

## A DELICIOUS DISH OF BASKET BALL FOOD WILL BE SERVED COURT FANS FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN NEBRASKA PLAYS CREIGHTON



**Western League Celebrates Twenty-Fifth Birthday This Season—Weathers Many Storms**

Jack Holland, Now Owner of Oklahoma City Indians, League Champions, Started With Denver as Player—Only One Still in Circuit Who Started With League.

BY CHARLES J. BRILL.

Men have come and gone; fans have been frenzied and silenced; stars have risen, skyrocketed into the zenith of major league stardom, faded and disappeared; fortunes have been made and lost; cities have come in and gone out—but the Western league has gone on and on since it was launched 25 years ago.

This year marks the quarter-century of the Western league of professional baseball clubs. As one pauses on its birthday to look back over its first quarter of a century, he is struck by the realization that he had forgotten most of what he had known of its interesting career.

**Name Rich in Heritage.**

"Western league" is a name rich in heritage. It even antedates the present organization. The American league was the Western league until the late '90s. Ban Johnson, auto-entire head of the American league today, once was its president. The American association also is an offspring of the Western league. Thomas J. Hickey, now leader of that near-major, was the founder and the president of the Western league of today.

Coming into being during the strife between the National league and the outlaw American association in 1900, its first quarter of a century has been a tempestuous one.

**Refusing overtures of the American association to desert organized baseball for a renegade career, the Western league, in its infancy, was forced to fight these outlaws for its very existence.**

**Success by Federal Raids.**

Emerging from this struggle, badly mangled, but still full of fight, it went on its way serenely until, while an innocent bystander, it suffered raids from the last baseball pirate, the Federal league, a decade ago.

It was just beginning to function normally again when the world war broke out. After struggling bravely against the inevitable, it finally went along with most of the other minors, to suspend in midseason of 1918.

**Holland Sole Survivor.**

Of those who were part of the league at its birth, only one still remains identified with the organization. Of the six cities which composed the league in 1900 only four still hold membership, and of these four only two have maintained continuous relationships.

Jack Holland, then a player in the ranks of the Denver club, is the sole survivor of the Western league of 1900. Since then he has fought his way up the ladder from private to captain, from captain to manager, and from manager to club owner. By

**Billy Wells Decisively Defeats Jimmie Jones in Ten Rounds**

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26.—Billy Wells used his head and his skill to check the bull-like rushes of Jimmy Jones and carry him to a decisive point victory in their 10-round fight here last night.

It was not a pleasing fight, but it was a conclusive victory. Jones appeared helpless before the clever punch slipping from the hands of the victor. Jones' punches were invariably wide and the force of the blow invariably carrying him into clinches in which he was helpless. Realizing he was no match for Wells at infighting, Jones looked for a double header here from the Flickertails, the boys winning, 13 to 5, and the girls winning, 13 to 8.

**Scrambled Sports**  
by "WAG"

How Long Will it Be Manager.

BARNEY BURCH, owner of the Omaha Buffaloes, is going to manage the 1924 team in its race toward the top of the Western league race.

The owner of the club is an all-around player, having played all positions on the team. He is a catcher by trade, and during his stay in the Texas circuit was considered one of the best backstops in the loop.

Burch and the late Mike Finn purchased the Omaha franchise from "Pa" Hourko in 1921. Jack Lovely, now pilot of the Tulsa club, managed the Buffaloes that season. In 1922 Burch started out as manager and the Herd ended the season under the guiding mitts of one "Cap" Leidy. Last season Ed Kometich bossed the Buffaloes.

Now Barney comes to bat as manager. He says he will not do any playing. However, it is our guess that before many weeks pass after the league gets started Burch will have a manager.

**Witches May Lose Sawyer.**

THE Wichita Western league club may not get Carl Sawyer, former Washington infielder and baseball comedian, after all.

Sawyer has been with the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league for the last few years and objects to his sale to the Wichita club of this circuit. He has appealed to Judge Landis, high commissioner of baseball. Carl declares that he was "sold out" of the Pacific Coast league, class AA, into the Western league, without first being offered for sale in the coast league, as the rule provides.

**Racing Resumed at Culver.**

Los Angeles, Jan. 26.—Betless horse racing was to be resumed today at the Culver City track with a card of six races. Five of the races were to carry a purse of \$300 and the feature race a purse of \$400.

The Santa Monica handicap was announced as today's feature. Carlos Enrique, Camouflage II, Horinga, Korby, Houzie and Zenier were entered.

