

# Witches Hit May Hard in First Two Innings of Opener and Chak Up Enough Scores to Win

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Omaha loses first game of home series to Wichita by 4-to-1 score.

By RALPH WAGNER.  
 The opening game of the Omaha series was not, as a rule, very successful for the Buffaloes, and yesterday's contest was no exception. The herd dropped the first contest of the season on the home lot and dropped it to the league-leading Wichita Witches, 4 to 1.

More than 4,500 fans and fanettes turned out to witness the initial game of the season and were pretty well paid for their attendance, even if Omaha did lose. It was a good ball game after the first two innings, with Maun hurling for the visitors the "hottest" May on the mound for the Buffaloes.

Mayor James Dahlman threw the first ball and Charlie Black, postmaster, donned the mask to catch the mayor's delivery. Charlie Gardner of Ak-Sar-Ben game was the batter. Mister Gardner permitted the first ball to pass, just to see if Black was a

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But for the game, The Buffaloes outthrew the Witches, collecting 11 singles, among which were a trio of doubles. The visitors connected with Maun's delivery for seven hits, one triple and a double being listed among the seven. The trouble with the herd was that they were unable to hit at the right time. In the fourth inning, with hands on second and first, the Buffaloes were unable to give said

Maun on bases any sort of assistance. Then again in the sixth, with McDonald on third and Griffin on second and only one out, Omaha was unable to pick any kind of a hit.

"Bucks!" May got all fussed up over the opening ceremonies and was a little bit scared in the first two frames. It was in the opening inning that Wichita "made hay." The visitors took advantage of May's wisdom and chalked up their four and only runs. In these two stanzas the visitors made five hits, of which one was a double and another a triple. It might be said right here that it was these two extra base outs that gets the Buffaloes.

Smith Gets First Hit. In the first inning Smith poked the pellet out to center for the first hit of the season in Omaha. Conlan then hit an RBI, which advanced Smith. The veteran Butler whiffed and then Blakesley came along with a double that cleared the bags.

After two hands were down in the Wichita second, Maun stroled up to the plate and surprised Boss Gregory by hitting a single. He didn't do anything but stick a triple to deep left. This three-bagger scored Maun with the third Wichita tally and caused a black cloud to come over the Buffalo dugout. The next visitor to the plate was the "hot" home slugger and got in Smith's fast

## "Mutt and Jeff" of Basket Ball



Chillicothe, Mo., April 25.—George Kennedy, the eight-foot forward of the Chillicothe Business college, has been playing only one season and already has been causing untold trouble to players of the other teams of the Missouri state conference. Once he gets the ball near the goal he has no difficulty in scoring. He plays near the basket and the other players of his team feed the ball to him and without difficulty he drops them in the basket. Because of his unusual height—he measuring 7 feet, 10 inches—no player has yet been found who has been able to prevent him from ringing them. Kennedy is still crude in the fundamentals of the game and Coach J. P. Neel of Chillicothe says that once he becomes proficient he will be a world-beater. Kennedy has been attracting attention all over the circuit because of his towering size over other players on the floor. In the accompanying picture he is shown by the side of another Chillicothe player, one of the largest men on the team of better than average height. Kennedy is only 17 years old and expects to be in college work several years more.

## RACING RESULTS

**YESTERDAY'S RESULTS**

**HUNTINGTON.**  
 First Race—Claiming; \$500; 4-year-olds and up. Time: 1:14.8 (Savoy).  
 Second Race—Claiming; \$500; 3-year-olds and up. Time: 1:42.8 (Marshall).  
 Third Race—\$500; claiming; 3-year-olds and up. Time: 1:48.3 (Pastoral Swan).  
 Fourth Race—\$500; claiming; 3-year-olds and up. Time: 1:47.4 (Wealthy Ann).  
 Fifth Race—\$500; claiming; 3-year-olds and up. Time: 1:48.5 (Midred Ruth).

## Pirates Troupe in Opener at Smoky City

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Pittsburgh, April 25.—Pittsburgh opened the home season here today by breaking Chicago's winning streak of seven consecutive games. The score was 7 to 3.

Cooper was in fine form, allowing the Cubs only six hits, three of which came in the second inning, accounting for two runs. Tierney's error gave the visitors their third run. In the fifth inning the Pirates made five runs. Carey's triple, a single by Bigbee, a pass to Russell, Tierney's triple and Grimm's home run accounted for the scores. The Cubs used three pitchers.

