Omaha Bee Sports

SCRAMBLED SPORTS

BY WAG

THE other day Wayne (Big) Munn, world's champion heavyweight wrestler, was offered $60,000 to meet Ed (Strangler) Lewis, former champ, in a finish match for the title. The offer was made by Floyd Fitzsimmons, Michigan City (Ind.) promoter.

Did Munn's manager accept the challenge? He did not. Furthermore, Kauffman, Munn's manager, came back with the reply that if Munn and Lewis met he (Kauffman) would promote the match in Kansas City.

The wrestling game always has been a big JOKE and now it is a bigger JOKE, with Kauffman managing Munn. There is no doubt in the writer's mind that Munn would get out and wrestle many of the second raters who have been hurling challenges at him were it not for his manager.

Kauffman probably has Munn tied down to an iron-clad contract. Munn probably asks his manager if it is O. K. for him to go to a movie. This writer remembers talking to Munn last summer at the baseball park. "Big" said that if he ever won a championship of any kind he would defend his title against anyone. That was before Munn knew anything of Kauffman. He knows more about Kauffman now.

Munn is different than a lot of wrestlers in that he is a university graduate and a business man. "Big" knows the value of a good reputation. Munn or anyone else for that matter, likes to have his reputation kept clean, and for that reason we can't see for the life of us how the big fellow can sit back and read what sport scribes the country over are saying about him for not defending his title, regardless of what his manager, Gabe Kauffman says.

Munn is a popular wrestler. He is the most popular wrestler since the time of Frank Gotch. "Big" would be MORE popular if he would get out and wrestle someone besides "Toots" Mondt, the older Zbyszko, etc.

THE release of Nick Cullop to Atlanta of the Southern league by the New York Yankees didn't make a hit with Barney Burch, owner of the Omaha Buffaloes.

Cullop played first for the Buffaloes last year, although he belonged to the Yanks. During the spring training season of the Yanks, Cullop made a big hit with Manager Huggins. Reams and reams of paper were used in sending out stories on how Cullop could hit, and what a valuable addition he was to the New York club.

Now the Yanks have released Cullop on option to Atlanta, a town in Class A baseball, the same as Omaha. Nick wanted to return to Omaha if the Yankees didn't want him and wouldn't release him to a Class AA league.

Burch counted on landing Cullop if the Yankees released the former Buffalo to a Class A league. Barney evidently counted wrong.

WATCH out for Creighton university's athletic teams from now on out. That's the word being broadcast from the Bluejay station on the hill.

The addition of "Bob" Reagan, former Notre Dame football star, and Stewart Neary, former Creighton star gridster, to the coaching staff at Creighton means a big boost for Bluejay football teams.

Head Coach Wynne now has a capable working staff to develop another strong football team. Creighton had a good grid team last year, but should have a better one this coming season.

Reagan coached the line at the University of Utah last year. Football coaches in the Rocky mountain region say that the line of the Utah football team last season was one of the strongest in the west. Quite a boost for Reagan who was trying his hand at coaching for the first time in his career.

The new Creighton line coach is a product of the Rockne school of football at Notre Dame. Head Coach Wynne also is a product of the Rockne system of playing and coaching football. "Stew" Neary, another one of Wynne's assistants for next season, is a product of Wynne's coaching. Wynne, Reagan and Neary will coach according to the Rockne system, which is the best in the world.

THE basket ball teams of Creighton rank with the best in the country. They are coached by A. A. Schabinger, who is athletic director of the university.

Coach Schabinger has coached Creighton cage teams for the past three years. He is a Kansas product. During his three years as mentor of the Bluejay basket ball teams, Creighton has lost only nine out of 53 games, a wonderful record. In 34 games the Bluejays lost four contests. This feat of winning 44 games out of 53 in three years is more remarkable when one takes into consideration that four games have been lost by a total of 15 points in two years and that the closest any team has come to Creighton was 9 points.