**Arthur Duffey, ex-amateur sprint champion, remarks, "Lo, the poor amateur; pretty soon he will be barred from the league, and then he will be a professional." He will not know whether he is fish, fowl or good red herring. Yet the question still remains, "What is an amateur?"**

**Blue Springs Wins Two.**

By its Springs, Neb., Jan. 25.—The Blue Springs boys' and girls' basketball teams won a double header here from the Flickertails, the boys winning, 13 to 5, and the girls winning, 13 to 8.

**Gooseman and Sanger Ready.**

Milwaukee, Jan. 26.—Ernie Gooseman, Pacific coast featherweight, and Joe Sanger, local boxer, declare themselves in shape for their 10-round no-decision match here Monday night and have discontinued heavy training.

Both men went through their paces yesterday afternoon and followers of both are satisfied that the boxers are in top form. The condition of Sanger has caused some concern to his backers, as he is returning to the ring after a long lay-off due to an injury to his right hand.

**Says "Bugs" SCRAPPING THE NAVY'S SCRAPS**

Denby Hangs Out an Order Substituting Boxing for Prize Fighting.

SECRETARY OF NAVY DENBY has come out flatfooted against prize fighting. The old boy doesn't want any slugging in his share of the government budget.

If you call a black eye a prize, then there is prize fighting in the Navy.

If you label a split lip a trophy, then the sailors have their souvenir rooms stuffed with expensive accidents.

**Believe it or not!**

TO GIVE the name of this hunter would spoil his pleasure in a mounted rabbit he has on exhibition at his home. It is a rabbit which has the hind quarters of a Molly Cotton-Tail and the forequarters of a snowshoe or alpen rabbit. The animal was one which he shot a short time ago below Bellevue.

"It shows," he states, "that the rabbits are being hunted so much in this territory that they are taking on the protective coloring of the jack rabbits, that is, brown in summer and white in winter. This rabbit that I have apparently hadn't completed the change. It isn't a freak, it's a natural outcome of present day adaptability to conditions.

However, here's the truth of it. The farmer who owns the land on which the rabbit was killed has a son. This small son was presented last winter with a few white domestic rabbits. In the spring months they burrowed out of their pen and ramped in the fields.

Hence the mixture of cottontail and white bunny.

**New Golf Rule Takes Effect**

New York, Jan. 26.—There seems to have been an impression in certain quarters that the ruling with regard to vibbed and punched clubs is not yet in force. W. D. Vanderpool, the United States Golf association president, stated recently that the rule drafted last summer because effective on January 1 of this year, and it was so stated at the time the notice was sent out. The rule reads: "Club faces shall not bear any lines, dots or other markings made for the obvious purpose of putting a cut on the ball, nor shall they be stamped or cut with lines exceeding one-eighth of an inch in width, nor less than three-thirty-seconds of an inch apart, measured on their outside edges. Both line and dot markings may be used either alone or in combination within the above limitations, provided all rough or raised edges are removed."

**Haddock Elected Ice Official.**

Chamonix, France, Jan. 26.—William S. Haddock of Pittsburgh, manager of the American Olympic hockey team, was elected second vice president of the International Ice Hockey league at a general meeting held today. Mr. Haddock did not receive a single vote. As the rules provide that one of the vice presidents must be chosen from western hemisphere members, Haddock said to William Hewitt of Toronto: "I'll toss you for it." They spun a coin and Haddock won.

The Oregon State High School Athletic association has prohibited future post-season football games.

**Boston Braves Endeavor to Get Rabbit Maranville From Pirates**

New York, Jan. 26.—The Boston Braves are trying to get Rabbit Maranville, the scrappy little shortstop, back to the Hub. At least, the Boston club made Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pirates, an offer for the Rabbit, while Barney was here putting the final details on the 1924 big-league schedules in company with John Heydler and Dan Johnson.

While Barney came east to help close up the schedule, he also was in a receptive mind to receive any offers for Rabbit Maranville. Some time ago Barney was rather distressed that other clubs thought so little of the Rabbit when he put him up for trade.

However, Boston came along with a proposition for a player swap for Maranville. Now Dreyfuss has decided that Boston is the last club in the league which has any need of Rabbit Maranville and therefore he regards the Boston bid with considerable suspicion. He suspects that if he traded Maranville back to Boston that the Rabbit's ultimate destination would be the Polo Grounds and not Back Bay.

In other words, Dreyfuss can't see what Boston wants with Maranville. The Braves have Bancroft for shortstop and Tierney for second base, the American league, and a report on plans for the National league's 50th anniversary jubilee in 1925 are among matters to come before the magnates.

