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Whenever Old Man Winter Gets Ready, He Can Leave Here for His Home

ROURKE IS READY FOR JAUNT SOUTH

Omaha Magnate and Three of His Players Will Start from Here Tuesday Night.

CHRISTENSEN IS FEELING FIT

Those Who Do Not Go with Rourke Will Report on March 15.

ALL IS READY FOR THE INVASION

Sun Has Been Shining at Joplin and Everything is Fine.

MUCH PRACTICE IS IN STORE

Several Games Have Been Scheduled with Major and Minor Teams and Joplin Will Jump Into the Battle Also.

All is now ready for the departure of Pa Rourke and his players for Joplin. The Omaha magnate and three of his players will leave Omaha Tuesday night.

The three players who report to Rourke on March 12 are Lotz, one of last year's pitchers; Sours, a new outfielder, and Christensen, another recruit pitcher. Christensen arrived in Omaha today feeling fit and fine and says he is ready for the trip south. Lotz will arrive in Omaha tomorrow and Sours will get here Tuesday morning. The rest of the players are not expected to report before March 15 at Joplin, but Pa and a few of the bunch will be there a day in advance. At Kansas City Rourke will pick up Justice, the new shortstop; Thomason, last year's sensational and star fielder, and Charley Arbogast, who will manage the Rourkes this year.

Grounds in Good Shape.

A letter received yesterday from Joplin says that everything is ready for the invasion of the Omaha ball team. The grounds are in good shape and the snow has left the ground. The sun has been shining all last week and the grounds are in excellent condition for ball playing. The weather is snappy and just right for a bunch of ball players. The weather, however, is not what could be called balmy, but with a few more days of sunny weather real base ball could get secured. Mark Hall, who is in Joplin and who is managing the Rourke's affairs until Pa and his bunch arrive, says the Commercial club of that city has fixed the diamonds up in great shape and the fans can hardly wait until the Omahogs arrive on the scene. He also said that two of the Omaha players have already arrived at that town, but he did not say who they were.

Arbogast wrote three letters to Pa Rourke last week and each one tried to urge the Omaha magnate to get down to Joplin earlier than March 15. "I am all up in the air," said Arby, "and I want to get to work again. I believe the compact of a spitter into my mitt will make me feel better than anything else in the world. I am just aching to get back into the game and it seems a century ago since I had a breast protector and a glove on my hand."

Plenty of Practice.

There is no doubt but what the Rourkes will get all the practice necessary while they are in th Missouri town. Word has been received that Joplin will have its team organized and in Joplin shortly after the Rourkes' arrive, so that both teams will have plenty of practice playing each other. Pa Rourke has also scheduled several games with the majors and the American association teams, besides at least six games with Western league teams while in Joplin. The St. Louis Cardinals and Browns have been signed up for two games each, and the Chicago White Sox will play two games. Kansas City will come down from their home town to play with the Rourkes, and Minneapolis and St. Paul will also play two games each. From the Western league Wichita, St. Joseph and Topeka will be seen in games against the Rourkes at Joplin.

Trunks Ahead.

Two large trunks filled with paraphernalia has been sent to Joplin already and two more trunks will go down with Pa Rourke and the three players Tuesday night. A base ball cage, which will be used behind the bat, has already been received at Joplin and is now waiting to be used. This cage is placed directly behind the batters' box and does away with a catcher during practice. The catchers will then have more time to devote to the pitchers and the recruits. Pa Rourke has made plans so that Arbogast will have complete charge of the regular players while Pa will take care of the recruits, with the exception of the pitchers, who will be turned over to Johnny Gonding. The latter will have nothing to do but develop star twirlers.

Home After Tryouts.

When the Rourkes cease training at Joplin they will be a bunch of good trained men. While in the south they will live on a diet which will have the tendency to build up body and nerves. As soon as the training season is closed the regulars will jump home. They will arrive in Omaha April 12. On April 13 and 14 they will play with Lincoln at Lincoln. They will then come to Omaha and play two games with the Antelopes, on April 15 and 16. The bunch will then practice every morning until April 19, when they will open the season here with Sioux City. After four games with the Sioux they go to Des Moines for four games.

Cornhusker Dates Are Being Arranged

LINCOLN, March 9.—(Special.)—Coach Stiehm and Manager Eager are together arranging the foot ball schedule and have taken important steps during the week for the closing of arrangements for foot ball games during the season next fall.

Burdick for Gymnasium Director.

E. S. Burdick, former high school basket ball, foot ball and track star, is a candidate for the position of gymnasium director of the Omaha High school.

