

Three Important Games on Tap in Metropolitan League This Afternoon

Schneider Nine to Meet Knights in Major Contest

Art Dyck to Hurl for Standard Laundry Team Against U. P. Enginemen—Cops to Play WOW's.

MATEUR fans will have occasion to witness three important contests in the Metropolitan league this afternoon. The main event will be between the Schneider Electrics and the Murphy-Diddits at Fontenelle park. The other important games in the premier loop of amateur baseball will be held at Athletic park, where the Woodmen of the World will try and down the Omaha Police team that upset the Carter Lakes last Sunday and defeated the Carter Lakes in the biggest upset of the day, and at the Carter Lake club the Carter Lake team will find tough opposition in the rejuvenated Knights of Columbus team that defeated the championship Woodmen of the World club last Sunday.

Should the Schneider Electrics succeed in defeating the Murphys this afternoon the race in the Metro league will take on the aspect of a close race, but on the other hand should the Murphys win they will probably duplicate their feat of last season, winning all games in the first round. Allen, the dependable left-handed hurler of the Murphys, will be on the mound for the auto men with Lawrence Custer, who is rated as one of the best young hurlers in the Metropolitan league, as his opponent on the mound for the Electric men. Neither team has made any changes in its lineup in the last couple of weeks and a good game is on tap for the fans that attend.

Carter Lake Plays Knights.

At the Carter Lake club the Lake-side team is prepared to give the Knights' team a surprise, according to the dope that is going the rounds. In the last three games the Carter Lakes, which appear to have a strong lineup on paper, have got but 10 hits and have lost two games by the narrow margin of one run. The Knights, on the other hand, have lost but one game, that to the Murphy, and since their defeat at the hands of the auto crew have signed an entirely new infield and expect to win the majority of the remaining games, according to Frank Greene, manager of the fraternal team. Pavlik, the lanky right-handed hurler, will be on the mound for the Knights, and either Maxwell, the curve ball pitcher, or Lisle Barton, the knuckle ball artist, will sail them over the platter for the club men.

The dopsters haven't picked a winner between the Cops and the Woodmen of the World, but are waiting to see how weather conditions will be this afternoon. If the weather is warm the Cops may give the Woodmen a tussle, but, on the other hand, should the day be chilly, the Woodmen will probably walk off the Cops. Crawford, the manager and hurler for the Police team, is a warm weather hurler and may take the mound himself, or on the other hand he may send Morrissey, his new pitching addition, against the champs. Moore, the southpaw standby of the WOWs, will leave them over the plate for the Woodmen.

Dyck to Pitch.

In the other contest in the Metropolitan league the strong Standard Laundry team will back up against Belford's reorganized U. P. Enginemen nine. Art Dyck, the peer of all amateur hurlers, will twirl for the Standards, while Manager Belford will select his mound choice from the following quartet: Curly Mack, Ray Johnson, Fritz Hansen and Harry Bellingier. The game will be played at Munny Beach.

In the American league the McKenney Dentists, winners of the weird 10-inning contest against the Sam Elias last Sunday will meet the strong C. B. & Q. team in the second game at Christie Heights, thirty-sixth and Q streets.

In the Southern league the Michla Grocers-Dietz Club contest at 1:30 at St. Francis park ought to be a good game. The West L. Improvement team, which is now under the management of Father Szotba, will meet the South Omaha Boosters at the St. Francis park in the second game.

The Janda Funeral Home-Security Benefit association game, which will be played at 3:30 p. m. at Riverview park, should be another good game. At Miller park four Gate City league teams will get into notice. The crippled Ernie Holmes team will meet the Nebraska National Guards in the first game, and the Frost Batteries will play the Walter G. Clarkers at 3:30 p. m.

In the Junior Omaha league the undefeated William Street Merchants will meet the fast Polish Athletic club at Thirty-second and Dewey. The Brown Park Merchants, leading the Junior Intercounty league, will play the Corr. Electrics in the second game on the east grounds at Elmwood park.

Ralph Swellman, former Norfolk state leader, is scheduled to step into the platter for the Woodmen of the World nine of the Metro loop.

