

OMAHA BEE SPORTS APPEAL BEST

INDIANS HAVE COMPLETE LINE OF 300 HITTERS--SAYS BURNS GOOD FIRST BASEMAN AND HITTER

Stanley Coveleskie, Spittball Star, Will Lead Pitching Brigade--George Uhl Will Be Big Help.

By NICK FLATLEY. AKELAND, Fla., March 24.—The punch, plus improved pitching is going to carry the Cleveland Indians right up to the roof if not actually on the pinnacle in the opinion of Manager Speaker.

Speaker has a complete line-up of 300 hitters he can throw into the fray. All the combination needs is fairly good coaching. The winner's trade with the Red Sox, which many an expert still considers a Cleveland bone, is satisfactory to Manager Tris.

"I wanted a first baseman," he said, "and I have one now, a good one. Burns, in addition, is one of the best hitters in the game. I have a great utility infielder in Chick Fewster."

The Indians gave away a very good second baseman in Wambegans, but he was let out because young Riggs Stephenson was sufficiently schooled to take a regular job. Stevie has hit an average of .322 in his four years in the big show.

With Burns on first and Sewell at short the club has two chronic sluggers. The only weak sister is Lutzke, at third. He is a brilliant fielder, which makes up for his batting sins. Jamieson, Speaker and Summa, the regular fly chasers, are real sluggers, the first two being right on the edge of the .400 class.

The team has a new regular gardener in Clark, from Birmingham of the Southern league. He will serve turns with Summa in rightfield.

Back of the bat the Indians will depend mostly on their two young stars, Glenn Myatt and Luke Sewell, brother of Joe. This pair will be helped along by Al Walters, who came from Boston.

The pitching brigade will be led by Stanley Coveleskie, spittball star. He looks just as good this spring as he ever did. George Uhl should have a large year. He has the stuff and knows how to use it. Former Brooklyn Dodger, is back in real form and will win a lot of games.

Speaker will get a lot of help, too, in the outside end of things from Shaute and Edwards, two young stars. The latter two, with George Myer, formerly of the Browns, are the reasons for Speaker's confidence. Metivier was a college wonder, and has done some good pitching for Cleveland in the past two years. This spring he is getting more stuff on the ball than ever.

The Indians look like a good ball club and have a very fine spirit. They look all ready to be pretty well up there from the barrier.

Says "Bugs" Baer:

ONE sport that doesn't croak with the summertime is fishing.

The July quail king picks up his pinocchio deck in November, the ball player starts selling insurance, and the tennis champ goes back to the teller's window.

But the fishing bug never lays down his tackle. If you spare the rod you spoil both the boy and the fisherman.

A Catalina Island angler pulled in a 600-pound tarpon last week. That is what he claims. The fish maintained a hooked silence.

But you must understand that fish weights and measures are different from the grocery scale. A pound of fish would only be an ounce of real chops. But anything that looks like a 600-pound tarpon must be a big fish, if it only looks that big to its mother.

A Bermuda bait purchaser got an 80-pound sailfish. He used a 10-pound apple worm for a decoy. The fish put up such a long struggle that he only weighed six pounds when he was finally jerked in.

It is nothing usual to hook a 20-foot shark in the gulf stream. You go swimming and use your big toe for bait.

That's easy fishing compared with the boys who fish through the ice. Cozy Dolan lives up in Oshkosh, Mich. Oshkosh was named after Big Chief Oshkosh who wore a plug hat to bed.

The zero gets 50 below up there in winter and the ice freezes 10 feet thick. The natives dig a hole in the ice and drop a piece of coal in the lake.

When a cold fish sees a piece of coal he wonders where the stove is. That brings him to the surface, where Cozy has a kitchen stove all blazing hot. The fish figures that if he has to die he might as well pass out warm and comfortable. So he does a double front flip into the pan.

Cozy states that he caught all the fish he could eat this winter. But they don't figure that is very good sport up there. A good catch is one where you get more fish than you can talk about.

The population of Oshkosh is 15,000. Cozy is going to Florida this week with the Giants. He expects to have a good time if he can find a store where they rent bicycles by the hour.

Valley Coaches Select Teams

Kansas City, March 23.—The University of Kansas basket ball team, Missouri valley champions, is awarded the positions on the all-valley team selected by coaches for the Kansas City Star. The University of Oklahoma, second in the valley race, is allotted two places.

The first team comprises McBride and Wallace, Oklahoma, forwards; Ackerman, Texas, center; Wheeler, Oklahoma, center; Bell, Washington, and Weber, Kansas Aggies, guards.

