

Cream of College Track and Field Athletes Enter Annual Illinois Relay Games

Stars of Leading Universities and Colleges in Middle West Will Compete in Many Events

Relays Special Feature of Games—Official Start of Midwest Indoor Track Season—Penn Enters Team in Running Races.

TRACK and field stars of leading universities and colleges in the middle west will engage in strenuous workouts for the next few days in preparation for the annual relay carnival of the University of Illinois, to be held in the mammoth armory at Urbana next Saturday.

Not alone will the event be featured by relay races for universities, colleges, and prep schools, but an all-around contest together with special events will go toward making up an interesting program.

The event may be properly called the official opening of the middle west indoor track and field season. Dual meets have been held between some university teams, but these were only forerunners to the relay carnivals and other larger events to be held indoors and outdoors. The dual meets served to give the athletes some experience in actual competition and afford the coaches an idea of the ability of the various performers.

Not Staged for Profit.

Unlike professional events and many amateur affairs, the Illinois carnival is not staged for profit. It is promoted to stimulate interest in track and field athletics in the middle west among the larger universities of the section but among smaller colleges and prep schools. All money taken in at the doors will be prorated among the competing institutions to help pay expenses of the teams. In former years the carnival has attracted capacity crowds and this year's event should be no exception.

The idea of holding this relay carnival, one of the largest of its kind in the country, originated with Harry Gill, capable coach of the Illinois track and field team. With a great armory at his disposal, Gill readily realized a set of indoor tracks would go a long way toward giving the many athletes of the middle west some much needed competition in the winter. From the start the event has been successful and the only criticism one might make of the event is that too many contests are held. The many races take the edge off events such as the pole vault, running broad jump and shot put, not to mention the all-around.

Pennsylvania Represented.

In addition to the many institutions of the western and midwest valley conference, the University of Pennsylvania will send a team for one of the relays, while some institutions of the south, such as Baylor, will have representatives in the special events. Michigan and Illinois, which give prominence to the relay races, will be in the western conference, will be represented by full strength in relay races and special events. Notre Dame, which lost a dual meet to Illinois after one of its runners fell in the relay race when the score was a tie, will have some excellent performers in the open contests and relays.

Nebraska, winner of the Missouri Valley conference outdoor meet last year, will send some sterling performers. Henry Schulte, former Michigan football player, will again have charge of the Cornhusker athletes and has some stars in last year's squad. In school this winter, in past carnivals, Nebraska has garnered its share of points in the individual events.

All Around Competition Keen. The all-around competition should result in some sterling performances considering the ability of some of the entrants. Dehart Hubbard, Michigan's dusky skinned athlete, is sure to make a strong bid for honors. Coach Farrell believes Hubbard will develop into one of the best all-around athletes who ever wore the maize and blue. Emerson Norton of Kansas is another entrant who should be near the top when the final tabulation of points is made, while Henry Mathias of Illinois should make a stronger bid than last year, when he was one of the contestants.

Among some of the well known athletes who will compete are Captain Kroush, who will be anchor man on Chicago's two or four mile relay team; Gus Deuch of Notre Dame, who will be anchor in the hurdles; Van Orden of Michigan, who has the best mark of any conference shot putters; Brickley of Chicago, a reliable hurdler; Ayres, the Illinois sprinter, and Crispin and Telford, Northwestern middle distance runners.

Next Big Meet at Patten "Gym." This event will be followed by the annual indoor track and field games of the western conference at Patten gymnasium, Northwestern university, on March 17. Unlike the outdoor meet, the indoor is open only to members of the Big Ten. Athletes who have shown apt ability in the training period since the holidays will be entered in the Illinois carnival to ascertain their worth and the advisability of entering them in the indoor conference.