Frank Coffey, who started at second base for the Woodmen of the World last Sunday will cover the keyhole sack for the U. P. Enginemen this afternoon.

The Knights of Euclid ball club wants to schedule games with teams under 16 years of age. Games can be arranged by calling the manager at Webster 1827 after 5 p. m.

The Knights of Euclid have the following lineup: Harry Rosenberger, catcher; Lehman and Miller, pitchers; Abrams, first base; Sam Barnick, second base; Cohen, shortstop; Ranick, third base; and Barnish, Goffstein and Carroll, outfielders.

Sam Feltman, the hefty centerfielder for the Standard Laundry, is covering lots of ground in the middle garden for the clothes washers.

Wallen, the Ernie Holmes star hurler, will be on the mound this afternoon when the recreation club meets with the Nebraska National Guards.

Trio of New Infielders With Knights Team



Al Kick, Tom Shamahat and Phil Tracy

When the Knights of Columbus infield made nine errors against the Murphy-Diddits two weeks ago, Manager Greene got busy and signed a new quartet to take the place of the gents who made the misplays. In the photo are shown three of the new infielders who are largely responsible for the fraternal's win over Woodmen of the World last Sunday.

Shamahat, last year with the Kinney Shoes, finished the season with the fraternal team last year. Besides playing first base he can also have the old apple with considerable luck. Nick, second sacker, played shortstop for the Kinney Shoes and was considered by many fans as the best shortstop in the American loop last season.

Phil Tracy, third baseman, and best known of the three, has played on many fast amateur teams. Tracy won the City championship and then traveled to Cleveland, O., where they lost to the White Auto team before the largest crowd that ever witnessed an amateur game in the history of baseball.

Catching 'Em on the Fly

Grant, who played Class B ball last season, is leading the Metropolitan league in hitting, the midget third baseman of the Murphys is hitting the ball at a lively clip.

In three games in the Metro league Carter Lakes have gathered but 10 hits.

The Satek twins, George and Jim, have signed with the C. B. & Q. team of the American league. The brothers have played with some of Omaha's fastest amateur teams and will no doubt strengthen the railroader team.

Familiar Figure on Amateur Lots



Doc Proulx

The Hazman Hardware independent team will play at Herman, Neb., this afternoon. The hardware men have strengthened their lineup with the addition of four new men. Drew, Joe and Pete Saebo and Art Shekolofsky are the gents who will make their first appearances with the hardware team this afternoon.

Lyman, Russell and Donohue were released Thursday by Manager Frank Greene of the Knights of Columbus team. Lyman and Russell will play with the U. P. Enginemen team of the Metro league and it is not known what team Donohue will sign with.

Morrisette, catcher for the Omaha Printing company, of the Commercial league, was released from the team last week and will probably be seen in the lineup next Saturday.

Lawrence Custer, who twirls for the Schneider's of the Metropolitan league, is one busy gent. Besides twirling for the electric men, he twirls for the Fraternal team of the Metro league at the Nebraska Medical school during the week.

The Woodmen of the World team is again angling for the services of Cliff, veteran amateur first sacker. Cliff played with the Woodmen team in 1922, then he made the trip through Iowa, Missouri and Illinois.

Christensen, the lanky rightfielder of the Schneider team, grabbed everything that came his way last Sunday. Christy went half way up the bank in rightfield at Athletic park and grabbed a fly ball.

Connelly, second sacker for the Omaha Printing company, was knocked unconscious last Saturday when he collided with a base runner. He was able to resume his position after resting a few moments.

Seven batters are hitting less than 100 in the Metro loop, while several of the players have yet to get an at-bat.

Brooks, catcher for the Omaha Printing company, stepped into the limelight last Saturday when he cracked one for the limit.

Carl Anderson, infielder, has signed to play with the Janda Funeral Home team of the Southern league.

Harry Kinney, Hines and Hawley are new faces that will be seen in the Security Benefit association lineup this afternoon.

