LOCAL FANS ARE SATISFIED

Western League Schedule Gives Omaha All It Could Ask.

GETS JULY 4 AND TEN SUNDAYS AT HOME

Most of the Games During First Half of Season Will Be Played on the Home Grounds—Long Absence in July and August.

Your Uncle William Rourke was up and doing last Thursday. He turned his family of base ballists over to Eddie Lauzon and all of the boys cavorted about the Vinton street reservation with the gleeful agility of so many schoolboys gamboling on the sward. Where was Papa Bill all this time? Closeted the day long with President Hickey and his fellow magnates of the Western league and carefully guarding the interests of Omaha. It is needless to say that Manager Bill came out of the conference with colors flying.

The schedule which was finally adopted was satisfactory to all of the managers, and that was something decidedly unusual, to say the least. This satisfaction sprung from the harmony which exists in the ranks of the league at this time. There was a disposition on the part of the members to give and take, and because of this spirit it was more a matter of expedience than anything else in the arrangement of the league's time table.

Fortunately, however, this expedience resulted in Omaha's getting as bang-up a schedule as could possibly be desired. The season opens May 3 and closes September 18. There will be 126 games, of which each team will play sixty-three at home and sixty-three abroad.

Opening games will be played as follows: St. Paul at St. Joseph, Minneapolis at Kansas City, Omaha at Denver, Des Moines at Colorado Springs. The same teams will end the season together, the locations of the games being reversed, Denver closing in Omaha.

In the distribution of the holiday games St. Joseph failed to draw a prize. Omaha gets July 4. Kansas City bagged all of the plums, getting all of the holiday games on its home grounds. Minneapolis drew July 4 and Denver was assigned July 4 and Labor day. Des Moines and St. Paul get Decoration and Labor days and Colorado Springs gets Decoration day.

There will be twenty Sundays during the league season. These were divided among the clubs as follows: St. Paul and Des Moines, 11; Minneapolis, Kansas City, Omaha and Denver, 10; St. Joseph and Colorado Springs, 9.

Omaha's first game at home will be with St. Joseph, May 17. Previous to the Rourke family's initial appearance on the home grounds twelve games will be played, three each with Denver, Colorado Springs, St. Joseph and Kansas City. The first six games ought to be won easily by "Pap" Rourke's aggregation, for it will be pitted against the teams which Billy Hulen and Manager Packard of Denver have yet to organize. The fact that the Colorado Springs and Denver teams have not yet been determined upon, as to their personnel, makes it a certainty that at the beginning of the season they will not be particularly strong.

Arriving in St. Joseph with a percentage of 1,000 and with the desire to reach home for the first game with no defeats recorded against them, there is no reason why the locals shouldn't take three straight from the McKibbenites, and play a repeater over at Kansas City with "White Wings" Tebeau's much-vaunted collection of base ball stars. At any rate, it is a certainty that the Rourke family will come home with a percentage round about .1000 and a pretty safe margin for first place.

There will be eleven games down at the Vinton street reservation in the opening series, Kansas City, Denver and Colorado Springs following St. Joseph in quick succession. The Colts will go over to Des Moines for three games the closing three days of May and return home for nine more games, three with Des Moines, starting June 1, and a like number with Minneapolis and St. Paul.

When St. Paul puts in an appearance June 8 for a series of three games the Omaha base ball populace will have seen all of the teams in the league. It will be time enough then to start the dope a-going. A pretty good line can be laid on the various teams and the base ball prognosticators will be in their element.

If there is any merit in the home-ground theory Omaha ought to anchor at the head or near the head of the percentage column the first half of the season. Of the sixty-six games—three more than one-half the scheduled number—from May 3 to July 14 Omaha will play forty-two on the home grounds and twenty-four away from home. From July 16 to September 18 there are sixty games scheduled. Only twenty-one of these are scheduled for the home grounds and thirty-nine will be played on foreign fields. From an Omaha standpoint the schedule is especially satisfactory, for the reason that the last fifteen games of the season will be played at home.

