

AMATEUR SPORTSMEN ACTIVE

Coming Season Will Be a Lively One with the Non-Professionals.

PLANS OF OMAHA CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Enthusiasm Marks the Launching of Director Barnes' Program of Outdoor Sports in the New Amateur Athletic Association.

Activity of an unprecedented degree will characterize the athletic affairs of the Young Men's Christian association this season.

John Francis presided when he called the meeting to order there were about 125 men present. The majority of them were young, but in the crowd were a number of middle-aged men, in whom advancing years have not removed the athletic spirit.

"I am more than pleased," said Mr. Barnes, "in the interest manifested by the members of the association in athletic affairs. Every indication points to the best year of our history along the line of outdoor sports."

"We are going to have crack teams in base ball, basketball, tennis and track and field athletics and arrangements are being perfected with a view to arousing a spirit of rivalry among the various association organizations so that the interest will continue throughout the entire year."

"It is my intention to give every man a chance to play ball, tennis or any other sport, regardless of whether he is an expert or not. Every member of the association will be welcome to all of the privileges of the athletic park and we will be mighty glad to see the older men get out and renew their youth."

Preliminary arrangements for the season were made Thursday night by dividing the men into different sections. Frank Crawford presided over the base ball section. Four teams are already assured and two others are in prospect.

Twenty-nine men enrolled themselves as desirous of participating in the outdoor basketball tournament. Emil Gutting presided over the section.

There were twenty-two men in the tennis section. Mr. Gilmore presided. The tennis players will be early in the field. In two weeks' time a tournament for members only will be held and following that an open tournament at singles and doubles will take place.

The Young Men's Christian association park will be opened Wednesday, May 1. There will be no formal program, but the members will get together and go through a little preliminary practice.

The Omaha Amateur Athletic club has been taking long strides during the last week toward the completion of its grounds at an early date. The base ball diamond and the cricket pitch have already been graded and the laying out of the golf course is under way.

Plans for the building which the association will build this summer have been completed and all of the members who have viewed them express the highest satisfaction.



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double bowling alley. On the second floor are two living rooms for the use of the keeper of the grounds.

There will be 150 lockers for the men and fifty for the women, with toilet rooms and shower baths adjoining. The building will face south, and will stand class by the large orchard of apple and cherry trees on the north side of the grounds.

It is estimated that grading and preparation of the grounds will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000, and about \$2,500 will be expended on the rest of the club building, which is so arranged that a double wing can be added in the future of the same general design as the main building.

DEATH COMES TO FIGHTER

Deplorable Ending of Mill Between American and English Pugilists in London.

The death of Billy Smith, the New York featherweight, as the result of a knockout blow administered by Jack Roberts of England in their fight before the National Sporting club, London, Monday, is a deplorable circumstance. The fight was for the lightweight championship of England and Smith had been promised in case he won the match a chance to meet Terry McGovern.

In the first three rounds the American fighter had things his own way and he was counted the victor by all the spectators. In the beginning of the fourth, however, he began to weaken, and Roberts took the upper hand, and administered his adversary a severe beating in the eighth round Smith was apparently helpless. He made no effort to defend himself and was twice knocked down. He was injured internally.

Billy Smith was one of the most promising of the young fighters in New York. He came rapidly to the front in the last year or two, and was in fine form when he went to England. His friends on this side of the water confidently predicted that he would be victorious, although admitting that he had a hard fight on his hands.

Two fights are scheduled for next week in which there is considerable interest. One will be the McGovern-Gardner go in San Francisco and the other the Sharkey-Russell throughout the entire year.

It is a certainty that the match between Sharkey and Russell will be worth going miles to see. Both fighters are of the aggressive sort, and they will make things hum from song to song. Russell is said to be a powerful giant and has a way of fighting peculiar to himself. He starts for his opponent hammer and tongs fashion in the first round and keeps it up until something happens to one of them.

A move is on foot now to have the championship fight between Jeffries and Rubin pulled off in San Francisco. President Ed Homan of the San Francisco Athletic club has made an offer to the managers of the big pug offering 65 per cent of the gate receipts in case the fight will be set for the Golden Gate City. Homan backs up this offer by declaring his willingness to post a big forfeit with any newspaper in San Francisco, guaranteeing that the fight will come off without interference.

Benny Yanger, the "Tipton Slasher," and Jack Richie of St. Louis fought twenty rounds to a draw in Memphis Monday night. From reports of the fight it would seem that Yanger was entitled to the decision. He wound up the mill in splendid condition, while his opponent was tattered and weakened after the tenth round, taking all sorts of punishment, but managing to keep on his feet until the last going "ring."

