

ROURKE WILL PAY FARE FOR PLAYERS

Omaha Magnate Will Send Transportation Cost from Home to Omaha.

IS BIG ISSUE OF STRIKE

If all minor league magnates followed the policy of Pa Rourke, owner of the Omaha Base Ball club, Davy Fultz threatened strike would last about as long as Antwerp when the Kaiser started his parade through Belgium.

The paramount issue, which brought on all the war talk, concerns payment of transportation of the athlete from his winter home to the city where he has signed to play ball during the warm season.

When Pa Rourke sends out his contracts this week he will make his usual agreement to pay each athlete's transportation charges, believes the player is entitled to them and says he will always do so, no matter what the decision of his fellow magnates in misery.

This item of transportation cuts considerable ice in the operating expense of a ball club, Omaha, of course, is centrally located and a couple of thousand miles is the longest journey one of Pa's hirelings can make.

But it costs quite a chunk of money for Pa Rourke to bring Harry Krause, for instance, to Omaha from San Francisco. It will cost Pa at least \$1,200, perhaps \$1,500, transportation costs this spring and Pa is fortunate in that Marty O'Toole, Cecil Thompson, Cy Forsythe, Harold Irelan and a couple of others are Omaha this year.

Per generosity is just like cutting off \$1,500 of his own profits—providing, of course, there are any profits—because he doesn't have to pay these costs unless he wants to.

"I have always paid transportation for the boys," said Rourke. "I always received mine when I was a player and I really believe the player is entitled to it. I, for one, intend to pay it."

Slap For Friend Wife.

The Omaha magnate, however, will stop this generosity with the players. Hereafter many athletes traveling in double harness have sought transportation for themselves and their wives and their requests were always granted.

But Rourke has decided friend wife is not a part of the ball club and will not cough up expense money for her in the future.

How the other Western league owners regard this transportation issue is not known. Some of them probably will follow Rourke's example and pay these expenses as in the past, while one or two or perhaps more of the others will take advantage of the new association ruling and save this snug sum of change.

Rourke will send his contracts out this week. He is just thirty days behind his usual program. Club owners are given until March 1 to dispatch their contracts, but Rourke has always sent his out about the middle of January. Conditions have been such this year, however, that the Omaha mogul delayed sending out the precious parchments an entire month.

No Trouble Expected. No difficulties with the athletes are anticipated by Rourke. Only a couple of the Western teams that dispute to cut over last year's stipend and if they refuse to accept their terms Pa will not worry greatly, as their shoes will not be hard to fill. With the exception of Currie, Brottem and Pratt, all of the new men are coming to Omaha from leagues of lower classification, have not been eligible to membership in the Players' fraternity and the salaries they will receive in the Western league will, of course, be larger than they received on their former jobs.

Currie, Brottem and Pratt have all been sounded out and are expected to sign. Rourke wrote Currie a letter and the pitcher's only objection involved transportation. Rourke replied by stating he always paid transportation and would, of course, do so for Currie. Brottem and Pratt also sign with satisfaction over their transfer to Omaha.

So fans do not expect Rourke to have any financial squabbles with his athletes. A couple of the vets may roar and threaten, but it is expected they will eventually fall into line and, if they don't, nobody will be greatly concerned over it as there will probably be a lot of talent loose about April 1.

Frank Baker Becomes Banker in Trappe, Md.

Frank Baker of the Yankees is in the banking business. He is one of the incorporators named in organization of the State Bank of Trappe, Md., and he will be one of the principal stockholders.

Cubs Send Zabel Back To the Coast Once More

The Chicago Nationals announce the release of Patcher George Zabel to the Los Angeles Coast league club. He was with Los Angeles last year, but Chicago had recalled him.

Harvard High Wins From York Flippers

York, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Harvard High school defeated York High school here this evening, 41 to 25 in a game of basket ball.

Crest High Wins.

Crest, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—By a rout in the last high Crest High school rebounded a game that seemed lost and won from Geneva High 30 to 15. The score at the end of the first half was 8 to 5 for Geneva. Crest's center was the fastest man on the floor, making eight field goals. Martin for Geneva made 41 points.

