

When the Home Team is Training Spring Days Pass with Wondrous Speed

ROURKE TEAM OFF FOR SUNNY SOUTH

Eight Omaha Players Left at 4:15 Yesterday Afternoon for Spring Training Camp.

TRAVEL IN SPECIAL SLEEPER

Private Car Goes Through Bellevue to Evade Kansas City.

COYLE STILL HOLDING OUT

Crack Outfielder Will Talk with Rourke at Oklahoma City.

START ACTIVE WORK MONDAY

Pitchers and Catchers Will Not Be Allowed to Throw Base Ball for First Two Days They Are In Camp.

By C. MASON YOULD.

Bound for the sunny south in general and Oklahoma City in particular, Pa Rourke and members of his 1912 ball team embarked from the Union station at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A large crowd of Omaha boosters and fans were at the depot to wish the pennant chasers fine weather and great success.

Rourke was particularly optimistic yesterday and predicted that the Omaha team would get into the best of shape and come home ready for the long season. "I tell you one thing," said Rourke. "we are going to have the strongest team Omaha has had in the last ten years and we are going to be up and going at all times. My boys are all anxious to reach Oklahoma City and get to working again and when they feel that way you can count on them playing their heads off when the season opens."

Rourke was accompanied by the following players: Schipke, Goding, Lutz, Fugate, Neff, Kingdon, Reed and Bright.

Have Special Car.

The Omaha players have a special car which will carry them to Oklahoma City. The car was routed through Bellevue, Kan., and evades Kansas City. The boys are scheduled to arrive in Oklahoma City early this afternoon, where they will be met by a delegation from the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce and escorted to their hotel. Rourke expects to find some of his players already there when he arrives.

In Friday afternoon's mail Pa Rourke received a lengthy letter from Charlie Arbogast, who will again manage the Rourke. Arby said he would arrive in Oklahoma City Friday night and complete all arrangements. He said he would go to the park Saturday morning and look the grounds over and would wire Rourke about weather conditions. Continuing his letter said he was in the best possible health and ready to get the players lined up.

Coyle Still Out.

Norman Coyle, the clever little outfielder has not sent in his contract, but he wrote Rourke and told him he would be on hand at Oklahoma City to talk matters over. This to Rourke is as good as signing the college bred farmer. He says if he can have a five-minute talk with Coyle he will be able to get him to come through with his John Hancock. "You need have no fears," said Rourke. "Coyle will again wear an Omaha uniform and will play left field this season. With the skipper on third base, Arby in his signed contract and accompanying it was a letter in which the recruit says he is glad to come to Omaha and will play his very best and is confident that he will be able to please the Omaha fans. He admitted that he had to go some to live up to the work of his predecessor, but believes that if given the opportunity he will develop."

Even at that Rourke is figuring on playing Bill Schipke on third base, unless the recruit proves to be exceptionally fast.

With the skipper on third base, Arby will have either Neff or Scanlon on second. The Omaha fans are well acquainted with Scanlon's work at the keystone sack and know that he can deliver the goods.

Kane Clinches First.

Jimmie Kane has first base clinched and ought to be in Oklahoma City by this time. He stated that he would leave Pittsburgh on Wednesday last, which would land him in Oklahoma City late Friday or early Saturday. At short Eddie Justice will not be molested as he is the only player trying for that position. However, one of the new recruits might develop into a shortstop, which would make Justice go his best.

In the outfield Rourke is planning to play Conzation or Bright in right field, Thomason in center, and Coyle in left.

If Conzation can show any class whatever, Bright surprise the management and land left garden, Omaha ought to have the fastest outfield in the league. Un-till Nishoff was sold there was no question about Omaha having the best infield in the league. The pitching staff is still a conundrum with Rourke. Hicks, Fugate and Robinson are the only twirlers who are sure of a berth on the staff this season. Bill Rourke has an abundance of new material to pick from and may make a find. Among the new ones to pick from are Applegate, Clooman, Kingdon and Lutz. Boobe, who was with the team last year, did not show up very strong while with the club and it is a question whether he will be able to out-pace some of the new ones.

Bills Remain Home.

Joe Bills may land a berth, but he is not going south with the team, and therefore, it will be some time after the season opens before Rourke will be able to make any decision on him. At present there are four southpaws on the list of pitchers, Hicks, Fugate, Clooman and Applegate. It is a certainty that Rourke will not keep more than three and the chances are that but two will stay, and this will mean Hicks and Fugate.

The catching staff is equal to any in

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Iowa High School Boys Who Can Really Shoot



IOWA CITY, Ia., March 15.—(Special.)—This is a picture of the Iowa City High School Rifle team which has clinched the national interscholastic championship for 1913 by defeating Morris High school of New York City in the closing matches of the eastern division of the National Rifle association's interscholastic schedule.