Omaha Bowlers Who Are Going to Chicago Tournament

OMAHA MEN BOWL THIS WEEK

Six Local Squads to Take Part in Chicago Tourney.

MUCH IS EXPECTED OF THEM

Pete Loch's Team First of the Locals to Shoot and Others Follow During the Week—Look for Records.

Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the first Omaha Louie will shoot in the American Bowling congress which is now holding away at Chicago. The Pete Loch's, with W. A. Baler as captain, will be the first men on the alleys to represent Omaha in the present tournament. On March 13, in the forenoon, the members of the same team will roll in the doubles, and in the afternoon the same bunch will roll in the singles.

Up to date there has not been what could be called a good score made at the tournament and it is expected that the Omaha boys will make a good showing. The Metz Bros. bowlers are looked upon with fear by the other teams entered in the biggest bowling event in the history of the game. The average game of the Metz boys is 972 for the season and the average series is 2,918, which is far in excess of the highest score made by a five-man team in the series to date. The Pete Lochs are also expected to get into the money and bring credit to the town which they represent at the tourney.

Six Local Teams.

In all there will be six teams from Omaha and South Omaha at the tournament. Omaha bowlers will start spilling the maple on March 12, and will not get away from Omaha until about March 20, when the last five-man team will shoot. Four of the teams which go to Chicago will be from Omaha and two will be from South Omaha. The Omaha teams are: Metz Bros., Pete Lochs, Luxus and the Storz Saxon Braau. The South Omaaha teaams will be the Jetter Gold Tops and the Martin Tigers.

It is expected that some of the boys will get in the money in the singles and also in the doubles. Blakeney of the Metz team, who had the satisfaction of laying it over on Blouin of the Chalmers-Detroit team of Chicago in a special match at the Morrison alleys last week, is looked upon as a possible contender for high single man at the tourney and the Omaha boys are anxiously awaiting his turn to shoot in the International amphitheater.

Omaha Bowlers Entered.

Following are the teamas that will roll at Chicago:

Metz Bros.—Huntington, Blakeney, Conrad, Neale, Denman and Hartley.

Jetter's Gold Tops—Briggs, Fitzgerald, Hull, Solomon and Zarp.

Storz Saxon Braau—Cochran, Stunz, Maytham, Gjerde and Weber.

Pete Lochs—Kuhry, Sprague, Francisco, McMartin and Balzer.

Martin Tigers—Fritcher, Zimmerman,

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OMAHA PLAYS SOUTH OMAHA

Two Fast Teams Fight Out State Basket Ball Championship.

BEATRICE HOPELESSLY OUTDONE

University Place No Match for Omaha, the Game Ending Twenty-Five to Five—Burkenroad Proves Star.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—As a result of hard won victories over Beatrice and University Place high schools, the Omaha and South Omaha High school basket ball fives entered the finals Saturday night at the university gymnasium to decide the championship of the state among the high school teams. Omaha is an overwhelming favorite for championship honors, although the team play of the South Omaha five was a revelation to the hundreds of high school students who thronged the gymnasium Saturday afternoon.

The Beatrice-South Omaha game was the first of the semi-finals to be played. Beatrice for once found itself hopelessly outplayed and although the Queen City boys played hard to overcome the odds against them, it was to no advantage. South Omaha took the lead in the first half and maintained it throughout, in fact, increasing it just before the close of the game. The final score was 22 to 14. Luse played sensational ball for his teammates while Collins and Menefee continued to star for South Omaha.

University Place was no match for the Omaha High school five, the game ending 25 to 5. To the credit of the University Place five it may be said that they played desperately. Omaha took the lead from the start of the game and the result was never in doubt. The fatal weakness that University Place has shown throughout the series in the gymnasium was present Saturday afternoon, an inability to locate baskets. The University Place team did not score a single field goal during the game Saturday, but this was particularly due to the great work of the Omaha guards and the effectiveness of the team play of the Purple and White.

Burkenroad was again a star, with Rector playing a strong game. The University Place boys depended upon Allen and Vifquain to win the game for them, but the two stars were so closely watched that they had no opportunity to throw baskets.

O. H. S. GETS INTO THE FINALS

Local School Quintet Trims Fast Geneva Bunch.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha, South Omaha, Beatrice and University Place will fight it out for the interscholastic basket ball championship of Nebraska as a result of the preliminaries in the high school basket ball tournament, which has been

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OHIO BOWLERS TAKE LEAD

Eelwert of Toledo Takes Individual Score at Tournament.

HOWARD IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

Weber of Omaha Elected to Executive Committee — Washington and San Francisco Extend Invitations.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Ohioans made successful bids for the leadership in the individual event of the American Bowling congress tournament yesterday.

