EARLY WORK FOR ROURKITES

Omaha League Team Has Preliminary Season of Fourteen Games.

THEN PERHAPS ONE WITH PITTSBURG

"Pa's" Family Will Get Together in This City Next Saturday and Sunday—Some Members Already Here.

Though the schedule season of the Western league base ball games does not begin till April 23, W. A. Rourke, manager of the Omaha team, has completed arrangements for showing off his colts to the local fans before that time. For the month of April previous to the first league date "Papa Bill" now has fourteen games cinched, with a fifteenth in view. Moreover, all but three of these contests will be played on the Vinton street park grounds in this city.

The breakaway will be with the Originals, an Omaha team of years' standing, and this will be for two contests on April 5 and 6. Then the leaguers will go to Lincoln for three games with the first team of the University of Nebraska on April 7, 8 and 9. These contests will occur on University field, and will be among the most valuable of all preliminary games for the Omaha team in the way of workouts, since the collegians always offer a pretty fair team and try hard to win. Games with the university aggregation are regular annual affairs now, and are always relished by the Omaha boys.

Then comes nine straight games in Omaha, and possibly ten. Creighton university is scheduled for the 10th and 11th of the month, the Des Moines league team for the 12th and 13th, the University of Nebraska in a return meet on the 15th and 16th, and Belden Hill's team of Cedar Rapids, Ia., in the "Three-I" league for April 18, 19 and 20.

May Be a Pittsburg Game.

The possible game is with Pittsburg, and will occur either on April 14 or 17, if at all. This team is now in training at Hot Springs, Ark., and plays in St. Joseph on April 12 and 13 with that Western league team. Manager Rourke has been assured that he will be given a game on one of these dates if the Pittsburg team does not open its regular season in the east earlier than April 23, as now planned.

This Pittsburg game should prove easily the best of all the preliminary matches, since it has become impossible to take on the Chicago White Stockings or the New York City aggregation, as was hoped. Rourke had a half promise of games on April 12 and 13 with Comiskey's men, but the deal fell through later, as "Kid" Nichols showed that he had first call on the Chicago men for Kansas City, and they will now play his Western league team there instead.

Rourke says that his players will arrive about next Saturday and Sunday, though all of them may not be here sharply on the 1st of April. He has just received a letter from Ace Stewart at Terre Haute, Ind., who will play second base again. Stewart writes that he is very anxious to report for duty, and is only waiting for the time. He will bring with him Left Fielder Carter, who is also there just now, and Brown, the new pitcher, who played with Terre Haute last year.

Trouble About Brown.

"There is going to be some trouble about that man Brown," said Mr. Rourke. "Terre Haute claims him still, and insists on keeping him. But he will report here all right and I'll keep him. Terre Haute is trying to hold him when they have no contract with him there."

The ideal weather has had all the base ball players in town out the last few days. Yesterday four Omaha team players were at work. They were: Catchers Gonding and Hayes, First Baseman Calhoun and Shortstop Dolan. With them were Freeland of the New Orleans nine, McAndrews of the Milwaukee bunch and Sam Crawford of the Cincinnati team. Then there were many amateurs to fill out, with several Originals among them.

At Vinton street park all improvements are completed save those on the grounds. These will be delayed till the frost is entirely out of the ground, and the first rain will be depended upon to accomplish that. At present the grounds are spongy with frost. As soon as this is remedied the field will be harrowed, dragged and rolled to an ideal playing surface.

A new admission scheme will be inaugurated by Manager Rourke this year. He will issue small booklets of tickets, each containing forty-two admissions, and costing $10. The books have just come from the press and bindery, and are neatly bound in leather, being very small.

"Hot Springs seems to be rivaling West Baden, Ind., as a place for base ball men to brace up in the spring," said Rourke. "There are all kinds of them there now. They go down to 'boil out' and purge their systems of the impurities which come with a winter's loafing and lassitude. It is a great help in putting them in shape."

GOTCH WINS FROM COLEMAN

Iowa Man Gets Two Falls Within Prescribed Limit of an Hour.

