

# Willard Entitled to Something and Probably Will Get it Monday

## OLD MATES BUMP DAN TIPPLE HARD

Timely Clouting Gives Bourkes Victory Over Indianapolis American Association Club.

### BLODGETT PERFORMS NICELY

Because the Bourkes chose to hit the ball in the ninth when men occupied the runway, Omaha returned a victor over Indianapolis in the fray at Bourke park yesterday afternoon. Mr. Daniel Tipple, late of these parts, and the veteran Merz were the unfortunate athletes who suffered as a result of the untimely clouting. The score was 3 to 4.

Thomas Blodgett, without a rookie from Waterloo, went on the fringe line in opposition to the pugnacious Daniel. Thomas had all the better of the argument. Nary a run was counted against him during the five stanzas he labored and only three hits bunched. That is considerable burl for a rookie against a Class AA team which has had the advantage of training in the sunny climes of California.

Tipple worked four times and three runs were counted. After Tip's demise in the fourth, Merz ascended the mound and lost the game, which his pals had tied when Franklin Johnson took on leaving duties for the Bourkes. 'Twas in the eighth round Merz was battered and two runs pushed across.

Krug Knocks Double. General Marty von Hindenberg Krug opened the bombardment against the helpless Tipple. He smote a powerful double in the opening chapter and scored when Thomas, who had walked, stole second and Gossett chucked a punk heave to second. Marty had taken third when Payne, who had walked, tried to come home on Marty's double.

Schliebner walked in the second, was sacrificed by Whelan and romped home when Kafora nicked a slant for a single to center.

Payne was given free transportation to open the third. Krug laid down a neat sacrifice bunt, and Doc counted when Thomas slammed one into left field.

Hit Johnson Hard. Franklin Johnson started to hurl for the Bourkevians in the sixth. Johnson's advent was welcomed by the Hoosier slugger, who took a greater fancy to his beating than to the southern climes of Blodgett. Herman Bronkie greeted Johnson with a triple to center, which bounced over Tommy's noble head. Franklin then uncorked a hectic heave and Bronkie walked home.

Johnson walked Mitchell in the seventh. Gossett followed with a slant to left and Johnson uncorked another wild pitch. Merz chopped a Texas leaver to right, scoring Mitchell and Gossett.

Merz and Butcher singled in succession in the eighth. Crandall bit on bad ones and Mitchell rolled a grounder to Krug. Krug threw out Mitchell at first, and then Schliebner and Whelan started to run down Butcher between first and second. In the meantime Merz galloped past third and homebound before discovered. Whelan lapped him sliding into the plate, but it was too late; the score was counted.

Krueger Does the Work. That put the Hoosiers one to the good, so Krug called upon his gallant youth to do something. They did. Alton dropped a two-base clout into right and scored when Schliebner busted a hot one to left. Whelan went out, but Krueger was on deck with a two-sacker knock which landed against the left field fence. Thus was the game won, although the Hoosiers made two safe hits in the ultimate chapter.

Marty Krug was the demon steersman of the matinee. He poked three doubles out of as many trips to the plate. Fritz Schliebner counted two knocks, as did Thomas. Payne made a couple of well placed hits to drive at third.

Among the familiar faces on the Indianapolis lineup were several who once pastimed in this loop. Tipple was a Bourke's last year, while Butcher was with Denver and Blackburne with Lincoln. Gossett and Kelly both played at St. Joseph, and Metz pitched for Omaha a couple of months in 1926. Metz now a first sacker and also as big as Jess Willard.

Jack Hendricks, who piloted Denver a couple of seasons, runs the Hoosiers for Jim McGill, who also owns the Grizzlies. Jack is getting heavy, evidently enjoying prosperity back in Indianapolis.

The Hoosiers will play the Bourkes again today. The game will be called at 8 o'clock.

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Carry On Negotiations. Branch Rickey and Bill Donovan are said to be carrying on negotiations for the exchange of a few players. Donovan may get one of the Bourke southpaws for some of his surplus fellows.

Another Wagner Makes Good. Joe Wagner of Spokane, Wash., seems to have won a home with the Reds. The youngster hits and looks like a big leaguer in action, and Manager Herzog will retain him.

Close 1916 Contract. Business Manager McCullough of the Pittsburgh Rebels has closed the use of Warren Park at Augusta, Ga., again this spring.

Wisco Good in Pasture. Ivy Wisco is making a fine showing in the outfield with the Cincinnati Reds, and it appears as if Herzog may give him a permanent berth there.