Coach Schabinger has started scratching his head and wondering what will happen to Creighton next winter. Captain Trautman, Mahoney and Speicher are lost from the 1926 basket ball team. This trio has been the outstanding cage combination at Creighton since Schabinger took over the reins.

While Schabinger is wondering what sort of a team he will have next season, followers of athletics at Creighton are not worrying—not with Schabinger still holding the reins as basket ball coach.

Indoor Sports

By Tad

George De Mar's Winter Seasoning Enables Him to Win Bowie Feature

By O'NEIL SEVIER.

BOWIE, Md., April 6.—The winter seasoning of George DeMar brought about the defeat of Harry Payne Whitney's 3-year-olds, Panic and Teapot, in the feature race at Prince George park this afternoon. It was a dash of six furlongs and Panic and Teapot, the last named the winner of a maiden race last week, were the favorite entry at odds on.

George DeMar, which raced throughout the winter at the Fair Grounds and Jefferson Park, New Orleans, winning now and again, got up in the last jump or so to head Panic out. His price was a little better than 6 1-2 to 1. The other starters were Moon Magic, Harlan and Hidalgo.

This race—Joseph McClennan called it the Midway purse—was run over a fast track and under a warm sun, before 10,000. Moon Magic was the only starter the bettors did not appear to care for. Panic and Teapot were in front, Teapot's nose at Panic's tail for a quarter of a mile. Hildago passed Teapot as the two entered the far turn and raced to Panic's saddle skirts, where he hung for another quarter of a mile.

After he chucked it and swerved in behind the high-headed Peter Pan colt, a sixteenth of a mile from home, Panic looked an easy winner, but George DeMar, who had trailed far out of it for five furlongs, bore down on the outside. Panic weakened enough to lose by the narrowest of margins. Teapot easily handled the Wabbling Hildalgo. Panic may have needed a race. If he didn't he will not cut much of a figure in the 3-year-old race coming.

Indians Loan Pelicans Battery, Then Win, 12 to 4

New Orleans, La., April 5.—The Cleveland Americans came to the rescue of the Pelicans and loaned them a battery for today's exhibition game, but even at that defeated the Southern Association team, 12 to 4. Edwards and Myatt donned Pelican uniforms. New Orleans had no battery available inasmuch as the team has been playing continually the last nine days and all the pitchers have not reported.

Brooklyn Robins Prove Better Mudders in Game With Yankees

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 5.—The Brooklyn Robins proved the better mudders and won the 11th game of their series with the Yankees here this afternoon. The skies were overcast, but the crowd went home with sunshine in their hearts and good will towards all. The Babe made two homers.

Score: Robins, 13; Yanks, 6.

Native Chattanoogans failed to realize the conditions under which Ruth was playing.

He had spent a sleepless night in an Atlanta hotel, suffering from an attack of chills and fever. Local doctors had advised him not to make the trip here. "Doc" Woods, Yank trainer, was in constant attendance all night. Huggins, too, advised Ruth not to play. The Babe insisted on making the trip. He told Huggins that his playing would depend on the way he felt at game time. Immediately after lunch he made his appearance in uniform.

Eight thousand had come out to see him do his stuff. Ruth cracked his first homer in the third inning. Earl Coombs rode in ahead. It brought the score to 3 to 2 in favor of the Robins. In his next time up he lifted the ball over the center field fence. It tied up the score. The crowd roared.

The game was played in a veritable sea of mud. Many grounders went for hits when they should have been just grounders. Spikes were almost useless. Stilts would have been much better.

Coolidge Receives Solid Gold Baseball Pass

WASHINGTON, April 6.—President Coolidge today received a solid gold annual baseball pass from John B. Heydler, president of the National league, in commemoration of the league's 50th anniversary.

Heydler, who called at the White House and personally presented the pass, also invited the president to attend the Boston-Chicago golden jubilee game at Boston, May 8.

