Annual Coffroth Handicap Race Will Be Run This Afternoon at Tiajuana Oval

Cream of Turf in West Will Go to Barrier

Prize List for One and One-Quarter Mile Event Will Be \$37,375-Weights 90 to 122 Pounds.



IAJUANA RACE-TRACK, MEX., March 24.—The four points of the compass will turn the greatest crowd of race fans the west has ever reported to this course tomorrow afternoon when the fourth renewal of the Coffroth handicap at one and a quarter miles go down in turf history as the greatest event of winter racing.

So rich is the prize in this Coffroth handicap that the figures seem staggering. In money value, class of thoroughbreds and jockeys, fame of stables represented and in attendance the handicap, named in honor of James Wood Coffroth, president of the Tiajuana Jockey club, and proclaimed the impresario of western racing, will compare favorably with that classic of Kentucky-the Ken-

tucky Derby.

The value of the Coffroth handicap this year with 15 starters will be \$37,375, making it the richest purse in America for horses of all ses. The winner's share will be \$29,875 with \$4,000 to the second. Large Squad Out

Big Horsemen Represented.

Such famed horsemen as Harry Payne Whitney, Commodore J. K. L. Ross, C. B. Irwin, William Daniel, A. C. Bostwick, George P. Fuller and J. While the money values quoted here are based on 15 thoroughbreds going to the hands of starter there will be an appreciable increase in the distribution of rewards, for

Not only will the Coffroth handicap it will also be an exacting test of and at the same time trying to get Hastings college was a close second jockeyship. Owners are so desirous in some sort of condition for the open- with a 58 1-2 point total. Doane colof giving their thoroughbreds every ing of the season, the Huskers have lege. Nebraska Central and Grand chance to do their best that several found themselves badly handicapped. Island college followed in order of the best riders in America have been engaged for mounts. Notable Merrimee, Claver, Pool, Martinez and Thompson, the latter being the Thompson, the latter being the the mount on Behave Yourself, a for 18 games. The schedule: Kentucky Derby winner. That there is certain to be a rich reward for the winning rider is disclosed by the fact.

April 2-3—Nebraska against Oklahoma A number of veteran performers. April 12-12—Nebraska against Missouri have responded to the call for track at Columbia. that most of the owners have promised their riders that if "they get down in front" \$5,000 will be their share of the winning. To this will share of the winning share of the share of the winning sha down in front' \$5,000 will be their share of the winning. To this will share of the winning. To this will be added \$1,000 from the Tiajuana be

honor of taking the top impost prob | Lincoln ably will be assigned to Feylance. the prize in the Ross string. stable and the best of it will be the possibly Spanish Maize to the post, the three comprising an entry. Another will be from the William Daniel stable and the best of it wil be the sensational 3-year-old, Blanc Seing, who ran one and one-eighth miles the other day in 1:52 1-5 to tie the track the Y. M. C. A., has called a meeting | Chadron Normal plans to take a dip other day in 152 15 to the track the Y. M. C. A., has called a meeting chadron Normal plans to take a dip seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. seem that already he has compiled a Johnson didn't add another white-take any chances of breaking it up. and since his good performances here night. the prices on him in the derby fu- The six teams that have made ap- on the cinder path. The list includes

faces here have all been first class. meeting, Weston announces, Georgie, a remarkable weight packer and winner of five straight races in New York last summer, will be the entrant of Col. R. L. Baker. Georgie has been given a special "prep" for the big race and will have many fol-

Marquette Will Erect New Athletic Field

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Milwaukee, March 24.-Renewal of the student stadium campaign for \$40,000 has been made at Marquette university here, following the sale by the city of Milwaukee to Marquette alumni of eight acres of the city's circus grounds for a stadium site. Students are raising money with which to pay for the grounds. Alumni expects to start work immediately on their campaign for \$250,000 needed to treet the first section of the horsethoe, which, when finished, will seat 55,000 people

Prospect Bright for Grid Team at Marquette

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. call for spring practice has been issued by Coach Frank J. Murray of the Marquette university football squad. prospects are bright for the Hilltop's id to report at the Lake Beulah camp in September. Joe (Red) Dunn, quar-Marquette has scheduled two important intersectional contests, one with Boston college in Boston October 27. and the other with the University of Vermont in Milwaukee on Thanksgivng day. The schedule follows:

September 28-Open.
October 6-Open.
October 13-Ripon in Milwaukee.
October 20-Carroll in Milwaukee.
October 27-Boston college in Boston.
November 2-University of Detroit in

Kota in Milwaukee. November 17-South Dakota in Milexaukee.