## NEBRASKA LAD WHO WRESTLES AT LINCOLN TOMORROW.

Joe Stecker, Nebraska wrestler, will compete at Lincoln tomorrow.



JOE STECKER.

## RACING RECORDS DUE TO GO

Directum I and William, Pacers, and Etawah and Peter Volo, Trotters, Should Do It.

### SPORT COMING BACK ONCE MORE

NEW YORK, April 3.—For several years all world's harness records have been so low that it takes a mighty horse to win championship honors at either the trot or pace, yet in 1926 there were a dozen new records of importance were established, the turf having enjoyed such particular stargazing as the pacers, Directum I, William, R. H. Brett and Anna Bradford, and the trotters, Etawah, Peter Volo and Henry Todd.

It is hardly possible that so many new records will be established this year as in 1924, but it should be a far more momentous year of record breaking for the reason that the turf was never before so well off in extremely fast trotters and pacers that are just about due to reach the flush of capacity. There will be as spirited a contest for the trotting stallion crown between Etawah and Peter Volo as occurred between Krenelin and Stamboul in 1922, but their fights should not compare with the battles that Directum I and William will wage for the pacer crown that has for so long been won by Dan Patch.

While great things are expected from both Etawah and Peter Volo this year and trotting horsemen will wager even money that these young horses will reduce the Harvester's stallion record of 2:04, not a single horseman would place so much as one dollar against the Standard Oil company that either will set aside the trotting record of 1:58, made in the open by Ulian three years ago. As the years pass by turfmen realize more and more what a matchless trotter the son of Hines, before Mr. Blodgett, trained him, and as a gelding's record his in-apt to stand for a long time. Nowadays' horses of superlative blood and natural speed are kept entire, and it is notable that the best unsexed trotters now in training are only four: Star Winter, 2:05; Tommy Horn, 2:04 1/2; Omar, 2:04, and Brighton B, 2:03 1/2.

Two years have elapsed since Lou Dillon placed the record for mares at 1:58, and since then only Hamburg Belle has shown championship possibilities. Hamburg Belle died soon after winning a race record of 2:11 1/2 in 1920. The best mares in training this year are Juan, 2:04 1/2; Rhythm, 2:04, and Margaret Drulen, 2:04 1/2. The most likely trotting mare that the turf has had since Hamburg was destroyed in a fire last December. This was Lady Blodgett, 2:18, that after a poor start last summer improved so much in October that she was separately timed in 2:04 1/2 at three years. Lady Wanetka's flight of speed in the Kentucky Futurity was so dazzling that on all sides she was picked for a champion at maturity.

Peter Volo should beat the 4-year-old colt record of 2:04, but with Lady Wanetka out of the way the filly record of 2:04 1/2 seems fairly safe. There are in training some fast 4-year-olds, such as Luella Spier, 2:07 1/2; Esperanza, 2:08; Miss Perfection, 2:09, and Josephine Watts, 2:09, and in California there is in training a real trotting freak, the bay filly Virginia Barnett, daughter of Moko and the noted race mare Zephyr, 2:07 1/2. In her only start Virginia Barnett at three years raced against Star Winter, 2:06; Bertha Cary, 2:07 1/2, and other aged trotters at Phoenix last November. She won the first heat in 2:34 1/2, and was second to Star Winter in the next two, each under 2:10. Virginia Barnett is a useful filly, but in California it is claimed she possesses as much speed as any trotter in training.

The 2-year-old colts and fillies of 1924 were considered common, but they were in comparison with such phenomenal runners as Peter Volo, 2:04 1/2, and Lady Wanetka. General French, 2:07 1/2, the fastest 2-year-old colt of last year, and Tommy Murphy's fair, U. Forbes, 2:12 1/2, and Silver Axworthy, do not measure up to championship form, but it is possible for last year's good 2-year-old fillies to come dangerously close to the record, which is 2:06 1/2, made by Native Belle in 1920.