The following table summarizes the schedule, showing how the games in which the Omaha team will participate abroad and at home are arranged:

Abroad.	At Home.
12—May 3-15.	11—May 17-28.
3—May 30-31.	9—June 1-10.
6—June 12-17	16—June 19-July 4.
3—July 5-7.	6—July 9-14.
19—July 16-August 4.	6—August 6-11.
20—Aug. 13-Sept. 2.	15—September 3-18.
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The only holiday game Omaha bagged was July 4. Manager Rourke did not insist upon more. He was well enough satisfied with the schedule in its allotment of Sunday games. Des Moines will be the attraction here on July 4.

Now that the time for the opening of the season draws near the question is often asked, How does the Omaha team compare with the other teams in the Western league? The answer is easy. There is no team that has a better lot of men, more reliable, more consistent or with better records than Omaha. It looks now as though Manager Rourke has collected together one of the fastest teams that has ever worn an Omaha uniform.

Unless all signs fail there will be no comparison between this and last year's teams. The infield was lamentably weak last season. It was constantly changing. The fans did not know from one day's game to the next who would be playing the corners. It was only certain that little "Stub" Toman would be out in the diamond playing shortstop for all he was worth. The outfield a year ago was poor because the fielders failed to make good at the bat. Manager Rourke has made every effort to remedy these defects. All of his men give promise of being good stick artists, but the outfielders especially are expected to follow up the records they have established in the past of being able to whack the leather often enough to boost their season's average up above .300.

The only place this year's team is weak is behind the bat. Manager Rourke realizes this and will try to remedy it. Eddie Lauzon will be able to perform good service and he will have a capable assistant in Phil Glade, provided the boy doesn't lose his courage and plays as well as he used to when he was the star performer in amateur games played out in the state. There is no doubt but that Lauzon will go through the entire season as a member of the catching staff, no matter what additions Manager Rourke may make. Eddie catches neatly, has a good "whip" and stands well up to the plate. There is no more faithful player in the league. He works from the minute the gong sounds until the game is over and never relaxes a bit.

It is in the pitching staff, though, that the Omaha team is particularly strong. Manager Rourke has a perfect galaxy of stars—Roach, Herman, Coons, Freeland, Steele and Graham. No other club in the league can boast of a superior sextette. And then there are Graham and Gordon, two promising youngsters, who will let out every link to make good and retain their berth in the league throughout the entire season. The infield is particularly strong, with Calhoun, Stewart, Walters, McAndrews and Toman, and the outfield looms up in great shape, with Reid, Carter and Letcher. With a field back of them made up of such capable performers, the Omaha pitchers can't help but make a fine record for themselves this year.

George Tebeau has made a strong addition to his team by securing the services of George Rettger, who has pitched with Milwaukee for several seasons. "White Wings" has been negotiating for Rettger for some time past and succeeded in landing him last week.

Manager Chase has announced that his team will be chosen from the following men: Pitchers, Fred Glade, Louis Pollchow, Dick Glendon, Mike Steffani and William H. Morrison; catchers, Dave Seisler, Charles Conwell and John Thierry; first base, John Rebsamen, J. Jamison and W. Kennelly; second base, Henry Hines; third base, Charles Pease; shortstops, Artie Ball and William Gleason; outfielders, Otto Thiel, "Lefty" Nagle, Frank Warner, Mattie McVicker, Louis Lippert and Josh Clark.

Jakie Weimer, who was with Des Moines last season, will be one of the Kansas City pitchers this year. Brain, who made a great tear as a third baseman last year, will be with Comiskey's Chicago team this season. The Des Moines team will undoubtedly be shorn of many of the men who are now on the list before the season opens. Jack Rebsamen will in all probability be able to defend first base from the encroachments of the newcomers. "Reb" was one of the best first basemen in the league last year and it was a big loss to Omaha when he left the team.

Manager McKibben has a team for St. Joe this year that shows up mighty well on paper. Most of the best material in last year's team has been reserved. Kling's transfer to the Chicago National league team will make a big hole in the McKibben aggregation, however, for his equal as a backstop cannot easily be found. The St. Joe list of players is as follows: Pitchers, McDonald, Wiggs, Miller, Gibson, Maupin, Underwood, Bauldin and Rermond; catchers, Hurley, Robert and Wilkins; infielders, Davis, Schaumeyer, Hall, Hoy and Gifford; outfielders, Green, Honeyman, Schrall and Welday.