November 29 -- (Thanksgiving) Univer-

Winner and Runner-Up in First Annual Omaha Girls' Basket Ball Tournament



for Husker Nine

Lincoln, Neb., March 24 - Scott

carrying their colors will be many of basket ball team, is scratching a much the first flight distance horses of furrowed brow trying to figure out Harry Morrissey, is is likely that date an outdoor workout has been impossible. And the opening game with in the distribution of rewards, for it now appears that the field will Oklahoma is scheduled just a little schools participated in the intercolover a week away.

His battery men are giving Coach named.

Dye little reason for concern. He has | The 1923 intercollegiate meet will be these are Jockeys McAtee, some good pitchers and some good held at University Place next May

Six Teams in

N. J. Weston, physical director of man and Lundberg.

ture book have had a sharp decline. plication for franchises are: Swift & McKelvey, Pringle, Shipp, Trapp and With Blanc Seing will be Lighter and Co., Cudahys, Armours, Brandels Smith, veterans. New men are Wey-

Preparing for

M. Crane will be represented and Dye, coach of the Nebraska ket ball season out of the way and candidates who have reported. To son, baseball not being a recognized

The main collegiate interest cen tered in track. Last spring five legiate track meet at Hastings. Ne-Milling about in the armory, trying braska Wesleyan won the championbe a great race of thoroughbreds but to keep from "beaning" each other ship with a total of 63 points while

The schedule for this season calls at least eight schools will participate

Colored League of the Lutherans will probably center around Lawrence Horn, an all around athlete, Other material includes Camp-

West's call for candidates to perform

colleges are now centering their attention on spring sport, with the bascage honors divided between Nebraska Wesleyan and Peru Normal, the

Track Season

leyan university. Indications are that

Theater waiters, Franklyn Theater mouth, Lingle, Lowry, O'Connor and Harry Payne Whitney's well-known Giants, and St. Johns colored church. Beat. colors of blue and brown, symbels of There is room for two more teams The dual meet season will probably many notable turf victories for years, and any club deserving, a franchise open the third week in April, the state will be carried by Spot Cash, whose must have their manager at this conference championship coming the George Calza, Italian Mat Champion, Lacks Experience,

But Is Gamest in Business EW YORK, March the aggressive.

advanced knowledge Milwaukee, March 24.—Although no admirers almost to a frenzy and pounding with his legs till the ring The moguls at Tulsa tried to find Tom

easy for Calza, proved to be a sturdy face in the canvas unable to get up best gridiron season in history, next and experienced mat man. Calza took for more then a minute, while his fall. About 20 of the 25 letter-men on the aggressive right from the start legs beat about in a grotesque manast fall's undefeated squad are expect- and his persistence and enthusiasm her and his arms thrashed around almost threatened his undoing. The like one in the threes of strangulastory of this match really centers tion. around the final five minutes, as up Then Calza's admirers went quite Western circuit. to this time it was practically all Cal. crazy. They hurled into the ring. za, with Cutler playing a waiting climbing over one another's shoulders kicking up quite a fuss out west. Re-

