

Walter Johnson Holdout for First Time in Career; Wants \$25,000 for Season

OMAHA BUFFALOES WILL OPEN 1925 WESTERN LOOP SEASON HERE WITH TULSA ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH

Annual Circuit Schedule Starts April 16 With Northern Clubs Playing in South—Champions of League May Meet Titleholders of Eastern Loop in "Baby World's Series."

MAHA Western league fans will not have an opportunity to see the Buffaloes, champions of the circuit in 1924, play in Omaha until Wednesday, April 29, when the northern half of "Pa" Tearnery's loop opens play in their respective back yards.

The Western league club owners at their annual schedule meeting at Excelsior Springs, Mo., Monday decided on a schedule of 168 games for the 1925 season. The season opens April 16 and closes September 27.

The league issued a challenge to the Eastern league for a post-season series next fall, the club which has the series in its home city to pay all expenses of the visitors. The circuit moguls also voted to award a cup to the team having the largest attendance on opening day.

A reduction on passes allowed each club owner and plans for a special train to the National Association of Professional Baseball meeting next December were approved.

The magnates attending the meeting at Excelsior Springs were: James Crawford and Secretary Friel of Tulsa, Jock Holland of Oklahoma City, Frank Isbell of Wichita, Charles Moon of Lincoln, Warren Giles and Ned Tracey of St. Joseph, Barney Burch of Omaha, Milton Angfinger of Denver and Lee Keyser of Des Moines.

At Sioux City: Creighton, 46; Morningside, 18.

Indoor Sports



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SENATOR PITCHER ONE OF SEVERAL GRIFFMEN WHO WANT INCREASE; RUEL, PECKINPAUGH AMONG THEM

McNeely Also After Boost in Size of Monthly Paycheck—Johnson Not Worth \$25,000 as Pitcher, Says Walsh

By DAVIS J. WALSH.
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—According to the best and most recent advice, Clark Griffith is beginning to pay the first installment on the price of success, an ante that all pennant winners of recent years, particularly the New York Giants, have been forced to meet.

The good word from the Friedland camp is to the effect that Walter Johnson has come out in the open as a holdout for the first time in his career, and wants \$25,000, no less, for another season under the Senatorial yoke. Walter is merely one of several of Mr. Griffith's young men obsessed with expensive ideas.

"Muddy" Ruel, star catcher; Roger Peckinpaugh, shortstop, and Earl McNeely, outfielder, are among those who live only to harry Mr. Griffith with thoughts of foreclosure of the mortgage on the old homestead. Even Stanley Harris, the boy manager, put the financial slug on Clark at a very early moment, and possibly it was Harris' initial success that inspired the others, if a ball player ever needs monetary inspiration.

Johnson, for example, is not worth \$25,000 as he stands today. He is nearly at the end of his rope and might not last another season as a headliner. So much for the commercial side of it. But, taking the matter from its human angle, it is a fact that Johnson never got the money he deserved during the years he wants it now, particularly since his cherished ambition to buy a minor league club has been thwarted. It is understood that Johnson has become slightly miffed because Griffith didn't rush to the rescue with assistance in the project. However, one doesn't buy the cleaver for the gent with designs upon one's right arm.

Peckinpaugh's case is similar to Johnson's. Ruel came through for Griffith last season after several years of mediocrity. But his future hangs in the balance. He also is slightly aged, and no one knows whether his breakdown in the last world series will be repeated this season.

He, of course, is entitled to an increase, so is "Muddy" Ruel, and, in fact, every regular on a championship team. The size of the increase forms the difficulty. Ruel should get a good one. Never a heavily paid young man, he developed into what many critics considered the best catcher in 1924, and is just about due to collect dividends.

As for McNeely, it looks as though he has placed an impossible bet that a series-winning base hit that only became finite because a convenient stone caused a bad bound.

POWERS TO PILOT YOUNG BLUEJAYS

Morris Powers was elected captain of the 1925 Creighton Prep track team at a meeting held Monday.

Powers is a new man at the Creighton school, having registered last fall. Before coming here was a letter man in the Iowa City high school. He is a star in the 100, 220 and 440-yard dashes.