**Frankie Garcia Beats Gorman**

Los Angeles, Jan. 26.—Frankie Garcia, local featherweight, last night won the decision over Joe Gorman of Portland in the main event of a boxing show at the Hollywood American Legion stadium.

Andy (Rube) Foster, famous colored pitcher, reviewing the Negro National Baseball league season, says the organization paid out to players \$422,000, and for the use of parks \$165,000. For railroad fares, sleeping car fares and board, \$130,000.

**Basketball Results**

LOCAL

Creighton university, 33; North Dakota university, 25. North High, 16; Central High, 15. Geneva, 23; Taylor, 6.

STATE

Waverly, 30; Eagle, 17.

Haystack, 12; University Place, 16.

Milford, 17; DeWitt, 14.

Scottsbluff, 18; Torrington, 14.

Sutton, 19; Ashland, 6.

Wayne State college, 28; Kearney Normal, 10.

Reynolds, 18; St. Paul, 16.

Keosauqua, 10; Mt. Ararat, 9.

Chadron, 14; Alnsworth, 9.

Wright, 20; Sidney, 21.

Lincoln, 26; Sidney, 21.

Sioux City, 29; Abraham Lincoln, 15.

OTHERS

Colorado college, 34; Denver university, 27.

Colorado Aggies, 22; University of Colorado, 14.

Illinois, 21; Ohio, 22.

Massachusetts Aggies, 26; Harvard, 22.

Des Moines university, 19; North Dakota Aggies, 19.

Missouri, 22; Grinnell, 19.

St. Mary's, 8; Buckmaster and Lord Chalmersley, 7.

Lawrence college, 21; Carroll college, 18.

Beloit college, 34; Dartmouth, 10.

**British Polo Dates Arranged**

London, Jan. 26.—The Ranelagh polo managers have arranged the following provisional dates for next season's tournaments. The first for division will be the Ranelagh handicap tournament, fixed for the week of May 26-31. A start will be made on Whit-Monday, June 2, with the tournament for the Ranelagh open challenge cup, of which the present holders are the Freebooters, a team comprising the Duke of Penaranda, Sir Charles Lowther and Captain R. E. Stuart. W. S. Buckmaster and Lord Chalmersley. It was in the final of this tournament last year that Sir Charles Lowther had a bad fall, which put an end to his season's polo. Mr. Buckmaster, owing to this, was unable to compete for the coronation cup, which was won by the Indian Tigers, who had been specially invited to play.

The coronation cup this year will be contested between July 7 and 12, which is also County Polo week at Ranelagh.

The annual Harrington cup match, in which the prince of Wales has twice assisted the lords to beat the commons, will take place on Saturday, July 19. Other Ranelagh tournaments are the invitation cup, to be played during Ascot week, June 16-21; the novices' cup, June 22-28, and the subalterns' cup, July 14-19.

**Big Three Elevens to Take Up Boxing**

New York, Jan. 26.—Harry Gross, a sporting authority, says that no sooner did Captain Greenough of the Harvard football eleven announce that he was going to take up boxing to keep himself in shape for next year's gridiron season, than the whole Princeton squad was ordered to report to the gym and put on boxing gloves.

The line of thought is sound, for if boxing is going to help Harvard football, it will also help Princeton football. Yale is still to be heard from.

From this move at Harvard and Princeton, it is not to be assumed that football and boxing have anything in common. Nor will the players be permitted to bring the gloves to the gridiron next fall.

**National League to Hold Meet**

New York, Jan. 26.—President John A. Heydler has issued a call for the National league midwinter meeting here on February 12.

Ratification of the 1924 schedule, details of which already have been worked out in joint conference with the American league, and a report on plans for the National league's 50th anniversary jubilee in 1925 are among matters to come before the magnates.

**Sarazen and Havers Resume Golf Battle at Los Angeles Tomorrow**

San Francisco, Jan. 26.—The International Golf match between Arthur Havers, British open champion and Gene Sarazen, youthful American professional title holder has been transferred to Los Angeles where tomorrow the two will cross clubs in the final 36 holes of the 72-hole contest on the links of the Hillcrest country club.

Sarazen by virtue of the three-hole lead which he established over his British rival on the tricky trap and bunker infested course of the Lake Merced Golf and Country club course here yesterday in the first 36 holes of the match, rules a slight favorite.

