

Murphy-Did Its to Play Doubleheader at Fort Omaha Diamond This Afternoon

Standards and Burlingtons to Meet Champions

First Contest of Today's Twin Bill Last of Metropolitan Loop Games This Season—Other Good Games.

By HORACE L. ROSENBLUM. **F**ort Omaha will be the scene of two good games this afternoon when the Standards meet the Burlingtons in the city championship game. The second game will no doubt be a pitchers' battle between two of the best southpaws in the city, when Allen, portside hurler for the Murphys, faces Johnny Branniff, the strikeout king of the American league.

Several new faces will be seen in the Metro champs' lineup this afternoon as the Murphys will be without the services of Stavnjak, second baseman, who has left the city. Duce Yates, outfielder, is another of the auto men who will be out of the lineup. Yates injured his ankle during a practice game last week. Outside of the pitching department the Murphys have the best of the argument. The Metro champs, who have six left hand hitters in their lineup, probably will have a tough time with the slants of Johnny Branniff, portside hurler of the American champs.

The first game at the Fort between the Standards and the Murphys is the last scheduled game of the Metropolitan league. This game caused Manager Mahoney considerable trouble last week when he announced that he would forfeit the contest to the Standards in order to keep his team fresh for the series game with the C. B. & Q. team. Now Mahoney, after being the victim of much criticism on account of his intended action, is out to win from the clothes cleaners. Many West, kid pitcher of the Carter Lakes, will probably dish out wares on the mound for the Murphys, while Art Dyeck, veteran amateur hurler, will do the mound work for the Laundry men. An admission of 25 cents will be charged for the games at the fort this afternoon.

As a result of the Murphys deciding to play the Standards this afternoon, the William Street Merchants-Brown Park Merchants game has been switched back to Fontenelle park. These teams will play for the Sunday Junior championship at 1:30 o'clock as a preliminary contest to the Woodmen of the World-Schneider game.

The William Street Merchants, who ran away with the flag in the George Graham circuit, are the favorites over the Brown Parks, who copped the honors in the loop presided over by Joe Wolf.

Alphie Kilne, 15-year-old midget wonder, will be on the firing line for Manager Comine's men, while Nelson, the demon hurler formerly with the Twenty-fourth and Ames Merchants, will zip 'em over the platter for the Park boys.

The second contest at Fontenelle park will find the Schneider Electric and the Woodmen of the World, two old rivals, pitted against each other in the last Metro contest for these teams. In the first round the Schneiders trimmed the Woodmen, 3 to 2, in 11 innings, and the Woodmen came back in the second round and handed the wremen a 5 to 3 defeat.

Lefty Kibbles or "Chief" Provost will do the hurling for the Electric Workers, while Leo Krupski, the diminutive hurler, will pitch for the Fraternals. This game will have no bearing on the standings as the Woodmen have already clinched second honors in the Bressman loop.

Burch Releases "Buddy" Napier

"Buddy" Napier, right handed pitcher secured by the Omaha Western league club on option from the St. Paul American association team, has been released outright and now is a free agent.

Napier was sent back to St. Paul by Burch, but "Stike Kelly of the Saints gave Napier his unconditional release. "Buddy" is a former big league hurler.

Luis Firpo Shows Improvement in Work

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 9.—Luis Firpo appeared to be an improved boxer today after missing several rounds with his sparring partner, Bill Tate, who had things his own way in earlier workout was severely pummeled.

Firpo has abandoned his style of launching wild swings from here, there and everywhere. The Argentinian is concentrating on short jolts to the body. Several of these blows shook up Tate considerably.

Walker and Benny Must Post Forfeit to Meet Shade

New York, Aug. 9.—Dave Shade, California welterweight, will meet the winner of the Walker-Leonard fight, under a ruling of the boxing commission. Leonard, Walker and Shade must post a bond of \$10,000 each with the commission in the next few days.

The winner of the title fight on August 23, must take on Shade before the first of the year, the commission ruled and cannot engage in other bouts in the meantime.

