

This Isn't Going to Be a Good Year for Dead Arms, Either

ROURKE PLEASED WITH SPRING CAMP

Both He and Marty Krug Declare Beatrice is the Ideal Place for Rourkelets to Train.

TANNEHILL TO SOUTH BEND

Pa Rourke and Marty Krug, who duilly control the destinies of the Omaha Western league club, are bubbling over with enthusiasm as regards the new Rourke training camp.

Rourke last week made arrangements to train at Beatrice, Neb. Beatrice has about the sweetest Class D base ball plant in the country. It was built for the Beatrice Nebraska State league club, which vanished over the horizon when the State loop aviated last summer.

The Beatrice plant was at that time recognized as the class of Class D circuit. The playing field is all that could be asked for, and the grandstand and bleachers are of first class. In fact, the Beatrice plant is as good as most Western league plants, and considerably better than one or two which are somewhat notorious around the loop for their lack of worth.

Why Not Come to Omaha.

Rourke will have all his athletes report directly to Beatrice. They will not visit Omaha at all. Three weeks will be spent at the Gaze county metropolis. The training season was, at the recent Western league meeting, extended from two weeks to three weeks, and Rourke and Krug intend to get in every possible day. Sioux City will train at Fairbury, which is just an hour's journey from Beatrice. This will enable Omaha and Sioux City to play a number of exhibition contests at both Beatrice and Fairbury. The exhibition games will more easily enable the athletes to get into shape and will also net a sufficient revenue to pay some of the training expenses. The exhibition games will undoubtedly draw better in Beatrice and Fairbury than in Omaha because it will be the only chance the fans of those cities will get to see professional clubs in action. Also the expenses will not be any greater, and also again, Rourke and Krug will be better able to keep tabs on their charges in a city the size of Beatrice than in one the size of Omaha.

Tannehill to South Bend.

Lee Tannehill, the veteran third sacker, who finished the 1916 campaign with Omaha, has signed to play with South Bend in the Central league. Tannehill should make good in the Central, which is a Class B loop. He held his own fairly well in Class A last year, so he ought to have no difficulty in the Indiana city.

Another Western league who goes to the Central loop is one Henry Geisel, umpiring person, who officiated in these parts as a member of Tip O'Neill's precinct staff last year. Geisel was in the Central league for three years before he came to the Western. He got away in fine style back there some way or other, and this year he has been made chief-of-staff. Being an umpire, probably nobody around the Western circuit will miss him much.

Geisel never had much use for the Western league, anyhow. Shortly after he started to work he lingered to watch a building burn up down in Topeka one night. While he was watching the flames some "mole buster" separated him from his roll. The Western is a little too fast for Henry.

Franklin Johnson, the speed artist who flunked as a Rourke last year, has hooked up with the Wichita club. Mr. Johnson had a world of stuff when with Omaha, but so control, and was a little shy in the nootie. He may go good with Wichita, and again he may not.

Thirteen Colleges Enter Indoor Meet

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Thirteen colleges have contributed 848 names to the entry lists for the second annual indoor collegiate meet, to be held at Madison Square Garden ball room, March 18 to 21. At this host of athletes, Cornell, the intercollegiate track and field championship holder, has nominated 205; Princeton, 105; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 105; and Pennsylvania an even 100. Columbia heads the list of New York City colleges, with nine; other colleges ahead of Pennsylvania State college, with seventy, and Michigan, the long representative of the middle west, which forwarded the names of fifty competitors. Yale entry blanks contain forty-five nominations, giving the Blue a numerical advantage over Harvard of eight. Other colleges and their entries are: Brown, twelve; New York university, eleven; Syracuse, nine, and Amherst, seven.

BIG PRIZE LIST FOR PIN TUMBLERS AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Over \$2,000 in prizes will be distributed in the national tumbling tournament, which will be held at the Grand Central Palace, March 18 to April 1. It is last year's set of games can be taken as a criterion. More than the above amount was shot at by the pin knights of this country and Canada last year, and the indications of big fields are seen from the entries that are being received now by Secretary Gage. Teams from Canada will not be as plentiful, but ten aggregations have sent in their entries from Montreal and Toronto to date, so that there will be a good representation.

TEX JONES AND DICK BREEN SIGN CONTRACTS

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 26.—Two more veterans of last year's pennant-winning Des Moines Base ball team of the Western league today signed contracts for the coming season, according to announcement by Manager Iabel. They are Tex Jones, first baseman, and Dick Breen, catcher.