Honorable mention is accorded Ruppert, Oklahoma; Usher and Cozier, Nebraska; Faurot, Missouri; and Tebow and Bunker, Kansas Aggies, forwards; Wheat, Missouri, center; Bell, Kansas, and Cox, Washington, guards.

How old is Eddie Lawler, who used to play semi-pro ball with the Storz Triumphs, Brandels, L. G. A. Originals and the Murphy-Dids? Yesterday a contract was turned in for one Eddie Lawler to play with the Carter Lake club of the Metro league and his age was given as 30.

The Lawler who used to play with the old Storz team was a good all around player but we know that he is more than 30 years old for Bud Lawler, his son, who is an amateur player, is about 28.

On the other hand, perhaps we read the first figure of the age on the contract wrong. Perhaps it was a five instead of a three. Kindly enlighten us, Manager Koran, as to the Lawler who signed the lake-side contract. We would like to have his right age.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS

A Slow Party Tonight.



Art Griggs' Failure to Cover First Beats Buffaloes Out of 7 to 6 Game

HREVEFPORT, La., March 23.—Harry Lee, Omaha's left-hand hurler, pitched Ira Thomas' Grassers to a 7 to 6 victory here Sunday afternoon. Lee's pitching in favor of Thomas' crew was not over the home plate but to first base. In the sixth inning with his team enjoying a 6 to 3 lead Lee fielded a bunt off the bat of Wally Dashiell and not waiting to see whether anyone was covering first base, he heaved to the initial sack.

First Baseman Griggs was standing just back of Lee when he made the pitch while Second Baseman Thompson was covering the Key-stone bag. The ball thrown by Lee rolled to the right field bleachers and two runners scored and Dashiell went to third base. He scored on a sacrifice fly and Joe Sargent doubled after French had reached first base when Jimmy O'Neill dropped a fly. It looked like a certain victory for Omaha up until the time Lee made his wild pitch.

Nick Cullop was the first Omaha hurler to work. He was touched for three runs in the opening stanza but settled down after that session. He was relieved in the third. Sherman-sky pitched the last two innings and held Shreveport runless.

Art Griggs, manager of the Buffaloes, again played the leading role for his club. He drove in three runs and scored one. To start the third inning Cullop singled to right and then Thompson walked. Brown tied

Creighton Prep to Play St. Cyril

Creighton High school athletic officials Monday received word from Chicago that the Prepsters drew St. Cyril High, Chicago, as their opponent in the opening games of the first annual national Catholic high school basketball tournament, which starts Thursday at Loyola university, Chicago.

Creighton leaves for Chicago Tuesday at 6 p. m. Mayor William E. Dever of Chicago had the honor of drawing the first round games Sunday night. Games scheduled for Thursday, opening day, are:

St. Patrick high, Pueblo, Colo., against Rout high, Jacksonville, Ill.; Cathedral Latin, Cleveland, against St. Francis, S. D.; St. Cyril high, Chicago, against Creighton University high, Omaha; Cathedral high, Lincoln, Neb., against St. Mary's high, Clarkburg, Miss.; St. Mary, Elkhart, S. D., against St. Louis University high, St. Louis, Mo.; St. Francis, St. Paul, Minn., against Aquinas institute, Rochester, N. Y.; St. Ignace, St. Paul, Minn., against St. Ignace high, Sioux Falls, S. D.

Havana Horses Here This Week

AK-Sar-Ben field and track is rapidly taking on the appearance of a busy place. Monday morning John Walker, Iowa horseman, arrived at the field with Pine Crest, Alice Byers and Tom Hillson, a trio of runners well known to Omaha followers of the turf.

Two carloads of "gee-gaws" will arrive at AK-Sar-Ben barns Thursday from Havana, Cuba.

Charlie Trimble, secretary of the AK-Sar-Ben race meeting, is in Tijuana, Mexico, arranging with horsemen there to ship to the Omaha spring meeting, May 21 to June 19, inclusive.

SOUTHERN LOOP TO HOLD MEETING

President William Ammons of the Southern league has called a meeting of his league for Wednesday evening in room 306 of the city hall at 8. Ammons, who has been out of the city on business for about three weeks, has promised to be on hand and see that the league is organized.

At the present writing but three teams are in the league with the application of a fourth in the hands of Secretary Dennison of the Muncy association. The three teams that own franchises in the Southern league are the Janda Federal Home, Dietz club, and the West L Improvement team.

World-Herald is the line that has applied for the fourth franchise but to date have not paid its franchise fee. Unless two more teams obtain franchises before Wednesday night the Southern will be organized as a four-team league.

Will Giants Repeat With This Outfit?

