

Fight Amateur Baseball Leagues Pry Lid Of Season Next Saturday-Sunday

Murphys to Play Saunders' Team in Feature Game

16 Contests Will Mark Opening of Four Simon-Pure Circuits Saturday; 15 Games Following Day.

IT commissioners, heads of the various business firms and pastors of various churches, will take part in the opening of the amateur baseball season next Saturday and Sunday. Saturday the church schools of Omaha and industrial loops will get under way.

Next Sunday the Metropolitan, Southern, Gate City and Junior Omaha circuits will start the 1925 season. The American league will start April 26. From the present indications all of the games in the Metropolitan league will be close and interesting. The Murphy-Dids, 1924 city champions, will meet the Saunders' Drive in the opening of the feature contests of the Metro loop.

These teams will play at Fontenelle park at 3:30. Bert Murphy, backer of the auto dealers, and Warwick Saunders, of the Saunders company will take part in the opening ceremonies.

Another good game will be the Woodmen of the World-Knights-and Dewey avenue. The Woodmen were the 1924 runners-up of the Metro loop and have practically the same team. The Knights, who they finished in the second division, were the victims of several tough breaks. Much new blood has been added to the Knights' lineup. This will, without any doubt, be a close contest.

Two holdovers from last season will tangle at Munny Beach when the Standard Laundry meets the Schneider Electric. Little is known of the strength of the clothes cleaners, but judging from their past teams the cleaners will be right up among the leaders. The Schneider Electric will present a lineup different from that of last season, have a strong team. The wiremen's strength lies in a quartet of good pitchers in Provost, Garvey, Zap and McCreary.

Al Schneider, backer of the Schneiders, and E. A. Edholm of the Laundry, will officiate at the opening of this game.

The fourth contest in this loop will find the Sam Elias, a new team, pitted against the Carter Lake club at the club grounds. The Sam Elias, under the guidance of Mat Passel, has a number of new players who give a good account of themselves.

The clubmen piloted by Bob Koran, with about six of last season's regulars, are hoped to be among the leaders at the close of the pennant race. John Hoffman, president of the club, and Sam Elias, backer of the team bearing his name, will take part in the opening exercises.

The largest crowd of the day is expected to attend the opening of the city's new natural amphitheater at Brown park. The exact location of the grounds is at Seventeenth and W streets. The Brown Park Merchants, assisted by the South-eastern Improvement club, will have charge of the festivities.

Arrangements have been made by the committee in charge to accommodate 10,000 persons. The city commissioners will take part in the opening of this park.

The feature attraction of the day will be the game between the South Omaha Boosters and the Brown Park Merchants, both of the Southern league. As a preliminary contest the members of the Merchants' association and of the Improvement club will stage a three-inning mix.

The Janda Funeral Home, another long Southern league team, will meet the Brown Park Merchants, pennant winners of last year's Gate City league. The other game in the Southern league will be between the Polish Athletic club and the U. P. Shops.

Good games will be staged in the Saturday leagues. The best contest of the Saturday loops will bring together the Gunnison Boosters, winners of the Commercial league, and the Overland Tires, winners of the Industrial league last season. This game will be played at Fontenelle park. They are members of the Greater Omaha league.

The best games in the Industrial league will be the Cudahy Packing Co., P. Freight Accounts game at Athletic park and the Nebraska Power Co. and the Northwestern Bell game at Munny beach.

First M. E. Church champions will meet the Dundee Methodists at Fontenelle park. Dietz M. E. Sunday School, winners of the Southern Sunday School league, will play the Pearl M. E. Sunday School.

Abbott Worsted Soccer Club Loses in Finals

The defeat of the Abbott Worsted football club by the Shawheen soccer club in the eastern final of the national challenge cup competition, while not a surprise, was nevertheless in the nature of an upset. The Abbott team went into the final full of confidence and with an impressive cup fighting record behind them—yet once again they stumbled on the threshold of success. This is the second occasion upon which the Abbotts have battled their way to the divisional final. In the first of the Abbott team's final efforts, on two other occasions they reached the divisional semi-final round before they reached their quarter.