Within the next few weeks Iowa City will shoot against Salt Lake City High, winner of the western division schedule, but as the Iowa team has shot on an average thirty points higher than Salt Lake City in every match held this year, little doubt is expressed as to the outcome. The score over the Morris High school team, which gave the Iowans the eastern unopposed title, was 961 to 916. The team has lost but one match in three seasons. A record of its shoots follows: Against Baltimore Polytechnic, 962 to 789; Brookline, Mass., 941 to 736; DeWitt Clinton, New York City, 956 to 793; Commerce High, New York City, 849 to 724; Eastern High, Washington, D. C., 956 to 845; Stuyvesant High, New York City, 952 to 892; Southern High, Philadelphia, 964 to default; Deering High, Portland, Me., 976 to 973; Morris High, New York City, 961 to 916. The following marks are records established by the team members this year: Lawrence Burns (captain), 197; Don Luscombe, 197; Frank Konvolinka, 196; Everett Hoover, 196; Philip Newberg, 195; Lawrence Raymond, 194; William Moerschel, 192. The Iowa City team is in its third year as an organization, and has retained C. Ellis Williams, a former member of the Iowa university championship rifle team, as its coach-throughout that time.

CORNHUSKERS BRUSHING UP

Track Teams Limbering Their Muscles for Coming Events.

SOME EXCELLENT MATERIAL

Besides the Veterans There Are Also a Number of Good Athletes Who Promise Some Good Records.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, March 15.—(Special.)—"I look for the best track team Nebraska ever had," said Manager and Assistant Coach Guy E. Reed, today in discussing the track possibilities of the Cornhuskers. The windup of the basketball season, with the Cornhuskers romping off with another Missouri Valley championship, has turned all eyes on track, although base ball also promises to have an important part in the spring athletics at the state university.

"We lack some of the uniform performers we had last year and year before last," said Reed, "but we have four stars who this spring, in the Missouri Valley after this spring, these four men are all new ones—their first year in collegiate athletics, but their showing already justifies me in making this statement."

Meyers, a sophomore, who performed for the York high school, is an athlete of unusual ability. Meyers will make Nebraska strong where she has always been weak heretofore and that is in the high jump. Meyers has already cleared the bar at 6 feet and with a little practice should be easily the cream of the valley in this event. He is a discuss thrower of decided class.

Reese a Wonderful Sprinter.

"The retirement of May will not cripple Nebraska nearly as seriously as might be expected for Reese, the Randolph high school star, is fully capable of taking his place. Reese is already as fast a man as May and with more coaching should be able to hold his own with the best. At the Kansas City meet last spring Reese led all of the sprinters in the valley in the 100-yard dash and his spring tryouts have been exceedingly promising. Reese has already broken the university record in the broad jump, with a mark close to twenty-three feet.

Zumwinkel is another sprinter who will materially boost the Cornhusker chances. He is as fast as Reese on the dashes. These three men form a galaxy of stars, the equal of which Nebraska has not had in years.

There is plenty of other material besides these men. In the pole vault Lindstrom and Reavis are both veteran performers with good marks, and each will be able to clear the bar at close to twelve feet this season. Dewey Hanson, who has managed to carry all the weight events in nearly all of the Missouri valley meets during the last two years, is again eligible for the team.

Reed will have to develop new men for the hurdles and for the long distance events, but he has a likely squad in his cross-country runners to develop for the distance runs and should anticipate little trouble.

Active outdoor training has already started and, despite the weather setbacks, will be continued without interruption. The first meet is still nearly a month off, and by the time the Cornhuskers face their first opponents the squad should be in the best early season condition it has ever been.

Base ball is to have its first real try-out since the Missouri valley conference got funny and passed the summer base ball rule. Stibum has engaged Dave Davidson to coach the youthful Huskers in the finer points of the national pastime and has arranged an attractive schedule of twenty games. Davidson will probably take charge of the squad

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ST. PAUL TEAM HOLDS MARK

Flor de Knispels of that City Make Exhibition at Tournament.

BRUNSWICK TEAM FALLS DOWN

Professional All-Stars Do Not Come Up to High Standard that Was Expected by the Assembly.

With the close of the American Bowling congress at Toledo, Thursday, attention now centers on the winners in the big events.

The mark of the Flor de Knispels of St. Paul, held good and veteran bowlers say that it was undoubtedly the best exhibition of five-man team shooting that has ever been displayed in the history of the big tournament. Eddie Herman of Cleveland, won the all events prize with the most remarkable exhibition of ten-pin shooting, breaking the American Bowling congress record for all-events.

Schultz and Koster of Newark, N. J., won the two-man event with a 1,291 total. The mark of Frank Peterson of Columbus stood high, his 693, also being a record breaker of the American Bowling congress in singles.

