



RANGERS WALLOP YANNIGANS
First Practice Game Takes Place at Miners' Park in Joplin.

COYLE MAKES HIT AT CENTER
Nethoff Poles in Old-Time Form, While Christianson Does Best Work in Box for the Regulars.

JOPLIN, Mo., March 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Johnny Gending and his premier administered a 2 to 1 defeat in seven innings this afternoon to Freddie Moore and his juveniles. It was a surprise game and the way the boys battled against each other shows that the championship of the training camp is to be fought for at every turn.

The boys trotted out to Miners' park as usual, expecting to see the field as sloppy as when they left it the afternoon before. A wonderful change had taken place however, thanks to the ground-keeper, and after a brief consultation Pa Bourke and Manager Arbogast decided an impromptu game would not be amiss.

The field had been doctored until now it is in pretty good shape. It was a little wet this afternoon on the soft earth, yet another day of sunshine, it is believed, will make it as fast as one would wish.

Norman Coyle's work in center was the hit of the day. Coyle covered everything in sight and when a final count was made he had four putouts and a single to his credit. Schoonover distinguished himself with the war club, garnering a couple of clean two-baggers.

Hall poked a three base hit by stretching a scratch two-sacker. He had to hit the dirt, however, in order to make it safe. Had the field been hard he would have been retired at second.

Nethoff Bats Handily.

Nethoff was up to his old tactics. He laced out a clean one for a triple. Christianson did the best work in the box for the Regulars. He flung the last three innings and got one strikeout, which is more than any of the other hurlers could draw up. It was Campfield who fell down under Chris' benders and this after he already had put a single into the outfield.

Fentress and Robinson did the remainder of the serving for the Veterans. Fentress walked one man, but otherwise his hurling was strictly up to snuff.

For the goods, Campfield did the backstop work while Hall, Hicks and Lots were sent in to do disposing. Hall worked three seasons and then Hicks, a southpaw, relieved him for the next two. Lots finished the afternoon pastime. Hicks walked one man and Lots a couple.

Lots Clever as Ever.

A sparkling bit of fielding and a nice piece of head-work by Lots featured his performance on the hill. Kane had reached third on a series of hits. Gending chased one to Lots, who speared it with his ungloved hand. He threw Kane out at the plate, giving Campfield plenty of time to complete the play at first, retiring Gending and the side. Two others were then on bases.

There was plenty of bright sunshine on top and the boys worked with a will.

"Gee but this sun sure feels good," Wanner cried, and his sentiments were re-echoed by all his co-workers.

There was plenty of fun throughout the afternoon. Moore insisted upon questioning Arbogast's decision and did a war dance around first at every opportunity. Pa sat in a dugout and coached the youngsters.

If the weather permits tomorrow afternoon, and now it appears that it will, another seven-inning battle will be staged. Next Sunday the team is to tackle a Joplin club of semi-professionals. Here is today's game in detail:

REGULARS.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Junatic, ss.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Wanner, 2b.	3	0	1	4	5	0
Bourke, 1b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Kane, 3b.	3	1	0	10	1	0
Nethoff, cf.	3	1	0	0	3	0
Coyle, c.	3	0	1	4	0	0
Lee, p.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Gending, c.	3	0	0	2	0	0
Robinson, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fentress, p.	1	0	0	0	2	0
Christianson, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	2	4	21	12	0

REGULARS.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Moore, 1b.	3	0	0	11	0	0

Iowa Interscholastic Basket Ball Champions



Standing—Left to Right—Lester, Center; Wormhoudt, Right Forward; Shaffer, Left Forward; Lynch, Left Guard; Nevin, Forward or Guard; Lodwick, Right Guard or Center; Fiegleman, Coach; Mendelsohn, Manager.

REGULARS.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Scanian, 1b.	3	0	0	2	5	0
Schoonover, 1b.	3	1	0	0	0	1
Thompson, cf.	3	0	2	0	0	0
Ferris, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Munko, ss.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan, 1f.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Campfield, c.	2	0	1	2	0	0
Hall, p.	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hicks, p.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Lots, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	3	15	13	1

HASKELL AND KISSANE LEAVE FOR JOPLIN FRIDAY

Jack Haskell, chief umpire in the Western league, and Dick Kissane, who will handle an indicator in the same league this season, will leave Omaha Friday night for Joplin where they will join the Rourkes at their spring training camp.

Haskell has been working conscientiously to reduce some of his avocations by hard road work and sweat baths. Every morning he takes a five mile jaunt out into the country and back, robed in a heavy sweater and a heavy suit. Dick Kissane is doing the same work, but is working more in a gymnasium, taking long runs and getting into condition. At Joplin these two men will umpire all the games the Rourkes and Yannigans play and in that manner get ready for the opening game on April 13.

Dosen Hurt in Wreck in Minnesota.

BELGRADE, Minn., March 23.—Passenger train No. 26, skidding on the Soo line, was wrecked today three miles east of Belgrade, six cars leaving the track, some of them rolling down a twenty-foot embankment. A dozen people were injured, but only one seriously. The accident was supposed to have been caused by a defective rail.

SAM LANGFORD, WHO IS SAYING THINGS OUT LOUD.



Sam Langford, the Boston "lar baby," who has proclaimed his opinion that he can lick Jack Johnson in ten rounds if the champion is willing to fight within the next three months. Langford says he has plenty of backing and can get a good sized purse offered for the battle in Australia.

WEATHER AGAINST PRACTICE

All Western League Teams in the Same Fix as Omaha.

BETTER DAYS ARE LOOKED FOR

Rourke Family is Better Off Than Any of the Others—Unseasonable Weather Makes the Managers Gloomy.

