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Near View of Rourke Family--Lineup of Omaha Team at Training Camp

Here is a photograph of the players from whom Pa Rourke aims to make the team that will win the pennant in the Western league race this season. The photograph was made a week ago at Oklahoma City, and shows the full strength of the squad that has been training there. Several of the recruits have shown such capacity that it is going to be a bit of a puzzle for Pa to pick the men he will keep and those he will have to set adrift under the rules of the national agreement. It is a cinch, though, that out of the bunch he will get a team that will properly make the other contenders play ball all the way. The result of the game on Friday, when the Chicago White Sox were clearly outplayed and defeated, shows the class of the Rourke family. In the picture are, standing, left to right: Arbogast, Gonding, Closman, Noll, Kane, Reed, Shestak, Robinson, Fugate, Neff, Lotz, Bright, Rourke. Seated: Applegate, Thomason, Congalton, Johnson, Justice, Grubb, Kingdon, Coyle, Hicks, Schipke, Beebe.

ROURKES TAKE ONE FROM SIOUX CITY

Neff, Utility Man, Hitting in the Pinch, Puts the Ball Over the Fence.

OMAHA COMES FROM BEHIND

Wins Game Which Looks to Have Been Lost Near Finish.

ROURKES HIT THE HARDER

Make Ten Hits to But Six for Ducky Holmes' Bunch.

SCORE SAME AS THE HITS

Hitting of Congalton and Grubb Feature a Game Which is Full of Interest Because of Uncertainties.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Neff's home run in the last half of the eighth with the bases filled, gave maha a victory over Sioux City at Davis park Saturday. This makes two out of three with the Sioux for the Rourk's. The score was 10 to 6.

That The drive by Neff was most opportune, for it came at a time when Holms' men had a two run lead and the game was nearly finished.

Cy Young, who had started for Sioux City, was invincible in the pinches after the fourth inning. Then, believing the game won, Captain Smith trotted out a youngster by the name of Hickley who had lots of smoke, a fair drop, but no control. The little lad had the misfortune to take the mound at a time when maha's heavy hitters were coming up in a desperate frame fomind.

Just by way of greeting, Congalton stepped into one of his breakers for a three-racker to right. Much was expected of Kane, but he was an easy out at first. Then came Grubb. Although he has been fielding sensational ball, Rourke's third baseman has not been getting away with many hits. However, he proved to be the man in a pinch by poking out a clean single to center, scoring Congalton.

Johnson and Schipke both took advantage of the youngster's wildness and walked, putting a man on every corner. Then Arbogast called Neff in off the coaching line and told him to put the ball out of reach of the fielders. Determined to obey orders, the little utility infielder planted it overr the wall. The final tally was the result of Lindsay's error of Justice's grounder, Coyle's single and Thomason's long hit to left for two sacks.

Omaha put one man around in the first inning. Justice singledd through short and after two had been retiredd Congalton connected for his first of two trples. In the second Grubb registered on hits by himself and Schipke, with a passed ball thrown in.

In the fourth, successive singles by Coyle and Thomason, Congalton's sacrifice and Kane's two bagger to right was good for two more. The Sioux looked like winners at two stages, getting lots of runs while they were in the business. With one man retired din the second, Grubb's high throw to first, a hit by Clair, a walk to Rapp, Conways double and Cy Youngs single netted four In the sixth, hits by Breen and Lindsay and two errors were good for two more

Neither Robinson or Beebe were very steady, the Sioux on several occasions threatening to make runs out of misplays

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Casey Employed to Train Chicago Cubs

CHICAGO, April 5.—Harold Casey is to be the new trainer for the Chicago Nationals to succeed "Doc" Semmens, who gave Manager Evers his resignation and a punch in the jaw yesterday. Casey led the list of applicants for the position and he will be given a tryout at once.

The lineup of the Chicago team on opening day will depend on the pitcher selected by St. Louis. It is likely Cheney will pitch the opening game and Bresnahan is relied on to do the catching until Archer is in condition.

JOSIES READY FOR OPENER

Lineup of St. Joseph Team Which Opens Season with Des Moines.

HAVE LOST THREE GOOD ONES

Powell and Gossett Have Gone Up, but Reilly is Holdout—"Chief" Johnson May Come Back to Drummers.

Catchers—Ketter, Griffith and Castle.
Pitchers—Chellette, Crutcher, Monegan, Bell, "Chief" Johnson, Rhodes, Tannehill and one to be procured.
First Base—Brewer.
Second Base—Ochs.
Shortstop—Meinke.
Third Base—Westerzil.
Left Field—Kelly.
Center Field—Zwilling.
Right Field—G. Watson.
Utility Infielders—R. Watson and McAuley.
Utility Outfielder—Reinhart.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 5.—(Special.)—The above is the probable lineup of the St. Joseph Western league club when it opens the season with Des Moines one week from next Friday afternoon.