Woods Thrown Out.

Holdrege, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Joe Woods, a light heavyweight of Sioux City, Ia., threw Carl Palander last night in two straight falls, the first in thirty-eight minutes and the second in twenty minutes. The toe and hammerlock were the fatal holds. This is Palander's first defeat since he re-entered the wrestling ring last fall.

Ravenna High Wins.

Ravenna, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Ravenna High school basket ball team won from Ord last evening, 30 to 19.

To Try Cross-Continent Flight



DELOYD THOMPSON

New York, Feb. 17.—De Lloyd Thompson, the night air raider, whose sensational flight over New York, Washington and Chicago last spring demonstrated the need of airplane preparedness for the United States, will attempt a cross-continent flight from San Francisco to New York this spring.

His equipment for the flight will be very elaborate, extra motors being stationed at 500-mile intervals across the continent to enable repairs and changes in case of accident.

SOUTH HIGH HOLDS TO SLIM VICTORY

Basket Awarded When Whistle Blows While Ball Was in the Air.

DISPUTE NOT YET SETTLED

The South High school basket ball team defeated the Central High school team Friday night by the apparent score of 33 to 32. At the close of the contest Coach Harold Mulligan of the Central five challenged the score, and Referee Bob Hager declared the result open, pending a conference of officials.

Captain Corr of the Souths started the scoring by placing the first basket, which was quickly followed by Graham, star forward. Before five minutes had elapsed the latter had added up a total of six goals and the Packers were in the lead, 14 to 0.

By a whole lot the first half was the fastest, although the usual dash and brilliancy of play died down to regular business long before the half was completed. Captain Patty shot a free throw, the first point of the Central five, on the sixth minute. A series of clever maneuvers in which the Smith-Logan-Konecky combination figured, brought a bunch of four baskets.

The half ended with the score 16 to 11 in favor of the South athletes. Central came back with spirit in the second half, and established early a lead, which was maintained until five minutes before the close of the half. Billy Graham initiated another mill and with the ever ready Wilson and Corr at his heels, a series of six baskets were piled up. A minute before the half ended Central led by four points.

Corr and Graham brought home the bacon with a basket each in time and when time was called the score stood 30 to 30, tie.

A five-minute continuation was authorized. Patty threw a basket which was soon followed by a free throw by Corr. At the last moment, when the ball was in the air, the whistle blew. The timekeeper had not finished sounding when the ball snapped through the ring. Hager held up two fingers as 1,000 frantic rooters rushed pell-mell onto the floor. The game was over.

An argument among officials immediately ensued. Referee Hager declared he had not heard the whistle and had not called the game until Timekeeper Hahn tapped him on the shoulder. He left the argument to the timekeeper, who declared that the basket counted. Later it was decided to settle the matter at a conference of officials.

Best of the Season.

Above and beyond all the game was the fastest seen this season on the South floor. One thing marred the smooth work of each five. Ray Wilson, left forward, who had entered the game suffering from a fever, collapsed soon after the opening of the second half and had to be removed from the play. Patton sent in Jack Oswald to take his place.

The lineup and summary: SOUTH HIGH. C. F. J. G. Konecky. W. Wilson. L. F. R. Logan. G. Corr. R. C. G. Maxwell. M. Smith. S. Smith. L. G. R. G. Patty. Substitutes: Oswald for Wilson. Field goal: Graham (9), Wilson (2), Corr (1), Patty (1), Smith (4), Maxwell (3), Logan (1). Free throws: Corr (2), Patty (4). Fouls: South High, 7; Central High, 5. Score first half: South High, 16; Central High, 11. Referee: Bob Hager, Omaha. Timekeeper: Hahn, South Omaha. Scorer: Lew South Omaha. Time of game: Twenty minutes, with final five minutes intermission.

Bill Abstein Lands Job Managing Hartford Club

William Abstein of St. Louis, veteran first baseman, has been named manager of the Hartford team of the Eastern league. He expects to get several young players from the St. Louis Cardinals for his team.