LARGE ENTRY IN GOLF TOURNEY

Pinehurst, N. C., April 6.—One of the largest fields in the history of the event appeared today to tee off in the annual north and south amateur golf championship. Headliner among the entries was W. C. Fownes, jr., of Pittsburgh, former national champion, generally favored to win the vent. Other likely entries included Donald Parsons, Youngstown, O.; P. S. P. Randolph, C. L. Becker, "Daff" Gammons, Providence, R. I., the old Brown university football star; H. C. Fownes and J. D. Chapman.

John White Will Manage Ames Street Merchants

John White, veteran pitcher, formerly with the Saunders' Drive-It-Yourself team, has replaced Dave Morris as manager of the Twenty-fourth and Ames Merchants, it was announced this morning. The Merchants are members of the Gate City league.

Hill Hotel Nine Wins.

The Hill hotel nine inaugurated the hotel baseball season yesterday with a victory, defeating the Castle hotel team, 15 to 8.

VIKINGS TRIM OMAHA KICKERS

Approximately 1,000 persons were on hand Sunday to see the Vikings defeat the Omaha Kickers, 4 to 3, in an Omaha District Soccer league game at Douglas Motor field.

Hedberg was responsible for two of the Vikings' points while Christensen and Johnson made one each.

Myers and Urban score the Omaha's points, Myers accounting for a pair of them while Urban scored the other. The Russell Sporting Goods team failed to put in an appearance and forfeited its game to the Omaha team.

The regular meeting of the league will be held at the city hall Wednesday night.

Expect to Sign Mandell and Benjamin This Week

Chicago, April 6.—The 10-round contest between Sammy Mandell of Rockford, Ill., claimant to the world's lightweight championship, and Joe Benjamin, outstanding Pacific Coast lightweight, for Michigan City, Ind., July 4, probably will be closed on Thursday, Promoter Floyd Fitzsimmons said today.

FRONTIER LEAGUE OPENS APRIL 18

El Paso, Tex., April 5.—The Frontier Baseball league, composed of El Paso, Tex., Douglas, Ariz., Fort Bayard, N. M., and Juarez, Mex., was formed today, the schedule opening April 18 and closing September 20. El Paso's protest against the playing of Hal Chase, banished major leaguer and Douglas manager, was overruled, Douglas refusing to enter the organizing without him.

Chase runs a saloon at Agua Prieta, Mex., across the line from Douglas.

Coast Athletes May Compete in Drake Relays

Des Moines, Ia., April 5.—Although official notification was lacking, Drake university authorities announced tonight that they expected Occidental college of Los Angeles to enter 10 men in the Drake relays here April 24 and 25.

If plans in prospect transpire, it was announced, the western athletes will leave for Des Moines immediately upon the close of their conference meet at Leland Stanford next Saturday.

McKeague Witnesses Number of Big League Teams in Action on Trip South

"Banty" McKeague, Omaha's most popular amateur baseball player who is now on a tour of the south with the 35th degree team of the Woodmen of the World, is seeing a number of the big league teams play.

In a letter to the writer McKeague tells about the games which he saw last week. Last Sunday "Banty" was the guest of "Dazzy" Vance, Nebraska hurler at the New Orleans-Boston Red Sox game at New Orleans. Vance used to pitch for the New Orleans club and through courtesy of the Brooklyn club was allowed to take part in this game.

Vance, as the readers will recall, pitched an exhibition game in Omaha last fall for the Murphys against a St. Louis team. It was during this game that McKeague made the acquaintance of the big leaguer.

At Augustine, Fla., the Omahan saw Babe Ruth and the Yankees play. At Jacksonville, Fla., he witnessed a contest between the New York Giants and Brooklyn. At the same town the amateur ball player saw the St. Louis Browns and the Cincinnati Reds play.

McKeague's glory as Omaha's most popular amateur ball player has traveled all through the south which is brought out by the following clipping taken from the American Press of Lake Charles, La.:

Lake Charles sport fans this week are holding out the welcome unit to one William McKeague, fresh from having seen his former associate, Dazzy Vance, perform in New Orleans last Sunday.

McKeague is a member of the Woodmen of the World degree team headed by the Woodmen's sovereign commander, W. A. Fraser, who is leading the state convention of Woodmen in Lake Charles this week.