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**New York, April 25.—The New York** Yankees closed their first home stand today, defeating Washington, 7 to 1. Herb Penning, former Boston left-hander, was effective with men on bases and helped win his game by driving in two runs and scoring two others himself.

Hollingsworth, Washington's opening pitcher, was wild and ineffective. Rice hit a home run and a double and walked twice in five times up.

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Rickard holds a year's option on the non-enter a services for a bout with Jack Dempsey, and the match is worth a cool million if Firpo's credibility can be preserved. Sending him against Willard in a semi-charity performance is not the most approved method of accomplishing this purpose. Brennan, McAuliffe, Renault and near-byer heavyweights of the same class are more in line with Mr. Rickard's plans.

Reports, however, are current that a rearrangement of the show is in order, but we doubt this. The shift, it is said, would bring Firpo forward from the semi-final to meet Willard and drop Johnson back to the match with Jack McAuliffe II. Another rumor had it that Fulton would get the Willard bout, in spite of the fact he lost to Johnson.

Johnson Lacks Punch. Fulton and Willard would inject all the life and action of a slow-motion film into the proceedings. Both are slow and strictly neutral when it comes to making overt gestures. The objection to Johnson is more of the idea than a reality. He beats Fulton with plenty to spare. He, however, made but slight impression on Fulton's trick chin, although he socked it no less than 59 times during the evening.

Jack Rabbit" Apperson, playing second yesterday for the Herd, made all the first error. Apperson got all excited over the opening ceremonies, and while he held his own for a while, his grounder, two infield outs and a walk, he had Helms' pop double and Rigby's single gave Detroit its first lead when Helms' only run was a result of a hit batsman, a pass and a single.

**Boxing Fans of America** are waiting for the result of the HERMAN-ROPER bout at the AUDITORIUM --FRIDAY--  
 Did TEX RICKARD pick a winner when he chose TONY HERMAN as a possible opponent for Dempsey?  
 That's what America's boxing fans want to know and BOB ROPER is going to give "Our Time" the acid test Friday night.

**Arlos Fanning** Kansas City.  
**Johnny O'Donnell** St. Paul.  
 The same teams play this afternoon. The game is scheduled to start at 8:30 o'clock.

**Japan's Tennis Champ Loses.**  
 Honolulu, April 25.—M. Fukuda, Japan's champion tennis player and a member of the Japanese Davis cup team, won and lost in exhibition matches here yesterday. Paired with Robert Kinsey of San Francisco, a nationally ranked player, Fukuda defeated Hoogs and Cooke. Playing with Matsumoto, Fukuda lost to Kinsey and Castle. Fukuda stopped here one day enroute to the United States where he will train for the Davis cup competition.

**When you feel a longing for a real, good cigar**  
**Light a Harvester**  
 Perfecto 2 for 25c

Benjamin Going East.  
 Los Angeles.—Joe Benjamin, San Francisco lightweight boxer, is on the way to New York with his manager, Jack Keenan, where he is said to have been promised bouts in Madison Square Garden with Johnny Dundee and Lew Teller. Benjamin plans to remain in the east during the summer.

**Enslie Back in Harness.**  
 The veteran, Bob Enslie has been called back to active service in the National League to officiate as an umpire during the illness of Empire Sentinel, who underwent an operation for relief from appendicitis in Cincinnati.

**Ball Player Who Battled Policeman Found Insane**  
 Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
 Madison, Neb., April 25.—E. L. Ramsey, who received a slight flesh wound in the leg from a pistol shot fired by Chief of Police Kennedy, when told that he was under arrest and ordered to halt resisted the officer and attempted to escape, was brought before the commission of insanity and adjudged insane. Ramsey at one time attained some notoriety as a baseball player.

## McLaughlin Shuts Out Des Moines

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**American Association**  
 Kansas City, April 25.—R H E  
 Minneapolis 14 13 3 1 1  
 St. Paul 11 12 3 1 1  
 Batteries—Tippie and Mayer; Caldwell and Skiff.

**Mulligan to Coast.**  
 San Francisco, April 25.—Eddie Mulligan, formerly with the Chicago American league baseball team, will report for duty with the San Francisco team of the Pacific Coast league, according to a message received here from Mulligan.

**Fairbury Loses to Wichita.**  
 Fairbury, Neb., April 25.—The Fairbury Nebraska state league ball club lost to the Wichita Western league team here this afternoon by the score of 4 to 3. Fairbury used three hurlers, each hurler allowing two scores.

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