> Assimilates Punishment. ler suddenly made a leap at Calza seconds. and clamped on a powerful headlock. Calza is now after the scalp of Ed. The Italian broke it after an effort "Strangler" Lewis,

the hold dazed, but again he took 65 HICK" MATTICK is going to

24.—George Calza, A third time Cutier succeeded in described as the applying his favorite hold and this champion. shapes aggressive he was met by a fierce for "Chick," who last year owned up like a dangerous rush. Then followed some of the chick of the Italian wrestling time when Calza still persisted in the up like a dangerous rush. Then followed some of the contender, even for fastest work that sporting men can the world's mat recall in any heavyweight match of title. There are big- recent years. They went flying if he does it will be more than he ger and stronger about the ring for fully three mingrapplers, also mat- utes like a pair of featherweight boxmen with a far ers, breaking hold after hold almost of holds and a more their whirlwind struggling.

of the game-but none with greater | Calza's dauntless work was finalcourage. In the winning of the fea- ly rewarded. He secured a combinature match over Charley Cutler a tion head and hip lock that Cutler was couple weeks ago this quality stood forced to succumb to after much out in a fashion that enthused his convulsive heaving of the body and brought the bout to a quite dramatic seemed to rock. So punishing was this winning hold that after Calza had Cutler, who was supposed to prove arisen Cutler still sprawled with his

and breaking down considerable of cently the White Sex released a burler the press tables in their efforts to by the name of Halbank to the Bears. With the bout a little more than shake the hand of their champion. Now comes Gilbert with the news that hree-quarters of an hour gone Cut. The time was 50 minutes and 30 the Glants will send five men to Den-

that left him just a little dazed. But he continued on the aggressive and was soon the victim of another punishing headlock. Again Calza was forced to expend much strength promoter who is willing to gamble

Sox castoff, an infielder, is expected a ft. I to join Gilbert's aquad early this week. As inches in the country, two join Gilbert's aquad early this week. As inches inches in training, state that Kari inches in training, state that Kari inches in training, state that Kari inches in training. ishing headlock. Again Calza was years ago, but has not found a forced to expend much strength promoter who is willing to gamble breaking loose; again he came out of on the match

The St. Cecilias high school girls' basket ball team won the first annual city championship cage tournament held under the auspices of Omaha university last Wednesday night when it defeated the Daughters of America in an interesting contest by the score of 15 to 14. A free throw after the regular playing time had ended enabled the St. Cecilias girls to be crowned city champs. Seven teams were entered in the tournament. Ernie Adams, coach

of Omaha university athletic teams, had charge of the affair, which was a success from start to finish.

The cleampionship team was awarded a handsome trophy donated by Beddeo, clothier.

Walter Johnson Yearning to Achieve 100 Shutout Victories

Copyright, 1923, by King Features Syndicate, Inc. ALTER JOHNSTON'S arm once the mightiest whip in the aseball world has grown tired and weary through sixteen years of constant strain and constant effort. The days of the "Speed King" are numbered. There has come to him much in the financial riches of baseball; much in glory; much in esteem and much that will make him a baseball immortal. But in these ebbing hours of his big league life, Johnson knows an unfulfilled ambition-the yearning to achieve 100 shutout triumphs. Will his dreams come true in 1923? In the six years of his big league life, Johnson has

whitewashed foemen 97 times-a record infinitely beond all pitching opposition. Several seasons ago he eclipsed the mark of 83 hung up by Christy Mathewson. The "Speed King" has averaged a trifle better than six shutouts per season. If maintained through 1923, record that might be imperishable.

Were the arm of Johnson today the be added \$1,000 from the Tiajuana Ames.

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May 13-19—Ames against Nebraska at distance runner, who won the mile.

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candidate for the Kentucky Derby be held in his office at 7:30 Tuesday men are expected to answer Coach slaughts of future years. Only one Alex would pass Johnson.

state meet last spring. Other mem- poorly spent when he didn't shut- per year. Could he keep it up for the former Milwaukee hurler is exbers of the Broncho squad are Young, out the enemy. But in 1922 the great five more seasons, it is quite likely pected to greatly strengthen the staff Anderson, Harry, Holmestet, Maunder moundsman's chief difficulty was in that he could eclipse whatever is the of boxmen. winning in any old way that was final record which Johnson will make. It is possible that Luke Stuart will Thirty-five men have responded for possible. Even in that endeavor he But the pathetic thing is that Alex- be placed in left field, as he is a hard track at Midland college. The work was not really successful for in 21 ander's days, like Johnson's, seem to hitter and a good fielder. Last year of the Lutherans will probably center battles, he was triumphant in only be numbered. If either trekks the he was on the bench most of the 15, finishing the year with an average big league trails for three more full time, but not on acount of being bell, Tschudy, Luschel, Sudman, Gritt- But whether Johnson ever does to the baseball world. And even if or playing Lelivelt simply had a win reach the 100 mark or not, it would Alexander did go five years more, and ning combination and didn't want to