"Banty," as McKeague is known to Omaha sand lotters, is unique in Omaha, having been voted the most popular amateur baseball player in that city of rabid horsehide clouter followers.

As a member of the Woodmen of the World baseball team, McKeague at third and short has aided that club to victory as pennant grabbers for the last two seasons.

He has had several offers to enter professional baseball but as he is one of the auditing staff of Woodmen of the World at national headquarters in Omaha, he has replied to them in the words of the great Paavo Nurmi—"I came into the hearts of Omaha fans an amateur and I will not leave as a professional."

He carries a watchfob the token of his fans' esteem, swung jauntily from his watch pocket.

MILWAUKEE ELKS LEAD IN PIN MEET

Toledo, O., April 5.—Jimmy Smith, former world champion, and H. Miller of Milwaukee, smashed their way into the lead of the doubles of the national Elks bowling tourney here late today with a splendid 1,311 mark. They started out with 423 for their opening game; increased to 452 in the second and finished with 436. Miller made a total of 666 pins and Smith, 645.

"WHITTEY" FREITAG TO AID GOLF PRO

Clarence (Whitey) Freitag, amateur ball player who was with the Murphy-Did-Its last season, will forsake the national pastime this season in order to accept a position with the Keokuk (Ia.) Country club. Freitag's duty will be to assist George Holbrook, Omaha boy, who is the pro for the Iowa golf club. Freitag will start work on his new position April 20.

More Tia Juana Runners Due at Ak Field Soon

The stable of Tobias, Vaughn and Swartz that is racing at the Tia Juana course, will ship their six platers to Ak-Sar-Ben field this week where the runners will be entered in the coming spring Ak race meeting in June. Wynnewood, Praise, Randolph, Restful, Irish Bee and General Argomont belong to the stable.

Headpin Results.

The results of the headpine tournament held at the Recreation alleys Sunday follow:

Women.

Mrs. T. R. Jameson, 111, dress pattern; Miss Anna Ingraham, 109, electric percolator; Miss Mable Housman, 108, fern; Mrs. E. H. Conrad, 108, comb; Mrs. H. W. Huff, pair of silk hose; Mrs. Howard Goodrich, 100, marcel.

Men.

Andy Waite, 115, ton of coal; Harold George, 115, box of apples (tie for first); Goettsch, 113, electric percolator; Max Lanhorn, 113, sack of flour; Johnny Boyle, 112, picture; Dan Dean, 112, two phonograph records; O. McIntyre, 112, two phonograph records; C. L. Jensen, 112, two phonograph records; F. Wesley, five-pound box of candy for high three games, 221.

BERGER INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Denver, April 5.—Manager Joe Berger, shortstop of the Denver Bears of the Western league, was seriously injured in an automobile accident tonight near Mineral Wells, Tex., where the team is training, according to word received here.

Five other players and a newspaper man were in the machine, which ran into a ditch, but they escaped without injuries.

Berger will not be able to play for a month, physicians said.

OFFERS WARD 'SHOT' AT WALKER

New York, April 6.—"Dave" Culnan, Newark promoter, today entered the field with California bidders for the services of Georgia Ward, welterweight contender from Elizabeth, N. J. Culnan announced that he has offered Ward a "shot" at Mickey Walker's title at Dreamland park some time in August.

San Francisco promoters are said to be after Ward for a bout with Oakland Jimmy Duffy on the coast.

Eighteen Men Apply for Berths on Insurance Men

Eighteen men turned out for positions with Sunblad Insurance team that has entered the Gate City league.

Following are men: Joe Beha, Kralicek, Butterfield, Police, L. Carnazzo, Frahm, Infield; Kingsolver, Lindsey, Buck, Rasmussen, J. Kish and F. Kish, outfield; S. Carnazzo, Hammond and Buck, catchers; Custer, Newberger and Sundblad, pitchers.

The insurance team will practice Tuesday evening at Riverview park, but desires a practice game for next Sunday.

Iowa Has Large Track Squad.