PITCHERS	Bats	Throws	Played With in 1923	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Baldwin, Howard E.	R	R	Newark International	46	21	15	.583
Brewster, Virgil J.	R	R	Giants	72	3	69	.099
Brentley, John M.	L	R	Giants	11	13	8	.619
Bradshaw, James	R	R	Toledo, American Assn	15	3	12	.300
Dean, Wayland	R	R	Louisville, Amer Assn	36	21	15	.583
Garza, Dennis J.	L	R	Giants and Milwaukee, Amer Assn	20	12	8	.600
Greenfield, Kent	R	R	Portland, Oregon	34	9	25	.262
Hammond, Walter H.	R	R	Giants	45	9	37	.200
Johnson, C. L.	R	R	Amherst College	12	1	11	.083
McIntosh, Hugh A.	R	R	Giants	38	15	23	.397
Manis, Ernest G.	L	R	Wichita, Western	43	16	27	.370
Manis, Ernest G.	L	R	Giants	14	12	2	.857
Rohr, Arthur	L	R	Free Agent	45	3	42	.067
Roche, Joseph	R	R	No Record				
Stoner, A. C.	R	R	Knoxville, Appalachian	13	17	6	.739
Webb, John R.	R	R	Giants and Braves	28	9	19	.321
Webb, Carl J.	L	R	Pittsfield, Eastern	33	8	25	.242
Werner, A. C.	R	R	No Record				
Werner, A. C.	R	R	Cardinals and Dodgers	6	12	6	.667
Florence, Paul B.	Both	R	Georgetown University	No Record			
Goody, William	R	R	Giants and Braves	28	12	16	.429
Snyder, Frank	R	R	Giants	120	256	990	
Errell, Edward	R	R	University of Pennsylvania	No Record			
Fisch, Frank F.	Both	R	Giants	131	248	813	
Grub, Henry R.	R	R	Giants	124	230	823	
Johnson, Travis	R	R	Giants	96	215	943	
Johnson, William A.	R	R	Braves	153	119	842	
Landrum, Fred C.	R	R	Toledo, American Assn	147	278	959	
Magnien, Fred	R	R	Giants	41	118	581	
Reed, William L.	L	R	Giants and Toledo, American Assn	132	112	890	
Young, Ross	L	R	Free Agent	No Record			
James, Walter	R	R	Free Agent	No Record			
Monahan, Walter	R	R	Giants	87	300	600	
O'Connell, James	R	R	Braves	153	119	842	
Shaw, William A.	R	R	Braves and Portsmouth, Virginia	115	308	964	
Wilson, Lewis R.	R	R	Giants	132	112	890	
Young, Ross	L	R	Free Agent	No Record			
Charles A. Stoneham, President.							
James Tierney, Secretary.							
Francis N. McQuade, Treasurer.							
High Jennings and Coy Dalton, Coaches.							
Samuelson, Fla., Trainer (Camp.)							
Successive One in National league, winning 95 and losing 58 games for a percentage of .621.							

Kearns Considers Huge Offers for Champ's Services

Promoter Coffroth Renews Bid for Title Bout Between Dempsey and Willa at Tijuana.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 24.—Jack Dempsey, \$1,000,000 motion picture offer and two championship fight bids from which to select in mapping out his 1924 program of action.

This was disclosed Monday by the heavyweight title-holder's manager, Jack Kearns, who said he would leave Tuesday for Los Angeles for a final conference with motion picture interests and also with James J. Coffroth, California promoter, who has renewed his bid to bring Dempsey for a title bout with Harry Williams at Tijuana, Mex., in September. The motion picture offer came from Carl Laemmle, head of a large producing company, Kearns said.

The other fight bid was made by Tex Rickard for a title match in the near New York in September with the "best available contender." Rickard indicated he preferred to stage a return bout between Dempsey and Luis Firpo, but if the Argentine held to his present intention to retire, the promoter would seek an opponent from other contenders, including Willa, Jack Remull, Quinton Romo Rojas of Chile and Erminio Spalla, European heavyweight champion. Rojas and Spalla both are on their way to the United States to fight under Rickard's direction.

Kearns declared he had given no definite answer to any of these propositions, but expressed a hope that he could combine the screen offer with one of the fight proposals, adding that he would not sacrifice Dempsey's fight activity this year for movie work if he could avoid it.

The offers of both Rickard and Coffroth, it was understood, involved in excess of \$500,000 for Dempsey, so that by accepting one of them and a movie contract, the champion's 1924 earnings would approximate \$1,500,000, more than he has made from all of his ring engagements since becoming title holder.

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Scrambled Sports

Municipal Golf in Omaha. THE recent announcement that the Omaha Municipal Golf association plans to make the present nine-hole course at Fontenelle into an 18-hole links does not meet with the approval of the golfers your humble servant to yesterday.