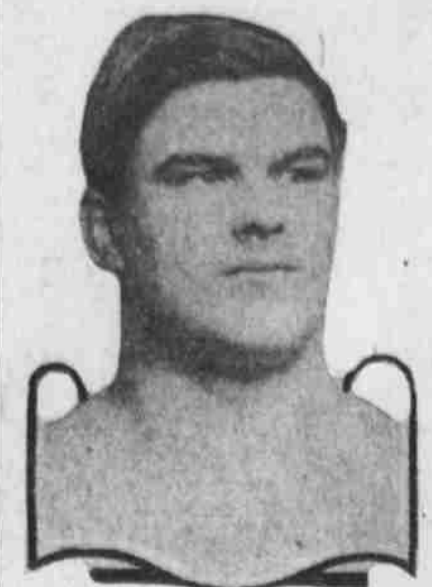
CLEVELAND TEAM BUYS FIRST BASEMAN GANDIL

CLEVELAND, Feb. 26.—Vice President Robert McRoy, of the reorganized Cleveland American league base ball club, announced today the purchase of Arnold C. Gandil, first baseman from the Washington team of the same league. Gandil will succeed Jay Kirke, released yesterday.

WINTER LEAGUE IN NEW ORLEANS STRENGTHENS UP

The winter league teams in New Orleans are recently up for a hard fight. The French team, now leading the league, recently signed Milton Stock, the Philly first baseman, and Charley Schmidt, the old Detroit catcher. Jake Atz is playing first, and Eddie Holly second.

CHICAGO WRESTLER WHO WILL MEET PETERS.



MARTIN PLASTINA.

E. KLANK FORESEES END OF MR. PETERS

Manager Predicts that Plastina Will Remove Peters from Scenery Tomorrow Night.

AND HE MAY HAVE RIGHT DOPE

"Where do you guys get this stuff? To hear you talk Nebraska is the only state in the union that rears wrestlers." "Twas Emil Klank, formerly manager of Chicago, wrestler, Frank McCreary, Gotch and Mahout, who was so vexed as to speak disparagingly as regards our local prizes.

"Yes, wrestlers and foot ball players, that's us," the reporter informed Mr. Klank.

"Well, believe me," much emphasis on Klank's "there's going to be a lot of disappointed wrestling fans tomorrow night. This Charley Peters may be good, but he is due for a trimming and he is going to get it tomorrow night."

Peters, be it known, will engage in a wrestling tussle at the Boyd theater tomorrow night with one Martin Plastina of Chicago. Plastina is one of Klank's stable of grapplers.

"Oh, perchance, perchance," admitted the reporter, "Probably Peters can be thrown. We wouldn't venture to say Stecher can't be thrown. They do say miracles can be performed. But, you will remember, Stranger Lewis and Joe Rogers blew the village pronto when Peters began to annoy 'em with challenges."

"What of it, what of it," roared Klank. "Didn't Plastina dump both of those birds? I tell you this Plastina is a tough guy and he'll ruin Peters. He'll do to Peters what Gotch'll do to Stecher."

"The reporter grinned. 'Probably, that's just about what he will do. Unconsciously you said it. You've got the right dope and don't know it.' Whereupon the reporter departed confidently believing that a reporter is a smart person and is a hard nut to crack."

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BASKET BALL HAS CENTER OF STAGE

Relative Standing of Teams in the League is About the Same as Week Ago.

GREAT GAME IS IN SIGHT

Standing of Teams. TRI-CITY LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Brandels Stores	5	0	1.000
Townsend Gun Co.	3	2	.600
Walter G. Clark	3	2	.600
Omaha High School	3	2	.600
University of Omaha	2	3	.400
Burgess-Nash	2	3	.400
Bellevue College	0	4	.000

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Omaha National Bank	9	0	1.000
Townsend Tigers	5	3	.625
Joe Smith	5	3	.625
High School Reserves	5	3	.625
Omaha Independents	5	3	.625
M. E. Smith	1	6	.143
Fairmont Creamery	1	6	.143
High School of Commerce	1	6	.143

Schedule for the Week. Tuesday at Young Men's Christian Association—First Christians against Hanson Park Methodists at 7:30; University of Omaha against Townsends at 8; Burgess-Nash against Brandels Stores at 8:45.

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Thursday at Young Men's Christian Association—St. Mary Congregationalists against Calvary Baptists at 7; Bellevue College against Burgess-Nash at 8; Brandels Stores against Clark at 9.

