

Bringing Up Father



ROURKES READY TO OPEN

Des Moines Boosters to Help Turn Out a Big Crowd.

CELEBRATE AFTER BATTLE

Two of the Rourke Regulars Are Out of Game, but Rest Are in Fine Fettle to Meet Isbell's Bunch.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Ia., April 15.—(Special.)—Johnny Goding and his charge of eighteen athletes arrived in this village at a late hour tonight ready to enter the fray tomorrow afternoon with Mr. Isbell's hopefuls. If Des Moines expects to win they'll have to hustle, for the Rourke are not going to allow courtesy in any way jeopardizing their chances for a victory.

Tomorrow is to be some opening day, according to the fans in this fair city. All the fans were up and going and preparing for a big celebration. Contrary to the usual custom no parade will precede the battle. Instead the parade and hip-hurrah stuff is to be pulled in the evening after the game. Undoubtedly a victory would accentuate the chances for success of such a program, but if the Rourke cop the long end of the score it only stands to reason that the ardor of the booster fans will be materially dampened.

But even at that there is to be done at the park. The entire grandstand is sold out. According to expert advice this happens yearly in Des Moines. After that it is an easy matter to find room in the copious stands. The mayor will chuck the first ball. He is also to make a speech that no one will be able to hear. And a hand will be put occasionally and the peanut vendors will double their ranks for the occasion. Thus it is to be a regular opening in some respects even though the parade comes afterward.

Booster Club on Hand. One remarkable thing about the opening is that a boosters' club has been organized. This club is over 1,000 strong. All have guaranteed to lend their efforts toward a successful parade and celebration. They will secure the machines for the parade.

Johnny Goding has announced that Lester Stevenson will dish up the opening curves. Mr. Stevenson, it is remembered, is the agent who became famous for whiffing the redoubtable Honus Wagner. Kinless is Isbell's choice for Des Moines, although he may shoot Laiffery in at the last moment. But according to Goding it matters not—Omaha is going to win.

Omaha's brave contenders present a formidable front. Every position is nicely occupied, although there are two regulars in addition to several pitchers who are in punk condition. Shestak will be unable to work because of his bum foot, but Willie Lee Crosby promises that he will do all that Shestak could do and a little better. Joe Ward may not play third.

Ward is Lame. Ward throwing arm has gone back on him again. He has been having trouble with the refractory arm for two seasons now, but he expects the heat will thaw it out. In case Ward is absent

THREE STRAIGHT FOR SOX

Pitching of Benz Enables Chicago to Shut Out Naps.

BEATS BLANDING ON THE MOUND

Three Times Visitors Threaten to Score but on Each Occasion Home Harter Tightens Up and Prevents Them.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Joe Benz's masterly pitching, with bunched hits by his teammates enabled Chicago to shut out Cleveland here today, 1 to 0, and win their third straight game from the visitors. The game was a pitchers' contest between Benz and Blanding, with the former showing the better form. Three times the visitors threatened to score, but Benz tightened up, twice retiring Jackson and Lajoie with one out and a man on base. He allowed the same number of hits as his opponent, four, but all were scattered.

Lord opened the seventh with a single. He reached second on Chase's sacrifice and scored on Collins' double, with the only run of the game.

Weaver was presented with a large silver bat and ball by Chicago admirers. Score: CLEVELAND, AB-H-O-A-E. Johnson, 10; 4 2 1 1 0; Weaver, 10; 3 1 2 5 6 1; Turner, 10; 2 0 2 0 0; Chase, 10; 3 0 1 2 0; Lajoie, 10; 4 0 2 2 0; Collins, 10; 2 1 1 1 0; Blanding, 10; 3 0 0 0 0; Benz, 10; 4 0 0 0 0; Oison, 10; 4 1 2 5 0; Harter, 10; 3 0 0 0 0; Leavelle, 10; 3 0 0 0 0; St. Louis, 10; 3 0 0 0 0; Blandin, 10; 3 0 1 0 0; Totals, 10; 42 16 9. Totals, 10; 47 15 11.