Last year Native Spirit won a 2-year-old record of 2:06 1/2 and trotted a quarter in 29 seconds. She is a persistent trotter, large for her age and is in every way the horseman's first choice among all this year's 2-year-olds. Bondella, 2:10, was fast, but unsteady last year, so most of the season. The record for a 2-year-old gelding is Peter Thompson's 2:07 1/2 in 1921, and this is likely to be beaten by the Boston trotter Henry Todd. With little racing experience Henry Todd cut the race record for 2-year-old geldings from 2:14 to 2:11 1/2, and he was quite equal to a mile in 1:16. Henry Todd is a race horse. It is quite likely, too, that a new mark will be set for geldings in the 4-year-class. Two years ago the gelding Judge, owned by Prodding, placed the 2-year-old gelding record against time at 2:12 1/2. He was trained only a little last summer, but is known to be a fast young horse, and as George is again in the training stable at Memphis under Judge Jones will be seen at the races next July. It is likely that he will reduce the record, as it is only 2:07 1/2.

## VALLEY TEAMS ARE OUT FOR REVENGE

Intend to Take Measure of Big Nine Conference Schools in the Big Drake Relay Games.

### KANSAS IS THE STRONG ENTRY

DES MOINES, April 3.—(Special.)—Will some of the schools of the Missouri valley this year be able to beat the schools of the Big Nine in the cases of the university class at the Drake relays? Will the four-mile team of Kansas, for instance, be able to defeat the Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and possibly the Chicago team? Will Drake's half-mile quartet, which took the measure of every team west of the Mississippi river at some time last year, that compelled Chicago to make a new world's record at the distance at St. Louis, be able as it will run this year to turn the tables on Chicago or any of the other teams from the east? Will the Nebraska quarter-milers be able to take the measure of the Northwestern quartet, the Illinois speed merchants or of Coach Stagg's new mile team, if that worthy should settle his present perplexing problem in favor of the mile combination? Is Missouri or Ames or Iowa, each of which schools has some thought of a wonderful combination of quarter-mile men, able to produce a team which will wrest the honors from the easterners? And can any of the teams from the west side of the Mississippi river produce a team which can win from Michigan or Purdue or Chicago, with the question mark still after the Chicago entry, as the versatile and crafty coach of the Maroons has not indicated which of all of his star teams he intends to try for laurels with.

Let it be known that the record of the past all is in favor of the eastern schools. Kansas has won twice in the Drake events, in the half-mile in 1912 and in the two-mile in 1912. Missouri was winner of the four-mile in 1911, and Drake won the half-mile in 1913. These three Missouri valley schools are the only ones which have won firsts in the four years since the schools of the two sections have been meeting. This year's meeting will be the fifth, and this year's struggles, more than ever before, will be watched as an indication of the strength of the section. The teams now are largely selected. Except for the Chicago entries, and Stagg can produce a brilliant half-mile team, a swift mile aggregation, a sensational two-mile quartet and veteran and sturdy milers for the four-mile, the entries and their strength can be forecast. The eastern teams to be beaten will be Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota in the four-mile, Michigan and Purdue in the two-mile, Northwestern or Illinois in the mile, and Illinois in the half-mile. Chicago is conceded a chance to win the half and mile and either the two or the four-mile, as Stagg should pick his distance men.

Kansas Strong Entry. The challengers of these teams from the west seem Kansas in the four-mile, Ames, Iowa or Missouri in the two-mile, the same three teams with Nebraska added in the mile and Drake, Nebraska and possibly Ames in the half-mile. The Drake four-mile team, which took third to Wisconsin and Illinois last year, retains three of its last year's members, but it is not considered as strong as the Kansas entry and on form and records the Jayhawkers must be conceded the honor of making the best bid of the Transmississippi in the event which this year promises to be the class of the meet.

Teams of the west, however, have compelled the teams of the east to set some phenomenal records to win. Last year Illinois tied the world's record in the two-mile. At the same meet Chicago set the best record ever made in April in the half-mile. In 1911 the Chicago combination of Straube, Skinner, Menaul and Davenport came within fractions of the world's record in the mile. Even last year, under favorable conditions, in one of the greatest meets ever battled the records were close to the best records known.

That any western team that wins a first this year will be a near record breaker seems to be the dope at present. That the western teams will come nearer than they have in the past also would seem to be the hope. The long line of relays run in the eastern sections, beginning after the Christmas holidays and continuing through the winter, brings better condition and "bite" in running to the contenders from that section, and this being an all-important factor in the early spring meets like the Drake relays. All the western teams have started work earlier in the winter than before and some better individual men will this year help the teams from the sunset side of the big river.

## SOUTH OMAHA HIGH TO GET INTO TENNIS FIELD

Next Wednesday evening, at the South Omaha high school auditorium, tennis men, representatives of five organizations of the city, will meet to form a tennis league, elect officers, and decide upon a schedule for the season, with a final windup elimination tournament at the close.