Coach Drennan has issued his first call for track athletes and training will start at once.

At Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin, 16; Iowa, 15.

FRANKIE GENARO DEFEATS WOLFE

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Frankie Genaro, American flyweight champion, was awarded the judges' decision tonight at the end of a slow 10-round bout with Henry (Kid) Wolfe of this city. Genaro's title was not at stake, both men being over-weight. Genaro weighed 113-14, Wolfe 115 pounds.

In another 10-round bout Benny Schwartz of Baltimore, received the judges' decision over Collett of Elizabeth, N. J.

Arthur Swartz Quits Tech High to Follow the Buffaloes Down South

ARTHUR SWARTZ, all-around athlete at Tech high, has quit school to try and make a name for himself in the baseball world. Swartz has signed a contract with the Omaha baseball club. He will leave Omaha sometime this week for the Buffaloes' training camp in Texas.

Swartz last year was regarded as one of the best amateur catchers and hitters in Omaha. He caught for the Carter Lake club in the Metropolitan league, he also caught for the Overland Tire team in the Saturday Industrial league. He led both leagues in batting averages. Besides having a good reputation in the amateur circles, he was well known in the city high school league. He caught for the Tech high team for three years, and led the city high league in batting for three years.



SANTEL WILL JOIN HANSEN'S CAMP

AD SANTEL, one of the best wrestlers of his weight in the country, has been secured by "Farmer" Burns, trainer of Charley Hansen, to work out with the latter. Hansen, you know, is preparing for his match with John Pesek that will be held at the Auditorium Friday night, February 27.

SanTEL is the wrestler who gained quite a lot of publicity several years ago when he wrestled Joe Stecher at Fremont. Many of the wisecracks thought SanTEL could throw Joe and bet their money accordingly. Stecher threw SanTEL.

PIRATES SIGN FOUR COLLEGIANS

THE Pirates have obtained four collegians. The hopefuls are Bernard Culoton, a hurler for Fordham a few years ago, who now comes from Norfolk of the Virginia league; Outfielder Maury Frew, formerly of Washington and Lee, academia league; Infielder L. F. Thompson of Ohio State, and Infielder Royce Williams of Hendrix college in Arkansas.

Marquette to Hold High School Meet

Milwaukee, Feb. 17.—The third annual Marquette university high school relay meet, to be staged in the new Marquette stadium here on May 9, has received the sanction of the board of control of the Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic association, and this year is being extended in scope to include out of state high schools and academies.

Although this is but the third year for Coach Conrad M. Jennings' meet, the Marquette relays have taken rank with the most popular high school relays in the middle west, and the inclusion of out of state schools and academies, especially those of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana and Ohio, is expected to increase the interest in the affair.

JACK DELANEY MAY BOX STRIBLING

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—With the withdrawal of Jimmy Slattery from the negotiations owing to his desire for a brief rest, the prospects today were that Jack Delaney would be substituted for the Buffalo entry against Young Stribling in the proposed bout at Madison Square Garden on February 26. The match will be closed this afternoon if Stribling can extricate himself from a previous ring engagement to meet Warnie Smith of Oklahoma, who is laid up in a local hospital with a broken jaw. The Stribling-Smith bout was to have been held in Milwaukee on February 27.

YANKEES SIGN COLLEGE HURLER

New York, Feb. 16.—The New York Yankees today signed Elmer Duggan, sensational southpaw pitcher of Brown university. Duggan gained fame last year by twirling a 20-inning game against Providence college, in which he struck out 29 men, a college record.

The Yankees also announced the signing of Wally Pipp, veteran first baseman, and Walter Beall, crack pitcher obtained last season from Rochester, N. Y.

Bluejays Return From Road Trip

REIGHTON'S crack basketball team, accompanied by Athletic Director and Coach A. A. Schabinger, returned last night from Sioux City, where the Bluejays hoopers closed their four-game northern trip by knocking the Morning side college quintet under a 46-18 score.

Coach Schabinger's hoopers defeated North Dakota university in two games, North Dakota Aggies and Morningside, while on their trip. The victory over North Dakota Aggies gave the Bluejays another North Central conference championship.

