

# Tristate League Organized With Clubs in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota

## Magnates Decide to Adopt Short Playing Schedule

### Dick Grotte Elected President of Newly Formed Organization—Season to Start May 8.



By RALPH WAGNER.  
NEW baseball league was born Thursday when representatives of ball clubs in six cities of South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska met and organized the Tristate league.

The Tristate league will play a short schedule of 120 games, each series being composed of four contests. The season is scheduled to open May 8 and close September 7. Eighteen Sunday dates have been included in the schedule.

After discussing this question and that for four hours, representatives at the meeting finally got their heads together and organized the league. Much discussion was in order over the status of the Lincoln club, formerly a member of the former Nebraska State league but now known as "the baseball team without a league."

The Lincoln club is in a funny boat. According to Charlie Moon and the Beltz brothers, owners of the team, Lincoln owns its State league franchise and players. At today's meeting the Lincoln owners were given to understand that the Nebraska State league owns the Lincoln franchise and immediately voted the Lincoln franchise and club over to Sioux Falls.

Following this action, Moon and the Beltz brothers let out a howl that sounded to the high heavens. They maintain that they own the franchise and club and intend to start court action if Secretary Farrell of the National Baseball association decides in Sioux Falls' favor.

"We offered to sell our players to the Sioux Falls men for \$750," said Charlie Moon. "First we asked \$2,000, then came down to \$1,000. Finally they offered us \$500 and we turned that down. Sioux Falls then offered us \$750 and we were about to accept when they backed down."

"We have the complete Lincoln infield which won the Nebraska State league pennant last year. Besides the infield, which is composed of Bonardun, shortstop, Cleve, second baseman, Cleveland, third baseman, and Dean, first baseman, we offered Cooley and Eller, pitchers, and DeButch, catcher. "Ping" Purdy, outfielder and one of the best players in the league last season, was also included in the deal we offered Sioux Falls."

According to Bobbie Warner, one of the Sioux Falls representatives, his club has no players signed to date, but expects to get the Lincoln players. This, however, all depends on what ruling Secretary Farrell hands down.

The Fairbury club of the Nebraska State league of 1923 has been officially moved over to Sioux City, Ia., where George Segrist will hold sway. George reports that everything looks rosy for a banner year and adds that every civic organization in Sioux City is pulling for a tristate team.

Dr. M. W. Jenkins, president of the Grand Island club, was among those present, as was Ed Reichle of the Beatrice team. J. R. Carter represented Norfolk and Neill Dunn was boosting for Hastings' welfare. All reported that baseball interest is running high at their respective camps and all expect a banner season.

Richard Grotte, president of the former Nebraska State league, will be the tristate's president, secretary and treasurer. Verne Whitney of Sioux City was appointed league statistician for the coming season. A schedule committee was appointed to draw up the playing chart. All clubs will keep home gate receipts. The admission to the games was fixed at 50 cents.

## BILLIARD EXPERT TO APPEAR HERE

Followers of the green cloth and the ivory will be treated to a series of sensational Friday when Charles C. Peterson, world's champion fancy shot billiard expert will give an exhibition of his skill at the Under the Sun billiard parlor.

Mr. Peterson will give a lecture on the principles of three-cushion and balkline billiards. He also will engage some of Omaha's billiard sharks in a series of matches.

## Victoria Rifles Win

Montreal, April 10.—The Victoria rifles of Canada revolver team Wednesday were adjudged winners of the recent competition with the United States marine corps team by a margin of 13 points.

## With the KNIGHTS of the GLOVES

New York, April 10.—Johnny Dundee, world's featherweight and 109½ lb. weight champion, will not go to Panama to meet Jose Lombardo, as had previously been arranged. It was announced today that Lombardo's defeat by Engel at Havana last week was decided to have caused Dundee to decline the bout.

## BURCH HAS WHAT APPEARS ON PAPER TO BE SPEEDY INFIELD AND ONE THAT CAN SWAT HARD

### Herd Has the Punch Both in the In and Outfields—Lee and Bailey Only Hurlers Who Have Shown Anything in Exhibition Games—Catching Department Isn't Any Too Strong—Griggs Good Hitter.

By "WAG."  
MAHA'S entry in the 1924 race is ready to spring from the barrier next Wednesday.

Whether the Buffaloes will get away to a good lead and hold that position until the finish nears the finish in September is another question, one that can't be answered at this writing, but taking everything into consideration the 1924 club of this city should give account of itself from start to finish.