New York, April 11.—Charles Dore was today appointed matchmaker for the Abbott team in the final of the national challenge cup competition. Dore, who is a well-known sports writer, in his explanation of the team's loss, said that he was not sure why the team should not be worked steadily during the next few months. He added that there were a number of good bouts that could be staged across the river.

Trio of Promising Amateur Ball Players



Bill McDonnell, Hippo Urban, and Eugene Kuwalt, a trio of promising amateur ball players, are expected to materially assist their teams in keeping on top in the amateur league races. Two of the players, McDonnell and Urban, will be with the Knights of Columbus of the Metropolitan league. The other fellow is Gene Kuwalt, a pitcher, who will play with the Polish Athletic club of the Southern league. Of the three youngsters the writer hardly knows who to class as the best looking prospect.

Of the three, Kuwalt is the youngest and has a host of admirers on the South Side, where he also plays high school baseball. These staunch friends of this youngster can see nothing but a bright future ahead for him. Kuwalt, 16 1/2 years old, is "Bill" McDonnell, southpaw outfielder, is making his debut in amateur circles. From his work in the first practices he gives promise of being heard from before the Metro league has played many games.

My Hardest Battle

As Told by GENE TUNNEY (Light Heavyweight Champion of America.)

IN THE first round of my 15-round meeting with Harry Greb at Madison Square Garden, New York, on the night of May 23, 1922, Harry and I started at each other with both hands swinging. Getting into close quarters, a clinch resulted, with Harry hurling himself at me headlong. He was shorter than I and, as we came together, his head accidentally butted me full on the nose, causing a double fracture and a heavy flow of blood.

This occurrence, coming early in the round, ushered in the hardest battle of my career—a battle which might have been very disastrous for me, but from which I gained one very important bit of information.

This was that Greb couldn't knock me out and that I could lick him. I frequently thought of this during the fight. It continued throughout the fight.

This wasn't all. In the fourth round we had another head-on collision. This time Greb's skull lid open my left eye, severing an artery. We were never able to close that wound either.

In the fifth round, Harry opened up my right eye—another one of those collisions—but between rounds we could stop the bleeding from it. Needless to say, however, he kept opening it frequently thereafter, on my nose. It happened.

Holding my own under such conditions was some task, believe me. Gradually my senses blurred and I had to fight more by the sense and feel of things than by any other means.

But I knew my whole plan of battle. Every time Greb got close to me I started to snort and I kept it up until he would get out of range. He was a fighter and he was starting a fight head-on with me. But it wasn't only his head that I was afraid of. I was afraid of his eyes. The low of blood was making me weaker and weaker and I was afraid my opponent would realize my condition and take advantage of it.

Only my nervous energy and the fact that he was trained to the minute were carrying me along.

When in the 13th round, a surprising thing happened. I was weak and exhausted, almost faint, when I saw Greb's right hand coming in for punches they all fell to my left. I was starting a fight head-on with me. But it wasn't only his head that I was afraid of. I was afraid of his eyes. The low of blood was making me weaker and weaker and I was afraid my opponent would realize my condition and take advantage of it.

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Player-Writer Rule in Tennis May Cause Richards to Quit

NEW YORK, April 11.—Vincent Richards, Olympic tennis champion and second in ranking in the United States, said that in his opinion the player-writer rule automatically bars him from national and international tournaments this summer.

William T.ilden II, national singles champion, who also writes for the newspapers, was a member of the committee which interpreted the rules for the U. S. L. T. A.

Three French Cars Entered in Big Race

Indianapolis, Ind., April 11.—Three French racing creations have been entered in the International 500-mile race to be held at the Indianapolis motor speedway, May 30. It was announced today by the management of the world's most successful racing plant.

They are designed, built and entered by Albert Guyot, famous veteran of the 1900 mile race at Indianapolis, who will captain the team and drive one of the cars in the big race at Indianapolis.

Catching 'Em on the Fly

A week from today the amateur league schedule will be blown off. All of the league will be ready to go. The American league will start play on this date.

Manager Dole Huhuka of the C. B. & Q. team of the American league used 21 players in last season's league race against the Janda Funeral Home. The club was one of the strongest. It was the fact that the outlanders used so many players accounts for the defeat.

Paul Schneider, manager of the Southern Athletic club of the Metro league, has four good hurlers in Garvey, Provost, and McCreary.