Seven of Reasons Why Vinton Merchants Won Gate City League Bunting



Here are seven of the Vinton Merchants who helped bring home a pennant in the Gate City league for the South End Merchants. The Merchants, although they lost the first game of the season, came right back and won a number of games and went into the lead and were never headed. Although the Merchants ran into some bad breaks, the boys kept up their winning brand of ball. Joe Vogel, catcher, who is not in the accompanying layout, suffered the worst hard luck of all.

Vogel broke his leg during a league game at Thirty-second and Dewey avenue. Browne, pitcher, while one of the smallest players in the loop, was one of the best hurlers in the

Texas Loop Said to Have Material for Big Leagues

Twelve Players From Lone Star Circuit Groomed to Go Up in Higher Company, Say Reports.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Texas baseball clubs are ready to send up their finished talent and the crop is said to be unusually good. There is hardly a major league club that will not put in a bid for at least one player of the Lone Star loop because of the success attained by Ike Boone, Al Simmons and Denver Grigsby, who belted the ball with great power and frequency into the Texas lots last season and did pretty nearly as well in the major leagues this season.

With the drafting season only a few weeks away the owners are polishing up the material that is ready for the high society. There are more than a dozen Texas league players worthy of a major league tryout next season, according to scouts who have followed the teams in the Roberts circuit.

Texas clubs boast of some of the best outfielding talent to be picked in many years, there being no less than four stars ready to try their wallops against the curves of major league pitching men. These four are Chic Hafey of Houston, Matt Donohue of Dallas, who is leading the league in batting; Art Weiss of Wichita Falls and Simon Rosenthal of San Antonio.

These players have been selected for purchase by major league club owners, but it is impossible to say just where each will go. Weiss, who is the star of the Spudder club, is supposed to have strings attached to him because of the deal whereby Rip Wheeler went to the Chicago Cubs.

Weiss was with Wichita Falls last season, but because of his lack of finish in fielding the Chicago club decided it would not bother with him. This year he has improved and will get a chance in the majors.

Up to the time that Rosenthal broke his ankle he was declared to be the best plump in the Texas orchard. There was a rumor that the Red Sox had a claim to his service, but this has been denied by the owner of the San Antonio club.

Matt Donohue, the real star of the league, would have had a trial in the last set this summer were it not for the fact that he refused to take the game seriously last year. His work this year has been conspicuous and his average is more than .400.

Other outfielders who are hitting and who have a chance of getting in the majors are Big Bagwell of Galveston, Brown and French of Shreveport, Ostergard and Rabbit of Beaumont and Fitzgerald of Wichita.

(Toy) Jim Herman, Omaha heavyweight fighter, and his manager, Jack Lewis, plan to leave Seattle for Seattle where he is scheduled to fight Fitch Johnson in a 10-round main event bout at the Seattle baseball park next Wednesday evening. Herman leaves Omaha in good physical condition.

Skomal, manager and third-sacker, is noted for his fog-like voice. Dutch Kohler, outfielder, is the veteran of the bunch.

Novitsky, first-sacker, saved many games by his work at the initial corner. Jimmy Welsh, outfielder, is one of the fastest men in the league. Ray Jourdan, storistop, is playing his third year of amateur baseball.

Although the Merchants lost to the West L Improvers last Sunday in the first game of the elimination series, the business men still have a chance to cop the city championship. This afternoon the Vintons will take a lay-off and next Sunday will meet the losers of this afternoon's game between the Murphys and the C. B. & Q.

Good Hurlers Need Clever Catchers Declare Scouts

Ogden, Athletic Castoff, Going Strong With Ruel Behind Bat—Wally Schang's Days Are Over.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A baseball expert says that old timers declare that the catchers in many of the clubs today are the weakest in the history of the game. None of the backstoppers of today compare with Jimmy Archer and Johnny Kling. Scouts ever with an eye to a good pitching material, fall utterly to realize that the weakness of some of the present-day pitching is due chiefly to the man behind the bat, who does not know the plays and has not enough strategy in his makeup to aid a pitcher. Many of the big league clubs would be better off if they hunted receivers instead of pitchers.

Just what smart catching can do for a pitcher can be seen in the case of Warren Ogden, the Athletic cast-off. Ogden pitched so many curve balls while with the Mackmen that his arm was always sore. When he landed in Washington, catchers held a consultation with him, and instead of all curves, Ogden mixes them up now. His record of eight victories in 10 starts speaks volumes for the backstopping of Ruel and Garrity.