Frank Gotch of Humbolt, Ia., won two falls from Frank Coleman of Kansas City within the prescribed sixty minutes at the Trocadero last night. It took him forty-four minutes and a half to do the trick. Though Coleman was beaten, he won a host of friends by the showing he made. Outweighed fully fifty pounds, he displayed marvelous strength and agility and suppleness against overwhelming odds and for thirty-one minutes it looked as though he would certainly win the match, fighting his way out of hold after hold that seemed unbreakable. At the end of that time Coleman finally succumbed to a half-Nelson and body hold and Gotch had his first fall. He needed another, and after ten minutes' rest the men went at it again. Gotch rushed matters from the start. After thirteen minutes and a half he tipped Coleman over with a half-Nelson and crotch hold, and by sheer weight bore him to the mat on both shoulders.

Peter Loch refereed the main event. James Hengsley of the Des Moines Athletic club was timekeeper. The crowd was wildly enthusiastic and Coleman was cheered to the echo each time he evaded a fall or broke a hold. Each man was considerably scratched and bruised and both were worn out.

In a preliminary go Jack Shane, at 210 pounds, easily threw John Holden twice, at 156 pounds, in a side-hold bout. The falls cost forty seconds and one minute, respectively. Holden then challenged Shane to a catch-as-catch-can match, which is Holden's real game.

Pete Rooney took the first fall from M. Sinberg in a welterweight catch-as-catch-can match in fifteen minutes, but Sinberg then braced up and won the next two and the match in eleven minutes and four minutes, respectively.

Two newsboys from Mogy's "Home" showed what they were learning down there in a clever preliminary, Salvatore Mazzei winning two falls from George Meehan in short order. The boys had all the tricks and holds of older catch-as-catch-can wrestlers and went at the game with interesting intensiveness. Marion McIntyre refereed the preliminary events.

WORK FROM NOW ON IN PEACE

National League Magnates Decide to Bury the Hatchet, Says Robinson.

CLEVELAND, March 22.—A movement of the National Base Ball league magnates will be held at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, Tuesday evening, April 1, to arrange a schedule for the coming season and to discuss other business matters.

C. H. Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn club, was closeted with Frank DeHass Robison of the St. Louis club for several hours here today, during which conferences were held with James A. Hart at Chicago and A. H. Soden of Boston by long-distance telephone. Late today Mr. Robison stated that it had been decided to call a meeting at the time and place above named.

Mr. Robison added that the matter of the league presidency would not be discussed at the meeting unless a decision should be rendered by the courts in connection with the pending litigation previous to April 1.

As a result of today's conference with Messrs. Ebbetts, Soden and Hart," continued Mr. Robison, "I can say that all differences will be laid aside and that we shall from now on work in harmony."

INDIANAPOLIS, March 22.—John T. Brush denied emphatically today that he proposed attending a meeting of base ball club owners of the National league in New York on the 24th inst. He said he had not been paying a great deal of attention to base ball of late, although he has been looking after his investment in Cincinnati somewhat. While Mr. Brush has said in a number of instances that conditions frequently change circumstances and that on one day a proposition that seemed insurmountable finds those differing together the next day, he has held firmly to his view that the National league cannot be operated successfully on the old lines even temporarily. These are views he has expressed from time to time and notwithstanding that the playing season is almost on he is not the man to be driven away from a position once taken. While the other magnates may meet Mr. Brush will continue to allow them to try to patch up a plan by themselves.

MORE ENTRIES THAN EVER

Competitors in Grand American Handicap Show Up in Large Numbers.

KANSAS CITY, March 22.—At noon today 355 entries for the Grand American handicap which will take place in this city from March 31 until April 5 had been received at the office of the secretary of the Interstate association in New York, according to an announcement made tonight by Elmer E. Shaner, manager of the association, under whose auspices the event will be given. This number exceeds by seventy-seven the highest number of wing shots who have ever participated in any previous Grand American handicap shoot. Manager Shaner expects the entry list to number at least 400. If his estimate is correct, the purse will amount to $10,000 and the high man's share will be between $600 and $700 and besides he will receive a handsome cup given by the Interstate association. The handicap committee will meet in this city next Thursday. The list of entries, the handicaps and the orders of shooting will be announced March 30.