"Sham" Badura, last season with the West L. Improvement club, has signed a contract with the Woodmen of the World. Badura is one of the best pitchers in the stick in amateur baseball.

Leo Pezdirtz, catcher with the Janda Funeral Home, has signed a contract with the Knights of Columbus. Last season he was the best catcher in the league. He is now with Asheville, N. C. The Pezdirtz family took up catching.

The Guarantees defeated the First National Bank last week in a practice game at Miller park. Spectators were in the park in force. The Guarantees were the heavy favorites in the insurance slugger, who collected 15 hits. The Guarantees won 7-0.

When Jimmy Mirasky, the southpaw pitcher, reported for practice last Sunday he completed the veteran outfield of the Indians. Broader, Frank, the manager, and Carl Stengel, the other pitcher of the team, have been working for some time.

Ernie Thompson, outfielder and pitcher, is a member of the Jim Drummond's High baseball school, who has signed with the Kalmun Insurance Agency of the Junior League.

Carl Bachman, left fielder for the Janda Funeral Home, will be out of the lineup next Sunday and probably the balance of the season. An injury to his right arm is the cause of his layoff.

"Bob" Koran, manager of the Carter Lake club, has resigned. He has accepted a job traveling overland from California. He is expected to be in Omaha on April 15.

John Curtis, a speed ball artist, will be home from the Janda Funeral Home for the first time since he was in the club last season. Curtis made a good record.

Frank Ryan, third baseman with the Murphy-Dids last season, will be back at the club next Sunday. Ryan turned down several professional offers in order to retain his amateur status.

Phil Tracy and Pete Carnahan, veteran amateur ball players, will play with the Standard club.

Joe Ludi, home run slugger from his retirement, has signed a contract to play for the C. B. & Q. team.

Manager Stepanek of the Kalmun Insurance Agency has chosen the lineup for today's practice contest with the Janda Funeral Home.

Paul Tinton, Nebraska university student, who has played with the Metro league for the last season, has returned to the University. Tinton has a record of 210 hits in a hurler's battle.

At the present writing the Mahoney manager of the Murphys has turned in the lineup for the game against the Janda Funeral Home. The lineup is as follows: Catcher, Ed Guinotte, pitcher, Ed Guinotte, first base, Ed Guinotte, second base, Ed Guinotte, third base, Ed Guinotte, left field, Ed Guinotte, center field, Ed Guinotte, right field, Ed Guinotte.

2025 Church League Schedule

First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Fourth Round	Fifth Round	Sixth Round	Seventh Round	Eighth Round	Ninth Round	Tenth Round
First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist	First Christian-First Methodist
First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist	First Christian-Second Methodist
First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian	First Christian-South Side Christian
First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian	First Christian-Center Christian
First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian	First Christian-Clifton Hill Presbyterian
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Amateur Schedule for April 18-19

Date	Time	Location
SATURDAY, APRIL 18	1:00 p. m.	Riverton Park
2:30 p. m.	Kalmun Insurance Agency	
4:00 p. m.	Vinton Merchants-Janda Funeral Home	
5:30 p. m.	Clifton Hill Presbyterian	
SUNDAY, APRIL 19	1:00 p. m.	Athletic Park
2:30 p. m.	Clifton Hill Presbyterian	
4:00 p. m.	Clifton Hill Presbyterian	
5:30 p. m.	Clifton Hill Presbyterian	

BENNINGTON BALL CLUB ORGANIZES

Bennington's baseball club was organized Wednesday and plans were made to have one of the fastest teams in this part of the state.

R. P. Glantz and L. A. Mangold are to be manager and assistant manager. T. Ort was re-elected as treasurer.

Teams desiring games get in touch with either Glantz at Bennington or Mangold at H.A. 5351, Omaha.

Iowa State Will Enter Crack Two-Mile Relay Team in Annual Drake Games

AMES, Mo., April 11.—For many years Iowa State college at Ames has been noted for the strength of its two-mile relay teams, which have been consistent winners in all meets entered, and from present indications, the Cyclones will be represented by another crack two-mile quartet at the 18th annual Drake university relay meet, April 24-25.

