

American and National League Cubs Wait Show of "Play Ball" Today

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NEW YORK, April 14.—The forces of major league baseball, geared and imbued with the hope that springs eternal at the carrier, even among those who are clubs that must inevitably find their own level in second division depths—inaugurate their 1924 pennant campaign today.

Fandom east and west is keenly awaiting the opening shout of "play ball." That will mark the close of the long "off season," the end of the spring training grind, and send the 16 American and National League outfits off on a battle for supremacy that will not close until the last week of September.

Fair weather is promised for the inaugural games and indications point to record outpourings of the faithful to compare seasons ratings of their favorites with actual performances.

Lineups, a majority of them showing decided shakeups since the last season, have been picked for the inaugural games. The roster products of spring training, nearly three scores of whom apparently have earned regular berths, will be put to the acid test for the first time. But for the most part, veterans will be back at their old posts.

Attack on Gotham Clubs.

The chief changes in both major leagues this year is seen in a combined attack by seven clubs in each circuit to dislodge the mighty New York Giants and Yankees, pennant victors in their respective organizations for the last three years.

The world champion Yankees with their team that led its nearest rival by 16 games last season, intent on overwhelming favorably to set a new record, have not shown enough to rank them among the contenders.

Giants Picked to Win.

The Giants also are generally picked to finish again in front and fulfill an ambition of John McGraw, owner and manager, to gain after winning the straight pennant. But the National League champions, forced to rebuild their pitching staff after its collapse last fall, are not expected to face a more formidable task than the Yankees.

May Day Stakes to Be Run in Fall.

Lexington, Ky., April 13.—The Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' association announces that for the third time it is offering the May Day stakes, with a guaranteed value of \$10,000, for 2-year-old trotters at the October meeting.

McGraw Favors Tour.

Chicago, April 14.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Nationals, awaits the indorsement of Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago Americans, before continuing with plans for a Giants-White Sox tour of Europe next fall. At a meeting with the old Roman at a hospital here Sunday, McGraw said no definite plans were made. "I would like to have the tour go over," he said, "and Mr. Comiskey seems favorable. Of course, a lot of details are involved."

Outfielder Scores More Putouts Than Reds' First Baseman

Cincinnati, O., April 14.—An unusual occurrence was recorded in Sunday's Cleveland-Broncos ball game, when Eddie Roush had nine putouts in center field, three more than the first baseman.

Exhibition Games.

Topkapi (Western League) vs. H. J. P. (Western League) at St. Paul, Minn., April 14.

Tryouts for High Relay Team

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GAMES TODAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Boston at Philadelphia, 12:15.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1:15.
Cleveland at Detroit, 2:15.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 3:15.
New York at Philadelphia, 7:15.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
New York at Boston, 12:15.
Cleveland at Washington, 1:15.
St. Louis at Chicago, 2:15.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 3:15.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:15.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:15.

South High Nine Plays Tech Today

Packers Have Part in Strenuous Week of Practice—Weak in Hitting.

A week of diligent teamwork practice has put the South High Packers in tip-top shape at least in fielding, if not in hitting. Over two hours of practice every morning of the spring vacation has developed speed and precision in the Packers nine, and if they continue to field as accurately this afternoon, when they meet the Tech Maroons, the Cuming street lads will find trouble coming off with the long end of the score. But then again, the Southmen are woefully weak on hitting strength, as evidenced by their previous workouts against the scrubs. Five new and absolutely inexperienced men, as far as playing before crowds is concerned, had to be worked in by Coach Lowry, and the new material has not gotten possession of its batting eyes as yet. One raiibird is quoted as saying, "To my notion, this is the weakest team in the history of South High; their fielding is good and steady, but their hitting is very weak, and South will have to field faultlessly if they expect to land any place; they remind me of Ed Walsh's White Sox, the hitless wonders of 1906."