This fight was probably the last that will be held in Tennessee and Memphis, which has been a Mecca for the pugilists since the ban was put on the sport in nearly all of the cities of the country. An anti-prize fight law has been passed by the state assembly and signed by the governor.

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WESTERN LEAGUE IS READY

Season Will Open Friday Under Most Favorable Conditions.

TEAMS ARE ALL EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG

Omaha Starts Season in the West and Will Return for the Opening Game on the Home Grounds Friday, May 17.

The new Western league, built upon the sturdy foundation of the little six-club organization which made such great success last season, will make its bow to the base ball populace in four cities of the league next Friday. The promoters of the expanded league have such great confidence in the outlook that they have not the slightest fear of a "hoodoo" following the opening of the season on Friday—the day which many people look upon with superstitious dread.

Nothing can keep the league from being a success. This is the opinion of everyone of the interested magnates from President Hickey down through the entire list. It is justified, they believe, because of the undoubted base ball enthusiasm that existed last season and was indicated by a patronage that was generous and spontaneous. Further justification for optimism is found in the fact that each of the teams has been carefully organized and it is a certainty that the best of ball which will be furnished in the league this season will be satisfactory to the most fastidious fan.

Each of last year's teams has been strengthened. The best men have been retained and the poorer players have been traded out. President Hickey asserts that the article of ball this season will be far superior to that furnished a year ago.

The first league game in Omaha will be played May 17. The Rourke family opens the season at Colorado Springs and then plays three games each with Denver, St. Joseph and Kansas City, arriving home for the opening series with St. Joseph. Local fans will await with impatience the coming of the base ball history of this city. There will be hands of cards dealt in a parade through the principal streets of the city in which the officials of the Western league and the Omaha and St. Joseph teams will be on exhibition. At the Vinton Street park there will be a little preliminary program, the main feature of which will be a short address by Mayor Moore. His honor will also toss the first ball over the plate and then the Rourke family will light in and wallow the Saints.

Omaha will start under the wire with an even break for the pennant. The team which President Rourke has succeeded in getting together is a No. 1 in every particular. The signing of Dick Buckley, the old big league catcher, strengthened the only weak place in the team and in every department the Rourke family will shine with a brilliancy that will not fail to attract attention. The last week has been devoted to hard practice and Captain Stewart thinks his team is in ship-shape condition now. There will be three chances to see the local play before they start on their western trip, the series of exhibition games with Minneapolis continuing this afternoon, tomorrow and Tuesday.

"White Wings" Tebeau declares unequivocally that his Kansas City team will land the Western league pennant. At any rate, he is so quoted in a Denver paper. Flushed with the joy of winning last year's pennant in Denver, Tebeau has come to the conclusion that a team with which he is identified is invincible. "White Wings" will probably have several crimps put into his optimism concerning his own team before the season is far advanced.

Kansas City has a strong aggregation, but so has every other team in the league. It would be impossible to compare the teams more evenly matched than are the Western league clubs. The one that lands the pennant will have no walk-away, and it looks as though the championship will be a matter of doubt until the season draws near to a close.

Captain Ryan of the St. Paul club has "rolled a real Indian for his team in Charles A. Roberts, formerly of Carlisle. Roberts is a utility man and can play any position except in the box. He is a strong hitter and is expected to be one of the star men in the St. Paul team.

With the opening of the American league season last Wednesday the two big leagues are now going it full blast and the rivalry between them promises to keep base ball interest in the east at a high pitch the season through. It is too early yet to get a line on the abilities of the different teams in the American eight clubs are well balanced and evenly matched, and the race for the championship will likely be an exciting one. The same may be said of the National, although Brooklyn and Pittsburgh have the advantage of having had their preliminary work done in the south and are in better condition than the other teams. A week or so of active work will remove this handicap in their favor, however.

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In January Inches established a high average in five games at tenpins. At that time his scores were 201, 220, 224, 244, 189, a total of 1,078 and an average of 217 4-5. His new average is higher by six points than was the old.

The third game Tuesday afternoon was the one in which Inches accomplished his best work. He started off with a strike and mowed down all the pins with his first ball in each succeeding frame except the sixth. In the sixth Inches made a spare, scoring eight pins with his first ball. His score in this game was 278, one less than the high city score of 279, which is held by C. B. Bridenbecker. A strike in the sixth frame would have given Inches a perfect score—300. Inches' scores in the five games bowled Tuesday were as follows: 202, 189, 278, 225, 227, a total of 1,119.