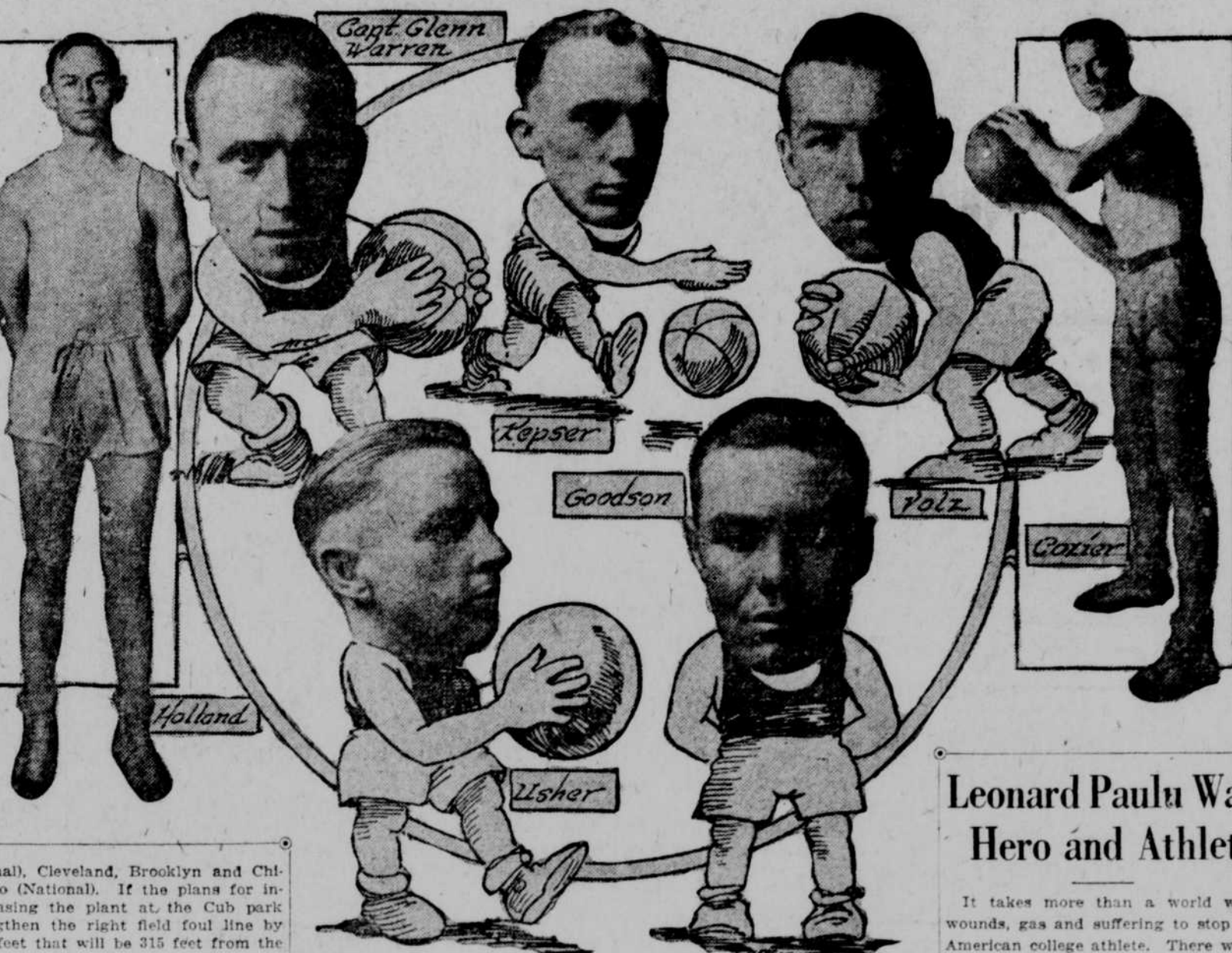
Following the indoor conference, the athletes will start to prepare for the Kansas relays to be held at Lawrence on April 21. These will be held out of doors and will be the first to be staged by the Jayhawk institution. On the following Saturday Drake will conduct its annual carnival at Des Moines, and many relays will stage its annual set of games on Franklin field, Philadelphia, on the same day.

The athletes then will be pointed for the sectional intercollegiate in May and June. These will be followed by the national collegiate games on Stagg field in June. Many of the point winners, with the exception of western conference performers, will represent various athletic clubs in the National A. A. U. outdoor championships on Stagg field the latter part of August and early in September.

To Use Electric Timers.

Electric timing devices will be introduced in prominent light harness circuits of the east this year.

These Nebraska Hoopsters Will Try to Ring Creighton for Victory



Cow Eats Curtains Off Flivver While Hunters Chase Rabbits

Believe it or not, there's a milk-producing cow out near Gretna that delights in eating side curtains off automobiles parked in this particular cow's pasture.

Jack Martin, 1515 M street, Omaha, Bess Pressman, and Ervina Jordan and Elmer Boeck, 3316 J street, "dolled" up one morning, cranked the flivver and decided to go hunting for cotton-tails and other beasts of Nebraska farm pastures.

This trio of hunters and their flivver bounced and rolled out to Gretna. Sighting a pasture to the left and a little to the north, the hunters decided to park the transportation bus in the pasture while they hunted the vicinity.