The only strong point of the Packers nine is the battery, where "Gittis" Clark, last year's sensational hurler, will again fling 'em over for the Red and White. Smith is expected to be on the receiving end, and is expected to hold down the position with considerable credit. Johnny Owen and Charlie Dunn have been burning up the field with their sparkling fielding. Their catches and pickups are the genius of Grantham variety. Eugene Kulawick is playing a fast, steady game at shortstop, while Hoden is snagging them out of the ozone in great style.

Kulawick and Hoden are the only leftsmen in the infield. Reeves, Alexander and Bernstein will cavort in the outer gardens. Reeves played right field for the Packers in 1923, when they won the state championship, and is expected to go great this season.

The Packers' only hope for victory lies in the fact that if Clark holds down the slugging Technen, and South fields errorless ball behind him, the Packers may be able to get over some runs.

Reports from the Maroon camp say the Technen are lambasting the apple polishing force, and if this is true the Packers will have to field mighty good.

The South High lineup: Smith or Urban, catcher; Clark; Hoden, first base; Dunn, second base; Kulawick, shortstop; Owen, third base; Bernstein, right field; Hoden, center field; Alexander, left field.

WESLEYAN TRACK SQUAD TRAINING

Lincoln, April 13.—Coach Glen Preston of Nebraska Wesleyan university is drilling his track men for the state conference meet to be held at Hastings next Saturday. Coach Preston says he has an abundance of weight men and some promising sprinters. Two other meets are on the Wesleyan schedule.

HAUGDAHL BEATS RALPH DE PALMA

Los Angeles, April 13.—A scheduled three heat speed contest between Ralph De Palma, Italian pilot, and Sig Haugdahl, Norwegian automobile race driver, was won by the latter at Scott speedway here Sunday when De Palma developed transmission trouble in the third lap of the second five-lap heat.

Cass County to Have League.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Atlantic, Ia., April 14.—A movement has been launched by Dr. C. C. Gibson of Lewis to form a Cass county baseball league. A meeting is to be held here in the near future to elect officers and draft a schedule. All home men will be played by the eight towns of the county which will have representation.

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Wills and Madden Sign Articles for Bout May 13



Harry Wills, well-known stevedore, who thinks he can whip Jack Dempsey, has finally signed up to meet Bartley Madden, a white hope. The men will fight in a new stadium in New York city on May 13. This photograph shows them signing the articles of agreement. Left to right: Paddy Mullins, Wills' manager; Harry Wills, Lew Raymond, Bartley Madden, Charley Ross. Standing, rear: Harry Haffmans, Babe Culgan and F. Frank Black.

Buffaloes Slip Izzies 7-to-3 Trimming

Wichita, Kan., April 13.—Omaha took another game in its invasion of Kansas for exhibition purposes, beating their league rivals, the Wichita Izzies, here Sunday, in impressive fashion, 7 to 3. The Buffaloes played better ball on the whole, hitting harder, while Bill Bailey was strong in the pinches, fanning seven.

All of the Metropolitan teams seem exceptionally strong this season, according to reports that are drifting out of their camps. Interest among the fans who follow the destinies of the Metro teams will probably be divided Sunday between the Murphy, Woodmen of the World mix at League park and the Carter Lake Standard Laundry game at the Carter Lake club.

The Murphy, who were runnerup last season, have a stronger lineup this year than last, according to Ike Mahoney, manager of the D.D. I. Guards at Athletic park, 1:30 p. m. The Woodmen of the World mix at League park, 3:30 p. m. The Carter Lake Standard Laundry game at the Carter Lake club, 7:15 p. m.

Minor Changes Made in Basket Ball Playing Code by Rules Committee

New York, April 14.—Minor changes in the basket ball playing code to assure a greater uniformity in interpretation and to eliminate wholesale fouling were made Friday by the joint basket ball rules committee representing the A. A. U., the International Y. M. C. A. and the National Collegiate Athletic association.

While the changes will not materially affect the style of the amateur game as it is now played, they will tend to clarify the code by shifting the burden of proof to the offense instead of the defense, thereby giving officials a tangible basis for a decision instead of making technical violations a matter of judgment.

The most important change from the players' point of view makes guarding from the rear, where there is no contact, a personal foul. This makes the rules more binding and decision becomes mandatory instead of arbitrary.