Th roster shows that St. Joseph has lost but three of its last season's players, Gossett with the Chicago White Sox, Powell with the Detroit Tigers and Barney Reilly, who has refused to sign a contract. However, there is a slight chance—a very slight one—that Powell will be returned here. In that event the above lineup will be upset to the extent that Powell will go to left field, Kelly to center field, Zwilling to first base and Brewer to the bench.

Loses Three Good Ones.

While Manager Jack Holland has lost these three valuable men from his team, he figures that he has added base running and fielding ability without losing any batting sterngth. The best hitter of the three men who are lost to the club was Powell. Reilly also was a good batsman, but apparently either Ochs or Rip Watson is as good a hitter, equally as good a base runner and is a much better fielder. Ketter, although not so good a receiver or thrower as Gossett, is above the average Western league catcher and in addition is a .300 hitter. Thus it is seen that the Drummers have lost some batting strength in Powell, have held their own in the loss of Reilly and have gained considerably in hitting in the backstop department.

Speed will again be the keynote of the St. Joseph team, and as that is what kept the local team in the running last year and the year before it appears that the Drummers will be stronger this season than in any previous year, provided of course that another good pitcher is procured. Manager Jack Holland expects to land a big league castoff in return for either Powell or Gossett, and this player undoubtedly will be a twirler, who will be able to help Chellette, Crutcher and "Chief" Johnson.

May Not Play at St. Joe.

It is possible, however, that the Indian will not play with the Drummers, as it is said he does not want to return to St Joseph. As Holland has always been very accommodating about allowing discontented players to go when they can make deals for themselves, it is probable that the "Big Chief" will be sold or traded.

Holland thinks he has the best infield since he came to St. Joseph. It is certain that it is stronger at third and second base than it has ever been, that shortstop will be well taken care of, and that first base will be weaker in the hitting department, but stronger in fielding and base running. In addition to this the local club has the best utility infielders in Rip Watson and McAuley that it has ever had.

The local pitching staff has been augmented by the addition of "Dusty" Rhodes, the Omaha veteran; Josse Tannehill, the former big league southpaw, and Monegan, a recrut from Clarksburg, Mo., who has all the symptoms of being a wonderful twirler. Holland does not expect either Rhodes or Tannehill to help much early in the race, but he does depend on them for many games

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FAST TEAM AT CREIGHTON

With Twenty-Five Candidates Out Prospects Are Bright.

GOOD PITCHERS NUMEROUS

Six Twirlers Who Can Deliver the Goodh Are Already Picked for Sure Thing Positions on Regular Squad.

After one week's practice at Creighton university prospects for a fast base ball team are better than ever. Between twenty-five and fifty candidates have been out every night, and there will be difficulty in choosing between the various candidates. There are a half dozen good pitchers, Madden, Gaffney and Bets giving the best evidence of form thus far. All have worked in games to date and, although none have been forced to extend themselves, showed good speed and fair control for such an early date.

Behind the bat Creighton will be unusually strong, Miller and Pass proving a strong combination. Both are big and Pass shows an inclination to hit viciously. Miller's prowess in this line is well known.

Not much of an opportunity has been offered for infield work, as the grounds have been too rough to attempt any infield work. In the practice games, however, the fielding has been good, and at short giving special evidence of form.

These who have played on former Creighton teams and are again trying for positions are: Coady, Kelly, Miller, Dailey, Kane, Howard, Russum, McGuire, Kanne and Madden. Of these Coady, Dailey, Howard, Kane and McGuire were all members of last year's arts team, and are still attending that department Kelly, Miller, Russum and McKee have all played on former varsity teams, and are now in the professional departments of the school.

Many Show Well.

The men who are showing up well are: Bets, Gaffney and Pass of the arts department, and Vandever of the medical. Bets and Gaffney are both pitchers, the latter twirling for St. Ambrose college of Davenport, Ia., last year. Pass caught

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New Ball Park Approved by Chance

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 5.—Ebbetts Field, the new $750,000 home of the Brooklyn National league team, was formally opened today with a game won by the home team from the New York American leaguers, by 8 to 2.

Miss Genevieve Ebbetts, youngest daughter of the Brooklyn clubs owner, tossed out the first ball put in play.

Both the rejuvenated American leaguers under Frank Chance and Manager Dahlen's men, fought had all the way. Chance himself was in great form. Hal Chase, who made his big league debut as a second baseman, had little to do in the field. Home runs by Stengel and Daubert gave Brooklyn a two to one lead. In the ninth, with Allen pitching, the visitors tied the score on a pass, two hits and a wild throw. Smith's hit scored the winning run for Brooklyn.

