



Omaha Bee Sports



Eastern Regatta of I. R. A. Becomes An Open Affair

Board of Stewards Vote to Extend Invitations to Any Crews Coming Up to Eligibility Standards.

New York, Jan. 7.—Taking rank as more of an open college rowing championship than ever before, the annual regatta of the Intercollegiate Rowing association will be held June 17, on the Hudson river at Poughkeepsie, the earliest date set for this blue ribbon classic in years.

This was decided on today by the board of stewards of the association who at their annual meeting, elected Maxwell Stevenson of Columbia as chairman to succeed Morten G. Bogue, who retired as Columbia's representative on the board.

The date for the regatta, Mr. Stevenson announced, was selected because of the existence of favorable conditions at that time and not because of proximity of the final Olympic tryouts which are scheduled to be held at Philadelphia, June 13 and 14. Heretofore the race has been held late in June, but this year, after June 17, the next date on which water conditions would be suitable is July 2. This date, it is felt, would be too late.

So far as the Olympics are concerned, Mr. Stevenson pointed out that they had little relation to the intercollegiate race inasmuch as the Olympic championship distance for eight-oared shells is only a mile and a quarter, less than half the distance of the college classic.

Nevertheless, Washington and Navy, which finished first and second respectively, in last year's intercollegiate race, plan to enter the Olympic trials and if either is successful probably will not row at Poughkeepsie.

The four members of the I. R. A.—Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse and Pennsylvania—all intend to devote their preparations toward the college race in preference to the Olympic and the stewards hope to have as many outside competitors as possible, particularly Princeton, which has never rowed at Poughkeepsie. Navy, Washington and Wisconsin all have competed in the event a number of times but only the Huskies and Midsies ever were victorious.

McGraw Fears Pat Moran's Red Stockings

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The duel for the dollar, between the New York Giants and the Cincinnati Reds, for a pre-season clutch on the National league pennant, will be continued by McGraw by the purchase of two more minor league pitchers, of more than ordinary repute. They will come from the American association and the Pacific Coast league respectively, but their identity is withheld for no other reason than to prevent other clubs from entering the competition.

This is McGraw's reply to Pat Moran's dollar-waving campaign in the general direction of all minor league club owners, a campaign that has seen the Reds buy Tom Sheehan of St. Paul, said to be the best pitcher in the American association last season, and Jake May, the Vernon left-hander, for whom the Yankees angled in vain.

Only a few days ago, McGraw gave \$50,000 and several ball players for Wayland Dean, Louisville pitcher. He did not desire Wayland very much, but really had his hand forced by the fact that the Reds were hot after him. With the best pitching staff in the National league—Luque, Rixey, Donahue and Beaton—the Reds have added May, Sheehan and Carl Maye, former Yankee, and McGraw saw a vision of the 1924 pennant fluttering in Cincinnati unless he claimed Dean as his own.

Meantime, the Pittsburgh Pirates, the third of three possible contenders, are doing nothing. They are waiting to have stepped aside in favor of the Giants and Reds as contenders for the 1924 pennant.

Bryan Discharges Woman Registrar

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—Miss May F. Hyland, appointee to the position of registrar of vital statistics under the previous state administration, is no longer on the state payroll. After she had not appeared in her office for some time, newspaper men today asked Governor Bryan if she had been discharged in line with his policy of economy in the code departments. Her position had been eliminated, he said.

Grand Circuit Dates Announced

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 7.—The schedule committee of the board of stewards of the Grand circuit met behind closed doors late today and considered the light harness horse racing program for 1924. The stewards will announce the dates tomorrow. The following tentative program, it was understood, was considered:

- July 2 to 11, North Randall, nine days.
- July 14 to 18, Toledo, five days.
- July 21 to 25, Kalamazoo, five days.
- July 28 to August 4, Columbus, seven days.
- August 7 to 13, Windsor, Ont., six days, three each week.
- August 18 to 23, North Randall, five days.
- August 25 to 29, Readville, Mass., five days.
- September 1 to 5, Hartford, Conn., five days.
- September 8 to 13, Syracuse, five days.
- September 15 to 20, Toledo, five days.
- September 22 to October 2, Columbus, 10 days, five each week.
- October 4 to 11, Lexington, Ky., seven days.

Husker Cagers Defeat Sooners

Lincoln, Jan. 7.—The Nebraska university basketball team defeated Oklahoma university here tonight, 35 to 21. The Sooners displayed a good of fensive and threatened the Nebraska quintet throughout the game, but the five that downed Missouri Saturday night was too fast on the floor work and too accurate on the losses for the Oklahomans.

Stecher to Wrestle Mondt.

Joe Stecher, former world's heavy weight wrestler, has agreed to throw Tomondt Mondt, Colorado wrestler, twice in 90 minutes, or forfeit \$1,000, when the two come together on the mat in Wichita, Kan., this morning, according to word received from the Kansas town.

Records Broken in Louisville Players

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The reported price of \$50,000 paid to Louisville by the New York Giants for Pitcher Wayland Dean, and a similar amount from the New York Yankees for outfielder Earle Combs, breaks all records for American association baseball players' sales.

In neither case was the price officially disclosed. It also marked the first real break in the ranks of the association on the draft question, and the major league players to be sent down in return are the first to be accepted in the association under draft recall provisions adopted at the baseball convention here last month by the big minors.

