

"Pug" Griffin, Emulating Babe Ruth in Comeback Attempt, Clouts Ball for Home Run First Time Up

BABE RUTH wasn't the only slugger extraordinary who got his crown tipped from his dome during the 1922 assault on the horsehide.

Mr. Francis Griffin, whose sobriquet is "Pug," also was forced to acknowledge a peer.

"Pug" was the king pin home run clouter in the Western league in 1921, the same season the Big Bam was hitting on all eight to a world's home run record in the majors.

Rogers' Hornsby lifted the home run headgear off the Ruthian head and McDowell of Wichita, with 16 four-base clouts, surpassed Mr. Griffin's exalted position in the Western.

So when Babe decided he'd campaign for his lost title last fall, it gave the Lincoln product an idea. He would emulate Ruth.

"Pug" reported to the Buffaloes at Corsicana, Tex., yesterday. He hadn't forgotten his resolution. He strode up to the plate, swaying his bat in a menacing manner.

One of the 10 or more rock pitchers on the job at Corsicana, let one loose. Pug nailed it and Barney Burch lost ball somewhere outside the baseball park.

But "Pug" wasn't the only Buffalo who punched the pellet for a round trip ticket, as Tony Defate, the diminutive little infielder the Omaha club acquired from Minneapolis, put his shoulder to one.

MAHA will be represented in the national municipal tennis tournament to be held this summer under the supervision of the United States Lawn Tennis association, probably at St. Louis.

Ira Jones, city recreational director, is now working out a plan whereby funds can be raised to send the winners of the Omaha event to the national meet.

According to Jones, interest has lagged in the racquet sports on municipal courts here because players have had no incentive to compete for laurels.

"I believe by sending local champions to the national municipal meet each year that the sport will gain in popularity by leaps and bounds," the recreational supervisor said.

The national meet for municipal players is the first ever held and is in line with the new policy of the U. S. L. A., the governing body of tennis, to increase its popularity in the United States.

Municipal competition is confined largely to juvenile ranks and Jones believes in a few years that some excellent racquet sharps can be developed.

Baselins Win at O. A. C. The Baselins copped the five-man team event in the O. A. C. bowling tournament last night by tumbling 194 pins more than the Bushmans, who came in second.

Benton Eligible, Rules Landis

Chicago, March 9.—The controversy over Pitcher J. C. (Rube) Benton was settled today in a decision by K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, declaring Benton eligible to play in organized baseball, approving his transfer to the Cincinnati Reds by the St. Paul club and criticizing those who brought charges against Benton.

The National league has objected to the transfer of Benton on the grounds that he had knowledge of the 1919 world series scandal and failed to bring it to the attention of the proper authorities and failed to sustain charges filed by him against another player.

WINS SQUASH TITLE. GEORGE STOCKING won the city and state squash title yesterday afternoon when he defeated John Madden three games out of five in the finals of the tournament at Syracuse, Omaha club.

The scores were 15-6, 13-15, 20-18, 9-15, 20-18.

Basketball Results

THURSDAY. First Round. CLASS A. Racine, 22; Suburban, 13. Creighton Prep, 16; University Place, 12.

CLASS B. Beatrice, 18; Wahoo, 15. Omaha Tech, 18; North Platte, 15. Hastings, 15; Alliance, 12.

CLASS C. York, 11; Sutton, 10. Lincoln, 20; Geneva, 10. Plattsmouth, 9; Norfolk, 7.

CLASS D. South Omaha, 12; Columbus, 7. Cornhusker, 11; Superior, 11. York, 11; Sutton, 10.

CLASS E. North Bend, 24; Nelson, 18. David City, 11; Pawnee City, 9.

CLASS F. Uni. Ags, 11; Stella, 12. Wilber, 12; Clark, 9.

CLASS G. Milford, 15; Franklin, 4. St. Paul, 24; Cambridge, 7.

CLASS H. Bartley, 8; Stockville, 4. Sargent, 12; Fairmount, 12.

CLASS I. Blue Hill, 20; Fortland, 17. Paton, 18; Sterling, 6.

CLASS J. Chester, 14; Waterloo, 10. Howells, 12; Mead, 18.

with the Pin

Table with columns for Doubles-Class A, Singles-Class B, and various player names and scores.

Ulrich Referee in Next Card

BULLY WELLS, English welter champion, who fights Frankie Schell of Buffalo here Friday night, will arrive in Omaha at 9:45 tomorrow morning.

School also is expected to reach here tomorrow. Both will work out at the Business Men's gym, but at different hours.

Bernie Boyle, matchmaker, announced this morning that Curley Ulrich has been obtained by the state boxing commission to referee.

Collins Wins Cue Title. New York—Percy N. Collins of the Illinois Athletic club, Chicago, won the national amateur class A. 18.12 ball billiard championship for 1923, by defeating Francis S. Appleby of New York, 300 to 237.

Gernandt Puts Stuff on Ball

ORISCANA, Tex., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The Omaha club of the Western league has begun practice in earnest at their spring training camp here.

Freddie Gernandt, 27-year-old sandlot pitcher, whom Barney Burch picked up in Omaha this spring, was given a trial in the box yesterday and showed a lot of stuff.

Cotton Seimer looks good behind the bat and is able to instill pep into the players. He hails from St. Louis and pastimed with the Delta league last season.

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