

# Jeff Gets a Suit and Mutt Gets a Coop

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## GAMES CALLED AT 3 P. M.

Rourke Decides to Start Games This Year Half Hour Earlier.

## MAY BENEFIT A LARGE NUMBER

Certain Classes of Fans Will Be Able to Attend Games This Year Where Heretofore It Has Been Impossible.

"Game called at 3 o'clock." The above words will appear in the regular base ball advertisements run in the various Omaha newspapers this summer. Pa Rourke has definitely decided to call the games this year at that hour, believing that it will prove beneficial to both the fans and the management.

Two years ago, and previous to that time, all games in Omaha were called at 3:45. This hour proved to be somewhat late for a certain class of fans and the time last year was set at 3:30, fifteen minutes earlier than the year before. But even then the fans could not get out to the games as often as they wished. So Rourke, in the hope of satisfying the demands of the supporters of the team, has finally decided to start all games this year at 3 o'clock, with the exception of double headers, when the first game will be called at 2 o'clock, the same as years past.

## A Questionable Hour.

At present it is a question with a large number of fans whether this hour for starting ball games will prove a success in Omaha. In a city of larger proportions, in point of population, 3 o'clock would not be one minute too early. But here in Omaha, where the business men are outnumbered by their employees, there is room for discussion. But the best way out of it is to try it out and it is with this in mind that Pa Rourke has decided on the earlier hour.

There are certain classes of fans in Omaha who will be able to attend this year, if the games start at 3 o'clock, who could not attend as often as they wished in years past. The majority of the persons who attended games heretofore will, in all probability, be able to go at the earlier hour. The business man who wishes to attend a ball game and get back to the office before the day's business is completed will be able to do so this season.

With the games starting half an hour earlier this year the majority of the contests should be through at 4:50. Very few Western league games run longer than one hour and forty minutes. By 5 o'clock all the fans should be back in the business heart of the city and home long before 6 o'clock, if they wish. The earlier hour will also be beneficial to the fair sex, who will now be able to go to a game and get home in time to cook the evening meal and have it on the table at the usual hour.

**Boston Defeats Illinois.** CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 4.—The Boston Americans were held to a 2 to 0 score yesterday by the University of Illinois in a game featured by the pitching of Larson, who made his first appearance with the university team.

**Larson struck out Manager Jake Stahl.** R.H.E. Boston..... 2 0 1 Illinois..... 0 1 1 Batteries: O'Brien and Carrigan; Larson and Flett.

**Ties in Ten-Inning Tie.** CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 4.—The Detroit American and Chattanooga Southern league played a ten-inning tie yesterday, 1 to 1.

**St. Louis City Defeats Pittsburgh.** TULSA, Okla., April 4.—Pittsburgh Nationals & St. Louis City.

**Cleveland and New Orleans Tie.** NEW ORLEANS, La., April 4.—After making six scores each in twelve innings of play, the Cleveland Americans and the New Orleans Southern leaguers called off the game here yesterday.

**New York Nationals at Norfolk.** NORFOLK, April 4.—New York Nationals, 10; Norfolk, Va., league, 4.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

## WIN LOCAL SPRING SERIES

Philadelphia Americans Takes Series from the Nationals.

## WYCOFF WEAKENS IN SEVENTH

Washington Americans Lose Game with Boston Nationals in Ninth, When Recruit Blows Up and Boston Scores Eight.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—By taking today's game, making it the fourth straight, the Philadelphia Americans won the local spring series from the Philadelphia Nationals. Connie Mack's team hit all the National pitchers hard. Wyckoff, pitching for the Americans, weakened in the seventh and was relieved by Plank. While the Americans have won the series the schedule of several games will be played out.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The Washington Americans had today's game with the Boston Nationals won until the ninth inning, when Gallia, a recruit who replaced Johnson, blew up and Boston got eight men across. Johnson had pitched splendidly for six innings, allowing but one hit. Score by innings:

R.H.E.	
Boston.....	0 0 0 0 0 0 8 3 4
Washington.....	3 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 10 3

**Batteries:** Boston, Brown, James and Rariden; Washington, Johnson, Gallia and Alsmith and Williams.

**At Charlottesville—University of Virginia, 13; Cornell, 3.**

**At Charlotte, N. C.—Charlotte (Carolina), 11; Ty Cobb's All-Stars, 10.**

**At Portsmouth, Va.—Philadelphia (Atlantic), 19; Portsmouth (Virginia), 5.**

**At Louisville—Cincinnati (National), 2; Louisville (American), 0.**

**At Richmond—New York Nationals, 10; Richmond (Virginia), 5.**

**Take Warning.** Don't let stomach, liver nor kidney trouble down you when you can quickly down them with Electric Bitters. 50c. Sale by Beaton Drug Co.—Advertisement.