ANNOUNCE UMPES FOR OPENERS

New York, April 14.—Umpire assignments for the opening games of the National league Tuesday were announced Monday by President John A. Heydler as follows:

Pawnee City to Have New Grand Stand at Fair Grounds

Pawnee City, Neb., April 14.—Arrangements have been made to finance the erection of a new grandstand at the race track on the Pawnee county fair grounds and construction work will begin within a very short time. It is expected that it will be completed in ample time for the Pawnee county fair, to be held the first week in October.

Tommy Gibbons in Exhibition

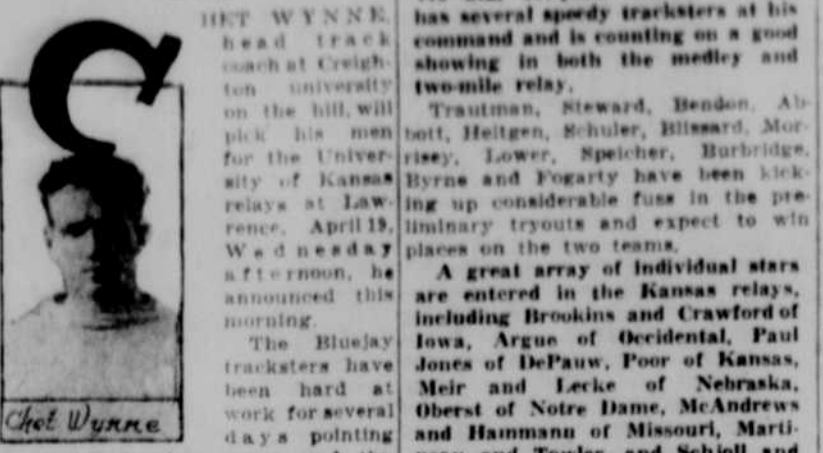
Charlotte, N. C., April 14.—Tommy Gibbons, contender for the heavyweight pugilist championship, arrived here today to give an exhibition bout tonight.

Important Boxing Bout This Week

April 15.—Budd Taylor against Ross May, 10 rounds in Lancaster, Pa. April 16.—Pancho Villa against Frankie Sub, 10 rounds in Brooklyn. April 17.—Sammy Siegel against Nick Sullivan, 12 rounds in Brooklyn. April 18.—Harry Gray against Ed Norfolk, 12 rounds in Boston. April 19.—Tiger Flowers against Jimmy Barry, 15 rounds in New York.

BLUEJAYS WILL COMPETE IN TWO-MILE AND MEDLEY RELAY EVENTS; TO ENTER DRAKE MEET

Great Array of Individual Stars Will Compete in Relays at Lawrence, Kan., Next Saturday.



Dr. Wynn, coach at Creighton university, on the hill, will pick his men for the University of Kansas relays at Lawrence, Kan., April 19. We'll meet at 11:30 a. m. in this room, he announced this morning.

The Bluejay tracksters have been hard at work for several days pointing for the Jayhawk games and Drake, relays which follow a week later. Creighton will back up against stiff competition at both meets and Wynn is preparing his men for the

best kind of track battle. Two teams will represent the Blue and White at both Kansas and Drake relays. At Kansas a two-mile relay and a medley relay team will be by the Bluejay colors. The medley consists of a mile, half-mile, 440 and 330-yard dashes. Wynn has several speedy runners at his command and is counting on a good showing in both the medley and two-mile relay.

Transfer of Lincoln Franchise to Sioux Falls Matter for Loop to Handle

Lincoln, April 13.—Secretary Farrell of the National Association of Minor Baseball Leagues has notified C. N. Moon and the Beltzer brothers, owners of the Lincoln club and franchise in last year's Nebraska State league, that he cannot interfere in the transfer of the Lincoln franchise to Sioux Falls in the new Tri-State league; that the matter is entirely within the league itself.

Little Chief Wins Tiajuana Cup Race

Tiajuana Race Track, Mex., April 13.—"Little Chief," 5-year-old bay horse, by Crack-Medora II, Sunday afternoon galloped to victory in the Tiajuana Cup, the last big stake race of the racing season, and won for his owner, I. R. Humphreys of Denver, the five-foot silver cup and a purse of \$11,600.