Manager Shaner stated tonight that the shoot will begin promptly at 8 a. m. each day, four traps being in use and all events not being finished April 5 will be declared off. E. B. Banks, secretary of the Interstate association, with a large delegation from New York, will arrive here next Saturday. A special train from Chicago will bring a delegation of 125, who will arrive here March 30.

J. A. R. Elliott of this city and W. R. Crosby of O'Fallon, Ill., will shoot for the cast iron medal next Saturday.

WING SHOT AT KANSAS CITY

Championship Contest for Sportsmen's Review Cup, Held by Elliott, in Kawville.

CINCINNATI, March 22.—A contest for the wing shot championship of America will be held at Blue River shooting park, Kansas City, March 28, having as contestants the three famous experts, J. A. R. Elliott, W. R. Crosby and Fred Gilbert. Many trap shooters will be there to compete in the Grand American handicap at five birds the following week.

The contest will be at twenty-five live birds per man for possession of the "Sportsmen's Review" cup, emblematic of the wing shot championship of America. Announcement of the contest was made here tonight by the Sportsmen's Review.

Elliott of Kansas City is the present holder.

Date for Yale-Harvard Races.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 22.—It is announced here today that Yale and Harvard have agreed upon terms for the annual boat race to be held at New London on Thursday, June 26, with William Meikleham as referee. There will be three races as usual. A four-mile race between the 'varsity eight-oared, a two-mile race between the four-oared and a two-mile race between the freshmen crews.

Corbett May Challenge Jeff.

RICHMOND, Va., March 22.—James J. Corbett, who is appearing here as a member of a theatrical company, today telegraphed Harry Corbett to challenge James J. Jeffries to a fight with him should Robert Fitzsimmons refuse to fight under the offer of the Los Angeles club. Corbett puts up a $1,000 forfeit and a side bet of $5,000.

CAMBRIDGE EASY WINNER

Annual Boat Race with Oxford Lacking in Exciting Features.

DEFEATED CREW ABSOLUTELY ROWED OUT

Light Blue Takes the Lead at the Start and at No Time Was There Any Doubt About the Result.

PUTNEY, England, March 22.—The Cambridge crew today fulfilled the expectations of the prophets and won the fifty-ninth boat race with Oxford as they liked. The time was 19 minutes 9 seconds. At no time throughout the race did Oxford in the slightest degree flatter the hopes of the supporters of the dark blue. Any possible chance which the Oxonians might have had was shattered by the result of the toss in giving the light blues (Cambridge) all the advantage of station.

Immense crowds, as usual, turned out to view the contest, and the weather, though showery, was not so inclement as it had been most of the previous years.

Cambridge was the first to take the water, Oxford following after a slight delay, and both crews paddled to the moored skiffs at the starting line. The start was delayed, owing to the force of the tide making it difficult to keep the boats' noses straight. Lieutenant Colonel Frank Willan, the umpire, however, finally got them away in a capital start. As was anticipated, the livelier stroke of the light blues gave them the earliest advantage and their lead was increased at every stroke. By the time Craven Steps were reached Cambridge had a clear length to the good and it was patent to everyone that they had the race in hand, barring accidents. Huntley's somewhat sluggish stroke appeared to be too slow to suit some of the powerful Oxford men behind him. Their weight would have told, at least in the earlier part of the race, had they been given more chance. As it was, each landmark on the river banks found them further and further in the rear, and at Harrod's stores their troubles were increased by the wash of their opponents' boat. Off the Saccharine works the dark blue made its effort and the Oxford crew struggled gallantly, but only for a short distance. Nelson (Cambridge) did not quicken his stroke and the gap was reduced to about a length as the boats shot under Hammersmith bridge.