Many of the men who wore Sioux City uniforms last year will play with the Minneapolis team this season. Old Jack Glasscock will captain the aggregation and from the men who have reported for practice work he expects to cop out a first-rate team. President Beall ordered his players to report at Sioux City, where the spring work will be done, with possibly a side trip down to Kirksville, Mo., for a few days. The Minneapolis list includes Tom Thomas, F. M. Gillion, Charles Ferguson, Eli Cates, J. P. Kilnow, W. H. McCreedie, H. J. Cote, L. B. Swormsted, H. J. Valdets, W. Congalton, James Cockmore, R. F. Brashear, Frank Figgemeier, Frank Parvin, J. H. Doesher, Tom Drummy, Ora Cochran, L. McCreedie, Fred Wenig, J. Hickey, H. A. Swain, George A. McLeary and Jack Glasscock.

Big "Bill" Wilson, Omaha's star catcher last year, who will officiate behind the plate for St. Paul this season, is much pleased with the team that Captain Ryan has signed for the Saints. "Bill" has a hunch that he is to be a member of a winning team this year. Up to date St. Paul has signed the following: Catchers, Wilson, Hunt, Bearwald, Holmes and Keefe; pitchers, Jones, McGill, Wyroski and LeGore; infielders, Werden, Huggins, Whealan, Holly, Mackey and Zeigler; outfielders, Ryan, Parker, Larson, Kavanagh and Johnson.

WITH THE CHESS PLAYERS

Series of Interesting Problems Submitted for the Consideration of Chess Enthusiasts.

In an interesting letter to the chess editor last week Dr. J. L. Ormsbee, secretary of the Missouri State Chess association, says: "Here is a condensed summary of the Iowa-Missouri match (39 boards) to date: Missouri has won by superior play at boards 3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 19, 20, 25 and 36. Iowa has won by superior play at boards 9, 11, 18 and 24. At boards 1, 2 and 12 the games were drawn. Iowa won at board 13 and Missouri at 33, on account of sickness of players; and the referee gave Iowa the games at boards 4, 22, 26, 28 and 39 because our players exceeded the time limit. Score: Iowa, 11½; Missouri, 11½; unfinished, 16."

Dr. Ormsbee submits a position which occurred in the game between Captain T. C. Holland, Sedalia, and J. W. Cowles, Kansas City, in the Missouri semi-finals: 3 r 1 k 2. p 2 r 3 p. 2 p 1 p 2 R. 2 P 1 B p Q 1. 2 b 5. 4 P 3. P 2 q 2 P P. 1 R 4 K 1. This is after Black's 26th move; White (Captain Holland) then announced mate in eleven moves. A chance for our solvers.

Composed by C. F. King, Glens Falls, N. Y., about nineteen years ago; contributed by C. F. Mills of that place. White mates in two moves.

BLACK.

WHITE.

7 Q. 1 K P P 1 r 2. 4 k s B 1. 3 R S S 2. 5 p r 1. 5 P 2. 16.

Problems of the Week.

("Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.")

From Checkmate, Prescott, Ont., for March, a three-mover by C. F. Stubbs, St. John, N. B.: 8. 2 k 5. 8. 1 B 6. 1 S 6. Q 1 K 5. 16.

From Chicago Tribune, via St. Paul Dispatch, a two-mover by A. Lundberg, Chicago: S 2 K 4. 6 B 1. 4 k 3. 4 P 3. 5 s 2. 3 P 4. 5 R B 1. 2 R 5.

From Brooklyn Eagle, a two-mover by E. E. Westbury, Selby Oak, England: 2 s R 4. 3 B 4. 5 B p 1. K p p k p p 2. 2 S 4 Q. 2 p 5. 4 P 3. 8.

From Boston Post, a three-mover, "first offense," by Harlow B. Daly, Boston: r 2 B 4. 3 p 4. 1 S 1 P 1 p 1 p. p 1 R p 1 k 2. 4 p 3. 4 P 2 P. 2 S 4 K. 3 B 4.