Snyder and Gowdy of the Giants are no longer young fellows, and they have passed their best catching days. So, too, has Schang, the Yankee great backstopper. Schalk of the White Sox, a wonder among receivers, is no longer able to go in and do the bulk of the catching, and the work is falling upon the shoulders of Crouse, who is coming along nicely.

Steven O'Neill is passing, though still a great catcher. Basser of Detroit, catching as well as ever in his career, will not be in a Detroit uniform many more seasons. Severeid of the Browns, who glories in catching every game, will soon make way for Pat Collins.

Connie Mack can see no one in sight better than Cy Perkins, but Cy is not the hitter he was a few years ago.

Hargraves of Cincinnati is still a master workman and has a few years of baseball. St. Louis has to depend upon Gonzales, who is no longer a young star.

HELEN WILLS AND RICHARDS PAIRED. Boston, Aug. 9.—Miss Helen Wills of Berkeley, Cal., and Vincent Richards of New York will appear as partners in the national mixed doubles championship. Play in this event will be run off in connection with the national doubles championship during the week of August 15.

STRIBLING TO MEET BOB FITZSIMMONS. Macon, Ga., Aug. 8.—Articles were signed here today for a 15-round battle between Young Stribling of this city and Young Bob Fitzsimmons of New York, Labor day. This is four days after Stribling's scheduled battle with Paul Berlenbach in New York.

Important Boxing Bouts This Week. Aug. 11—Benny Leonard against Pat Moran, 10 rounds in Cleveland. Aug. 11—Larry Estridge against Panama Joe Gans, 12 rounds in Long Island City. Aug. 11—Jack Malone against Frank Moody, 10 rounds in Detroit. Aug. 11—Benny Valenz against Ben Galliano, 10 rounds in New Orleans. Aug. 11—Billy Kennedy against Peter Mack, 12 rounds in Jersey City. Aug. 12—Luis Vicentini against Jack Bernstein, 12 rounds in Brooklyn. Aug. 12—Sonny Smith against Eddie Anderson, 12 rounds in Brooklyn. Aug. 12—Jack Burke against Bill Collins, 10 rounds in Brooklyn. Aug. 12—Jack Johnson against Ted Jackson, 10 rounds in East Chicago. Aug. 12—Cuddy DeMarco against Dick Conlin, 10 rounds in Brad-dock, Pa.

Buckeye Grid Mentor Opens School at Columbia--Expert at Aerial Game

New York, Aug. 9.—Dr. John W. Wilce, Ohio university's noted gridiron coach, has started his football coaching course at Columbia university again. As Dr. Wilce is decidedly a "modern" in football, the former University of Michigan star's pupils can expect to learn a great deal about the forward passing game. As a matter of fact, Coach Wilce has emphasized this phase of the gridiron sport at the Columbia summer sessions of the last two years. Moreover, the effectiveness with which his own Buckeye elevens have used this

FIRPO-WILLS GO SEPTEMBER 11TH

New York, Aug. 9.—Announcement has been made by Tex Rickard that he will promote the Firpo-Wills heavyweight struggle at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City Thursday evening, September 11, so as not to interfere with the polo matches scheduled for September 6, 10 and possibly a third game on September 12. He intended to put it on the night before, but after going over the situation thoroughly he decided on the 11th.

Preceding Wills and Firpo, Rickard will stage two eights, one six and a four spot, bringing together a bunch of 175-pounders and heavyweights. The best seats will cost \$25. Ten thousand \$2 and \$3 tickets will be placed on sale at 5 o'clock on the day