Omaha is in the same boat as its opponents when it comes to pitching. The Buffaloes haven't got a pitching staff they can be proud of.

### Schermske Shows Up Best at Camp.

Then there's Schermske obtained from the Washington Senators in the deal that sent Byron Speece to the Nationals. Of the newcomers, Schermske has showed up the best. He is troubled with a bad wing, but is gradually getting his "soup-bone" in good hurling trim.

Art Griggs, the latter manager, don't intend to try and pull through the season with the present pitching staff. The Buffaloes' pitcher is on the lookout for more hurlers and hopes to connect soon.

So much for the pitching department. As for the catching department it isn't any too strong. Fred Wilder, sort-of veteran of last season, is back in harness. Fred was troubled with a bad leg in 1923 and if he has fully recovered from the injury can hold his own with the rest of the back stops in "Pa" Terney's circuit.

### Infield of Club Well Taken Care Of.

The infield of the club is well taken care of. At first will be Art Griggs, new manager. Now this Griggs person is an old hand at baseball and should be able to impart good baseball advice to the young infield.

Griggs was purchased from the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast league at a handsome price and is ready to show Texas town fans that he is a hard hitter. To date he has slammed out 13 home runs in the exhibition games.

Playing with Los Angeles last year, Griggs registered 21 home runs, 14 triples, a whole flock of doubles and oodles and oodles of singles. His fielding was the best part of his work, but still was good enough that two other Coast league clubs wanted him and it was not until he was promised a berth as a manager with Omaha that those two coast clubs in question consented to waive on him.

What Griggs can do as a manager is another question. Art has never managed a club before.

### Wilcox Back at Old Third Base Job.

Jimmy Wilcox, veteran of two seasons with Omaha, will be found at his old position at third base. Jimmy topped the league in fielding last year, although he only played in a few games. He took McDonald's place at third, being switched from shortstop. Jimmy batted .312 and showed in 147 games.

He is a consistent player and can always be depended upon to do his best. He is well liked around the league and a mighty fine chap.

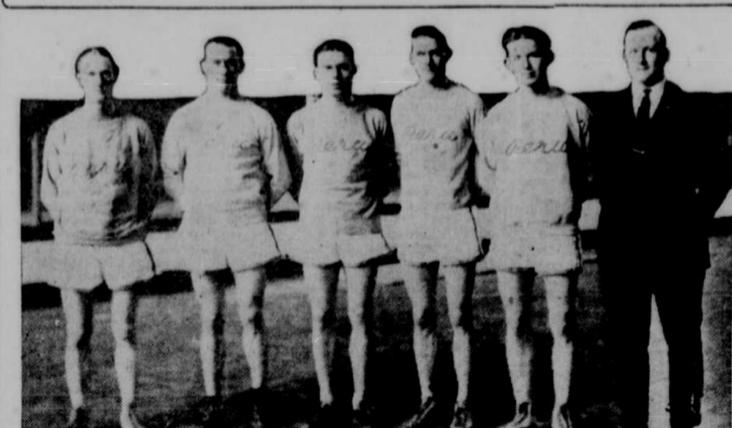
Phelps, Shreveport semi-pro, was signed by Barney Burch during the Buffaloes' spring training grind at the Texas town. Manager Griggs has been playing Phelps at third and reports that he is said to be a valuable man at either position and a good batter.

In the outfield the Buffaloes have three fly chasers well known to Western league fans—namely, Joe Bonowitz, Don Brown and "Chief" Robinson. Both Bonowitz and Brown were with the Herd last year, while Robinson played with Sioux City two years ago.