WESTERN LEAGUE NOTES

NE Western league scribe has Organia to finish in order named Omaha to finish in order named at the end of the 1923 season. that bloom in the spring, tra la, are not the same flowers that bloom in

work on a salary and at the same time manage the Ottumwa baseball club of the Mississippi and managed the Sloux City ball club. Mattick may make some money at Ottumwa this season, we hope so, and did at Sioux City-last year.

A former Western leaguer, Joe paired sox to his pedal extremities. greater repertoire as fast as secured in the frenzy of Kneaves, will manage the Topeka club of the Southwestern league this season. Joe is a former Western short-

> TOM LUKANOVIC, who hurled with poor success for Tulsa last year, has decided to quit baseball. another pitching job, but without suc- three-cushion tournament, which is be-Lukanovic has taken unto himself a ational parlors.

wife. He lives in Scattle, Wash. ATCH out for the Denver Oxford boat race on the Thames will be rowed at 5 o'clock to the down flashed as

the dope flashed around the London papers have big feature Billy Gilbert, Denver manager, is Cambridge is the favorite. ver, including a catcher, two pitchers and two infielders. Another White 198 pounds Sox castoff, an infielder, is expected a 11. 1 in

Black, southpaw hurler, hasn't chang-

LETTER from Barney Burch And we might add: "The flowers A says that Manager Ed Konetchy is very much pleased with "Jack" Rabbit" Apperson's showing at second

the spring training period it left Apperson without a job. Because of his the exhibition games and doing a right players who finished the 1922 season. smart good job of it.

TIMMY SHINNERS, new Tulsa pitcher, picked from the Chicago semi-pro ranks by Jack Lelivelt, stands six feet even without unre-The Offers have another six-footer. "Swede" Johnson, who bails from Minnesota. Johnson is a hurler who, has plenty of "smoke" on the ball.

Shields Beats Shepard. Ray Shields trimmed Harry Shepard 55 to 19, in 65 innings of three-cushion ing held at the Ernie Holmes recre-

Boat Classic Today.

stories on the great sporting event. How Jack Dempsey and Firpo Compare

Oilers Look Like Fast Club to Start Season

Rook Shortstop

Special Disputch to The Omaha Bee.

\$10,000 in Prizes May Be

40 in Cage Meet.

Chicago-Forty, instead of 32 en-

trants, as originally planned, will

battle for the title in the national

invitation interscholastic basketball

tournament at the University of

Chicago, April 4 to 7. The latest

entrant was Weston high, state

Bucker Defeats Ray.

Chicago-Jole Ray, known as the

Tulsa, Okl., March 24 .- The Ollers' camp at Mineral Wells, Tex., is a Lelivelt, with his coaching and pep, young shortstop who has been mak-is getting snappy work out of the ling such an impression with McGraw detect them. squad of batterymen, which includes and Jennings at short. season. George Boehler, last year's Southern association last year. Paul Sherman will be disposed of. There have been many days when the Several days before the game I told Therefore, McLaughlin and Black youthful Southern association boy him I would put him on the mound are the only veterans of last year, so actually crowded the expensive Jimmy in the game. Lelivelt must rebuild his staff.

Thompson, third base; Lamb, cen- batting, ter fielder; Davis, right fielder; Bauman, second base, and Stuart, utility an impression on McGraw as Jackson me for the advice and said he would man, will be the veterans.

purchased from the St. Louis Browns, Graw. "He looks well doing anything. Still, whenever there was a man on same wizard-like whip of his earlier pitcher in the game today can be re. will be watched with great interest, Batting, throwing and fielding, he first base he forgot everything I had as Lee is expected to make the neces-

Blanc Seing an Entry.