## YOUNG PLAYER WHO SHOWS HE HAS THE GOODS.



EDGAR L. BRIGHT. Were it not for the fact that he must displace almost a perfect fielder, and a man who will hit .300 every season, Edgar L. Bright might be considered certain of a berth with the Rourkes this season. This is his fourth year in professional base ball. He is just 25 years of age, well built and fast, and he has a record behind him for his three years of service that would recommend him to much faster company than the Nebraska State league, with which he has been connected. Bright broke into the professional game in 1910, as utility man on the Auburn club. For the first month he worked on the pitching staff, then he was sent to the outfield on account of his hitting, closing that season with a batting percentage of .384. He opened the 1911 season as a member of the Auburn club, but finished with Fulls City, and last year he was with Auburn again. During the three years he has been in the Kansas State league he has played every position on the diamond, including pitching and catching. He came through with only one error chalked against him in more than 100 games last season. He batted around the .300 mark and had twenty-two stolen bases.

## ROURKES TURN ON THE SOX

Rangers Take Hard Fought Game from Chicago Americans.

## CLOSMAN AND HICKS WINNERS

Ed Walsh, Chief Johnson and Jim Scott Are Victims of the Western League Batters and Runners.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The Rourkes beat the Chicago White Sox in the closing game of the series today, 2 to 1. "Effective" properly defines the work of Clozman and Hicks, two of Rourke's young southpaws, who did the heaving for the victors, the former being a recruit, and the latter serving his second term. Big Ed Walsh, Chief Johnson and Jim Scott, were effective, too, so far as hits go, for they allowed the Rourkes only five, yet there were walks and errors at the wrong time and the five hits for Omaha were worth more runs than Chicago's seven. Clozman showed in the first inning that he had the situation well in hand. His control was perfect, he had all kinds of stuff on the ball, and between him and Shestak, he never failed to make the right selection. When he retired after holding the slugging Sox to four hits and one run in five innings, to let Neff bat for him. Hicks took the mound, his peculiar delivery not only puzzling the batmen, but enabling him to catch two runners napping off first, the last man being the third one in the ninth inning. During the four rounds that Hicks worked, he allowed only three hits and did not issue a single pass.

**Borton Hits First.** Borton was the first man to reach Clozman for a hit. After having two strikes called on him, the third accidentally struck his bat and went into left field for a hit. Berger lifted a high one to Thomason, who dropped it after a long run, yet managed to recover the ball in time to force Borton at second. Clozman then fanned Weaver and Kane retired the side by taking Schalks grounder for an unassisted out.

Chicago's lone tally came in the fourth, o'Brien doubled to left, took third on Shestak's passed ball and counted when Berger drove one between Coyle and Thomason for two sacks. Weaver ended the inning by flying to Coyle.

In the seventh, Berger's single went for nothing and so did that of Jones in the eighth, mainly through a lightning double play on Lord's hot one to Kane. Kane threw out Jones at second and received the ball at first again before the speedy Lord could get to the sack.

**Omaha Scores on Errors.** Although Thomason connected with Walsh's delivery for a single in the first and Grubb for a double in the second, it was not until the fourth round that Omaha could make the circuit, and then they did it without a hit. Congalton got a life on an error by Buck Weaver, Kane dumped a beautiful sacrifice, lacking only inches of making it good for a safety. Then Chief Johnson, who had succeeded Walsh, heaved a wild pitch and Congalton stole home while Lord and Johnson were chasing the ball after Schalk had caught Grubb's foul and had thrown it into the diamond.

That was the end of the big Indian pitcher, for Jim Scott was proclaimed pitcher in time to receive the bumps. Neff, hitting for Clozman, waited for four wide ones and trotted to first. Justice

expected to sacrifice, but Scott became so determined not to let him do that he threw four balls. A sacrifice by Coyle and a wild pitch by Scott let Neff home, and Justice scored a minute later when Thomason hooked a single to left.

**Thomason Some Hitter.** Thomason singled in the ninth, but was caught trying to steal second. Congalton also hit safely, yet died on first.

CHICAGO.	
Jones, If.....	4 0 1 0 0 0
Lord, 3b.....	4 0 1 0 4 0
Mattick, cf.....	0 0 0 0 0 0
Collins, rf.....	4 0 1 0 0 0
Borton, lb.....	4 1 2 10 1 0
Weaver, ss.....	3 0 0 4 1 1
Schalk, c.....	2 0 0 4 2 0
Walsh, p.....	1 0 0 0 1 0
Clozman, p.....	1 0 0 0 1 0
Scott, p.....	1 0 0 0 1 0
Rath, p.....	1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	31 7 24 12 1

