

CALL WICHITA BALD EAGLES

Honor the Slick-Pated Owner by Giving Them This Name.

AROUND THE WESTERN LEAGUE

All the Towns Are Warming Up on This Old Subject of Base Ball in This Year Anno Domini, 1910.

Why not call Wichita the Bald Eagles? I believe, president of that club, is as bald as a rat and furthermore, Wichita has been put to it for a name, wearing the misnomer last year of "Jobbers." Of course the town does some jobbing, but since there is Omaha, that does about a hundred times as much as Wichita and several other towns on the circuit, that best it, why not drop this alleged title and pick up the Bald Eagles? Just stop and contemplate the force of such a name, to say nothing of its fitness. Then there is the Wichita newspaper—the Eagle—which might become a champion of this title, with its eminent contemporary as the Beacon-light. Try it.

These are busy days for Manager Jack Holland. From now until the season opens there will be a hundred and one things to be done before the Drummers will be ready to make their initial bow to the Western league.

That St. Joseph will be represented by a team that will play ball from the start is a foregone conclusion. Manager Jack has signed up some twenty-five players, from whom he will pick the Drummers.

Active work will begin on the green diamond about March 21, at which time the players have been notified to report. During the first two weeks in April the team will be busy getting into form and arrangements are being made for several exhibition games with Hannibal and Quincy teams. Holland hopes to take the team for a week's outing. He does not expect to put on any of the exhibition games in St. Joseph.

Harry McChesney says he will play Saturday ball in Des Moines, then report to St. Joseph. Well, at that St. Joseph probably would not abandon its intention of getting into the game again. McChesney is one of those cranks who falls in fast company and gets too swelled up to play in minor company, where he belongs.

There are a dozen and more men in this Western league, who can play large ring around this same Harry, so if he will only come back and try to content himself, the boys will endeavor to make the pace fast enough to keep him interested.

Babe Towne, who will manage Sioux City, announces that he has bought Fenlon from Louisville and that the big fielder who has played with Omaha, Lincoln and Topeka, will resume his rounds of the Western league teams by playing with Sioux City this season.

The Denver Times has dealt a fearful blow to "Ducky" Holmes. It says Dan Despain, the young man now acting as owner of the Lincoln team, can go "Ducky" one better as a trouble maker for the league. The Times says Donnie is threatening all sorts of trouble for the magnates at their meeting this month over the umpire question which leads some of the men who know Donnie to remark, "Oh, phaw."

Owner Dick Cooley of the Topeka club thinks that the schedule difficulties which have arisen because of the fact that there will be only one far western club in the league this year may be met successfully by the schedule makers when they meet next month.

"In forming a schedule," said Cooley yesterday, "all of the clubs are paired off. In the past Pueblo and Denver were paired together. This year it is likely Denver will be paired with Wichita, Topeka with St. Joseph, Lincoln with Omaha and Des Moines with Sioux City. Last year Topeka and Wichita were paired."

The last bunch of 1909 contracts, so far as players signed in sight, are concerned, was deposited in the Topeka postoffice by Manager Cooley yesterday. So far Cooley has received no reply from the "phenom" college southpaw twirler to whom a contract was mailed a week ago and is beginning to feel slightly worried for fear that this man has slipped through his fingers.

"If I don't land him," Cooley said yesterday, "I've got to get my right arm around a rule. I don't think much of left-handed pitchers, but we've got to have one good one to take care of clubs which run heavily toward left-handed batters."—Topeka Capital.

President Isbell received the contract he forwarded to George Hughes, last season's Wichita second baseman this morning. It wasn't signed. It hadn't even been opened, the face written by the mail carrier who delivered it was the one word "refused."

"Guess he must be trying to slip something over on the old man," observed "Tav," as he deposited the unopened letter in his desk. "Maybe he didn't know

that I got another second baseman this morning. Maybe he'll be in a better humor after a while." Aberdeen in the northwest league has made overtures for Hughes, as have two or three other Class B and C teams.

Besides the infielder whom Comiskey let him have (himself), Isbell closed the deal with Bartlesville for the release of infielder Reddick today. He now has twenty-six players under contract or reserve.—Wichita Beacon.

COFFROTH BEHIND SCHEDULE

California Sport Promoter Arrives in Omaha Two Hours Behind Time.

James W. Coffroth, the California sport promoter, is racing against the mails from London to San Francisco on a \$10,000 wager, according to his own story. Sunday morning he passed through Omaha on the Overland Limited and up to the present time why not drop this alleged title and pick up the Bald Eagles? Just stop and contemplate the force of such a name, to say nothing of its fitness. Then there is the Wichita newspaper—the Eagle—which might become a champion of this title, with its eminent contemporary as the Beacon-light. Try it.

If Coffroth reaches the San Francisco postoffice ahead of the letter, which is addressed to the San Francisco Athletic club, he will be the winner of the \$10,000 prize money. If the letter gets to "Prize" first the wager will go to Eugene Corri, the English boxing promoter.

"The letter and I left London February 1," said Coffroth at the Union station. "We left the English metropolis on the same train and according to English mail officials should have left on the same boat, the Cunard liner Mauretania."