The hunters, so the story goes, returned to their flivver an hour or so later and lo behold, what did they see but a large cow eating the side curtain of one side of curtains and was peacefully eating the other side when the hunters arrived on the scene.

En route to Omaha, Martin, Jordan and Boeck nearly froze to death, due to the cow's appetite for side curtains.

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Lajoie Gets Inspiration

Watching Jimmy Casey Napoleon Lajoie was bought for \$1,500. In 80 games with the Fall River club in 1916 he hit out 27 doubles, 15 triples, and 16 home runs. The Philadelphia Nationals got him then, and for 21 years he stayed in the big leagues, most of the time a star.

Red Sox First Attraction

at Yankee's New Stadium The Yankees' new stadium is rapidly nearing completion. It will open April 17, with the Boston Red Sox as the first attraction. There will be room for 70,000.

Colgate Will Start Football Drill in April

Colgate will begin spring football practice April 12, Coach Dick Harlow will specialize in gaining recruits from students who never played the game.

Famous Referee Passes Away

Hiram B. Cook, internationally known 35 years ago as a referee of championship boxing contests, died at his home in California at the age of 76. He had been bedridden eight years.

Leonard Paulu War Hero and Athlete

It takes more than a world war, wounds, gas and suffering to stop an American college athlete. There were many of them stepped—for the north of France is dotted with crosses above the spots where the boys who wore the letters of their universities as proudly as they wore their decorations for heroism in war remain. But those who returned refused to permit the war to put an end to their athletic activities.

During the last three years not fewer than 15 college athletes who were wounded or gassed during the war have been members of midwestern college athletic teams.

The public watching track teams, football teams, or basket ball probably never guessed that the boys they watched had played just as big parts in the big game over there. They did not tell about it—in fact, it is hard to get them to tell anything about themselves, or how they came into possession of certain medals and crosses.

There is Leonard Paulu of Grinnell. Perhaps few who watched the national meet in Chicago last season and saw Paulu win the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard race to record time, realized that they were watching a boy who was terribly wounded in France, who was decorated by his own and two foreign governments and who was still suffering from the effects.

Swimming, Volley Ball, Handball and Boxing Meets on Card in March

By G. P. WENDELL. (Secretary, Northwestern Association of the A. A. U.) The month of March looms up as the big month for the simon-pure amateur athletes in this territory. Six Midwestern Association A. A. U. championships tests are scheduled for March.

Notre Dame Ball Team to Make Southern Tour

Notre Dame baseball nine starts a southern tour with St. Mary's team at St. Mary college, Kentucky, March 20 and 21. Eight other rivals will be visited in the sunny southland April 2 to 9.

Scrambled Sports of West

THE Omaha Western league ball club may start its spring training at Corsicana, Tex., with a brand new squad of pitchers.

Langford Could Not Cross Color Line to Titles

Who name the boxer whom Sam Langford defeated to call the roll of some of the greatest pugilists who ever lived. In his journey up the road of avoiding disputes from light-weight to heavy, the "Black Death" swept all before him.

Committee on Rules Plans to Lessen Homers

Zoning to Abolish Freak Circuit Clouts—Giants Would Be Hit by New Rule.

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Once a year at about this time the joint rules committees of the National and American leagues get together, ostensibly to revise the playing code of the game for the benefit of the army of folks who play baseball professionally, semi-professionally or on the village green.

Usually they spend half of 1 percent of their time discussing the rules of the game in forecasting the coming season or figuring up each other for possible future trades. That's because the two committees don't get together until the eve of the training trips and they are composed of men whose vital interests lie in the success of their own clubs.

About the only revision of importance suggested for the consideration of the rules committees this winter has to do with the plan to lessen the number of freak home runs due to short right or left field boundaries at some of the ball parks.

Genuine Home Runs O. K.

There is no disposition to eliminate any of the genuine home runs clouted by the athletes in either circuit. The present rule allows a home run whenever the ball is hit over a fence or into a stand which is 225 feet or more from the home-plate. If less than that the hit is good for only two bases. None of the fields now in use in either big league has a shorter boundary than that.

Leading Girl Athlete at Kansas University

Miss Dorothy Ann Barber of El Dorado, Kan., is the leading girl athlete of the University of Kansas. Miss Barber has just been elected to captain of the K. U. Quacks, newly organized club of expert women swimmers, divers and life savers of the University of Kansas. She is also at present captain of the girls' basket ball and volley ball teams and was recently picked as a member of the all-university women's hockey team.

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