William Eelwert of Toledo, former third baseman of the Toledo American association club, but now manager of the Montgomery club of the Southern league, dropped 664 pins, the highest individual score rolled here so far. He snatched the lead away from Christy Theis of Cleveland, who, rolling in the same squad as Eelwert, hung up a score of 659 shortly before the Toledo bowler finished his series.

Eelwert bowled three splendid games. He got 230 pins in his second, 246 in the third and 198 in his opening game.

Theis rolled three games over the double century mark, making 225, 233 and 202. His total put him in second place.

Al Swanson of Chicago, with 659, has led the division since Monday.

High score in the doubles went to John Hagerty and B. Conlick, also of Toledo. They rolled 1,159, which put them in third place.

Officers of the American Bowling congress were elected today. Judge George V. Howard of Chicago was unanimously chosen president on the motion of J. W. Lambert of St. Louis, his opponent, after the balloting had proceeded a short time. The rest of the slate went through without opposition.

Washington, D. C., and San Francisco made bids for the 1913 tournament, but the congress voted to leave the decision with the executive committee. Washington's bid was offered by Granville Hunt, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce,

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Joplin Will Give Rourke Rangers Great Reception

JOPLIN, Mo., March 9.—(Special.)—Base ball bugs here are planning to make W. A. (Pa) Rourke and his Omaha "Rangers" honorary Missourians upon their arrival next week for a season of spring training. The fans are warming up to the idea and a rousing reception will be given the athletes when they arrive.

Quarters for the training squad have been obtained at the Clarkson hotel, in the downtown business district, and transportation has been arranged to and from Miner's park, where the men are to condition themselves.

The invasion of Joplin by the Nebraska men will be the first real harbinger of spring, so far as base ball affairs are concerned in the mineral belt. True, a robbin redbreast or two has been seen here, but their appearance isn't considered by Joplinites when they think of the approaching season of base ball.

Dyed-in-the-wool followers of the national game, who keenly feel the loss of a professional base ball club, believe that something of a benefiting nature to Joplin in a base ball way eventually will result from Rourke's decision to work out his men here this spring.

Joplin is crying for a Western league team and a concerted movement is to be launched to land one in time for the 1912 season. Local men have assured certain base ball men that ample funds will be provided to back a club should one be put in here.

Mack Hall, one of Omaha's twirlers, already is on the ground. Hall has been doing a few unlimbering stunts up convenient alleys with young semi-pro athletes here. He sends word to his Omaha friends that he will be in pretty good shape by the time his teammates hit the zinc zone.

Western Defeats Pirates.

WESTERN, Neb., March 9.—(Special.)—Western defeated Ong Pirates in a fast game of basket ball. Score, 25 to 13.

MURPHY WHIPS ABE ATTELL

Two Pugilists Fight Desperately for Twenty Rounds.

DECISION PLEASES AUDIENCE

Former Featherweight Champion Presents Sorry Figure as He Totters to Dressing Room After the Contest.

DALY CITY, Cal., March 9.—Abe Attell, erstwhile featherweight champion, lost the decision to Lightweight "Harlem Tommy" Murphy in the twentieth round this afternoon at the Daly City open air arena. It was a bloody fight throughout and Attell presented a sorry figure as he tottered to his dressing room after the contest. Murphy had a clear lead in the majority of the rounds, his best blow being a right cross with which he time and again sent Attell's head back. Referee Welch's decision was cheered by the spectators. Murphy outweighed Attell by at least eleven pounds.

Fight by Rounds.

The first round developed fierce milling at close range, the fighters pummeling one another's heads together. Attell landed frequently on the body and forced Murphy to seek protection against the ropes. No damage. Attell bled from the mouth as the round ended, with honors a shade in his favor.

Murphy was warned and reprimanded several times in the second round for holding and hitting. He almost put the ex-featherweight through the ropes with a succession of short arm drives, but Attell almost floored him with a similar onslaught. Attell went to his seat unsteadily with a badly swollen left eye and bleeding freely.

In round three Murphy had Attell groggy, landing a fusillade of short arm punches to the face, drawing blood in streams. Abe fought back desperately. So fierce was the fighting that both men almost fell through the ropes. As the round closed Attell staggered the Harlemite with a right hook to the jaw.

It was honors even in round four. Attell now appeared to gain strength and a well directed volley of snappy jolts caused the New York boy to spit blood.

Murphy rushed Abe to the ropes in the fifth. The crowd yelled that Murphy was holding and jeered him. Attell had the better of a mixing rally. Murphy used his upper right and pushed Attell through

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HARD BLOW HITS VALLEY BASE BALL

Eligibility Committee of Conference Refuses to Let Summer Ball Bars Down.