Out for Mr. Connie Mack

Harold Cable, the new Mackman, who will endeavor to win the key-stone kiosk on the Athletic infield, was the property of the New York Americans. Messrs. Ruppert and Huston threw out the Cable life line to C. Mack as a token of their esteem.

Kid Herman of Illinois Holds Johnny Ertle

Milwaukee, Feb. 17.—"Kid" Herman of Pekin, Ill., bantamweight boxer, held Johnny Ertle, St. Paul, to a draw tonight in a ten-round, no-decision contest, the majority of sporting writers agreed.

STATE CAGE FIVES PREPARE FOR FRAY

Sixty High Schools Send Entries With Full Information to Manager Reed.

HUSKERS ON TRIP EAST

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Nebraska high schools entering the annual Nebraska high school basketball tournament under the auspices of the University of Nebraska have but one week more to comply with the regulations governing the big floor meet in filing their formal applications with Manager of Athletics Guy E. Reed.

One hundred and fifty-two high schools in all they would send information on the season's record, the playing experience of the teams and other data—all of which is to be considered when the committee gets down to the job of classifying the contestants in the three different divisions.

Some of the other schools have sent in formal entries, but these have been sent back because of lack of complete information on the season's record, the playing experience of the teams and other data—all of which is to be considered when the committee gets down to the job of classifying the contestants in the three different divisions.

Manager Reed calls attention to the fact that the season's record must be given in full; the experience of each member of the team; the size of the town and of the floor played upon in that town; the number of students in school and tournament experience.

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Ponderous White Hope Livens Up



New York, Feb. 17.—That mountain of flesh, Carl Morris, has come here for the purpose of sizing up Fulton and Weimer and perhaps having his manager spot a challenge or two. Since Carl easily defeated Levinsky and west (he weighs only fifty or sixty pounds more than the Irishman) shares in Morris, preferred, had shown a slight upward tendency. Morris is "mentioned" as some one who might exchange punches with the redoubtable Jess Willard. Unless Carl stumbles and falls on you, you are perfectly safe.

HUSKERS SLIP ONE OVER ON KANSANS

Jayhawks Start With Rush, But Nebraska Stars Come From Behind.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Cornhuskers slipped up on the Jayhawks Friday night by winning the first of a two-game series, 21 to 19. The game was close from the start to finish, but lacked the finished appearance of a conference game. Both teams played a strong defensive game, depending upon long shots for points.

The Cornhuskers excelled in the guarding, holding the Jayhawk forwards to five goals in the entire game. The Nebraska forwards had better luck hitting the basket from the field.

Kansas started scoring in the first moment of play on Aslett's goal from the corner of the court. Campbell tied the score a moment later with a long shot. The two teams played hard and rough for the remainder of the period, Nebraska leading at the end of the half, 7 to 6.

In the second half Kansas took the lead holding it until near the end of the game. The Jayhawks showed a poor brand of basket ball in the entire game. Coach Hamilton sent in three substitutes, but they proved ineffective. Campbell, right forward, and Riddell, guard, starred for the visitors. Campbell made nine points while Riddell played a strong game at guard. Urhlaub was the star of the Kansas team. The last game of the series will be played here tomorrow night.

Consolation Tourney. Manager Reed said today that if the floor space can be found to stage the game a consolation tournament will be staged for those high school teams which go out on the first round. There will be winners' prizes awarded in the consolation tournament the same as in the other divisions if it is able to complete the arrangements.

The Husker basket ball five starts next week on an eastern swing for games against two Missouri Valley conference members. On Thursday and Friday of this week the Huskers play Ames at Ames and on Saturday night will stack up against the Drake five. The teams in the eastern circuit are apparently not so strong as those in the southern half of the conference and the Huskers should not encounter much difficulty in making it a clean sweep of the series. Both Ames and Drake come to Lincoln for games on the local floor later in the season.

During the week the Husker wrestling team will also journey to Iowa City for the annual wrestling tournament between the Hawkeyes and the Huskers. Iowa does not appear to be so strong in wrestling as last year and fell an easy victim before the Ames Aggies.

With the exception of Captain Otopalik, the members of the Nebraska team have not been picked. Otopalik will represent the Huskers in the light heavyweight class, where he is without an equal in the middle-west.