The famous Brunswick All-Stars of New York City, did not come up to expectations and also the Maltops of Rochester, N. Y., another all-star organization, could not top several of the high scores.

The tournament was officially closed on Thursday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock. Immediately afterward, Secretary Langtry began writing the checks for the prize winners. There are \$36 prizes in the various events paid out of the \$4,027 prize fund. All these checks were to be mailed by Saturday noon. The writing of the checks required continuous work of several clerks and Mr. Langtry throughout Thursday and Friday including all night sessions.

After completing his work at Toledo, Secretary Langtry will leave for Buffalo, N. Y., on the invitation of the bowlers of that city, to discuss the prospects for awarding the American Bowling congress tournament to that city in 1914.

Mr. Langtry says that while it is not definitely settled that Buffalo will be given the tournament, he has been assured by most of the members of the executive committee that they prefer to go there next season. This is for political reasons. It will mean that more of the New York and eastern bowlers will participate in the tournament. Milwaukee wants the tournament for next year and strong efforts are being made by the bowlers of that city to get it. It is understood that the executive committee favors going there in 1915.

Officials of the Toledo Tournament association are well pleased with the entertainment afforded visiting bowlers and it is also reported that they will clear their books with no deficit.

The tournament was a grand success throughout, this being the first success that ended free of debt and above board.

Schedule for the Week.

Mercantile League—Monday, Rogers' Colts against Spaulding's, Corey-McKenzie against Mogullans, Siz against A. G. W. No. 11, El Paxos against League Press.

Booster League—Tuesday, Clara Belle against Sims and Birney, Powell-Gilbert against Magespas, Brandes Higballs against Guarantees Clothing company, Elv's team against Stars Motel.

Omaha Gas League—Wednesday, finished season.

Tri-City Dentists' League—Wednesday, Cosmos against Brief, Review against Ideal, Summary against Items.

Automobile League—Thursday, Starz Auto Supply against United Motor Co., Studebaker against Ford Motor Co., Cohn's against Nebraska Truck Co., Horn Auto Supply against Traylor Auto Co.

Omaha League—Friday, Hospes against

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Frank Chance Bars Poker Playing

NEW YORK, March 15.—Restrictions upon the conduct of major league baseball players which have included anti-league clauses in contracts, signed by Cincinnati and Pittsburgh National league club players, and a bar against cigarette smoking among the Chicago Nationals, have taken a new turn. Frank Chance, the new manager of the New York Americans, will bar poker playing for money by his men. According to advices from the training camp at Bermuda Chance has put into effect a rule on this matter, violation of which will involve a heavy fine.

Chance believes that poker games often cause ill feeling and jealousy among players, there being some experts who cause trouble by "fleeing" youngsters fresh from minor leagues. Chance thinks that a ball player who would give the best services to his club should be satisfied with his pay and not seek to bolster up his fortune with profits at poker at the expense of teammates. Chance, however, will not insist on total abstinence from either cigarettes or liquor, but drinking to excess will be dealt with severely.

High School Wants Base Ball Games

With the end of the basketball season at hand, base ball and track are the next things of interest to the high school and work will be commenced as soon as possible in that work. Track work has been backward on account of the bad weather.

C. E. Reed, athletic director of the high school, has written to a large number of the high schools concerning base ball dates and replies will be soon in, which will make possible the formation of a schedule.

Restrictions Imposed Must Be Removed for Students' Good

BY CLYDE K. ELLIOTT.

Thousands of students who come here will not be able to get the proper physical training. The present field is too small for general athletics; the present gymnasium is a disgrace to the school. If the university is not moved the young men and women who enter Nebraska will be denied the chance to develop physically and to gain good health.

Nothing could be more true than these words. Nebraska right now is suffering in its athletic standing, not only because it has inadequate facilities for housing its athletes, but also because it does not give the students who do go to school a chance to get out of the gymnasium to get out of the gymnasium and into the open air. It is the proper instruction. Of course, the time has not yet arrived when all students can take part in athletics, but it is not far off, and while the day of this ideal condition is advancing, the Cornhuskers must do the best they can. One present day handicap which can be remedied is the lack of physical instructors. Nebraska can get more coaches for its foot ball players, for instance, and at no great expense.

In all cases at Nebraska now the students competing in foot ball and other sports are confined to a small number of regulars and substitutes. When the season begins hundreds of candidates answer the call of the coach, but as soon as the season advances, and the wrestling out starts, very many of these candidates drop out, and take places in the rooting stands. These students, very often are just as fit for regular places as the varsity men, but they are not discovered at Nebraska because the one coach is too busy with the first team men. He does not know what ability there are on the second eleven have. No great effort is made to keep the non-regulars on the field; they were not selected for the varsity and many of them lose all interest.