COLLEGIANS TO KEEP CLEAN

Only Permitted to Play on Their "Home" Teams.

NEBRASKA STUDENTS GRIEVED

Means No Team for Them This Season, as They Hoped.

DR. CLAPP DELAYS REPORT

Director Blamed for Delay in Report, Which Gives Athletic Board No Chance to Make Fight his Spring.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 10.—(Special.)—The report of the eligibility committee of the Missouri Valley conference which has been anxiously awaited for several weeks because of the bearing it has to collegiate base ball in the Missouri Valley schools has at last been completed after an almost inexplainable delay of several weeks and was filed late Friday with the secretary of the conference, Prof. R. C. Clapp of Nebraska.

As has been expected, the report is nearly a body blow to the hundreds of undergraduate students who had hoped that 1912 would see the reinstatement of college base ball in the universities of the valley. Coach Ewald Stiehm, after a casual examination of the report, expressed his dissatisfaction mildly, saying that while it might again place base ball for one season, it would do nothing toward curing the eligibility troubles of the players in another year.

Report of Committee.

The report of the committee is as follows:

Sec. 5-4A—shall be modified to read "A student shall be ineligible to represent his college in athletic contests as a representative in athletic contests, who engages in such contests as a representative of any athletic organization not connected with his college except that he may engage in occasional games as a member of his home team."

(B)—To strike out all the clause, "Summer base ball."

II—That it be declared the sentiment of this conference.

(A)—That most of the technical violations of the amateur rule committee in the past, for good reasons may be overlooked, and the offending parties reinstated.

(B)—In order that this plan may be put in practice it was further agreed that each conference athlete in order that he may become eligible for further intercollegiate participation shall sign a statement of his athletic experience, up to date, on a uniform conference blank.

(C)—That it is understood that participation on base ball teams under the ruling of the national commission, or on so-called outlaw teams, or teams of a similar professional nature shall preclude reinstatement under this plan.

III—That it is the sense of this conference that continuance of intercollegiate athletics is contingent on a close adherence to the amateur principle. Further, that the success of the plan to place athletics upon a more wholesome plane than it has been in the past, depends upon the co-operation of the students with the faculties. With this end in view each institution is asked to take immediate steps to acquaint its students of this new project. (Note)—It is suggested that a student committee be elected by the students to confer with the faculty committee on matters of eligibility.

The report then goes on to state the method of reinstatement and closes with the following paragraph on penalties for violations:

That if it is found at any time that a student has misrepresented his signed statement or who has subsequently been found guilty of participating in athletic contests contrary to the spirit of the amateur rule as interpreted by the Missouri valley conference, he shall thereby become ineligible and subject to the discipline committee of his institution.

Three Draft Rules.

The report was drafted by A. W. Beyer, J. L. Griffith and F. H. Everhardt. The objections can be easily seen in a perusal of the report. The definition of "home teams" and "occasional games" is sure to breed trouble at the outset, while the penalty fails to accomplish the purpose in that it sets a premium upon evasion of the rule.

The report is just what partisans of the summer base ball rule wanted and what those opposing it were fighting. It comes out flat-footedly in favor of the conservative element in the conference, who would abolish collegiate sports at any cost rather than have it tainted with so-called "professionalism."

Considerable feeling has been expressed at Nebraska during the last few weeks over the delay in the report. It was feared that the delay was purposely resulting from the attempts to prevent the reinstatement of base ball for the coming season.

Dr. Clapp is Blamed.

Those most interested in the game at Nebraska have made things most exceedingly lively during the last week for Dr. Clapp, who, it was stated, was working against the reinstatement of base ball at the Cornhusker institution.

When the Cornhusker athletic board was asked to take up the matter of summer base ball, it was pointed out that the board must wait upon Dr. Clapp's report from the eligibility committee of the Missouri Valley conference. Several members of the board called upon him, asking that it be hurried along, but nothing resulted from the attempts, and the matter dragged along. Now the board must postpone action until after the spring vacation or late in March, or else call a special session during the early part of next week. The regular March meeting of the board does not come until the third Monday, and it is very likely that the matter will be allowed to rest until then. Stiehm says he is for collegiate base ball, and the all-year coach has the backing of the entire undergraduate body.

Veterans Still Out.

Lee Tannehill, one of the White Sox veterans, was unable to make the trip to Waco because of a sprained ankle. He will join the team, however, within two weeks. Pat Dougherty, another veteran, has retired from the game. Matty McIntyre, outfielder, has not signed for the 1912 season.