Western league teams are having the same kind of luck, if not worse than the majors in their training this spring. All the clubs have run into poor weather and in some cases the teams have not even had a workout yet.

Omaha has chosen the best place of the entire bunch, but they are having an awful fight with wet grounds and Jupiter Pluvius. But two or three workouts have been had by the Rourkes on the field this spring and the team has been in Joplin for almost two weeks. Infield work is an impossibility and scheduled games have been cancelled left and right. Road work has made up almost all the exercise that has been done, but it is expected from now on the weather will permit the boys to get busy and get all the training and practice that is needed to put a winning team in the field.

To St. Joe squad ran into pretty bum weather at Muskogee, Okl., and between the rain, wet grounds and snow has been confined to the hotel and have but two or three runs into the country in the week they have been in Oklahoma. Conditions do not bid fair for much work in the very near future at that.

At Okla. Springs the Wichita aggregation struck nice weather for two days and since then has been hogging the stoves and making predictions on the way they will burn up the league this summer. Road work is out of the question and Manager Hughes is figuring on getting his men back to their home town, where the weather conditions are far better.

Bill Dwyer and his bunch of Antelopes from Lincoln are to leave for Sycamore

PA WRITES THAT PLAYERS ARE ALL LOOKING FINE

A letter was received by Dave Bourke yesterday from Pa. in which he stated that they were having bad weather in that country and continuing the day's labor to road work. He said it started raining in Joplin on Thursday and did not let up until Sunday, but good weather has prevailed there since and he expects to have a game between the players either Wednesday or Thursday of this week. All the players are in good health, he says, and working hard, when they have the opportunity. Farrell, the shortstop, who finished the season with the Rourkes last year, has reported and the entire bunch is now present, with the exception of Bunny Kearns, who will report in Omaha on April 5.

SENATORIAL DEADLOCK IN NEW MEXICO UNBROKEN

SANTA FE, N. M., March 23.—The seventh ballot taken today for United States senators did not break the deadlock.

BIG BASKET BALL TOURNEY WASEM WINS TITLE BY THROWING GION

Crack Teams of the West to Play Two Days at Local "Y" Gym.

OTTUMWA IS TOUTED STRONG

Kansas City Comes with the Record of Winning from Best Teams in Kansas and Missouri This Year.

Local sport followers will be furnished some clever exhibitions of basket ball when the Missouri Valley Interscholastic floor tournament is held here Friday and Saturday at the local "Y" association gymnasium, as the three quintets entered represent the pick of the middle west.

This is the first tourney of its kind ever held in the west and is made possible through the fact that elimination meets already have been held by which the stellar high school fives of the different states could be picked. In many respects the meet will be more important and more interesting than the big floor tourney held at Lincoln March 7, 8 and 9, at which time high school basket flippers from all parts of Nebraska competed, as the local one involves much better teams and only three games will be necessary to decide the championship.

The premier Ottumwa high school squad has successfully defended its title as the champs of Iowa all season. Lester, who plays center on the team, measures 6 feet 1 inch, and his teammates are not far below him in height. Coach Higleman has trained the lads hard since last December and they are in excellent condition to come up to their regular form. Some of the squad have played together since 1918.

Kansas City Central High has written the local management that they will be here, eight members strong, Friday morning. This school has produced the stellar floor boys of Kansas and Missouri.

Coch J. Clark has outlined a stiff line of training for the local lads, which includes abstinence from all pastries and the rigid observance to be in bed every evening this week by 9 o'clock. Daily practice will be held between the different class teams and the regular, and if possible a scrimmage with some of the South Omaha High lads will be held tomorrow afternoon.

One game will be played Friday evening between Omaha and Kansas City, the second contest will come Saturday afternoon with Kansas City and Ottumwa as the contenders, and the final battle Saturday night will be between Omaha and Ottumwa. The team winning both its games will receive the handsome Ryan trophy and the championship of the Missouri valley, the quintet taking one game will be accorded second place, and the five losing both contests will take consolation honors.

On account of the large expense incurred in staging such a meet, the local promoters have already placed series and individual tickets on sale at rates which will be the same for students and the public alike. The Boosters' club of the school has taken up a "hustling" campaign to boost the tourney.

Splendid entertainment features are being planned for the visiting teams, which will include auto rides about the city and a probable visit to the local high school building.

WASEM WINS TITLE BY THROWING GION

LINCOLN, March, 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Oscar Waseem of Omaha won the state wrestling championship in the heavyweight class from George Gion of Aurora after a furious mat bout lasting nearly two hours.

The match was one of the best ever seen in the city, both men having trained faithfully and being in prime condition. There was considerable bloodshed between Waseem and Gion, and the crowd was kept in a constant uproar with the speedy work of the wrestlers.

Waseem worked for over an hour before he got the first fall. Both men were aggressive, but Waseem's superior weight and strength finally told against the lighter man and after an hour and six minutes of wrestling he forced Gion's shoulders to the mat.

The first fall developed some remarkable wrestling and both men were in dangerous holds several times. The second fall, while shorter, was equally hard fought. Gion did not have the endurance of the Omaha brawler boy, however, and after thirty-four minutes of fast work Waseem secured the second fall and the match.

Large delegations from out in the state attended the match and considerable money changed hands. The victory carries with it the title to the state championship, Gion having held the title until defeated by Waseem. It is probable that a return match will be staged later in the season.

Sutton Averages Eighty.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 23.—George Sutton of Chicago, world's billiard champion, in an exhibition game of 162 balk line billiards here tonight made a score of 80 in five innings, an average of eighty.

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