The effort took all the steam out of the Oxonians, their stroke dropped from thirty-seven to thirty-two and the race was practically over. Cambridge came away, pulling comfortably at an average of thirty-six strokes to the minute, and increasing its lead without the slightest effort. Before reaching Barnes' bridge the dark blues were in the greatest trouble, while the light blues, amid hearty cheers, paddled past the ship at Mortlake, the easiest winners of the tamest university boat race in many years.

The official time of the finish was 19 minutes 9 seconds, and the distance separating the two boats was officially given out as being five lengths, but it was nearly eight lengths.

The spectators, especially the Oxonians, were not slow to show their resentment at the somewhat rare spectacle of a university "eight" absolutely rowed out.

The defeated crew included the brothers Milburn. This was the first time on record that two Americans participated in an Oxford-Cambridge boat race.

Cambridge's time was 19 minutes 9 seconds.

The experts agreed that the two Buffalo boys showed fine style. Shortly after the race the Milburns informed a representative of The Associated Press that they had been so well trained and coached that they had quite recovered from the strain and felt in fine condition. Many old "blues" congratulated the Americans on the fine showing they made, and hopes were freely expressed that they would both row next year.

Large crowds of Americans were present to see the Buffalonians row.

MAXNIC LEADS TWO-YEAR-OLDS

Colt Distinguishes Itself by Carrying Off Western Produce Stakes.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Maxnic, the clever Burns & Waterhouse colt, won the rich Western Produce stakes for 2-year-olds at Oakland today from Sylvia Talbert of the Schreiber stable, and Vinctides, carrying the colors of Charles Boots, was third. The event, which was transferred by the San Francisco club to the New California Jockey club, had a value of almost $10,000, the association adding $5,000. A field of nine went to the post, with the Schreiber pair, Sylvia Talbott and Deutschland, favorites. Maxnic and his stable companion, Thaddeus, were next in demand. In the start Sylvia went out in front.

Nash Turner got Maxnic away running and moved up at the stretch turn. The colt gradually cut down the lead of the Balgowan filly and then straightened away for home, quickly caught and passed her, and landed Maxnic a winner by a length. Maxnic was bred by Burns & Waterhouse, being by Altamax-Picnic. He is one of the best youngsters shown here.

The winner's share of the purse was $6,930, while $2,000 went to the second horse. The owner of the third receives $950.

Only two favorites won during the afternoon. In the first race Ada N., at 9 to 1, got up in time to beat Prestano a head. Jockeys Turner and Birkennuth will leave Monday for Memphis. Results:

First race, three-quarters of a mile, selling: Ada N. won, Prestano second, The Weaver third. Time: 1:15.

Second race, thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, selling: Dr. Boyle won, Mike Strauss second, Reina de Cuba third. Time: 1:22.

Third race, one mile, selling: Dr. Bernay won, Fridolin second, Tixona third. Time: 1:43.

Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile, Western Produce stakes: Maxnic won, Sylvia Talbott second, Vinctides third. Time: 1:02¼.

Fifth race, three-quarters of a mile, selling: Tower of Candles won, February second, Doublet third. Time: 1:14¼.

Sixth race, one mile, selling: Artilla won, Huachuaca second, Dean Swift third. Time: 1:42¾.

Love's Labour Wins.

NEW ORLEANS, March 22.—Love's Labour and Major Mansir were the winning favorites today. The feature of the card was the New Louisiana handicap at four miles and worth $850 to the winner. Major Mansir was a strong favorite in the betting. The price being cut from 6 to 5 to even. Asim and Jackanapes showed the way for three and a half miles, alternating in the leading. Going around the leaders, O'Connor sent the favorite to the front and came home as he pleased, winning very cleverly by two lengths. Bristol pulled up after going two miles and a half, and with the exception of Little Tommy Tucker, who ran a good race, the others were staggering at the end. Ida Ledford, the favorite in the fifth race, stumbled in the final breakaway and threw her rider. Results:

First race, one mile and an eighth: Love's Labour won, Chancery second, Boot third. Time: 1:58.