Score:		R.	H.	E.
New York Am.....	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2	2	8	1
Brooklyn Nationals.	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1	3	8	3

Batteries: New York Americans, Caldwell, Fisher and Sweeney; Brooklyn Nationals, Rucher, Allen and Miller. Umpires: Emslie and Hurst. Time: 2:01.

CHICAGO NATIONALS DEFEAT INDIANAPOLIS

CHICAGO, April 5.—The Chicago Nationals opened their local season today by beating the Indianapolis American association team 5 to 2. Charlie Smith showed good form for the big leaguers while clever fielding by Nieles held down the locals.

Score:		R.	H.	E.
Indianapolis..	..0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0	2	7	3
Chicago	2....0 0 0 2 0 1 0 1 0	5	6	1

Merz, Green and Casey; Smith and Bresnahan.

NEW YORK NATIONALS VS. BALTIMORE INTERNATIONALS

BALTIMORE, Md., April 5.—The New York Nationals easily defeated the Baltimore Internationals today, 12 to 3. In the five innings Tesreau pitched he struck out seven men and did not allow a run. Roth also struck out seven men in five innings. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
New York...	0 1 2 2 3 0 1 3 0	12	16	1
Baltimore ..	0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 0	3	5	2

Batteries: Tesreau, Wiltse, Mathewson and Meyers; Shawkey, Roth and Bergen.

AMERICANS MAY WIN CUP

Former Tennis Champ Says Cup Will Come to This Country.

WILL DEFEAT AUSTRALIANS

Invading Team is Going Up Against Some of the Best Material in the Land, and Its Outlook is Dreary.

PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—That the American tennis team will win the first Davis cup match was the prediction made by Dr. E. B. Dewhurst, former intercollegiate champion of the United States and one of the leading experts of the game in this country. He said:

"When the drawings for the preliminary rounds of the Davis cup reached here on March 5 showing that America and Australia were to play in the first round and that round was to be finished by June 21, it looked like an unfortunate combination of circumstances for this country, in view of the difficulty of our players getting into their best form so early in the season and the extreme formidability of their opponents.

"Considering now, however, the available material that we have here and the strength of the invading Australians I am prepared to go on record at this early date and state that America will surely defeat the Australians in the first match played here. It may be a close call or not, but the results will surely show that McLoughlin and Williams, or Johnson, or McLoughlin and Norman Bundy of California, in doubles, will make a stronger team than Rice, Doust and Jones and the best teams should win.

Will Defeat Others.

"The winner of this match will probably defeat the other contenders—France, Belgium, Germany, South Africa, or Canada—Whichever they have to play, and so we may without much undue confidence entertain the hope that the finals for the coveted trophy will be played between England and the United States in the latter part of July.

"We can now be fairly sure that we will have our best team in the field, and

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Winners in the Gate City League

Left to Right, Back Row—Jake Stinz, Adolph Storz, C. E. Terrell. Front Row—T. Norgard, Captain Joseph Dober, James T. Flanagan.

STORZ TRIUMPH BOWLING TEAM.

THIRTEENTH NATIVITY FANS

A Good Team Could Be Organized of Such Players.

HOODOO DATE IS BELIED

Some of World's Championship Team Members Were Born on Day Supposed to Be Destitute of Luck.

Lucky would be the magnate who could secure for his team those players who happen to have been born on the alleged unlucky thirteenth. Said magnate probably would by the middle of the season be making preparations to enlarge the seating capacity of his park, for from the players whose birthdays fall on the hoodoo date a world's championship combination could almost be picked.

The manager of this Thirteen club would be J. Garland Stahl of the Red Sox. He was born on April 13, 1880. Presuming that Stahl might prefer to remain where he now is, a person named Fielder Jones, born on August 13, 1874, might be induced to take charge.

For scouts Billy Murray of the Pirates, who was born on April 13, 1864, and Gene McCann, formerly with the Highlanders, who was born on June 13, 1876, would be available.

The catchers on the Thirteen club would be Jimmy Archer of the Cubs and Mike Simon of the Pirates. These two athletes, respectively, reached this sphere on May 13, 1883, and April 13, 1883. Johnny Kling, who says he will not pastime this year, was born on November 13, 1875.

Only one real high-grade major league pitcher was born on the thirteenth. He is Yean Gregg of the Naps, who will celebrate his twenty-eighth birthday next month. Bill Donovan, who pitched the Tigers to two pennants, and "Rube" Waddell, who was responsible for the winning of two flags by the Athletics, were both born on the thirteenth. "Wild Bill" will be 37 years old next October and so will the Rube.

Noted infielders who celebrate their natal days on the thirteenth are, besides Jake Stahl, Hall Chase, of the Highlanders; Ed Konetchy of the Cardinals, Larry Gardiner of the Red Sox, Eddie Foster of the Nationals, and J. Franklin Baker of the Athletics, who ran Tris Speaker a close race for the Chalmers American league car last season.

