

Pa Rourke Plans to Run His Own Team His Own Way Cornhusker Foot Ball Shows Nice Profit for the Season of 1913

Rourke Family Will Be on the Old Basis When Season Starts

The 1914 contracts will be sent to all Omaha players for their signatures by Pa Rourke Tuesday. Contracts will be mailed to about twenty-one players at this time, although some of these will probably not be retained on the team and there will be others who will be added to the lineup who will be mailed their contracts later.

Several of the players, those who showed last season that they deserved it, will be given a healthy advance in salary, while others, who played a poorer brand of ball, will receive a cut. Some wrangling is expected on the part of some of the athletes, but Pa is of the opinion that he will be treating all on an even basis with their attitude toward him last year, and he vows he will let 'em howl as vociferously as they desire, but that it will not change his position in the least.

To Manage Team Personally. Rourke says that he is going to have a fast team this year, a team which will fight every last game on the schedule with a desperation that will brook no opposition. He, himself, is going to sit in a corner on the players' bench and manage the team personally, which means that all players will have to be 'alive to every occasion and that every youngster of any promise whatsoever will be given every opportunity to develop himself into a real ball player.'

Rourke is recognized as a great trainer of young blood. When he was on the bench many youngsters were developed by him into ball players good enough for the major leagues. Since he has had managers in charge of his players no players have gone up as a result of training. Those who have graduated into faster company were trained ball players before they came here. Several promising youngsters came to Omaha, and in the eyes of fans they would have been good material for big league clubs if they could have received the proper training. They didn't get any in Omaha. The best example of that is Sam Agnew. Agnew looked like a comer and later developments proved that fact, but he wasn't developed in Omaha. With Rourke in command that delinquency in Omaha will be eliminated, because Pa is almost in a class by himself when it comes to teaching the young idea how to play the game.

Pa Likes His New Players. Rourke is extremely confident that the youngsters he secured by the draft route last fall will turn out to be class A ball players. Four of the players, Bell, Thomas, Brady and Ormsby were recommended in no uncertain language by George Huff, who is the peer of all scouts. Huff, who ordinarily never displays any great enthusiasm over a player, was almost zealous in a letter to Pa regarding the boys, and he said that it would not surprise him if two of the four didn't develop into big league timber. Such a letter from Huff is next to Pa, who knows Huff's style, and Pa firmly believes that all four will win places on his team.

Krug, another of the newcomers, is certain to be a winner, while Chase, the sixth, Pa figures is going to spring a surprise in this circuit. Pa saw Chase in action when he cavorted around the initial bag for York and he lost no time in asking for Chase from Spokane when the draft was announced. Pa says Chase will prove to be a hitter, a base runner and a fielder of marked ability.

To Get Big League Catcher.

A deal is now on by which Omaha will secure a new catcher. The deal is completed, but as yet Pa does not know who the catcher will be, but he will be from a big league club which has several first-class catchers on its string. Two other clubs will bring another pitcher and another infielder to Omaha.

One thing will be emphasized by Pa this year which was not in evidence last year. That is speed. Last year it was typical of Omaha to be slow. But 108 bases were stolen by the entire team in the whole year. This record is regarded as disgraceful by Pa and he says he will see that a repetition does not occur.

If the players do not know how to slide, they will be taught and they will practice constantly until they become proficient along that line. Pa is strong for the hook slide and every member of the team will be taught just how to slide around the bag and at the same time fall away from the baseman who is holding the ball.

More base stealing will be attempted this year also. If either the catcher or the pitcher is slow Pa will send his base runners down on the first ball, and even though neither catcher or pitcher are slow, Pa will send his runners down, anyhow, because, as he says, it is necessary to take chances to win ball games.

Depends on Shestak. Rourke is depending a great deal on Shestak, the youthful catcher who was the second string man last season. Pa believes Shestak is a better catcher than Johnson ever will be, because he can do one thing Johnson never could do—think. Shestak is a brainsy player, according to Pa, and steadies a pitcher wonderfully, a thing which Johnson never did. Shestak will be made the first string catcher this year unless the major league Pa will get proves to be a crack.

Abothe middle of next month Brother Dave will begin his yearly improvements. The diamond will be fixed up in fine style with new sod, grass seed and dirt so that it will be as nearly a perfect diamond as is possible to attain.

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Brown Will Play Cornell in New York

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 10.—Brown university's foot ball team will meet Cornell on the polo grounds, New York, next fall, it was announced here today. The game was arranged for October 25, after it had been decided to sever foot ball relations with Pennsylvania because of the refusal of the latter to play Brown in Providence next season. Captain Mitchell of Brown announced today that Earl Sprackling of Cleveland, O., all-American quarterback in 1909, had been selected assistant coach of the Brown team for the coming year.