The Centurion club meets this morning and Secretary James Sullivan will present the matter of that club representation in the league for the members consideration. A committee will be appointed to meet with other representatives Wednesday evening.

The Keno Club will send representatives, and Ray Barclay, leading expert to make a race for the city championship. "Skip" Campbell, one of the best tennis players in the city, will have a delegation at the meeting in the interests of the Alumni association of the high school. The final entry will be the faculty of the high school, Coach Patton and R. O. Bagley, representing.

Five courts will be used, the two Centurion property at Twenty-fourth and F streets, the two at the high school, and the Murphy court at Twentieth and J streets. Probably three contests a week will be the scale used in working out the season's schedule, with a special schedule arranged later for the city championship elimination tournament.

# SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, 1915.

## Four Stars of the Omaha Western League Team for 1915



## HOLLAND LIKES HIS SQUAD

St. Joseph Boss Declares He Has Found Some Mighty Promising Young Timber.

### EXPECTS TO BE NEA THE TOP

Jack Holland is enthusiastic over the prospects of the Drummers. "Every year I have good things to say about the Drummers," said Holland last night. "I feel that the fans will have something real to watch for behind promises this year. With all respect to men who have played ball in St. Joseph in former years, I feel safe in saying that never in my experience as a base ball manager or player have I seen as likely a looking bunch of youngsters.

## LEW M'ALLISTER SIGNS TO PLAY WITH LINCOLN

Lew McAllister, veteran catcher, who played with the Bourkes a short time last season, has signed to play with Lincoln this year. McAllister was going to coach the young idea how to pitch for Hugh Jennings this year, but the deal is kicked out by some manner of means and Lew was forced to look for a playing job.

## BILL CARRIGAN TO CARRY PITCHING STAFF OF EIGHT

Manager Bill Carrigan of the Red Sox announces that he will carry eight pitchers this season, including his two lame ducks, Joe Wood and Veau Groves. He says he will depend almost entirely on southpaws for the first month of the season. The pitchers now slated to stick are Collins, Leonard, Ruth (southpaw), and Foster, Shore and Mays, besides the two lame ducks mentioned.

## CALDWELL IS FIRED WITH AMBISH, BUT NOT JUMPING

Ray Caldwell has announced his 1915 base ball ambitions, and Bill Donovan has put the stamp of hearty approval on the aims and hopes of the Yankees' star boxman. Caldwell firmly believes that he can turn in twenty-five victories to the credit of the New York team and this is the target that he will shoot at. At the same time he declares that he has an outside chance of registering fifty victories.

## Champion Bowlers On Their Way West Will Stop Over Here

Omaha bowlers will be given an opportunity to see some fast bowlers when the New Haven All-Stars roll against the Burgess-Nash team on the Association alleys next Friday night.

This trio of eastern men are on their way from the American Bowling Congress, just ended in Peoria, to San Francisco, where they will take part in the world's bowling tournament. Their lineup consists of Mort Lindsay, considered by many to be the peer of all bowlers; Wolf Hartley, winner of many prizes and championships in eastern tournaments, and Charles Johnson, who has carried off high honors in eastern meets.

Lindsay and Hartley were third high in the two-man team event in Peoria last week with a 1,770 score. All three are members of the New Haven team which won second place in the team event with 2,582.

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## INTEREST HIGH IN BIG GO

Special Train Will Carry 200 Omaha Fans to Stecher-Westergaard Bout at Lincoln.

### EXPECT STECHER TO BE PICTOR

Wrestling bugs from all over the state will invade Lincoln Monday to give Joe Stecher the first over when he battles Jess Westergaard at the Lincoln Auditorium. It is expected that fully 200 fans from Omaha will attend.

For the convenience of the Omahans a special train has been provided by Des Moines and the Merchants hotel. Gains has put up the guarantee demanded by the railroad and has ordered a block of 200 seats reserved for the crowd which goes on the special. The train will leave here over the Burlington at 8:30 and will return immediately after the match. The street car company has made arrangements to have cars at the depot, no matter how late the train may get in.

## CINCINNATI REDS GIVE CHATTANOOGA BEATING

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 2.—Cincinnati Nationals defeated Chattanooga Southern association team here today. Score: Cincinnati 5, Chattanooga 2. Cincinnati: Meier, Reynolds, and Kitchens; Douglas and Deola, Gonales. Louisville, Ky., April 2.—The Detroit Americans defeated the Louisville American association team, 14 to 8, here today. Ty Cobb got three hits out of four times at bat. Kavanaugh and Crawford of Detroit knocked home runs. Score: Cincinnati 14, Louisville 8. Detroit: Kary, Alf, McKee, Baker, Taylor, Marks and Crossin.