Birmingham Out of Game for Several Months

CHICAGO, April 15.—More hard luck struck the crippled Cleveland American league team today when the club physician ordered Manager Birmingham to stay out of the game on account of injuries and sent Pitcher Steen home with a broken finger. Birmingham wrenched the muscles of his right side in yesterday's game at the local park and examination today by Dr. Blair, club physician, also showed that he was suffering from internal injuries. Dr. Blair said Birmingham might be out of the game for months.

The middle finger of Steen's pitching hand was broken in yesterday's game when it was struck by a pitched ball. Leavelle probably will play in Birmingham's place. CLEVELAND, O., April 15.—As an offset to the news of injuries received by Manager Birmingham and Pitcher Steen at Chicago, Dr. M. H. Castle, the Cleveland club's physician, said today that Outfielder Leibold, in whose place Birmingham had been playing, will return to the game in a week. Leibold has been in a hospital here with water on his knee.

O'Neill Instructs Western Umpires

DES MOINES, Ia., April 15.—N. L. O'Neill, president of the Western League, held a conference with umpires of the league here this afternoon. He will attend the opening of the league season here tomorrow between the Omaha and Des Moines clubs.

Expert Billiardist is Dead.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Jose Ortiz, probably the foremost billiard player developed in Spain, died yesterday in St. Elizabeth's hospital following an operation for appendicitis. After winning the Spanish championship for several years Ortiz first came to this country in 1901 and played in several tournaments of national importance.

Standing of Teams

Table showing standings for American League, National League, and Federal League. Columns include team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

Games Today

National League—Boston at Brooklyn, American Association—Chicago at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh at St. Louis. American League—Cleveland at Chicago, St. Louis at Detroit, Philadelphia at New York, Washington at Boston. Federal League—Indianapolis at St. Louis, Chicago at Kansas City. Columbus at Louisville, Cleveland at Indianapolis, Columbus at Louisville, Minneapolis at Kansas City, St. Paul at Milwaukee.

Chiefs Defeat K. C.; Hendrix Allows Not a Hit Until Eighth

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Chicago defeated Kansas City, 2 to 1, in the initial game of the season today, as a result of Hendrix's effective pitching. The visiting pitcher allowed but one hit up to the eighth inning. Score: R.H.E. Chicago, 10; 2 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 2 7 2; Kansas City, 10; 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 6 1; Batteries: Hendrix and Wilson; E. Packard and Easterly.

Tulsa Jockey Club Abandons Races

TULSA, Okl., April 15.—As the result of the refusal of Adjutant General Canton to withdraw state troops from the Tulsa Jockey club's grounds, R. J. Allison, president of the club, today announced the abandonment of the race meeting, which began here Monday. The race course has been under martial law for several days because of the failure to discontinue betting.

MEEKER AND SHANNON TURN IN THEIR UNIFORMS

Meeker and Shannon, two of the recruits trying out for position on the Omaha club, have turned in their uniforms and will cease attending practice. Both will probably secure jobs in the Nebraska State league this summer. Although Meeker may return to Leavenworth, Kan., from which city he came at the request of Jack Haskell, who thinks the lad is a comer. There is little doubt about either man as a valuable addition to a class D club, as they both are tall players, but merely shy experience.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL NINE PLAYS AT BLAIR SATURDAY

Omaha High school will play its first base ball game with Blair High school Saturday on the latter's diamond. The Omaha High team has been out for about two weeks and it is now in good shape for a workout. It is expected that a number of the students will accompany the team. Coach Mills feels confident of scoring a victory with his nine.

Beattie Begins Practice

BEATRICE, Neb., April 15.—(Special.)—The members of the Beatrice State league ball team began practicing today for the season at the Chautauque park grounds of the city. They will occupy the site until the new athletic park, which is undergoing improvements, is finished. Most of the players for the season have reported. Van Tassan, Brewer and Ling, who were members of last year's team, will not be in the lineup this season.

CARDINALS LOSE TO PIRATES

St. Louis National Team Defeated Again by Visitors.

HITS BUNCHED IN THE FIFTH

This, Combined with Errors of the Home Team, Gives Pittsburgh a Four to One Victory.