Thursday at University of Omaha—M. E. Smith against High School of Commerce at 7:30; Fairmonts against Omaha National Bank at 8:30.

Friday at Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian Association—Omaha High School Reserves against Joe Smith at 7:30.

Saturday at Young Men's Christian Association—First Methodists against South Side Presbyterians at 7; Omaha High School against St. Joseph High School at 8:45.

Saturday at University of Omaha—Townsend Tigers against Omaha National Bank at 7:30; Fairmonts against Omaha Independents at 8:30.

Although the season is on the wane, basket ball fans are awaiting with great interest the clash between the Olympic Athletic club and the Brandels five, scheduled for Friday evening on the Young Men's Christian Association floor.

The Californians won the National Amateur association tournament last season at the Panama-Pacific exposition and are on the way to defend the title at the Chicago tournament. It is on the return trip that they will drop off to meet the locals.

Just what impression the Brandels will make against the visitors is causing a great deal of conjecture among fans. To date the department store men have mopped up on every team in the Tri-City league and have practically clinched the league championship. Since their defeat at the hands of Fort Dodge and Wesleyan, they, by hard practice have greatly increased their ability at the flipping game. Their top heavy win over the Townsends last week by the score of 44 to 15 gives ample proof over their early season form.

This Was a Surprise. Perhaps the greatest surprise of the season occurred Thursday evening when the Burgess-Nash contingent fell before the University of Omaha five. The Collectians won by the narrow margin of 25 to 20. Last Saturday evening Coach Kavans also took a fall out of the Bellevue team at Bellevue.

Thursday evening the crack Brandels five will line up against the Walter G. Clark on the Young Men's Christian Association floor. The Clarks have long enjoyed good the last few weeks and are looked as being able to give the Merchants a close run if not possibly taking them in camp.

In the Commercial league the Omaha National Bank added another victory to its perfect standing, making nine consecutive wins. The Bankers have only three more games before the close of the season.

In the Church loop the First Methodists retained the strangle hold on first place by defeating the Calvary Baptists, 15 to 12. The Baptists more than outplayed the league leaders in the second frame.

With the Players. Harris is back again in the Townsend line up, having recovered from blood poisoning to his leg.

Haskell, captain of the Cornhuskers last season, and Balderson of the same team are with the Burgess-Nash.

Referees can draw their first pay by applying to Referee Leaks for vouchers. Referees are allowed \$1 a game.

Puryear of the Clarks who has been unable to play because of a bad finger expects to be back in the Clark line up this week.

Chuck Voorhies of the St. Mary's Congregationalists has been unable to perform for some time. Chuck is laid up with a case of yellow laundries.

Claiming that Referee Patton called an illegal foul on Omaha, the Clarks entered a protest to the same they lost to the Clarks, February 17.

Eleven teams met at the Young Men's Christian Association building, Tuesday evening to have their pictures taken for the Spalding's official basket ball guide.

M. E. Smith has forfeited their last three games because several of their members had to work evenings. The Smiths will resume play this week.

Players for the University of Omaha have floor harder to navigate than a ice rink Thursday evening. The floor has been treated with a new coat of oil and wax.

March 11 the Brandels will play a star aggregation, composed of local cracks. The proceeds will be used to make up a deficit in the library fund of the Health league.

North Field, Iowa High school would like to meet one of the Church league quintettes in Omaha. The Iowa have written Assistant Physical Director Leab of the Young Men's Christian Association to this effect.

Hoppat, for the last two years forward on the University of Wisconsin has joined the ranks of the Brandels. He is said to be a fast star. In 1914 and 1915 he led the big nine conference in batting. Captain Ritchie of the Brandels and Hoppat picked basket ball on the Sibeoygen, Wisconsin High school.

Charles Thomas May Buy Toledo Team. CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Around the base ball riddle today it was said Charles Thomas, former president of the Chicago Cubs, might be the next owner of the Toledo American association club. John Gansel, who bid \$40,000 for the club, said he had drawn out of the lists.

Tug-of-War Tuesday Night. Tuesday night at the Nonpareil club rooms, the Nonpareil and the American Express teams will meet in a tug of war. Following the pull there will be a dance.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1916.

Old Tom Longboat to Become a Soldier

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—Tom Longboat, the famous Canadian Indian runner, has enlisted in the Canadian army and will report for training within a few days. Longboat, who retired from athletic competition



(TOM LONGBOAT.)

CORNHUSKERS WIN THE VALLEY TITLE

By Defeating Ames, 29 to 17, Nebraska Floor Five Finishes Season with Clean Slate.