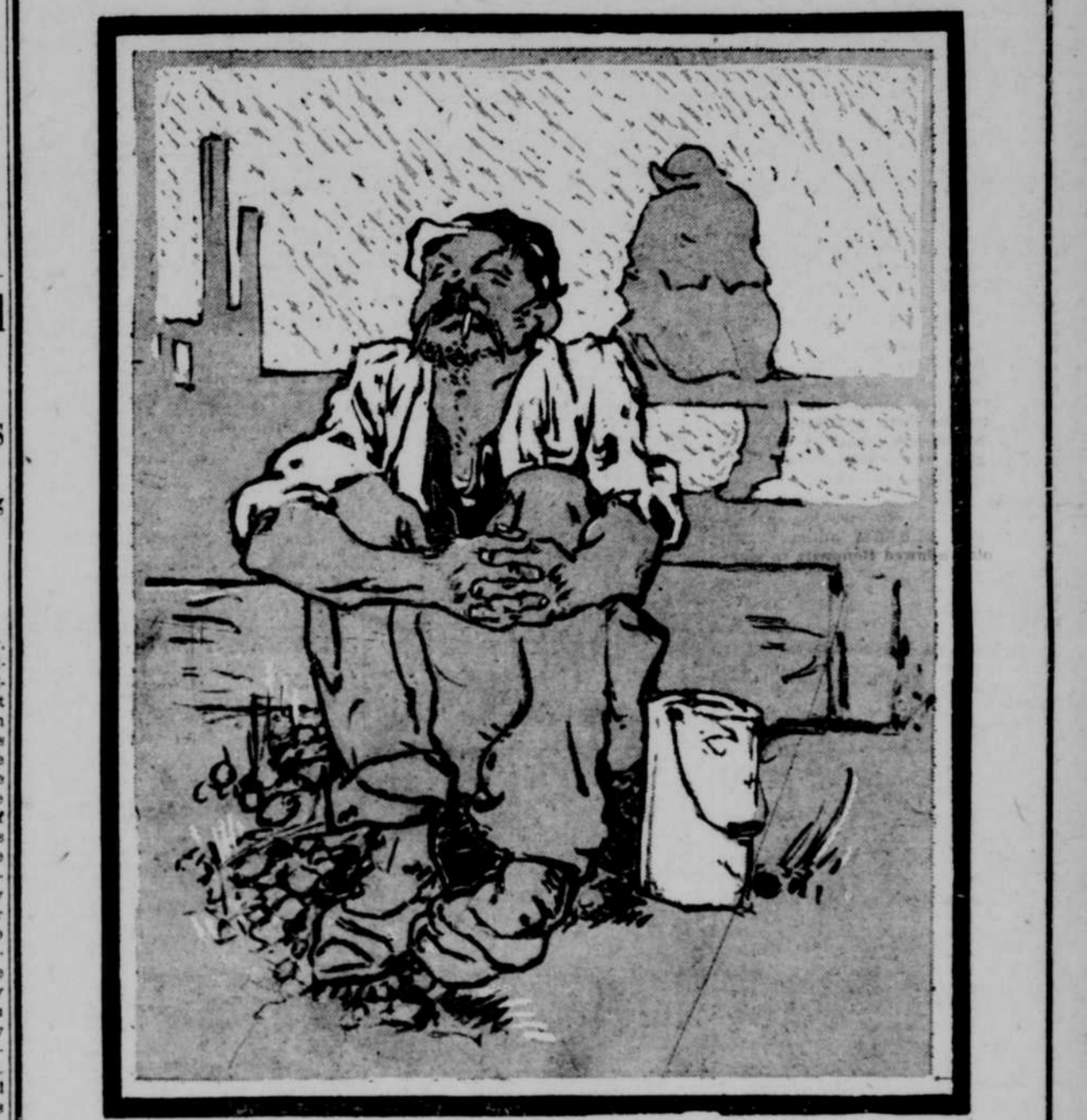
TRACK RECORD MADE AT MALVERN

Malvern, Ia., Aug. 8.—Toddland won the feature event, the 2:30 trot, on the closing program of the Mills county fair. Dr. Douglas finished second, while Princes Lander won third place money. Time: 2:34 1-4, 2:35 1-4, 2:37 1-4, 2:31 1-4 and 2:31 1-4. Ledgewood Patch, in winning the 2:11 pace, set a new track record, traveling one heat in 2:08 1-4. Bags won second money. Prince Pachuta won third money. Kate C finished fourth. The race was for a purse of \$250.

Malvern defeated Emerson, 4 to 1, in the baseball game following the races. Batteries: Bartholomew and Tynes; Haynes and Graham.

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