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Cornhusker Foot Ball Paid Handsomely for Season Just Finished

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Jan. 10.—(Special).—The Cornhusker athletic board is approximately \$7,000 ahead as the result of an all-successful foot ball season, according to the report of Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed filed with the athletic board this week. Exceeding the net proceeds from the foot ball season of 1912 by more than 300 per cent and setting a high water mark for foot ball receipts, which bids fair to stand as a banner year, the total returns from the 1913 foot ball season reached \$39,940.89. Expenditures, deducting permanent improvements made on the athletic field and the appropriation allowed for outstanding indebtedness of the board, aggregated \$30,500.23. To be absolutely correct, the Cornhuskers made a clean profit of \$9,439.66, but Reed's report to the board shows a balance on hand of but \$6,555.70. An explanation of the variance is found in the two items of permanent improvements, for which the board expended \$1,250.00, and the payment of an old outstanding debt of \$2,497.56, or a total of \$3,756.56, which cannot properly be counted as season's expense.

TINKER HAS HIS EYE ON WILSON OF THE GIANTS.



Arthur Wilson, the classy young sub-catcher of the New York Giants, who has been made an attractive offer by Joe Tinker to join the latter's Chicago team of the Federal League. Wilson is now wintering at Los Angeles with six other Giants. It is not believed that he will desert the McGraw clan.

CHURCH TEAMS ABOUT SAME

Standing of the League Members is Changed Very Little.

CHRISTIANS MOVE UP A NOTCH

Take the Lead and Defeat All Comers During the Week—Quintets Getting Ready for the Tournament.

Standing of Church league teams:

P. W. L. Pct.

First Christian Church..... 4 4 0 1000

First Methodist Church..... 4 2 2 .500

Hanson Park Methodists..... 4 2 2 .500

Westminster Presbyterians..... 4 2 2 .500

First Baptist Church..... 4 0 4 .000

Very little change took place last week in the standing of the teams in the church league. The First Christians, who jumped in the lead at the start, are still holding the same place and up to date have defeated all comers. Their last few victories have been won only by the slightest margins so that they have not much of an edge over the rest of the contenders for the championship. Three teams are now tied for the second place in the league and considerable opposition is slated to take place as to which really will hold that position. The teams tied for second place are: First Methodists, Hanson Park Methodists and the Westminster Presbyterians each with an average of .500 per cent. Two of these teams, the Hanson Park Methodists and the First Methodists have come down in percentage during the last week each losing .06 per cent of their former rating. The only team in the organization to change its position in the league standing this year is the Presbyterians, who increased their standing from .335 to .500.

Three new churches have applied for entrance in the league, but it has been decided that the season has advanced so far along that it would be impracticable to admit them at the present time. The teams having applied for admission to the league are: Rountree Memorial, Walnut Hill Methodists and the Central Presbyterians.

A city basket ball tournament composed of churches of the city is to be the greatest affair of the church teams in the city. This tournament is to take place after the finishing of the church league games and is open to all churches of the city having teams. So far practically all of the church teams have expressed their willingness to enter the tournament and from present indications it will be the greatest affair of its kind ever staged in the city. Handsome medals and cups are to be given to the best individual players and to the best teams.

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Omaha Man's Setter Takes Third Place

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn., Jan. 10.—Wills J., an English setter, owned by W. J. Shaw of Brownsville, Tenn., winner of the national and southern derbies at Latohatchie, Ala., last month, today added the United States derby to his list of victories. The setter, Count Patrick, owned by W. D. Sherick of North Sheldan, Ind., was second, and Whitestone's Beauty, another setter entered by Fred Hamilton of Omaha, third.

George Sutton, the veteran cue artist, who is booked to meet Champion Willie Hoppe in a match for the 18.2 balk line championship on February 3 at the Hotel Astor.

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OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 11, 1914.

Leader of the Federal League Looks Like a Man of Business



PRESIDENT GILMORE OF THE FEDERAL LEAGUE SEATED AT HIS DESK IN HIS CHICAGO OFFICE, WHERE HE IS BUSY SIGNING UP CRACK PLAYERS OF ORGANIZED BASE BALL TEAMS.

WILL FINISH SCHEDULE SOON

Creighton Foot Ball Games About All Decided Upon.

MILLER TO MEET WITH BOARD

Coach to Take Charge of All Athletic Games During Rest of College Year—Will Return Soon.

Completion of the Creighton university foot ball schedule for next fall will likely come with the return of Coach Harry Miller to Creighton. Miller is now visiting his parents at Defiance, O., where he went previous to the holiday season.

When Miller returns he and the athletics board will at once close up the work of scheduling games. On his way back to Omaha Miller will pass through Milwaukee, where he will probably draw the contract for the Marquette game, to be played at Milwaukee next year. Only one contract has been drawn, that with Nebraska Wesleyan, which game will be played here. Games with South Dakota and Haskell are practically certain, however.

All talk of a game with Notre Dame has been dropped, according to the management of the Creighton team, as they figure that the blue and white should wait another year before taking on any games of that caliber. This year's schedule will be in the form of an experiment see if a team equal of that of last year can be turned out.