With such sterling half-mileers as Greenlee, Crawford, Meeker, Conger and Burnison fighting for positions, Coach Metcalf of Ames should be able to give all rivals something to worry about in the two-mile relay event this year.

Leading the Ames quartet is Conger, a sophomore star, who, according to present indications, will be one of the fastest athletes in America over the half-mile and mile distances before he completes his three years of track work at Iowa State college.

At the Illinois indoor meet at Carle, the Illinois met in 1:57 over a heavy track. He turned in an equally good performance at the Kansas City Athletic club indoor meet earlier in the season, when he stepped the half mile in 1:37, and he should show the fans a great race when he runs his section of the two-mile relay at the Drake meet.

Meeker, Greenlee, Crawford and Burnison are all veterans, capable of holding their own in any company, and Ames cohorts are counting on them to win first honors in the two-mile event.

The Drake relay record of 7:25 2/3 for the two-mile race is now held by Ames, and has stood since 1921. Since the establishment of the Drake meet, the Cyclones have been consistent winners in the two-mile relay race, and the doppests are giving them a high rating to repeat this year.

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The Athletics were led by pitcher Ed Walsh, who pitched a masterful game, allowing only one run in nine innings. The Cubs were led by outfielder Hank Greenberg, who hit a home run in the fourth inning.

Will Manage K. of C. Team

Twenty-Seven Derby Candidates Now in Training



Frank Mirasky, a young man in a suit, is the manager of the Knights of Columbus team. He is expected to lead the team to success in the upcoming season.

Mirasky, although a comparatively young fellow, is one of the veterans of amateur baseball, starting his career several years ago with the old Knickerbocker team as a catcher. Under Mirasky's wing the Knights should be pennant contenders in the Metropolitan league this season.

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Says 'Dugs' Baer:

ABOUT two years ago, to be in exact, \$3,000. Bero-eyed Jans saw Jack Dempsey sailing through the ropes like a bum out of a barroom.

The bonner was that rubber-collared Beau Brummel of the Pampas, Loey Firpo, and he had ousted the mighty, however, the mighty came back and slammed Loey with a chair leg of his throne.

"Was then that the worshippers of brute force and compulsory education realized that their idol had feet of clay and that the eagle had but sparrow's wings."

Loey was the victim of the law of gravitation and the perking zone regulations. That last kick on the jaw spun him around like a top at twilight, and he went around like a spitter.

It was the kid's last fight. The Bull of the Pampas became the Bull of the Canyas.

Firpo became Floppo. Harry Williams stepped in when Dempsey stepped out and whipped the South American to a froth. To make the glue much stickier, Alvin Karpis, Charley Felt and Jabbid Firp like the devil pitcher for a sinner.

Loey ran his string out in less than two years. Probably the shortest and greatest fight career in history, if you don't include the flea that tackled the bulldog. He drew a million-dollar gate in 1923, and now they wouldn't drop a slug in a nickel piano to hear him sing "The Star Spangled Canyas."

Firpo was the original drugstore cowboy. Billed as a wueger from the pampas and a man among men, he turned out to be only a pharmacy clerk and a soda water jerker among the ladies.

But he was great fun while he lasted and we wish we could be another load of that beautiful round with Dempsey. Firpo's head had banded the carpet more often than a Turk's on a prayer rug. Yet, he got up for the seventh or eighth time and threw a punch that would have won the war for the kaiser.

But it was the final blow from the swan's broadcasting station.

Firpo never sang again. He is now over in Paris and takes just as tough a picture as ever.

Although apparently a big, rough bruiser, in reality he is an educated man, a diamond in the rough, and has a child's heart.

If you have ever ordered liver in Child's, you can figure what one of their hearts is like.

TIGERS SELECT LIGHTER BATS

The Detroit Tigers are selecting their pet bats. In the last three weeks some three dozen new bats have been shipped from the bat factories. Daily they are dragged out and piled around the batting cage for the batsmen to try out. The search is always for a light bat with a drive in it.

Such a bat is considered a rare object and when found it is worked by the player discovering it and turned over to Jimmy Dugan to be put away until the season opens. Topper Rigney and Bobby Jones have both decided to use lighter bats this season than has been their custom. Each has a couple tucked away.

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