The race was run under a leaden sky but on a fast track, before a crowd of 24,600 turf fans. Despite the fact that Little Chief packed 125 pounds, the heaviest weight assigned in the race, he broke the track record by a wide margin, negotiating the two-mile distance in 2:24 flat. The former record of 2:28 1/2 was made by Sailor some seasons back, carrying 167 pounds.

Little Chief, with Jockey Maiben in the saddle, broke fifth at the rise of the barrier, but sprinted to the front immediately and when a half mile had been run he was leading by length. From there on the son of Crack merely galloped. At the stretch he led Cherry Tree by three lengths and had increased this to four lengths when the wire was passed.

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Nebraska State Golf Dates Announced

Lincoln, April 13.—The annual Nebraska state golf tournament is to be held on the Lincoln Country club course June 9 to 14, inclusive. It was announced Sunday, Norman Somers, club professional, has arrived here and is preparing the course for the summer's play. The tournament is closed to all but amateur players. The Missouri Valley meet is to be held at Lincoln at a date not yet definitely in charge.

USHER GOLFERS TO BE BUSY

Lincoln, April 13.—A call has been sent out for the assembling during the present week of the University of Nebraska golf players in preparation for their annual tournament preliminary to selection of the Missouri Valley conference competition team. The Missouri Valley meet is to be held at Lincoln at a date not yet definitely in charge.

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Excellent Races to Mark Closing of Bowie Meet

Have De Grace Track to Open Wednesday With Best Horses in Country Entered There.

Baltimore, Md., April 13.—The Southern Maryland Agricultural association's 11-day Bowie meet at Phipps George's park will come to a close today.

An excellent program has been arranged for the closing days and it is believed there will be some big upsets in calculations. I saw holes of telegrams going out of here Sunday night advising players in horses that a 11-day Bowie meet at Phipps George's park will come to a close today.

Horses that will out a big figure in up use grabbing Tuesday are: The Crook, Just Huckleberry, Finn, Fehsch, Top Sergeant, Laten Death, Normal, Lord Wrack, Waywascam, and Ed Whalley. Effort, Neumann, Singleton, Flying Devil, Bolster, Times Up and Carefree are also being prepared for killings before they move from Bowie.

Have De Grace will open for 15 days racing Wednesday with the best horses in this country gathered there. There were 118 2-year-olds exercised on this track Sunday and Starter Milton's assistants are carefully schooling the young thoroughbreds at the barrier.

The hundreds of horses at Bowie will be moved to Have De Grace after the last race Tuesday when 160 motor vans from Baltimore will make the quickest transfer on record. The \$100,000 Handicap, named for the local breeders' association, will be the opening day feature Wednesday.

Nine-year-old Exterminator has just arrived from Tiajuana where he was beaten by Runstar and for the first time in four years another horse is handicapped on top of Old Bones.

Weight Adjuster Joseph McLennon has given the king of all 3-year-olds, Zev, top weight of 132 pounds. Exterminator is next with 124, Dunlin and Wilderness, 123; Knobbe and Marlingale, 118; Sarazen, Flagauff and New Hampshire, 116; General Thatcher, Flint, Stork and Shuffie Along, 113, and so on.

Betty Becker to Swim on Coast

Atlantic City, April 14.—Miss Betty Becker, national diving champion, leaves today for a 6,000-mile journey in order to defend her title for this year. The 1924 10-foot diving championship is to be held April 26 in Pasadena, Cal., and it is that city Miss Becker is going.

Miss Becker will meet the best of the west and middle-west and the competition will be keen.

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RACE RESULTS Yesterday's Results.

BOWIE.
First race: One-half mile. 1:30. 1. B. J. P. (Western League) vs. H. J. P. (Western League) at St. Paul, Minn., April 14.
2. Dan Hogan vs. 24. 24. 24. 24.
3. Little Chief vs. 125. 125. 125. 125.
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