 Burner and Sumner.....20X 2 Brunner and Williams.....20X 2 Shuman and Hedman.....20X 2 Miller and Anthes.....20X 1

PALAUVER OF THE PUGILISTS

McGovern's Introduction to His First Pronounced Opposition Offered by Tommy White.

Tommy White, the featherweight pugilist of Chicago, sustained the predictions of his friends in his bout with "Terrible Terry" McGovern at Chicago Tuesday night.

Those who had faith in White's ability to accomplish this feat were in the minority. Every point of argument, other than an aiding faith in his virtues and his staying qualities, opposed such a conclusion.

White failed to get the credit of a draw. He is in splendid form and made a distinct impression in the initial appearance at yesterday afternoon's game.

The fight was governed by straight Queensberry rules and the men were permitted to hit in clinches and breakaways. Inasmuch as the betting was all on the basis of White's lasting through the six rounds, the Chicago lad primarily had for his purpose a defensive campaign.

The action of the New York police commissioners in refusing a renewal of the license on the Coney Island Athletic club after its expiration May 1, came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky.

Unless the police commissioners change their minds and grant the existing license to the Coney Island club, the only available alternate location for such an event is the Westchester Athletic club, near New York, which is operated by Martin J. Light, and where the Fitzsimmons-Ruhlin fight was held.

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The transfer of the welterweight championship of the world from "Mysterious Billy" Smith to Matty Matthews in his fight at New York Tuesday night was accomplished in one of the cleverest exhibitions of the season.

Anticipating the early demise of pugilism in New York as soon as the repeal of the law becomes effective, the promoters of the promotion have been busy in the past few weeks.

BIG TOURNAMENT THIS WEEK

Attractive Program Arranged for Annual Meeting of Nebraska State Sportsmen's Association.

The delegation of Omaha sportsmen who attended the Lincoln Gun club shoot in that city last week and had a thoroughly enjoyable time, have returned and all of the local shots are now devoting their attention to the twenty-fourth annual tournament of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's association.

The program for the four days shooting season is as follows: Monday, May 1, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., trap shooting; Tuesday, May 2, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., trap shooting; Wednesday, May 3, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., trap shooting; Thursday, May 4, 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., trap shooting.

RULES FOR CHESS CONTEST

Strife Between Nebraska and Mississippi Excites Much Interest on Part of Chess Players.

Nebraska chess players are awaiting with unusual interest the forthcoming match with representatives of the state of Mississippi and the preparations being made by the contestants indicate that the match will be an exciting and withal a highly scientific one.

The rules which will govern the contest are as follows: 1. Each Nebraska player shall play one game with his Mississippi opponent.

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three and one points in the grand circuit races, and ten, six and two points in the championship. To secure a wider distribution of the prize money it is proposed instead of requiring a promoter to give \$150 for first prize, to make compulsory a \$200 purse all told, to be split up in six equal parts among the three starters in the final heat.

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