The Creighton coach will resume practice this afternoon. Coach Schabinger will point his charges toward the game Saturday night with Marquette. The contest will be played at Creighton gymnasium. The Bluejays won over Marquette on the latter's "gym" earlier in the season.

Former Des Moines Coach Named Athletic Director

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 17.—C. J. Armstrong, present assistant football coach and freshman basketball and track coach at the University of Des Moines, Des Moines, Ia., was named football coach and athletic director at the University of Utah yesterday. He was recommended by Dr. George Thomas, president of the university and the recommendation was approved without dissent by the board of regents.

Bennett Hill Speeds to New Auto Record

Culver City, Cal., Feb. 17.—Bennett Hill, who last November established a world's record of 135.95 miles an hour while practicing at the board speedway here, yesterday toured the bowl in 32.45 seconds, a record speed of 137.2 miles an hour. Hill was preparing for the 250-mile championship race to be held here next Sunday but track officials announced that as he was not officially timed the record would not be accepted.

Purdue Trims Gopher Five.

La Fayette, Ind., Feb. 16.—Purdue went into a tie with Michigan for fourth place in the Western conference standing by defeating Minnesota here tonight 27 to 15. In a game featured by the close guarding and the brilliant offensive of Purdue, the winners swept Minnesota off their feet the entire game except for a short while in the last half.

Hoppe Gains on Cannefax

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Having displayed the best billiards ethic champion has shown since the start of the match in winning the third and fourth blocks, Willie Hoppe, balk line king today made ready for the fifth block of his three cushion match with Champion Cannefax entrenched behind a lead of 240 to 227. The match is to go 600 points. Hoppe trailed by 120 to 100 when he entered the third block, but playing consistently and even brilliantly at times, won the third block, 65 to 69, and in the evening fairly buried Cannefax under a score of 75 to 47.

The balk-line champion abandoned his conservative, safety-first game of the first two blocks and went after every point without hesitation. His best run was six. Cannefax had a seven but lacked Hoppe's consistency.

GARDNER WINS IN CUE TOURNAY

New York, Feb. 16.—Gus Gardner of New York defeated Carl A. Vaughan of the Newark Athletic club, formerly of Kansas City, 50 to 46, in the opening match today of the seventh annual national three-cushion billiard championship at the Amateur Billiard club of New York. The game required 121 innings. Gardner's high run was six and Vaughan's five.

In the second match of the day Dr. Andrew J. Jorris of Chicago defeated A. S. Jordy of Baltimore, 59 to 29, in 85 innings. Harris, who finished third in the tournament last year, had a high run of five, while Jordy's best was three.

RUTH QUALIFIES IN GOLF TOURNAY

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 16.—The annual spring tournament at the Hot Springs Golf and Country club opened here today with three flights of 16 qualifying in the various events. Babe Ruth was the only representative of the major league players to qualify in the second flight, none making the first flight. Steve O'Neil and Everett Scott qualified in the third flight.

HOPPE HOLDS LEAD OVER CANNEFAX

New York, Feb. 16.—Willie Hoppe took the lead tonight in his three-cushion billiard match with Robert Cannefax by winning the fourth block, 75 to 47. The total score now stands: Hoppe, 240; Cannefax, 227. They are playing a total of 600 points, the winner to be declared the unofficial three-cushion champion of the world.

BASEBALL MEETING HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Six Nebraska and two southwestern Iowa towns will have representatives at the Rome, Iowa, next Sunday when Dick Croft calls a meeting of men interested in the organization of a tri-state baseball league for Iowa and Nebraska.

'TIGER' FLOWERS LOSES ON FOUL

Boston, Feb. 16.—Lou Bogash of Bridgeport, Conn., won from Tiger Flowers, negro middleweight at Atlanta, Ga., here tonight on a foul in the third round of their scheduled 10-round bout.

Martin Wins Bout.

Portland, Me., Feb. 16.—Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, bananaweight champion, outpointed "Wee Willie" Spencer of Brooklyn in a "twins-six" bout here tonight. Martin was not extended at any time. Both are limited to six rounds in Maine, the principals meeting in two successive clashes.

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