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Weights in this big event will range from 90 to about 122 pounds and the from 90 to about 122 pounds and 122 pounds field. From the advance dope con- Jackson. Each one of these veterans directions. He replied, Alexander has averaged about six cerning Bob Clark, he should "deliver does not see how Jackson can be kept

> Brennan Got it will be a happy surprise lacking in any department of hitting paratory campaign with every prospect for releating their victory of hough from present indications they will probably encounter strong opposition on the part of several rivat clubs, possibly the St. Joseph Saints and Barney Burch's Omaha aggre-

> > will open their season with a stronger team than they had a year ago. Since that time the infield has been strengthened by the addition of Dud-

Small Chance for Rookies.

likely will display enough ability to \$12.181.18. Firpo battled for 20 per we managers are wont to say earn regular borths. Some of them. however, will be retained on the \$8,120.79. Tickets sold for the fight nor, outfielders, hit their stride during squad during the season. From the were as follows: squad during the season. From the present outlook, the Oilers will open the season with only two changes. Shortstop and left outer garden will show new faces; the balance will be the pew faces; the pew faces will be the pew faces; the pew faces; the pew faces will be the pew faces will be the pew faces. Rabbit" has been playing second in show new faces; the balance will be

State "Y" Swimming Championships Soon

Lincoln, March 22.-Lincoln, Omaha. Beatrice, Fremont and Grand Island are expected in the list of entries in the annual gymnastic and that the Westchester-Biltmore Counat the city Y. M. C. A. here April 7. The swimming section of the meet has been divided into two parts, men's to total over \$10,000, first award to paid and a college scholarship will and boys. The men's events will include a four-man relay, three optional asked the secretary of the Metro- figured that at least \$50,000 will be dives, 40-yard free style, 40-yard back swim and the 200-yard free style. The back the week of July 23 to 27 for a "tour-tion fund." boys will compete in a four-boy relay. nament carnival," and this was done three optional dives, 40-yard free style It is understood that this will be the and 20-yard back swim. The gym- time chosen for the big meeting. Westnastic work will include work on the chester-Biltmore will be the scene of rings, the parallel bars, horse and the women's national and the women's metropolitan championship. tumbling.

Naval Academy Wins. Annapolis, Md., March 23 .- For the fourth successive year the gymnasts of the United States naval academy won the intercollegiate gymnastic shampionship contested here tonight.

Murphy in Draw. Tucson-Crafty veteran of the ring champion of Idaho, could get in his bout with Dick Twin

tinches could get in his bout Dundee was a draw.

Dundee was a draw.

At Milwaukee—Toum Jos Jawson in 10 rounds beat Rud Christians in Inches Laike and Tony Dennis to a draw. At Milwaukee Tommy O'Brien beat Joe Jawson in 10 rounds. Jack O'Donnell beat Bud Christians in 10 rounds; Jack Bucker, of the University of Chicago.

Chicago Club Has Trio of Brainy Players Manager of World's Cham-

pion New York Giants Says That Sox Fighting Spirit Should Bring Results.

By JOHN J. McGRAW.



AN ANTONIC -Ray Shalk it catchers I ever saw in my lons experience as a player and manthinker always ready to see an advantage and to act on it superb in execution. The young ster is my ideal

of backstop.

In combination with Manager "Kid" signed up much to my satisfaction, braininess, determination and fighting cam to successful results. Bleason was a team mate of mine in the old Baltimore Orioles and no ne knows better than I that he is game fellow. The "Kid" will fight at the drop of a bat and never was known to quit. He always wore his cap at a very rakish angle when an Oriole, and while he may not now have Makes Big Hit perched on one hair, for he has wn somewhat bald, the peak is still aggressively cocked over one ear at right angle. To his shrewd, sharplooking eyes there is nothing during New York, March 24.-Dave Ban- a game that escapes him except my beehive of activity, as work in ear. croft's return to the Giants will be signals. He watches me constantly est has started and Manager Jack a severe blow to Travis Jackson, the and in the Giants' long service of exhi-