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MAY RETRIEVE LOST HONORS

Nebraska Chess Players Make Ambitious Start with Iowa After Losing to Mississippi.

The Nebraskans feel a little better, since receiving a sound drubbing from the Mississippians, to make such a good start against Iowa. The following game, which places the score 1 to 0 in favor of Nebraska, is a fair sample of Mr. Kinniburgh's style and answers our purpose well as a specimen of the Gnuco Piano, an opening we have neglected too much.

White—D. L. Adams, Nels. Dunlap, 14; 1-P-K 4; 2-K-Q 1; 3-B 2; 4-K-Q 1; 5-P 4; 6-P-Q 4; 7-K-R 2; 8-K-R 2; 9-K-R 2; 10-K-R 2; 11-K-R 2; 12-K-R 2; 13-K-R 2; 14-K-R 2; 15-K-R 2; 16-K-R 2; 17-K-R 2; 18-K-R 2; 19-K-R 2; 20-K-R 2.

"The Gnuco Piano," says Freeborough, "is a quiet and regular opening, leading naturally to a perfect and a strong game. The pawns and pieces are gradually opposed to each other and changed off. The nature of the game being determined by the player's treatment of slight irregularities and disarrangements incidental to the opening."

(a) This retains the original name, Gnuco Pianissimo. (b) I haven't been able to find this in any book I have seen. (c) I have not seen Mr. Edwards' move. (d) I have not seen Mr. Edwards' move. (e) I have not seen Mr. Edwards' move.

Mississippi, 13½; Nebraska, 4½; three games to finish. This stands the score. The latest is a draw between Messrs. S. R. Redden of Laurel, Miss., and A. Powell of St. Edward, Neb., a "Gnuco Pianissimo" of fifty moves; and M. D. McGrath of Brownsville, Miss., scored a neat win from E. R. Tyson of Nebraska City in a Ruy Lopez of forty-one moves.

Dr. J. L. Ormsbee of Springfield, Mo., has in press a circular entitled "Chess in Mississippi." Fifty of printer's ink keeps up the interest in chess. He says: "I notice your remarks on note (a). Edwards' move from Lasker's 'Common Sense in Chess,' pages 22 and 23, where he says: 'Post Black's K-B on a square where he can do some effective work and advance the Q-P.'"

True, but why not 19...P-Q 4? Pillsbury showed a number of Lincolns that it is not safe to play 10...B-B4 in this variation of the Lopez; in fact, I have seen but one game of the kind where Black escaped with a whole skin.

Last week "Miron" the veteran chess editor of the New York Clipper, who for nearly half a century has been digesting and publishing interesting chess items, published in his column the game played by Father C. A. Oliver, Captain Frank Johnson and Thomas Helm of Jackson, Miss., in consultation against Messrs. N. G. Griffin, C. B. and W. S. Swenson of Nebraska, copied from the New Orleans Sunday States, with the comment that "the 'Gnuco Pianissimo,' unless carefully and properly met, is not so innocent as it looks."

By A. H. Robbins, St. Louis. White mates in three moves. BLACK



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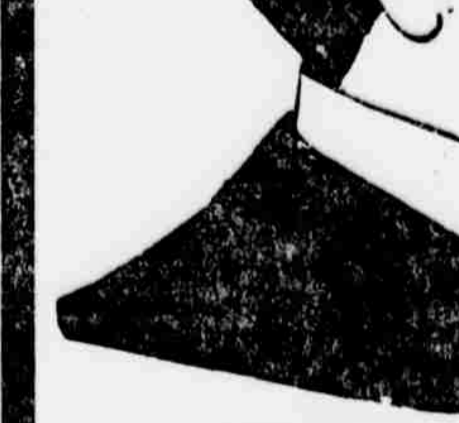
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Wednesday morning a merry party of women bowlers played at Clark's. The party was made up of Mesdames Henry Rix, Fred Krug, Herman Beselin, William Wigman and Phil Windheim.

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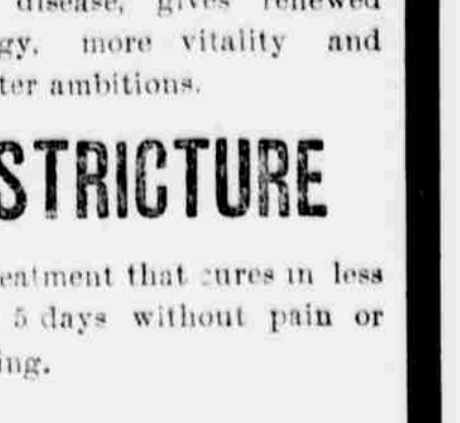
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