Tying the Immortals Isn't Easy

By Ed Hughes



NO ONE IS TAKING A FALL OUT OF JOE DONOHUE'S SKATING MARKS. JOE'S MARKS ARE ABOUT AS FIRM AS 30 TO 100 MILES—(THIRTY IS AS GOOD) MODERN SKATERS AREN'T MUCH ON BARREL-JUMPING (12 IN FROM FOR) LARRY H. 1913. HE DOESN'T STRIKE ME AS ANOTHER WAGNER OR COBB, GOOD AS HE IS. HOWEVER, THE MODERNISTS ARE CUTTING IN ON THE OLD MASTERS WITH NO LITTLE SUCCESS LATELY. BABE RUTH'S 59 HOMERS IN 1921 SMASHED ALL LONG DISTANCE BANGING SINCE STATISTICIANS BEGAN TO UNWEAR AND TO PRESERVE RECORDS.

George Sisler came near booking another one for the current run of diamond stars. But the fates relented and permitted the one and only "Wee Willie" Keeler to still reign in the hitting safely in consecutive games. Keeler made his mark—54—in 1897. Sisler put over 41, topping Cobb's 40. Twenty-six years is a long while to shoot at that mark. But then 44 games is a long stretch of games to not safely in.

Perhaps the greatest feat of the modernists in recent years was the hurdler record established this year by Charlie Brookins, the wonderful Iowa hue was the first American skater to achieve an international reputation, if we are not mistaken.

Donohue's name still holds practically every mark from 30 to 100 miles. The records were established exactly 50 years ago at Stamford, Conn. All were made in competition, in 100-mile races, an event that isn't over popular with the flashy rink and outdoor stars of today.

When ring fans disagree over the form of boxers they often seek to explain superior greatness in the length of time the rivals have lasted. This is interesting, but not convincingly important. But, being interesting, let's have it.

John L. Sullivan seems to have the call here. Sullivan lasted 19 years (1882-1892). While champion he fought something like 75 battles. He won 64 by knockouts. As a prolific fisticuff Sullivan was never equalled. John L. Sullivan to fight—and he did!

Joe Donohue has passed away, but Newburg folks will never let Joe's memory wither. They talk about him today as if Joe were entered in one of their five furlongs.

Boxing Show in Honor of Late Billy Miske to Be Held in St. Paul

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7.—A testimonial to the late Billy Miske, heavyweight pugilist of St. Paul, will be presented here January 15 in the shape of a fistic entertainment, sponsored by sports writers of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Proceeds from the fight card will be used to purchase a monument for the late fighter's grave and as a purse for his widow.

Matches for the card have not been made, but both Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul heavyweight, and his brother, Mike, once the famed "Phantom," have offered their services.

Wills-Madden Bout Postponed Week

New York, Jan. 7.—The 12-round match between Harry Wills, near-heavyweight title contender, and Bartley Madden of New York, at the First Regiment armory, Newark, N. J., has been postponed from January 28 to February 4, it was announced tonight.

Wills had signed to fight Jack Taylor, Omaha negro, at Hartford, Conn., on January 25 and the change was made to give him additional time to prepare for Madden, the first white opponent of prominence Wills has been matched with since 1921.

Is Denied Reinstatement

Chicago, Jan. 7.—H. P. Dutsch Leonard, former star pitcher of Detroit Americans, tonight was denied reinstatement by Commissioner Landis. Leonard refused to report to the Tigers in 1922 and jumped to the San Joaquin Valley league, on the Pacific coast, in which numerous ineligible played.

Jack Lawler, Omaha to Fight in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 7.—Pal Moran, who knocked out Johnny Shugrue in the fifth round of their fight at Madison Square Garden last week, has been matched with Eddie Wagner of Philadelphia for 10 rounds in the main event of a show to be staged here by the Angelica Physical Culture club, January 15.

Other bouts on the card are Ad Stone, Philadelphia, against Jack Clifford, Denver, 10 rounds, light weights; Bud Christiano of Buffalo against Harry Kabakoff of St. Louis, 10 rounds at 131 pounds, and Jack Lawler of Omaha against Eddie Brady of New Orleans, 10 rounds, at 129 pounds.

Hooper to Remain in League Hooper, Neb., Jan. 7.—At the baseball banquet here it was decided that Hooper should continue next season his membership in the Elkhorn Valley Baseball League. It was voted to invite the different towns represented in the league to hold their annual meeting here.

Veteran Fighter Dead. New York, Jan. 7.—Thomas Forrest, 71, said to be a former sparring partner to two heavyweight boxing champions, John L. Sullivan and Bob Fitzsimmons, was found frozen to death today in a shack in which he lived at Coney Island.

Thirty-One Cubs Will Compose Training Squad of Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Thirty-one veterans and youngsters will compose the spring training squad of the Chicago National when they leave next month for Catalina Island. In addition to the active athletes there will be the coaching staff, consisting of Oscar Dugues, Killifer's chief lieutenant, and Ivory Jack Doyle and Bobby Wallace, Cub scouts. Grover Cleveland Alexander probably having charge of the young pitchers, as he has in the past.

Jack Rabbits to Play Bison Cagers

Brookings, S. D., Jan. 7.—Two of the hardest games on the State college basket ball schedule this season are going to test the ability of Coach West's men on the home floor next Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, when the North Dakota Aggies come to Brookings with one of the strongest teams in years from that institution. With such men as Arnold, Duncan, Blakely, Rumpelstein, Greenfield and Butts, the Northerners have really a team to be proud of.

Last year State broke even with the Aggies, each team winning one game. This year these teams will play four games and each is eager to win them all.

The North state team has just returned from a successful invasion of the west coast country. It also boasts of holding the strong University of Iowa team, winner of the Big Ten race last year, to a 11 to 11 tie for 40 minutes of play, and then, without the services of Blakely, lost by only two points in an extra five-minute period.

From all indications, the coming games will be real battles. State is out to avenge that recent football defeat, whereby the Bison won by a single point, and is hoping to pile up the counters against the visitors.

Basket ball enthusiasts of this section are looking forward to this opportunity to see State in action against a real team in the first games of the season and there is every expectation that the Rabbits will acquit themselves creditably.

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