I have always been averse to rely-Pitchers McLaughlin, Black, Shinners, Although Bancroft has returned, it ing with any degree of confidence on King, Henry, Clark, Johnson, Tatum does not mean that Jackson will not my young and inexperienced pitchers and Simmons, and Catchers Crosby be a fixture with the club. Only 20 in championship contests. This doubtand Ennis. New faces are due to years old, this youngster played 147 fulness was reinforced strongly by appear in the Oiler pitching staff this games with the Little Rock club of the an incident in the very first game beace, having been sold to the Pitts. Since the New York club started to Fred Johnson, the promising pitcher burgh Pirates. Dave Danforth re-train at San Antonio young Jackson who played with the San Antonio called by the St. Louis Browns, Oscar has been sharing the spotlight with club last year, had during the trainfaughland, relief pitcher, sold to Jimmy O'Connell, the \$75,000 outfield- ing season shown me enough to war-Evansville of the Three-I league, and er from the Pacific Coast league, rant me in coaching him carefully outfit picture with his fielding and oughly what balls to pitch to certain of the opposing batters at stages Very few players have made such that might arise. Johnson thanked has done this spring. "There is a follow it to the letter. No doubt he The work of Dudley Lee, shortstop player with a punch," remarked Mc- started off with that determination.

> them." Probably he did. Johnson lost the game in a peculiar manner. Capt Bancroft, with two men on whom Johnson had passed, and none out walked quietly over to the pitcher and said, "look around once in a \$12,000 for Go while toward second base, and we might 'nail' this runner with a quick while toward second base, and we throw. Turn around once then again. EW YORK, March On your second look, I will be on 24.-More than the bag to catch the ball."

goes to the right and left and gets told him and drifted back to his old

12,000 attended the "All right," replied Johnson. boxing show at "Much to my surprise," continued Madison Square Banny, "Johnson had hardly got back Garden, at which in the box than he turned quickly Luis Firpo, heavy- and shot the ball over second and weight champion of far out into center field. Both run-South America, ners scored on the weird peg. That knocked out "Bill" cost us the game, for the Sox beat Brennan, formerly us, 6 to 4, I am rather pleased that of Chicago, but now | we lost, however. That is something of New York. Of strange for me to say. As the exthis number 11,035 planation, I will say that I think the paid for tickets. experience of a defect and how the The gross receipts, game was lost will be of lasting including the government tax of 10 memory to not only Johnson but also per cent, amounted to \$47,015.10. The to the world's champions as a whol net receipts, from which the fighters The latter were over-confident owin received their pay, figured up to the absence of Eddle Collins and The state drew down Willie Kamin from the Sox toan \$2,137.05, which was 5 per cent of The unexpected downfall will tend to Although the Offers have a squad \$42,74h. Brennan fought for 30 per reduce all of the world champion of promising young recruit few cent of \$40,503.95, which made his end under chest expansions, and that as cent of \$40,603.95, which gave him times,

"Clinton Blum, the pitcher Colgate university, pitched the first Colgate university, pitched the first four innings of the game, his showing was impressive, he has a big fu11.185.00
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National Tourney for Caddies Is Proposed

New York, March 24 - A national Given in N. Y. Pro Meet caddle championship, with Chicago Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. as the scene of the event, will New York, March 24 .- It is rumored probably be held within the next stage a "monster" open golf tourna-ment for professionals, the prize list sociation. The boys expenses will be

Geese Forage Wheat. Honk, honk!

Wild geese are flying over Nebrasin great numbers. Advices were received yesterday from the Woods-Updike ranch near Herman that so many geese had descended on the ranch in their northward flight that a quarter sec-

tion of growing wheat was almost completely destroyed. Farmers and ranchers near Herman were forced to mount their horses and gallop over their land blazing away with shotguns, to frighten the geese away before they lost all their grain. Even then, much grain was damaged because the geese were in such great numbers and seemed to know that they were in no actual danger from the shotgun fire.