One that Walcott "snaffled" from the Student; motto, "Ich weiss nicht was;" a three-er: 8. 3 p 4. 3 P 4. 8. 3 k 4. 5 B 2. 2 R K R 3. 8.

Another of the games Pillsbury didn't win while at Lincoln recently. J. M. Bruner of Omaha and Dr. A. E. Bartoo of Arcadia defended in consultation against Pillsbury, sans vior. Dr. Bartoo, in submitting score, remarks that "the style of play was, perhaps, a little different than most—knock down and drag out right from the start."

Vienna.

White—Pillsbury.	Black—Allies.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-Q B 3.	2—Kt-K B 3.
3—P-K B 4.	3—P-Q 3 (a).
4—Kt-B 3.	4—P x P (b).
5—P-Q 4.	5—B-Kt 5.
6—B x P.	6—Kt-Q B 3.
7—B-Kt 5.	7—P-Q R 3.
8—B x Kt, ch.	8—P x B.
9—O-O.	9—B-K 2.
10—P-K R 3.	10—B-R 4.
11—Q-Q 2.	11—O-O.
12—Q R-K.	12—R-K.
13—P-K 5.	13—Kt-Q 4.
14—Kt x Kt.	14—P x Kt.
15—P x P.	15—B x P.
16—R x R, ch.	16—Q x R.
17—B x B.	17—P x B.
18—Q-B 4.	18—Q-B 3.
19—P-B 3.	19—R-K.
20—R-K.	20—B x Kt.
21—R x R, ch.	21—Q x R.
22—Q x B.	22—Q-K 5.
23—Q x Q.	23—P x Q.
24—P-Q R 4.	24—K-B 1.
25—P-K Kt 4.	25—K-K 2.
26—K-B 2.	26—P-Q 4.
27—P x P.	27—K-Q 3.
28—K-K 3.	28—K x P.
29—P-Q Kt 4.	29—P-K B 3.
30—P-Q R 4.	30—P-Kt 3.
31—P-Kt 5.	31—P x P.
32—P x P.	32—P-B 4.
33—P x P.	33—P x P.
34—K-B 4.	34—K-Q 2.
35—P-R 4.	35—K-Q 4.
36—P-K R 5.	36—P-R 3.
37—Drawn. (c).	

(a) P-Q 4 is generally played here, although the text is good.

(b) B-Kt 5 is "book" here.

(c) Beginning at Black's 24th move, the allies had to play carefully to draw, and they made the best moves. At 37th both kings are compelled to mark time. White at K 3 and B 4; Black at Q 3 and 4. Neither dare do anything else.

Nelson Hald, president of the Nebraska Chess association, is doing some good work in the twentieth century tournament. He is pinning his faith to the Danish gambit, an off-shoot of the center, and is having the good luck to find opponents who will take the third pawn. Appended is score of a recent victory.

Game played in the P. N. C. C. A. twentieth century tournament, section 1, midland division, between Nelson Hald, Dannebrog, Neb., (white) and P. H. Lenon, Guthrie Center, Ia., (black):

Danish Gambit.

White.	Black.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—P-Q 4.	2—P x P.
3—P-Q B 3.	3—P x P.
4—B-Q B 4.	4—P x P (a).
5—Q B x P.	5—Kt-K B 3.
6—Kt-Q B 3.	6—Q-K 2.
7—Q-B 2.	7—Kt-B 3.
8—O-O-O.	8—Q-B 4.
9—Kt-Q 5.	9—Kt x Kt.
10—R x Kt.	10—Q-K 2.
11—Q-K 2.	11—P-Q 3.
12—Kt-B 3.	12—B-K 3.
13—R-Q Kt 5.	13—B x B.
14—Q x B.	14—O-O-O.
15—Q-Kt 3.	15—P-Q Kt 3.
16—Q-B 4.	16—Kt-R 4.
17—R x Kt ?.	17—P x R.
18—Q-R 6 ch.	18—K-Q 2.
19—P-K 5.	19—P-K B 3.
20—P-K 6, ch.	20—Q x P.
21—Q-Kt 5, ch.	21—K-B 1.
22—Kt-Q 4.	22—Q-K 4.
23—Q-R 6, ch.	23—K-Q 2.
24—Q-B 6, ch.	24—K-B 1.
25—Kt-Kt 3.	25—Q-B 5, ch.
26—K-Kt 1.	26—Q x P ?.
27—R-Q 4 ?.	27—Q-K 7.
28—R-Q B 1.	28—Q-K 2.
29—B x R P.	29—P-Q 4.
30—Kt-B 5.	30—Resigns. (b).