### Today's Entries.

**BOWIE.**  
First race: \$1,200, claiming, 2-year-olds, 4 furlongs.  
Rejected ... 114 Gyner Flyer ... 99  
Wing ... 115 ... 100  
Bernice Harrar ... 112 Margaret E. ... 107  
Master Jester ... 113 Miler Condor ... 104  
Crane Douglas ... 101 Nibshada ... 104  
Crinkle ... 99 Pachene Belle ... 99  
Pachene Wood ... 99  
Second race: \$1,200, claiming, 2-year-olds, 4 furlongs.  
Much Ado ... 115 Barclaycorn ... 108  
Hills ... 114 ... 102  
Lieut. Farrell ... 107 Peggy O. ... 106  
Play On ... 105 Aunt Jane ... 104  
Argument ... 108 ... 102  
Tropical Water ... 103 Lady Chico ... 101  
Fahrah ... 98  
Warren Lynch ... 108  
Third race: \$1,200, claiming, 4-year-olds and up, 6½ furlongs.  
Carefree ... 115 Capt. Costigan ... 111  
Bright Lights ... 104 Burdoo ... 106  
The ... 112 Aladdin ... 106  
Ardella ... 103 Whalebone ... 103  
Marie Martin ... 108 Coverdun ... 103  
West Pittman ... 96 Royal Charlie ... 112  
Hattie ... 101  
Hosa Yeta ... 101 Arrendal ... 104  
Wanda B. ... 112 ... 101  
Fourth race: \$1,200, claiming, 2-year-olds and up, mile and 50 yards.  
Casey ... 107 Golden Billows ... 104  
Shamrock ... 103 ... 101  
Just ... 97  
Fifth race: \$1,200, claiming, 2-year-olds and up, mile and a sixteenth.  
Ropes ... 113 Coral Reef ... 113  
King John ... 111 Honeybrook ... 106  
Flying Devil ... 108 Gueph ... 103  
Tree ... 102 ... 101  
Serbian ... 101 Kirah ... 101  
Sixth race: \$1,200, claiming, 2-year-olds and up, mile and a sixteenth.  
Hickory ... 110 Attorney Muir ... 103  
Tody ... 103 Waywasson ... 110  
Royal ... 108 ... 103  
Night Raider ... 104 ... 101  
Seventh race: \$1,200, claiming, 2-year-olds and up, mile and an eighth.  
Aashlan ... 112 ... 110  
Sears ... 110 Doughnut ... 110  
Dip de Honey ... 108 ... 101  
Widow ... 103 Gourmand ... 101  
Fossil ... 105 ... 101  
Eighth race: \$1,200, claiming, 2-year-olds and up, mile and an eighth.  
The Boston Nationals turned the tables on the Washington Senators and beat them 4 to 1 at Griffin, Ga.

## Peru College Relay Team Enters Kansas Relays



Peru, Neb., April 10.—Peru college of the Nebraska state conference is sending a relay team to the Kansas university relay games which will be held at Lawrence, Kan., April 19. Coach Lon R. Graf is taking five men; each of them has done the quarter on a dirt track consistently under 54 seconds.

Madden and Edie are Pawnee City boys. Edie is one of the fastest sprinters in college circles. Thorpe is from Waco. He placed in the quarter at last year's state meet and looks like a real quarter-miler. Conkle made his letter at Lincoln high. He has a burst of speed. Majors did part of his prep work at Endicott and part at Peru. He is developing rapidly.

In the above photo appear, left to right: Coach Graf, Madden, Majors, Thorpe, Edie and Conkle.

## Tex Rickard Stands Ready to Stage Big Fight in September

### New Jersey Boxing Commissioner Says So-Called Color Line Doesn't Exist in His State.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.  
NEW YORK, April 10.—The signature of Harry Willis is already on a contract with Rickard to meet Jack Dempsey in September. It is now up to Kearns and the champion. They have never been anxious to do business with Willis, but I do not see how they can sidestep this one.

Paddy Mullens, manager of Willis, made this statement today in reply to the announcement of Newton A. K. Bugbee, chief boxing commissioner of New Jersey, that the so-called color line does not exist within his domain.

The announcement was taken among boxing men to mean that the proceedings are in the bag and ready for delivery. It is regarded as the inaugural shout in a battle that will eventually bring the white champion and his brunette pursuer within the 24-foot confines of a Jersey ring.

According to the best advice, the affair will take place in Rickard's arena at Jersey City. However, the trifling deal of signing Dempsey remains to be cleared up but the writer looks for that end of the transaction to be settled without trouble. Neither Kearns nor Dempsey have ever been known to hasten away from money and a Willis bout will get them plenty. It should draw as many customers as the Dempsey-Carpenter comedy and at the new scale in Jersey of \$25 per person, the gate will run at least a million and a quarter.

Of that, Dempsey will ease away with \$600,000 and Willis will get about \$200,000 and a punch on the neck. Rickard and Jersey politicians will get the rest.

But Willis must step out before the public in the meantime, and Rickard, who knows his customer

Joe Rabbit, Chicago American candidate for a berth in an already top-heavy outfield, was the hero of the White Sox 5 to 4 victory over the New York Giants at Evanston. He tied the score in the seventh and made the winning tally in the 10th.