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—Pittsburgh, by bunching hits with errors in the fifth inning, won from St. Louis again today, 4 to 1. Pittsburgh started the scoring in the second inning, when Wagner got his first hit of the season, a single over second base, and took third on Whitted's throw past first in trying for Vick. He scored on Mitchell's one-base hit. Score: PITTSBURGH, AB-H-O-A-E. Carey, 10; 4 1 1 0 0; Higgins, 10; 3 0 1 4 3; Kelly, 10; 4 0 0 0 0; Magee, 10; 4 2 2 0 0; Konecny, 10; 4 1 1 0 0; Miller, 10; 4 1 1 0 0; Wagner, 10; 2 2 2 1 0 0; Whitted, 10; 2 0 0 0 0; Mitchell, 10; 4 0 2 0 0; O'Connell, 10; 4 0 2 0 0; Vioz, 10; 4 0 1 0 0; Gibson, 10; 4 1 1 0 0; Totals, 10; 35 8 27 13. St. Louis, AB-H-O-A-E. Miller, 10; 3 0 0 0 0; Batted for Hageman in eighth. Pittsburgh, 10; 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 4; St. Louis, 10; 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1; Two-base hit: Magee. Sacrifice hit: Kelly. Stolen bases: Kelly (3), Mitchell, Wilson. Double plays: Mitchell to Vioz to Konecny; Wagner to Konecny.

Pitcher Hamilton Returns to Browns

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—President Hedges of the St. Louis Americans and Earl Hamilton, pitcher, who disregarded his contract with the St. Louis Americans to sign with the Kansas City Federals, and yesterday decided to return to St. Louis, arrived here today from Columbus, Kan.

On his arrival Hamilton gave out the following signed statement: "I want to make a public statement to the St. Louis fans and to my teammates. I was under written contract to play with the Browns in 1914 and 1915. It was a big mistake for me to go to Kansas City. I did not realize how big a mistake it was until I got to thinking it over and had a talk with my father. "Mr. Hedges has always treated me right and when I got to thinking about him and Mr. Rickey and my contract I decided to do right."

President Hedges said he did not give Hamilton an increase in salary. The pitcher, he said, returned solely as the result of moral suasion. Hamilton's signed statement was given out by Mr. Hedges, who said the pitcher was on the way to Detroit. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Earl Hamilton, pitcher, who jumped from the St. Louis American league base ball team to the Kansas City Federals last week, and rejoined the St. Louis team yesterday, was made the defendant in a damage suit for \$25,000 filed in the circuit court here today by the local federal club.

The petition charges Hamilton with violating a contract he signed with the local club. It further alleges that \$500 had been advanced to Hamilton and that his contract called for \$20,000 for three years' services. The plaintiff, according to the petition, suffered a great loss through Hamilton's return to the St. Louis team, as "he is a wonderful pitcher and a great drawing card."

AND TO THINK I GAVE THAT BUM EVERY SUIT I HAD!

Advertisement for Kensington Clothes featuring a man in a suit. Text includes: 'Kensington Clothes Have a Distinctive Appearance', 'That is one of the many features of our Kensington Suits. They have individuality which many men think they can get only at a tailor's.', 'Spring Shirts in Great Variety', 'MAGEE'S SERVICE Formerly Magee & Deemer 413 S. 16th'.

Advertisement for Gillette razors. Text includes: 'Maybe She's Right! A woman says—Show a man how to get out of a tiresome task and he will be your friend for life. The Gillette idea of "no stropping, no honing," has made friends by the millions.'

Advertisement for Luxus beer. Text includes: 'THE NATIONAL BEVERAGE IS BEER Luxus THE BEER YOU LIKE IS UNSURPASSED IN QUALITY AND WHOLESOMENESS. IT IS BREWED OF CHOICE MATERIALS UNDER MOST SANITARY CONDITIONS. BREWED AND BOTTLED BY Fred. Krug, Brewing Co. Luxus MERCANTILE COMPANY DISTRIBUTORS PHONE DOUGLAS 1889 AND HAVE A CASE SENT HOME'.

Advertisement for French Line shipping services. Text includes: 'FRENCH LINE Compagnie Generale Transatlantique The 5 1/2 Day Route NEW YORK-HAVRE-PARIS Direct Route to Continent New, large, fast, turbine, quadruple and twin screw mail steamers FROM NEW YORK WEDNESDAY NEXT SAILING S.S. France (New) Wednesday, May 6.'