OMAHA.	
Justice, ss.....	1 0 0 0 0 0
Coyle, lf.....	0 0 0 0 0 0
Thomason, cf.....	4 0 3 2 1 0
Congalton, rf.....	2 0 2 1 1 0
Kane, lb.....	3 0 0 11 2 0
Grubb, 3b.....	2 0 1 0 0 0
Shestak, c.....	0 0 0 1 0 0
Wheeler, p.....	0 0 0 1 0 0
Hicks, p.....	1 0 0 0 3 0
Neff, p.....	0 1 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	26 2 5 27 10 0

**Rath batted for Johnson in the fifth.** Neff batted for Clozman in the fifth.

**Innings pitched:** By Walsh, 2; by Johnson, 2; by Scott, 4; by Clozman, 5; by Hicks, 4; by Neff, 1; by Johnson, 1; by Scott, 2; off Clozman, 1; off Walsh, 2; off Scott, 3; off Clozman, 4; off Hicks, 4; struck out: By Scott, 2; by Clozman, 2; by Hicks, 2; bases on balls: Off Johnson, 1; off Scott, 3; two-base hits: Borton, Berger, Grubb; sacrifice hit: Coyle; stolen bases: Borton, Congalton, Wild pitches: By Johnson, 1; by Scott, 1; Passed ball: Shestak; Left on bases: Chicago, 3; Omaha, 4; Double plays: Scott to Weaver to Borton; Hit batsman: Congalton to Kane. Time: 1:35. Umpire: Gonding.

## Athletics Take Three Straight in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 4.—The Philadelphia Athletics took their third straight game from the local National league team today by the score of 5 to 1. Score:

Americans.....	0 0 0 2 1 0 3 0 0 4
Nationals.....	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1

**Batteries—Pennock and Egan; Brennan, Beaton and Doolin and Howley; Umpires: Klem and Connolly.**

**Boston Nationals Win.** RICHMOND, Va., April 4.—Boston Nationals, 10; Richmond, Va., league, 1.

**Sensators Lose to Brooklyn.** WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—The Brooklyn Nationals defeated the Washington Americans here yesterday, 6 to 2. Score:

Brooklyn.....	3 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 4 2
Washington.....	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 2

**Easy Victory for White Sox.** GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., April 4.—The White Sox second team had little trouble in disposing of the Great Falls. Mont. team here yesterday, shutting the latter out by a score of 8 to 0. Score:

White Sox.....	3 6 1
Great Falls.....	0 0 0

**Batteries: Smith and Sullivan; Hildebrand, William and Weaver and Starr.**

## SOX SMOTHER THE ROURKES

Batting Bee and Error Fest Held at Oklahoma City.

## JOE LOTZ GETS HIS'N AGAIN

Sixteen Hits and Sixteen Runs Made Off Him in Five Innings by the Chicago American Leaguers.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The score was 15 to 8, when, after more than two hours' toil, the last man had been fanned in the Omaha-White Sox game yesterday, and Chicago had the eighteen.

So many Western leaguers were at fault, there is no man on whom all the blame can be placed. Norman Coyle had three errors in left field in five chances, Schipke bobbled twice and Justice, Thomason and Johnson once each, a total of eight. Lots was touched for three hits and three runs in the fifth, the first inning he pitched, four hits and three more runs in the seventh, three hits, good for as many tallies in the eighth, and a home run, a three-bagger and three singles in the ninth. Of the twenty safeties piled up by the Sox, sixteen were garnered off him.

**Good Game Up to Fifth.** Until the slaughter of Lots began it was a good game. Clean hitting by Rath and Collins gave the Sox a marker in the opening round. Thomason was safe on an error in Omaha's half and Congalton poked a neat single to right, but it counted for nothing.

In the fourth Chicago made another on a pass to Jones, followed by Weaver's two-sacker. Omaha came right back, Kane walking, taking second on Weaver's error, stealing third and then passing the pan when Schipke dropped a hit into right.

Chicago again stepped out in the following round, registering three on Coyle's muff of White's high one, singles by Rath and Lord, followed by Collins' double, only to have Omaha score a like number in the second half on singles by Coyle, Congalton and Kane and doubles by Grubb and Johnson.

**Lange Holds Them.** Doc White went to the bench after Omaha had scored three runs off him in the fifth. Lange, who succeeded him, held the Omahans at his mercy when hits meant runs until the last round. Then Coyle got to first when Mattick let his long fly fall to the ground. Thomason was an easy out at first, but Congalton drove a hit over second, sending Coyle home. This was the end, for Kane flied out to left and Grubb had three strikes called on him. Score:

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Kane, lb.....	4 2 2 6 4 0
Grubb, 3b.....	1 1 3 5 0 0
Johnson, c.....	0 0 0 0 0 0
Schipke, 3b.....	4 0 2 1 6 2
Applegate, p.....	0 0 0 0 0 0
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Bright, p.....	1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	40 5 13 27 29 8

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