Iowa City, Ia., April 5.—The return to work of Fred Klindt, high jumper, and Louis Oehlert, pole vaulter, completes the list of "1" men in track to report for spring practice. Fifteen letter men and four "1-2" men are now on the squad, in addition to many inexperienced men.

Joie Ray Sees 11 of His Records Vanish Since Invasion of Nurmi

NEW YORK, April 5.—Joie Ray of the Illinois Athletic club has seen all but one of his dozen records surpassed in the 1925 indoor season, but in the opinion of experts, he is still America's premier miler.

Until Paavo Nurmi began his astonishing campaign Joie was the star at each of the many meets in which he competed.

However, Ray regained any prestige he may have lost through his successive defeats by Paavo when he tied Nurmi's 4:12 record for the indoor mile. Up to that night—March 17 in Madison Square Garden—the Chicagoan had had a remarkably good season.

After a few more or less mediocre performances in various parts of the country, Joie came to New York for the Knights of Columbus games on the night of St. Patrick's day.

Entered with him in the feature mile event on that card were Nurmi, Lloyd Hahn, who had broken two of Paavo's marks; Jimmy Connolly and Leo Larivee, and the fans as well as the athletes looked for a final test between Ray and his Finnish conqueror, a race which many expected would smash Nurmi's mark of 4:12, set a few days before at Buffalo.

But Paavo's sudden illness forced him out of the field and Ray determined to reburnish his faded glory, equalled the record-breaking mile after a sparkling race with Hahn.

With that performance to his credit, fans and experts were convinced that Joie was still the Joie of old, and that his fighting spirit had not been smothered under his toppling records.

Mickey Walker May Get Chance at Greb's Crown in Near Future

NEW YORK, April 5.—Mickey Walker has been seeking a fight with Harry Greb for the middleweight titlei for quite some time. Now it looks as if the welter king is to be accomodated by the Pittsburgh "windmill." The writer has it on good authority that the men have agreed to fight at the Polo Grounds on June 12.

Walker has been confident right along that he can whip Greb and then hold two titles. But licking Greb is quite a task for a welterweight. Tom Gibbons, the best of the 180-pounders, lost to Harry the last time they hooked up. It was at the Milk Fund show at the Garden in 1922.

If Jack Curley can secure the Jack Dempsey-Harry Willis fight he plans to stage it at Belmont Park race course. But neither Curley, Rickard nor Henderson has any inside line on the champion, despite their daily statements. Right now the betting ought to be 10 to 1 that he will not fight this year.

Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, who is now on his way to the Pacific coast, confided to friends that he doubts if the king of the heavyweights will ever pull on another boxing glove. Reports that the two Jacks have buried the hatchet and again are the best of friends are not true. Today they are split out as far as ever.

CUBS DROP FINAL GAME ON COAST

Oakland, Cal., April 5.—After being compelled to call off this morning's game because of the soggy condition of the field, the Cubs managed to conclude their stay in California this afternoon by losing to Oakland, 3 to 0. Twenty gallons of gasoline made the field playable, after the heavy rains yesterday and last night.

The Cubs lost, but the price was well worth it, for the athletes were able to get in some needed work before boarding the train tonight for the three-day and three-night trip from here to Kansas City.

Tony Kaufmann made his second start of the year, but his arm is still weak. During the three innings he operated he was nicked for two hits, gave three bases on balls and hit a batter.

He was succeeded by Guy Bush who allowed one hit and nothing else. Then came Jones. Percy fanned two the first round he worked, but there followed the dismal eighth.

BLUFFS PRINTERS WIN TOURNEY

The first annual union printers' bowling tournament ended Sunday evening at the Omaha alleys with the Council Bluffs Nonpareil quintet winning the team events with a total score of 2,798. The News finished second with 2,590. The teams' final standings:

Nonpareil, 2,798; News, No. 1, 2,590; Beacon Press, 2,583; Bee, No. 1, 2,567; North Omaha Booster, 2,460; Bee, No. 2, 2,380; News, No. 2, 2,380; World-Herald, 2,128.