RUTHERFORD STAR OF GAME

AMES, Ia., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Iowa State's much shot at place basket ball five this afternoon had the honor in State gymnasium to be present at the ceremony which designated the University of Nebraska's crack team to hold the Missouri Valley conference title for another year.

The Huskers, by taking both games from Iowa State on the Cyclone court, each with a decisive score, made clear their right to a 100 per cent equity in the conference title.

The game this afternoon came out with the score 29 to 17 in favor of Nebraska, but without Dick Rutherford the Huskers might not have cut the mustard.

Rutherford handled the Husker driving machine today instead of Campbell, who manipulated it yesterday. Rutherford garnered fourteen points today, as Campbell did Friday.

The first half closed 12 to 6 Nebraska. Ames, though hardly with any two men who had played together the same before, commenced with considerable ginger, playing a greatly better game than yesterday. Aldrich, forward, and Boynton, guard, played a game which the Cornhuskers could not smear so readily. Boynton held his man, Rutherford, to seven field baskets when he was going after three that many.

Captain Hung played more than his guard position today, making four field loops.

NEBRASKA. L. F. Campbell, R. G. Green, C. Gardner, L. G. I. G. Bragdon. IOWA STATE. R. F. Porterfield, Nelson, C. O. Green, Aldrich, C. Gardner, L. G. I. G. Bragdon.

Substitutes: For Nebraska, J. Gardner, Tomlinson, Field goals: Rutherford (7), Campbell (2), Nelson, Hung (4), Green, Campbell, Swiney (4), Referee: Birch, Earlham.

Swedish Athletes Will Invade This Country in Spring

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—It was announced at the Fordham university games that plans are under way for the bringing of a representative team of Swedish athletes to the United States next summer for a series of competitions with the best track and field men in America. The plan to revive international athletics in spite of the world war that is drating Europe of its best men will be fostered by the leading men in athletics in both Sweden and America. The Swedish athletes to be invited are: The team that will come here will be a rattling good one—one that will be well able to do the work for which it will be sent.

The Swedes will not meet the united strength of the United States in competition any time. They will engage in dual games with the best men in the metropolitan district first. Then they will go to Boston to meet the New England association's combined strength. The Middle Atlantic association team will engage the all-Swedish team probably at Pittsburgh, and finally there will be a clash with the middle west, which will be held either in Chicago or in the Swedish-American hotbed country out in Minnesota.

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George Horine Will Not Jump Over Bar Any More

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—George Horine, former world's record holder and present running high jump champion of America, has quit athletics for good. In a letter received from the former Stanford star he announces his permanent retirement. He is going to settle down to a farmer's life. George is the owner of a beautiful ranch at Elyon, Cal., where, with his wife and daughter, he expects to end his days.

Dundee Is Still on Trail of F. Welsh

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Johnny Dundee still is hopeful of getting a match with Freddie Welsh over the long route. Dundee meets Joe Mandot at New Orleans on February 21 and Promoter Tortorich has promised that if all turns out well he will make every effort to obtain Welsh's consent to a battle during Mardi Gras week. Tortorich has a standing offer of \$2,500 for Welsh's aid, but the latter wants \$15,000. Dundee says he will be glad to fight for nothing more than the chance to win the title if necessary.

West Point Speed Association Elects

WEST POINT, Neb., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Point Speed association was held this week. Nine managers for the coming racing season were elected, viz: W. T. S. Nellig, H. W. Bauman, F. D. Sharrar, H. H. Howarth, Herman Koch, Chris Schinack, F. E. Krause, Fred Nitz and Dr. G. J. Collins. Secretary J. C. Hansen was selected as delegate to attend the circuit meeting of the Nebraska Speed association at Fremont February 29. Prospects are better than ever before for a successful race meeting this season.

Have a Care, You Hunters of Ducks

R. F. Holland, Federal Inspector, Arrives in Omaha Prepared to Capture Violators of Law.

Will Sign Many Deputies. Have a care, you ardent and enthusiastic duck hunters, who feel the call of the river these near-spring days, as the pintail, green-winged teal and early mallard herald their flight to the northward. For R. F. Holland, of Atchison, Kan., who is the federal inspector for this district, arrived in Omaha Saturday and began to swear in a bunch of deputies.

The early ducks are flying northward across Nebraska in great numbers. And spring shooting is always better than fall shooting. And it is hard for the enthusiastic duck hunter to look his pet shotgun in the face and obey the law.