## HARRY CASSIDY WANTS TO MANAGE IN NEW LEAGUE

Manager Coffey of the Denver Grizzlies is doomed to disappointment if he is counting so strongly on Harry Cassidy being one of his standbys. Cassidy, it is understood, is going to hold out for good, and it is said that he is working hard to obtain a franchise for a team in El Paso in the new Rio Grande association, in which Freddie de Lorimer is interested.

## LITTLE CHANGE IN BETTING ON FIGHT

Johnson Money is Plentiful, but His Backers are Holding Out for Even Coin.

### WELSH LANDS IN HAVANA

HAVANA, April 3.—Jack Welsh, who will referee the fight next Monday between Jack Johnson and Jess Willard for the world's heavyweight championship, landed in Havana early today and immediately opened conferences with the fight promoters and principals regarding the interpretation of the rules.

Weather conditions today were the best for training purposes that have prevailed for a week. It was clear and cool, and both Johnson and Willard were on the road early. Tomorrow and Monday the men will do a little more than trot and walk. Both had arranged a heavy exhibition schedule this afternoon before the half-holiday crowds. A feature of Johnson's work was to be a six-round bout with Sam McVey, the promoters having given up trying to stop the champion from doing this for fear of possibly injury to himself. They cautioned him, however, to go easy and Johnson promised to comply.

### PATTON WORKING UP BASE BALL TEAM FOR SOUTH OMAHA

Coach Patton of the South Omaha High school is centering his efforts on putting out a real base ball team at the Magic City school. For two years past the base ball showing at the South Omaha school has been hardly worth speaking of, but this year members of the Athletic association have taken a decided interest in the game.

Beginning tomorrow afternoon Patton will herd his squad of recruits and march them to the base ball grounds at the Springdale park for the initial workout. There are about twenty men who have signified their intention of entering the race for the nine. Among these the large majority are men who have played on teams during the last two years.

Lining up the men in their prospective positions, there seems to be a lack of outfielders. The competition for infield will be great as a large number will try out for infield positions. On the pitcher's mound, Patton expects to play Gust Ruge, a giant freshman, who came to the school last fall and starred last year in foot ball. Along with Rott and Dvorak this should make a comfortable pitching trio. McBride will probably catch, while Leach will play short. On the bases, Rhainholt seems to be the best for second, Billy Graham third and Dvorak, alternating with Magnuson for first. The outfield will probably all be new, with Corr, Orsader, Clark, Van Arthur, Gray, Korbnaker and Biola as prospects.

A game has been scheduled with Blair and Patton in endeavoring to make the Blair trip a twocoy affair, playing the Blair team Friday and the Takamah nine Saturday, returning home the same evening. Challenges have been sent to Fremont, Ashland and Weeping Water. A couple of games will also be played with Bellevue on dates to be announced later.

## McGraw, Southpaw Hitter, Finds Golf Rather Formidable

NEW YORK, April 3.—The conversion of John McGraw to the cause of golf is complete. "Nobody loves outdoor" exercises more than I do," said McGraw, "and I find that golf is the best game for keeping in the open air that I ever saw. I still have my doubts about it being a good thing for ball players, especially those who are expected to hit well, during the regular season, but it is a good thing for me and I expect to keep it up until I play a pretty good game. I improved enough at Havana to do the nine holes in 64, which they tell me is pretty good for a raw beginner. Hitting a golf ball is entirely different from hitting a base ball.

"A peculiar thing to me is that my greatest difficulty is in driving the ball straight ahead. I have a tendency to slide. When playing base ball I was regarded as pretty accurate in placing the ball, but evidently the same principles do not apply in golf.

"Another thing," he added, "is that I will continue to play left-handed. I do not believe in my idea of changing over. It is the only way I can swing naturally, and in my opinion a golfer had better stick to the style that is most natural. It is that way in base ball, and I can find no logical reason why a man should not play golf left-handed just as well as right-handed. Still, I am not proficient enough yet to begin telling these experts how to play their own game. But I'm going to learn."

Talked to Coach Cadets. Trainer Tutbill of the Tigers has received a letter from West Point military academy, accepting his terms as trainer for the 1915 foot ball team.