A driving rainstorm during most of their game somewhat and neither displayed consistently brilliant golf. Sarazen's game proved steadier than that of Havers, particularly on the green, although the latter outdressed

**Creighton Bluejays Face Two Hardest Games of Schedule in Dakota Aggies—Nebraska**

Coach Schabinger and Players Will Attend Nebraska-Kansas Game as Guests of Huskers at Lincoln Tonight—Bluejays Defeat North Dakota University Flickertails Friday Night by the Score of 33 to 10.

By "WAG"

WITH seven straight victories to its credit, the Creighton university basketball team will rest today, but Monday will resume practice for the games with the University of Nebraska state college and the University of Nebraska teams which invade Omaha Tuesday and Friday nights of the coming week.

The North Dakota Aggies are expected to give Creighton a harder battle than any team the Bluejays have come in contact with this season.

Last night Des Moines university defeated the Aggies, 19 to 17, in what press dispatches say was one of the hardest fought court battles ever staged in Des Moines. The Tigers had previously won over the Nebraska Wesleyans by the score of 21 to 15.

Coach Kline and Captain Billy Usher of Nebraska quintet were guests of Creighton university at the Bluejays-Flickertail contest last night. Coach Kline and "Cap" Usher had nothing but praise for the Bluejays.

Tonight the Creighton team, accompanied by Coach Schabinger, will attend the Nebraska-Kansas game as guests of the University of Nebraska. The game will be played at the state armory in Lincoln.

The North Dakota Aggie and the Nebraska games next week mean that Creighton has a hard week ahead. Both the Aggies and the Huskers are expected to give the Bluejays the hardest games of their schedule.

Creighton's 23 to 10 victory over North Dakota university Friday was the seventh consecutive victory for the Bluejays and the third North Intercollegiate conference win. A large crowd attended the game and was treated to streaks of good basketball on the part of both teams.

During the first half the Flickertails made the going sort of rough for the Bluejays. Creighton pried the lid off the scoring box soon after the game started, when Johnny Trautman scored three field goals with three shots. It was a bit of good work on Trautman's part and put the Bluejays in the lead for the remainder of the contest.

The score at the end of the first half was 12 to 6. In the final period Lovely started the scoring with a field goal and Harris of the visitors followed. The score was 15 to 8 when the Bluejays went on their usual scoring spree. When this was finished

**Athletic Club Tank Team Wins**

Omaha Athletic club tankers, last night, defeated the University of Nebraska aquatic stars, 47 to 21, in the second annual dual swimming meet held in the athletic club pool.

The Husker outfit won but one first place and that in the 100-yard breast stroke. Norman Plate captured the event in 1 minute and 19 seconds. Nels Swere of the O. A. C. was second and Bill Thomas also an athletic club entrant was third.

LeRoy Lucas won the plunging-for-distance contest with a mark of 57 1/2 feet to his credit. John Campbell of Nebraska was second and Norman Plate was third.

The 100-yard free style event was captured by John Robertson. His time was 1:02 1/2. Jack Hunter finished second and Norman Hedder captured third place.

A new club record was established in the 200-yard relay event. A team composed of Vernon Hudder, Dick Hayden, Joe Girthoffer, and John Robertson completed the event in 1:51. The former record was 1:52, made in 1921.

Frank Mockler, 14, won the 150-yard back stroke, also breaking a club record. He swam the distance in 2:06 2/5. The former record was 2:11 1/5. Reginald Ramsey of the O. A. C. was second.

Jack Foster won the fancy diving event. H. Brainerd of Nebraska was second and Palmer Gallup of the O. A. C. finished third.

John Robertson won the 50-yard free style event in 26 3/5. The 220-yard free style was won by Joe Girthoffer in 2:48 3/5.

**Stanford Refuses Invitation.**

Stanford University, Cal., Jan. 26.—Stanford university has turned down an invitation to participate in the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival next spring on the ground that it would interfere with the annual Stanford-California track meet on April 26.

**Minnesota Tank Team Wins.**

Minneapolis, Jan. 26.—The well-balanced University of Minnesota swimming team won its first Big Ten victory of the season last night by defeating the Chicago university tank men in a dual swimming meet at the university pool, 28 to 20.

**Harry Donovan Turns "Pro."**

Harry Donovan, Omaha golfer, has turned professional. Young Donovan, who distinguished himself as a golfer in the last two state golf tournaments, has been appointed golf pro at the Kerney Golf and Country club, Kearney, Neb.

**Breaks High Jump Record.**

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Garold Osborne broke the world's record in high jump at the Illinois Athletic club track meet here last night. He cleared 6 feet, 3 3/4 inches, breaking the world's record by one-half inch.