Second race, handicap, six furlongs: Four Leaf Clover won, Maggie Davis second, Sir Christopher third. Time: 1:14¾.

Third race, selling, one mile and a quarter: Eugenia S. won, Elmoran second, Linden Ella third. Time: 2:11¼.

Fourth race, New Louisiana handicap, four miles: Major Mansir won, Little Tommy Tucker second, Little Elkin third. Time: 7:26¼.

Fifth race, handicap, one mile and a sixteenth: Van Hoorebeke won, Banish second, Petit Maitre third. Time: 1:49½.

Sixth race, selling, one mile and seventy yards: Donator won, Lofter second, Dr. Carrick third. Time: 1:47.

All Won by Favorites.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 22.—All five races at the exposition track were won by favorites today. Results:

First race, selling, six furlongs: Millstream won, Oricus second, Salome third. Time: 1:20½.

Second race, selling, five and a half furlongs: Glad Hand won, Can Roder second, Kildarlie third. Time: 1:13¾.

Third race, selling, six and a half furlongs: Dr. Worth won, Dominis second, Jim Scanlon third. Time: 1:27½.

Fourth race, selling, five furlongs: Jake Fonzo won, Latch String second, Cathedral third. Time: 1:04¾.

Fifth race, selling, seven furlongs: By George won, Bad Penny second, Queen L. third. Time: 1:33.

Joe Lohbeck, Des Moines Catcher.

DES MOINES, March 22.—(Special.)—The base ball men in the city have received a letter from Joe Quinn, in which he states that he has signed Joe Lohbeck to catch for the local team next summer. Lohbeck has been out of the game for the last two years and is not well known in Des Moines, but he is said to be a fast man behind the bat, as well as a good sticker and base runner. He and Joe held a little practice game the other day all by themselves and in order to convince Quinn that his arm is still good Lohbeck threw some at him so hard that the second baseman had to back up against a house in order to keep from being knocked off his feet.

Two Handsome Medals.

Two of the handsomest gold medals ever shown in the state are now on exhibition at Louis Fiescher's bicycle store on Capitol avenue. They cost $100 each and were awarded by the American Bicycle company to Archie Turner and John Dye of Omaha for records made in competition. Turner has the local two-mile track record, 4:27, and Dye the one-mile track record, 2:26, made on July 31. These are the records for competition in Iowa and Nebraska for 1901.

FIRE RECORD.

Canadian Pacific Office.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 22.—The Canadian Pacific freight office was destroyed by fire late last night. Fortunately the firemen succeeded in preventing the fire from extending to the long freight sheds to the westward and the damage will only result in an actual cash loss of about $15,000 to the building, contents and some freight. All freight records of the last twenty-two years, or since the Canadian Pacific railway first entered business in Winnipeg, were destroyed and the loss of these documents cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

The fire started in the records of the office room on the second floor. How it originated is a mystery.

His Majesty's Theater.

SIDNEY, N. S. W., March 22.—His majesty's theater was much damaged by fire last night, the interior being destroyed. The properties and scenery of "Ben Hur," valued at $24,000 were lost. There was practically no insurance on the property destroyed.

Seminary Dormitory in Ashes.

VERSAILLES, Ky., March 22.—The dormitory of the Ashland female seminary in this city was destroyed by fire early today. Most of the students were in bed when the flames were discovered and many of them escaped in their night robes only. The loss is covered by insurance.

HYMENEAL.

Boldt-Sass.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 22.—(Special.)—Miss Mabel Sass and Herman C. Boldt were married in the Grace Lutheran church in this city by Rev. A. B. Leamer. Their parents are pioneers of this county and were born and reared in this county. They will live on the fine farm of the groom, east of the city.

Lets Horses' Tails Be Docked.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 22.—Governor Beckham today vetoed the Newcomb bill to prohibit the docking of the tails of horses, which was adopted at the general assembly session just closed. In his message announcing the killing of the measure the executive says legislation should be directed at those who demand such horses and not at those who sell them.