The outfielders born on the thirteenth are not numerous. Josh Devore of the Giants, was born on November 13, 1887, and Harl Maggert, formerly with the Athletics, was born on February 13, 1883. "Bucky" Freeman, who holds the major league record for the greatest number of home runs in a season, first saw the light of day on October 13,1871.

Mal Eason, National league umpire, is one of the thirteen chaps, he having reached this earth on March 13, 1879.

This is the Thirteen club:

Manager and center fielder, Jake Stahl of Red Sox, born April 13, 1880.
Pitcher, Yean Gregg of Naps, born April 13, 1885.
Catcher, Jimmy Archer of Cubs, born May 13, 1883.
First baseman, Hal Chase of Highlanders, born February 13, 1883.
Second baseman, Larry Gardner of Red Sox, born May 13, 1886.
Third baseman, J. Franklin Baker of White Elephants, born March 13, 1886.
Shortstop, Eddie Foster of Senators, born February 13, 1888.
Left fielder, Konetchy of Cardinals, born September 13, 1885.
Right fielder, Josh Devore of Giants, born November 13, 1887.
Scout, Billy Murray of Pirates, born April 13, 1864.
Umpire, Mal Eason of National league, born March 13, 1879.

WASHINGTON TAKES TWO FROM BOSTON NATIONALS

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Washington took the second and last game from the Boston Nationals in their exhibition series here today, 8 to 7. The game was slow and uninteresting. Score:

		R.	H.	E.
Washington.	0 0 0 0 4 1 0 1 3	8	11	1
Boston	1 0 1 0 1 0 0 4 0	7	8	2

Batteries: Cashion, Groom, Ainsmith and Williams; Perdue, Devoght and Rariden.

BASE BALL SEASON OPENS NEXT WEEK

Plans for Big Opening Day Festivities in Omaha Are at a Standstill.

BOX SEATS PLACED ON SALE

This Week Will Find Pasteboards Selling for Opening Game.

USUAL PARADE BEFORE GAME

Mayor, Fans, Ball Players and Scorers Will Be in Line.

SIOUX CITY BUSINESS MEN COME

Large Delegation of Fans from the Iowa City Will Come Here for First Game on a Chartered Train.

Ceremonial plans for the opening of the Western league base ball season in Omaha one week from next Friday are still in the embryo and it is barely possible that the eclat which usually forerunn the opening game will not be in evidence this year.

A spirit of unease prevails over the entire city, and especially over those who, in former years, have been instrumental in making the annual opening day in Omaha one of great rejoicing. But the horrible disaster which visited Omaha on Easter Sunday has caused untold work to fall on the shoulders of these men, and to date they have not had time to arrange any stunts for April 18, when Omaha will clash with Sioux City in the first game of the season.

Dick Grotte, city puchasing agent, and former secretary of the Omaha ball club, who has had charge of the arrangements, says he has not had time to work on the opening, and those whom he has approached on the subject cannot seem to arouse any enthusiasm. Nevertheless by the time the opening day rolls around the majority of Omaha people will be glad to welcome something to relieve their minds. Dick Grotte says he may be able to get out and do a little work this week, in which case a regular program will be pulled off.

Box Seats on Sale.

Box seats will be placed on sale this week. Reservations can be made at J. T. McVittie's store at 402 South Fifteenth street, and George Graham's base ball headquarters, 316 South Fifteenth street. Already the Tom Moore club, composed of residents about the ball park, has reserved an entire box, as it has done the last three years. The Commercial club, Ad club, Elks and various other clubs have asked for large blocks of seats to be set aside for them.

The Retail Dealers' association will do everything in its power to boost the Omaha team, believing it to be one of the greatest advertisements Omaha can boast of. The members will attend the opening game in a body and wherever possible the stores will be closed at such an hour as to make it possible for every employe to see the game. Mayor Dahlman has agreed to declare the afternoon of April 18 a half holiday and will ask all citizens of Omaha who possibly can to turn out and see the game.

Sioux City Fans Come.

A large delegation of Sioux City business men have decided to come to Omaha and see the opener. The fans will come on a chartered train, which will also carry the Sioux City base ball club. Between 100 and 200 people will come to Omaha. Many more will come to this city by the auto route and when the game is called there will be a large number of Sioux City fans in the stands to cheer their boys on to victory. It has been decided to put all the Sioux City fans in one section of the grandstand.

Parade Precedes Game.

The usual parade before the game is almost assured. A large number of business men have agreed to enter with their automobiles. The mayor and his official family will attend the game in a body and occupy prominent boxes. Mayor Dahlman, Pa Rourke and President Ed Hanlon of the Sioux City club will occupy the first automobile in the parade and will be followed by the city commissioners. Next in line will be the newspaper men and the Sioux City and Omaha

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