"I don't know how much time the letter has lost since reaching New York, but I do know that I am now two and one-half hours late in my schedule. I reckoned on the swiftest trains from New York to Chicago and Chicago to Omaha, but the Overland Limited was slow in pulling into Chicago. I took the Twentieth Century flyer and that is 15-hour trip was certainly a fast one."

"That \$10,000 looks like sure money to me now, but of course there's no telling what will happen between here and the coast. Anyway I'm not missing any trains."

Coffroth has been abroad for two months arranging boxing matches for United States and foreign clubs. Although he denies having anything to do with the business end of the Jeffries-Johnson bout, he declares that it is a sure thing, notwithstanding all reports to the contrary.

"I am positive the fight will be pulled off in San Francisco," he said. "Johnson and Tex Rickard are not out for good and they will come to an agreement soon. If I had Rickard here now I think I could convince him in five minutes that the bout should be pulled off in San Francisco."

In Europe Coffroth secured a contract for Freddie Welsh to fight Century Nelson for a fight in San Francisco. He also has Ketchel and Langford lined up and expects to arrange a bout between Driscoll and Abe Attell.

"Freddie Welsh and Battling Nelson will probably fight in 'Prize' July 2," said Coffroth. "If Welsh and Nelson fight comes off, Welsh and Nelson will fight as preliminary. It would certainly be a big attraction."

Coffroth is due to reach San Francisco at midnight Tuesday. If his train is on time he will have made the trip from London to the Golden Gate in exactly eight days.

"How did you happen to make the big wager?" he was asked.

"Corri thinks I'm slow, I guess," said the California sport promoter as he leaned up against his Pullman at the depot. "Last Tuesday Corri and I were talking in 'Prize' when he opened a letter and said, 'Your mail service is certainly unequalled.'"

"Right then and there I told Corri I could beat a letter from one postoffice to another, and as I was about ready to leave for America the wager was made that I could reach San Francisco ahead of a letter."

"Corri and I made up the letter, both of us signed it and I saw it mailed in London just as I boarded a train for Liverpool. The race is now on and I'm making for home just as fast as steam can carry me."

Base Ball at Kearney School.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special).—The outlook for successful base ball at the State Normal school was never brighter. Nine men who have played on the Normal team are back in school, and thirty-five have signed their intention to try for positions. Every department of the team is well supplied with material. Ray Murphy, pitcher, is the star. He is a right-handed pitcher, but he is a good mixer and he is a good mixer and he is a good mixer.

Stromberg Has Coming Wrestler.

STROMBERG, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special).—Tom Gatsky of this city, who is in the middle of business, is winning reputation as a lightweight wrestler. He is about 50 years old, weighs 150 pounds and this week gave an exhibition at the opera house when he threw ten of the best men that could be produced from Osceola in forty-nine minutes and five seconds. Mr. Gatsky challenged Osceola that he could throw ten of his best men in one hour, and he had hand him out to that effect. The Osceola bunch plucked their ten with some good outside men. One man was from Silver Creek, a sturdy blacksmith.

St. Yves Makes Run.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 6.—Henry St. Yves ran the marathon distance here today in 2:46. John D. Marsh, Canadian champion, was a lap behind.

GOSSIP OF THE BOWLERS

High Scores at St. Louis Are Published for Benefit of Fans.

EXPENSIVE BOWLING PRIZE

Sam Board Has Hung Up a Motor-cycle for Which All the Cracks Are Now Doing Their Best.

Schedule Week of Feb. 7.

OMAHA LEAGUE (Francisco Alley).

Tuesday—St. Joseph against Hooper Co. Wednesday—No game. Thursday—Des Moines against Molony. Friday—Omaha Bedding Co. against McCord-Brady Adv.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE (Key's Alley).

Monday—Chabot Shoe Co. against St. James. Tuesday—Loch's Willow Springs against Doris Candy Co. Wednesday—No game. Thursday—O'Brien's Monte Christo against Hydrographer's Crown.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE (Key's Alley).

Monday—St. Joseph against Tracy's T. R. C. Tuesday—Bessie's Mixers against Bungalow. Wednesday—French Way against Huskie Accorns.

BOOSTER LEAGUE (Francisco Alley).

Monday—People's Store against Youssef Coits. Tuesday—Cudahy against Sprague Pills. Wednesday—No game. Thursday—West Sides against Cream City.

MERCANTILE LEAGUE.

Monday—Q. M. D. against Capitol Bolders. Tuesday—Kamoa against Equitable Life. Wednesday—Bangers against Omaha Gas Co. Thursday—Gate City against Midland P. & G. Co. Friday—On The Square against Carpenter Paper Co.

Although the Mid-West bowling tournament recently held at St. Louis is all over and is past history, many of the bowlers are anxious to know just what teams finished with the highest scores, as well as the individual scores of each bowler. The following are the first five men, together with their scores and totals:

BRUNSWICK-BALKE, Kansas City.

Spellman, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

DUFFY'S, St. Louis.

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