What Nebraska must have is several assistant coaches to form the non-regulars in squads and teams and give them instruction that will make them available for the first team. Several stars are lost each fall at Nebraska because there are not enough coaches to look after all the men. If all the students who go out upon the Nebraska field each fall were kept there and taught the rudiments of the game, the result would be a great improvement in the athletic standing of the university.

There are several reasons for this condition. One of these is the lack of adequate grounds, and another is the insufficient number of athletic instructors. Even under present conditions the students would get much more out of athletics if they had more teachers and better buildings.

Need of More Teachers.

Unless the university is removed to the campus Nebraska will be cramped on a small athletic field, and the thousands of students who come here will not be able to get the proper physical training.

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ENTRY BLANKS FOR BIG MEET SENT OUT

Second Indoor Athletic Contest on April 4 and 5 to Be Biggest Ever Held.

HIGH SCHOOLS ARE INTERESTED

Director Maxwell Expects Forty Schools to Compete.

MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE COMES

Holbert, Big Foot Ball Star, Picked to Win the Shot Put.

STAGG MAY ENTER RUNNERS

If Chicago University Enters Meet, Nebraska May Run Against that Institution for the Mile Relay Honors.

Entry blanks for the second annual indoor athletic meet of the Young Men's Christian association, which will be held on April 4 and 5, have been sent out by J. T. Maxwell, general manager of the meet. Over 500 blanks were sent out, and Mr. Maxwell believes that even more than this number of athletes will be entered before the bell rings down the curtain on entries on March 21.

That the meet is to be the largest of its kind ever held in this part of the country is the assurance of Mr. Maxwell. Last year there were 250 athletes who took part in the meet, but the directors believe that this number will be almost doubled this year. Over 200 athletes have already sent in their entry blanks all signed up and accompanied by the necessary cash. This number includes both Omaha entries and a few from other parts of the state.

High Schools Wake Up.

The high schools of the state are taking unusual interest in this year's meet and Mr. Maxwell believes that from thirty-five to forty will be represented when the first call for printers is followed forth. Last year but four high schools were entered and the Omaha High school carried off the honors, but this year there will be some of the classiest athletes of this section of the country entered and a fast and interesting meet is predicted. Not only are the high schools taking unusual interest in the meet but also the colleges of Iowa and Nebraska. Every college in Nebraska is entered and Nebraska university will be there too, although many have not sent in their list of runners they have asked for entry blanks for the purpose of entering.

Some of the colleges, which always boasts of one of the best track teams in the middle west, has entered and even today is preparing for the meet with daily practice at the school gymnasium. Reports have it that Holbert, last year's star foot ball player, will come for the shot put and broad jump. Holbert has set a new mark for the shot put in Iowa and is being backed by his college to carry off the honors in his department at the meet.

Ludwig Training Hard.

The local athletes who have entered are working hard and training faithfully. Ralph Ludwig, the former high school star and winner of the half mile for two years, has gone into training for the same event this year. He says he is in fine shape and when he toes the mark on April 5 will be ready to duplicate his stunt of last year, but in better time. Last year he made the distance in 2:29 and expects to reduce it by at least 10 seconds this year.

The Omaha High school, although not as fast as it was last year, expects to make a strong bid for first honors again. The school boys are working out at the "Y" gymnasium every afternoon under the tutelage of Coach Mills, who says the strong track team before the end of the month. Two of the members of the basket ball team, who have been in training all winter, will turn their minds to track work as soon as the tournament at Lincoln closes.

Coach Stagg of the University of Chicago has practically decided to enter the meet and compete with the University of Nebraska in the mile relay. The Chicago enters it is almost certain that Iowa and Kansas universities will come, thereby making a four-cornered race for the mile relay. If the relay teams come to Omaha it is certain that they will enter other events and thus make the meet one of unusual strength. The big colleges and universities will not run on the opening night, but will race on the last night.

On the first night the high schools, church federations and athletic organizations will compete against each other and the winners will meet the bigger teams the following night.

The gymnastic and feature events will also be pulled off on the opening night. The feature events include dual matches between members of the fire and police departments and a walking match between Omaha and South Omaha postmen.

INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS MATCH COMING

NEW YORK, March 15.—The draw for the preliminary rounds in this year's contest for the Dwight F. Davis international lawn tennis challenge cup has been made, and in the upper half of the bracket will be Australia against the United States and Germany against France, while in the lower half Canada will meet South Africa, and Belgium has a bye. The teams may arrange their own dates and places for playing, but the round must be completed by June 21, and the finals by July 21, and England will defend in the challenge round on July 25, 26 and 28, at Wimbledon. The draw may make it necessary for all the teams to play in Europe, for South Africa would hardly go to Canada to play, and the Australians come here, although that might be arranged.