Following Miller's return a meeting of the athletic board will be held; at which the final decision on the freshman rule and the coach for next year will be reached.

Miller will take charge of all athletic games for the remainder of the year at Creighton, and will probably do most of the active work in the scheduling of games.

Basket ball is practically a dead letter. There is no good material in school for a team, and the absence of a gymnasium makes it impossible, according to the management, to put out a team.

Already a base ball schedule for the spring is being talked of among the students. The same old difficulty again presents itself. The professional departments, those from which the bulk of the team could be drawn, dismiss classes late in April, at just the time when the other college teams could be played. This difficulty was met last year by the professional students who stayed over for the big games, whether they lived out of town or not. This year it is figured that a number who last year made the nine will be engaged in professional base ball and will leave school at the end of April.

The management complains bitterly of the ravages of the small boys in the vicinity of the university on the fence enclosing the foot ball field. They are cutting large holes in the fence or carrying the boards away until it is feared the field will hardly be enclosed next year.

Dolan Signs with Baltimore Federals

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—A. J. Dolan, third baseman of the St. Louis Nationals, has signed to play with the Baltimore Federals. It was announced today by Manager Knabe of Baltimore. Knabe said he had wired an offer to Pitcher Otto Zabel of the Chicago Nationals. Knabe expects to leave for the east this afternoon.

ARE WELL KNOWN HORSES

Other horses in the Schinckstock stable are well known half-mile track performers, which won thousands of dollars for Owen last year. The string will be prepared at the West Point half-mile track and though it will compete against many horses trained during the winter in the south and on covered tracks, Owen is expected by Nebraska horsemen to make regular trips to the cashier's stand at the Grand circuit meetings.

Norman E. Warren of Friend has a stallion colt by Peter the Great, 20% 1/2, dam by Bow Bells, 21%, purchased in Kentucky, and a filly by Dan Patch, 15%, dam Gates Ajar, 21%, secured from the Southwick estate.

Last-at-Law, the chestnut son of the well-known brood mare Trappetta, 22%, by Trappist, 21%, and bred by A. H. Farrens, Hastings, now carries a record of 2:964.

Persons interested in the trotters and pacers are invited to send news concerning.

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LOCAL HORSES IN CIRCUIT

SWIFT BASKET BALL TEAM UNABLE to Take This Game.

THIRTY-THREE TO TWENTY-TWO

Captain Flynn of Hastings Has Unusual Record of Holding Cretz Captain to Less Than Six Field Goals.

Eight classes of relay races will furnish interest for those who take an interest in that exciting sport. A relay race between colleges will probably be the most thrilling. Bellevue, Nebraska, Wesleyan, University of Omaha and Peru are to fight for supremacy on the indoor track, and every college has a team of record men. It should be a riot from start to finish.

HIGH SCHOOLS ENTER.

Lincoln, Beatrice and Omaha High schools are to enter four-man teams in a relay race that should be a marker. These three schools always have the fastest track stars among the high schools of the state and are bitter rivals. Each school will fight hard to win.

The Fremont, Beatrice, Lincoln, Council Bluffs and Omaha Young Men's Christian association will have a relay race all to themselves. Each "Y" has been working hard to pick the speediest possible team among their runners so as to bring home the bacon, which will be in the form of a very beautiful cup.

Churches to Compete.

The churches of Omaha, the business houses, the mail carriers and the grade schools will also have relay races. About ten churches are scheduled to participate in the church relay while about thirty school will enter the grade school competition. Each school will have a team of mail carriers in the mail carrier's race. About eight business houses are expected to enter teams in that race.

The men's classes of the Omaha "Y" will hold a quarter mile potato race and the boy's classes will hold an obstacle race. Five teams have entered the potato race and six teams the obstacle race.

The exhibitions on the gymnasium apparatus will be a distinct treat for all who attend the carnival. Plattsmouth, Fremont, Lincoln, Beatrice, Omaha and the Teal Jed Sokol of South Omaha have entered gymnasium teams and all are anxious to win. Prizes will be given the two teams which are judged the most expert on the apparatus and a sweepstakes medal will be given to the individual who is the most adept on the side horse, the parallel bars and the horizontal bar, the three of which will comprise the apparatus to be used.

FANCY MARCHING.

There are a dozen special events in the program in addition to the racing. A team of sixty will do fancy marching; three teams of fifty each will perform drill feats with dumb bells, Indian clubs and wands. Teams of tumblers, weight lifters and pyramid builders will furnish amusement during the course of the racing events.

Boxers, wrestlers and fencers will demonstrate their skill and picked teams will engage in volley ball and hand polo contests. Two basket ball teams in the Commercial league will play a match game. It was planned to get the high school and the Nebraska Telephone teams to play, but the high school has a scheduled game the following night so that it is probable that Coach Mills will not be willing to play his team that night.

Interest is Keen.

The carnival this year is to be much larger than last year and the interest manifested has been much more intense.

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