The Murphy-Diddits of the Metropolitan league are sure hitting the "old apple." In three league games the auto men have amassed a total of 41 hits. Joe Nietzer will play with the Kalmann team of the Commercial league this afternoon.

George Varish, veteran amateur ball player, is managing the First M. E. church and plays third base.

Fred Kralliek, former home run king of the Metropolitan league, is hitting the ball hard for Marshalltown, Ia., of the Mississippi valley league. Every time Fritz connects, the pill sails over the outfielders' heads for extra bases.

Ingram, first sacker for the City Mission, has only one leg, but he can sure rock the ball and circle the bases pretty fast for a fellow so handicapped.

Bates, formerly of the Christ Child Center team, has signed to play third base for the Janda Funeral Home team. He will cover the hot corner for the insurance men this afternoon.

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The West brothers, Maney and "Lefty," are playing a great game with the Frost Batteries of the Gate City league.

Mahoney increased his batting average this Sunday as the engine of the Engineering men. The manager of the Murphy's got four safe blows out of six trips to the plate.

Hummor has it that George Bernstein will start the game in leftfield for the Woodmen of the World this afternoon.

Majors Start War Against Baseball Pools

President Ban Johnson Hot on Trail of Promoters of Swindling Games.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Joe Villa says that with the major league pennant races now under full headway, certain officials, including President Ban Johnson, are making strenuous efforts to obtain evidence against promoters of so-called baseball pools which are said to be thriving all over the United States and Canada. Pool selling on big league ball games is a dangerous evil. It has been carried on secretly for many years in spite of arrests and convictions here and there. The pools have been sold in large cities and small towns by various unscrupulous individuals who believe in getting something for nothing.

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Helping to Keep Guards in Running



Russell Lipp and Norman Lipp

THIS husky pair of brothers is helping to keep the Nebraska National Guards in the running in the Gate City league. Norman, the older of the two, is first baseman for the Militia nine, and Russell is catcher.

But more recently professional gamblers are said to have entered the field in leading cities with propositions more alluring than the ones by which factory hands and low-salaried clerks in country stores have been duped.

We are in possession of the details of a new swindle which is called "The Champion Yearly Baseball Pool," based exclusively on the scores of National league games for the season of 1924.

ticket, good for the entire season, costs \$1.50, and bears a certain number. The eight National league teams are numbered in this permanent order: No. 1, New York; No. 2, Boston; No. 3, Brooklyn; No. 4, St. Louis; No. 5, Pittsburgh; No. 6, Philadelphia; No. 7, Cincinnati; and No. 8, Chicago.

By placing the daily score against each of these teams, in accordance with the above "key arrangement," the numbers of two daily winning tickets, high and low, are figured. Consequently, the fortunate holders of only two tickets each day are able to draw the prize money, while thousands receive nothing.

Selling baseball pools, in any form, is one of the meanest get-rich-quick games ever framed. It is a growing menace, which some day may threaten to undermine the integrity of the national pastime.

WOWS RELEASE CLARENCE HANSEN

Clarence Hansen, catcher for the Woodmen of the World team for the last four years, who tried out with Barney Burch's Buffaloes this spring, has been released by Manager Al Garey of the WOWs. Two Sundays ago Hansen didn't show up for a scheduled game and as a result Garey gave him the "air." Rumors floating around amateur circles indicate that Hansen will join the fire department shortly and will be seen behind the platter for the firemen when they make their annual appearance against the police team.

Joe Gentle, former sandlot player, is back from Waterloo, Ia., where he went to try out with the Mississippi valley team located there. Joe sprained his ankle during a practice game and came home for a few days' rest, and will probably return to Waterloo next week.

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Back Again With Amateurs



Chris Kenny

Chris Kenny, who in past years has been one of the scrappiest ball players to pasture on the amateur lots, has again returned to the amateur games after several years layoff. Kenny is playing with the Nebraska Power Co. team of the Commercial league, and last Saturday connected with one of Carl Peterson's fast shots and parked the ball out of the lot just to show the boys how he used to do it in the olden days. "Crease," as the veteran player is known to many of the fans, has served in many capacities and filled them all well, being a player, manager, umpire.