But when the spirit begins to grip you, Mr. Huntsman, remember that Mr. Holland and his deputies are among us, and that it is taking a long chance. "We are going after violators hot and heavy this spring," declares Mr. Holland. "Our orders from Washington are explicit. The constitutionality of the spring law is now before the courts, with a good chance for an early decision. Orders from Washington. "And it seems Washington is of the opinion that the law will be declared constitutional. Heretofore, orders from Washington have never been very imperative. Now, we are told to speed up. If Washington didn't believe that the law would be declared constitutional, it would not be likely to urge us on, out would, to the contrary, be inclined to let matters slide." Holland emphatically asserts he is on the job to obey instructions to the letter. "I am going to employ a number of deputies here in Omaha and run all violators down. The man who is headless of the law is going to be caught this year," said Holland.

Holland and his assistants will remain in Nebraska for some time. The ducks are flying over the state in large numbers, and there are always, of course, those shooters who will disregard the law. This year, however, they are going to have their troubles. It will be unpleasant to get caught this spring.

SCHEDULE FOR THE STATE FLOOR PLAY

Central and South High Schools of Omaha Placed in Class A Division of State Tourney.

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—From tentative entries of 143 Nebraska high schools in the sixth annual Nebraska high school basket ball tournament, conducted under the auspices of the athletic department of the state university, the list has finally narrowed down to eighty-nine. After careful checking of all completed entries, Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed announced there would be less than 100 teams competing in the big floor meet.

Even at that, the tournament will shatter all Nebraska records, with nineteen more high schools entered than ever participated before. With seventy-one schools participating last spring, the Nebraska tournament was by far the biggest inter-scholastic event ever held in the country and Reed expects the new record to stand for some time for other states to shoot at.

Entries for the tournament closed on February 23—those schools failing to complete their entry by that time being dropped. A committee, including Captain Harold Corey as chairman, George A. Rascely and O. B. Anderson, have been busy with Manager Reed in compiling the records and classifying the teams. They completed their work today.

Teams Are Classified. After careful consideration Reed announced that twenty-six teams were placed in class A, thirty-two in class B and thirty-one in class C. The committee in classifying the teams took into consideration the records of the teams, the size of the town, the number of boys in the high school, the size of the playing floor, the amount of tournament experience and the number of veterans on the team.

Central and South High Schools of Omaha, Crete, Lincoln, University Place and Beatrice are looked upon as the main contenders for championship honors in the class A division.

The class A list, the matches, the time and place of play follows: DIVISION I.

1. Crete against Fremont, 3 p. m., Wednesday, University armory.
2. Shelton draw a bye.
3. Friend against Plattsmouth, 3:15 p. m., Wednesday, armory.
4. Hebron draw a bye.
5. Lincoln against Central City, 4 p. m., Wednesday, armory.
6. Osceola draw a bye.
7. South High of Omaha against Sutton, 4:15 p. m., Wednesday, armory.
8. Havelock against Hastings, 5 p. m., Wednesday, armory.

DIVISION II.

1. Central High of Omaha against Seward, 4:15 p. m., Wednesday, armory.
2. Chadron draw a bye.
3. Columbus draw a bye.
4. Newman Grove against Otho, 5:15 p. m., Wednesday, armory.
5. School of Agriculture against University Place, 7:15 p. m., Wednesday, armory.
6. Wilbur draw a bye.
7. Geneva against West Point, 8:30 p. m., Wednesday, armory.
8. Beatrice against Fairmont, 8:45 p. m., Wednesday, armory.

The class B list; the matches and the time and place of play follows: DIVISION I.

1. Bethany against Hardy, 1 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
2. Rising City against Falls City, 1:15 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
3. Pierce against Atkinson, 3 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
4. Nebraska City against Stanton, 3:15 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
5. Harvard against Steele City, 3 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
6. Arlington against Auburn, 3:15 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
7. Fullerton against Coand, 4 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
8. Randolph against School of Deaf, Omaha, Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.

DIVISION II.

1. De Witt against Kearsaw, 5 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
2. Kimball against Ekerter, 5:15 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
3. Creighton against Franklin academy, 6 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
4. Schuyler against Ord, 7:15 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
5. Minden against Broken Bow, 8 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
6. Ewing against Elmwood, 8:15 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
7. Fairfield against Sidney, 9 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.
8. Grand Island against Alliance, 9:30 p. m., Young Men's Christian association, Wednesday.

The class C list; the matches and the time and place of play follows: DIVISION I.

1. Wahoo against Nelson, 1 p. m., Thursday, chapel.