## Governor Smith Elected to Golf Club Membership

New York, April 10.—Governor Alfred Smith has been elected to membership of the Clearview Golf and Yacht club of Bayside, L. I., on a platform, it was said, "that only eight strokes on each hole should count."

## Frank Tesar Quits Technical High

Frank Tesar, Omaha Athletic club boxer, who entered Technical High school last semester, has left school for unknown reasons. Frank aspired to make the track and football teams this year. In the boxing ring he is better known as Jack Tesar. He received his reputation two months ago at the Omaha Athletic boxing show when he knocked out "Blue" Howell, all-around athlete of Central high, and all-state football selection, in the first round.

His hope of making the Olympic boxing team was checked at the recent boxing show staged at the city Auditorium.

## BLUEJAY TRACK MEN ENTERED

The Creighton university and Nebraska Wesleyan track and field teams have entered the second annual Dakota relay games, which will be held at Sioux Falls, S. D., May 3. The entry list for the Dakota relays include six North Central conference colleges, all the South Dakota conference Carleton, Trinity, Buena Vista, Western Union and a large number of high schools in South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Tickets carrying this reduced rate will be sold in the central states from April 22 to 25, with the privilege of return on or before April 29. In the far west and southwest, tickets will be sold from April 21 to 25, with the privilege of return on or before April 25.

### Noble Gives Central Squad Hard Workout

Dave Noble, former star athlete of the University of Nebraska and Central high, who has complete charge of the Central track team this week, will put his candidates through their last workout today in preparation for the interclass meet to be held at Creighton field April 18.

After today's workout, Noble and the Central high squad will go to Fontenelle park to see Technical's cross country meet.

The New York Americans and the Brooklyn Nationals browbeaten through an 11 to 8 Yankee victory at Greensboro, N. C. Wednesday.

The Browns also dropped a game at Tulsa, Okla., to the Tulsa Oilers, 4 to 2.

Inhaling of soot in the air greatly decreases one's vitality.

## 'Pros' Will Make Up America's Golf Invasion

New York, April 10.—America's golf invasion of Great Britain, which has carried off a fair share of the lion's share within the past few years, will be confined chiefly this year to professional ranks.

From present indications, none of this country's leading amateur stars, who last year defended the Walker cup in a spectacular battle on British links, will compete in the British amateur championship, while only one outstanding woman player, Miss Audrey Faust of St. Louis, so far has filed an entry for the British women's championship.

On the other hand, the professional cracks, headed by Walter Hagen, who has held virtually every major title on both sides of the water, and Gene Sarazen, P. G. A. title holder, expect to make another attack on Royal and ancient strongholds. Hagen won the British open crown in 1923 and came within a stroke of retaining it a year ago, when Arthur Hayers recovered some of Britain's prestige. Sarazen failed to qualify last year.

Joe Kirkwood, who has burned up southern links with his brilliant play in the winter months, Cyril Walker and Jim Barnes are other prospective invaders.

Willie Hunter, former British amateur champion, who now resides in Los Angeles, indicated early this year he might return to his native soil in an attempt to lift the amateur crown again.

Miss Edith Cummings of Chicago, present national women's champion, and Miss Glenns Collette, former title holder, finally have decided not to seek British laurels this year.

## O'BRIEN CHOSEN IOWA MAT CAPTAIN

Iowa City, Ia., April 10.—J. W. O'Brien of Bayard, Ia., lightweight grappler, was elected captain of the next year's wrestling team Wednesday night. He participated in six dual meets during the season without losing a match and tied with Holmes of Wisconsin for the conference championship in his class. Since this was his first season he has still two years of competition. Prospects are bright for another strong team.

Charles Holcomb, regular Chicago National, who is a finalist because of differences regarding salary for the 1923 season, has left the team because of illness, will probably come to terms with club officials in time for the season opening the St. Louis Cardinals next Thursday, it is reported.

After winning seven straight games, the St. Louis Cardinals were stopped short Wednesday by the Athletics cracker, who slammed their way into a 9 to 4 victory.

## REDUCED RAILROAD RATES TO RELAYS

Des Moines, Ia., April 10.—Western railroads have granted a special reduced rate of fare and one-half for the round trip for athletes and visitors attending the 15th annual Drake university relay meet here April 25 and 26.

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