WILLIE PLANT GOING TO COAST

New York, April 6.—Willie Plant, champion walker, will accompany Paavo Nurmi, Jimmy Connolly and possibly Ugo Brigerio on their projected trip to the Pacific coast, according to word received here today. The announcement was made in a letter from the walker to his brother in this city. Appearances will be made at Detroit, Hamilton, Ont., St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Small Matter!

Tulsa, Okla., April 6.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis, former world's heavyweight champion wrestler, and Joe "Toots" Mondt will wrestle two out of three falls to a finish here tonight.

Baseball Dope

Little Rock, Ark., April 6.— R. H. E.
Chicago (A.) 7 7 1
Little Rock (S.) 2 8 1
Batteries: Faber, Mangum and Grabowski, Schalk; McBee, Robinson and Mayer.

Nashville, Tenn., April 6.— R. H. E.
St. Louis (A.) 10 11 1
Nashville (S. A.) 0 4 4
Batteries: Danforth, Stauffer and Dixon; Lindstrom, Toney, Morris and Greenburg.

Birmingham, Ala., April 6.— R. H. E.
Washington (A.) 7 14 1
New York (N.) 4 12 1
Batteries: Reuther, Johnson and Ruel; McQuillan, Barnes, Wisner, Maun and Snyder.

Atlanta, Ga., April 6.— R. H. E.
Detroit (A.) 1 18 2
Cincinnati (N.) 5 8 2
Batteries: Whitehill, Dauss and Bassler, Rixey, Bird, Miller and Wingo.

Louisville, Ky., April 6.— R. H. E.
Boston (A.) 12 14 3
Louisville (A. A.) 4 10 3
Batteries: Ferguson, Kallio and Stokes, Estelle; DeBerry and Mayer.

Charlottesville, N. C., April 6.—University of Virginia 7, Cornell, 9.

Joe Benjamin Favorite to Beat Hudkins

Nebraska Lightweight and Coast Boxer Meet in Ten-Round Bout in Vernon Tonight.

LOS ANGELES, April 6.—With the date of their match but one day off, Ace Hudkins, dubbed the "Nebraska Wildcat" and unofficial lightweight champion of the Pacific coast, and Joe Benjamin, one of the best lightweights in the west, today were going through their last training tricks for their bout of Tuesday night. The fighters have been engaging in light workouts, such as roadwork and a few rounds of boxing—just enough to keep them in trim.

The managers of the two fighters said today their men are ready for action and, if necessary, could step into the ring now.

Promoter Jack Doyle, who is staging the match, stated today the fight would be staged in his Vernon coliseum. The original plan was that the fight would be staged Tuesday afternoon at the Vernon ball park, but that plan has been found inadvisable and the match will be held at night. The Vernon coliseum has a seating capacity of more than 10,000 and it is expected that a crowd that will jam the place to the doors will be on hand. Promoter Doyle has announced that the advance seat sale has eclipsed any match he has ever staged here.

Both men have plenty of backers and discussion has reached a heated point as to which will emerge the victor. According to some of the best boxing experts, Benjamin should be the victor, but friends of Hudkins can always be found to back up their assertion that the Nebraska sensation will have his hand hoisted when the smoke clears away.

The men will fight at 137 pounds.

Balloon Entries Received.

Brussels, April 5.—Seven foreign countries have entered balloons for the Gordon-Bennett cup race which will start here June 7. Altogether 17 balloons, among them three from the United States, have been entered.

Kane of Opinion Gibbons Will Kayo Tunney

St. Paul, April 5.—Confidence that Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight, will knock out Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion, when they meet in New York June 12 was expressed by Eddie Kane, Gibbons' manager, who arrived here tonight from Chicago.

"Gibbons will stop Tunney in six rounds or less," said Kane, who came here to discuss plans for Gibbons' training for the fight. "Gibbons can punch harder, he is a smarter ring general, and is vastly superior on the defensive."

Kane said that Gibbons would do all his preliminary training here and will put in three weeks in New York to wind up his preparations for the bout.

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