The non-club golfers; ones who play on the municipal courses of our city, are of the opinion that the Fontenelle course as it now stands is the best in Omaha and to make the present tract into an 18-hole course without adding more acreage would make playing more dangerous than it now is.

As every Omaha golfer knows, Fontenelle is the best course in the city. It requires more real golf skill to turn in a good score at Fontenelle than at any other of the municipal links. Why? Because the tees are further apart and the course as a whole represents more than any other municipal course, Field club, Happy Hollow and Omaha Country club, where the big tournaments are held.

To make Fontenelle into an 18-hole course it would be necessary to bring the tees nearer and shorten the fairways. A lot of the natural hazards would be eliminated in the reconstruction of the course.

Prominent Omaha golfers behind the movement to make Fontenelle into an 18-hole course have announced that work will not start until next year.

Commissioner Joe Hummel of the park department has endorsed the Fontenelle reconstruction program along with the improvements that will be made at the Elmwood and Miller park courses.

Election is not far off and it would be a good plan to repair Elmwood park and Miller park links as soon as weather permits.

An annual fee of \$2.50 is charged each municipal golfer. If you hold no annual ticket it costs you 25 cents a game. Last year the city realized more than \$100,000 from the three "muncy" courses. The city has agreed to spend \$17,000 each year on the links aside from the amount of money derived from the golfers each year. There should be, judging from the above, more than \$27,000 in the golf treasury. This money should go a mighty long way to help improve the municipal courses.

No improvements that amounted to much were made last year at either Fontenelle, Elmwood, or Miller parks.

The Omaha Municipal Golf association has proposed a lot of fine improvements for the three courses. The members of the association are to be congratulated. Commissioner Hummel has appointed Jack Shearman, professional golfer, in charge of the three courses and the repairing of the links will be made under Shearman's direction.

All the Omaha "muncy" golfers ask is a little action on these proposed changes.

It's the park department and Jack Shearman's move. San Diego.—The William Daniel entry, Master Charlie, and Sociates, ran one two in the Tijuana futurity.

TITLES OF FIVE FISTIC KINGS ARE DEEMED TO BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER--DEMPSEY'S CROWN SAFE

WHAT THE AMATEURS SAY.

AT CAHILL, manager of the McKenny Dentists, wants the readers to know about a little incident that happened to "Doc" Carr, one of the McKenny players, about a week ago.

"Doc" and a friend were driving from Lincoln to Omaha on a very cold day. When they arrived at Salina, which is about half way between Lincoln and Omaha, they found that their stomachs craved food. So, parking their trusted tin steed in front of what appeared to be a good eating house, they went in.

After satisfying themselves they went outside and jumped into the 1920 model and started the engine roaring. But alas, the car evidently must have been hungry, too, for it wouldn't move.

The two travelers then got out and discovered that the car was frozen to the ground, and they had nothing to pry it loose and jump into the 1920 model and started the engine roaring. But alas, the car evidently must have been hungry, too, for it wouldn't move.

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Mike McTigue, Mickey Walker, Abe Goldstein, Pancho Villa and Johnny Dundee May Tumble.

By DAVID J. WALSH. NEW YORK, March 24.—Having taken a poll of conjecture and opinion among the great minds gathered at the National Sports Alliance dinner Sunday night, the writer is in a position to state that the titles of at least five fistic champions are deemed to be in immediate danger. The common thought is that Joe Lynch's passing at the best of one Abe Goldstein on Friday night last was merely the forerunner of a stampede. Goldstein himself being included in the doubtful list.

Of the champions now holding forth only Jack Dempsey, Harry Greb and Benny Leonard are thought to be fully capable of surviving.

Starting from the bottom and working up, a Is Horatio Alger, the chance. He is Bud Taylor, the Terro Haute bantam. Carl Tremaine is also dangerous.

Johnny Dundee is away out in front of the featherweight field at this immature moment but John is old and several times of late, has given evidence of physical decadence.

We failed to include the name of Mickey Walker in the last of those virtually immune from danger, but because he is threatened by any man in his division, Walker stands supreme there but if he so far forgets himself as to tie up with Leonard we are not prepared to answer for the consequences.

Greb probably will be challenged by Jack Delaney, conqueror of Paul Berlenbach, but Harry should survive under a pull.

In the light-heavyweight division Mike McTigue reigns by the grace of expedient side-stepping. He is to meet Young Stribling in Newark, next week, and is a 25 to 1 shot to retain his title because under the no-decision system Stribling cannot win unless he scores a knockout. Gene Tunney is believed to be better than either man. Tom Gibbons can beat all three. That's how McTigue stands.

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