(a) 4.....Kt-K B 3; 5. Kt x P, B-Kt 5; 6. Kt-K 2, Castles; 7. P-K 5, P-Q 4 is said to give Black the advantage. The next move subjects Black to a fierce attack.

(b) 30.....Q x Kt is all that will prevent mate next move. White is the exchange and three pawns minus, but does not worry.

Score of game in the Iowa-Missouri match. An example of the 5.....B-K 2 turn in the Berlin defense. Score was furnished by Dr. J. L. Ormsbee, Springfield, Mo. Author of the notes not stated. To note (a) the chess editor excepts. Castles followed by 10.....B-B4 was exactly what White wanted. That leads to the Pillsbury trap, thus:

9—Kt-B 3, 0-0.
10—R-K, B-B 4?
11—B-Kt 5, and if Q-K.
12—Kt-K 4, and if Black defend B.
13—Kt-B 6 ch. and Black has not long to suffer.

Opening Ruy Lopez.

White—Lee Edwards, Dunlap, Ia.	Black—W. F. McEwen, Moberly, Mo.
1—P-K 4.	1—P-K 4.
2—Kt-K B 3.	2—Kt-Q B 3.
3—B-Kt 5.	3—Kt-B 3.
4—O-O.	4—Kt x P.
5—P-Q 4.	5—B-K 2.
6—Q-K 2.	6—Kt-Q 3.
7—B x Kt.	7—Kt P x B.
8—P x P.	8—Kt-Kt 2.
9—Kt-B 3.	9—Kt-B 4 (a).
10—Kt-Q 4.	10—O-O.
11—R-K 1.	11—Kt-K 3.
12—B-K 3.	12—P-Q B 4.
13—Kt-K B 5.	13—P-Q 3.
14—Q R-Q 1.	14—B-Kt 2.
15—Q-K Kt 4 (b).	15—P-Kt 3.
16—Kt-Q 5.	16—B x Kt.
17—R x B.	17—R-Kt 1.
18—Kt x B ch.	18—Q x Kt.
19—P x P.	19—P x P.
20—P-Q Kt 3.	20—R (Kt 1)-K 1.
21—B-K Kt 6.	21—Q-Q Kt 2.
22—R (K 1)-Q 1.	22—Kt-K B 3.
23—Q x Kt (c).	23—Q x R.
24—R-K B 1.	24—R-K 5.
25—Q-B 6.	25—Q-K 4.
26—Q x Q.	26—R x Q.
27—B x R.	27—K x B.
28—R-Q B 1.	28—K-K 2.
29—K-B 1.	29—P-Q 4.
30—R-Q 1.	30—K-Q 3.
31—R-Q 2.	31—K-B 2.
32—R-K 2.	32—P-K B 3.
33—P-K R 4.	33—R-K 5.
34—R x R (d).	34—P x R.
35—P-K B 5.	35—P x P.
36—Resigns.	

(a) O-O, followed by B-B 4, better.

(b) Rather aggressive.

(c) An oversight by which White loses the advantage.

(d) Evidently wishing to end the game.

Checkmate No. 3 appeared last week. Dr. Graham has been doing some tall "hustling" to catch up with the months, and, after the April number appears, will take his time to improving the magazine. On the first page F. P. Potter's "Modern Raven" is reproduced from Dr. Van Nuys' recent bulletin of the O. C. A. and Tri-State. The Monte Carlo tournament is given three columns. "Special Traps," from the Adelaide Journal, general chess news, a study of the Rice gambit, fourteen problems and end games and several annotated games complete its sixteen pages.

Questions and Answers.

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