National Singles Will Be Started On August 30

New York, Feb. 17.—According to official announcement Thursday, August 30, has been selected as the opening day of the national singles tennis championship tournament to be held at the West Side Club, Forest Hills, Long Island. The officers of the United States National Lawn Tennis association state that an effort is to be made this year to group the big tournaments so that players may compete for the national doubles championship and the national singles championship in the shortest period that can be allotted and do justice to both events.

As the doubles championship is to be decided in one tournament, to be held at Longwood, it is felt that such an arrangement will find favor, particularly with players from the south and middle west, who might not care to spend the time that a long campaign around the tennis circuit involves.

Connie Mack's Son Will Try His Hand at Managing

Earl Mack, hopeful son of the famous Connie, is going to try his hand at the managerial game again. He has been named to lead the Charlotte team of the North Carolina league. Mack managed the Raleigh team in the same league in 1915 and 1916, and last season played first base for Asheville.

Dillon Pests Gumbast Smith. New Orleans, Feb. 17.—Jack Dillon of Indianapolis was awarded the referee's decision over Gumbast Smith of Philadelphia at the end of a twenty-round bout here tonight. Dillon was the aggressor throughout and was never in much danger. Both the heavyweights fought furiously when the final gong rang.

C. C. TAPPAN LEADS HUSKER MARKSMEN

Sandhill Trapshot Makes an Average of 9449 in 1916 Registered Events.

ED VARNER RIGHT BEHIND

C. C. Tappan of Hoagland was high gun for 1916 among the amateur trapshooters of Nebraska. In registered shoots during 1916 Tappan shot at 1,490 targets and 1,408 of them dropped under his fire. His average for the season was 9449. Ed Varner of Adams gave Tappan a mighty race for the honors. Varner marked up an average of 9448 for the season. Varner shot at more targets than Tappan. He shot at 2,250 of the blue rocks and broke 2,126.

E. B. Tappan, C. C. Tappan's twin brother, also made a good record for 1916. He shot at 1,340 targets and broke 1,231 for an average of 9186.

Al Koyen of Fremont shot at the greatest number of targets during the year, the Fremont marksman aiming at 4,290 of the blue rocks during the twelve months. His average was 9277.

Ray Kingsley and Henry McDonald, two of Omaha's cracks, had a close race, both shooting at 1,600 targets in registered events. Kingsley's average was an even 9200, while McDonald's was 9137. Averages of the most prominent Nebraska marksmen for 1916, compiled by Sporting Life, were as follows:

Table listing names and scores of Nebraska marksmen for 1916, including Albertus, Pete, Wanner, Armoagat, W. H., David City, 958 8124, Atkinson, Chas., Creighton, 1290 1091 9184, Blair, J. P., Omaha, 439 428 437, Bauer, J. H., Falls City, 600 438 4760, Beachy, W. H., Falls City, 250 308 3809, Bond, G. C., Lincoln, 450 321 4275, Bondel, G. C., Lincoln, 1250 1195 8819, Bray, J., Broadwater, 320 285 3031, Bray, A. L., Broadwater, 720 650 3027, Broad, W. D., Omaha, 270 270 270, Broaden, Roy, 250 205 8714, Burbank, C. C., Wood Lake, 500 412 3260, Burke, W. D., Omaha, 250 247 3788, Christensen, Chris, Elk City, 450 369 3209, Coates, Roy, Exeter, 900 723 8023, Cobb, J. W., Waterloo, 450 231 4000, Colvin, H. H., Omaha, 500 401 4020, Conn, L. R., Panama, 720 622 8628, Danahan, Fred, Billford, 1050 927 8528, Danahy, W. D., Omaha, 450 347 3437, Delaney, C., Northport, 670 595 8880, De Vere, L. V., Randolph, 775 675 8709, Dixon, W. D., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Douglass, W. Clark, 250 256 3240, Drinnan, G. W., Columbus, 450 405 4646, Dunbar, W. D., Omaha, 450 374 3788, Dunn, H. A., Fremont, 1050 941 9321, Durward, E. J., David City, 500 448 3661, Eike, W. D., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Evans, V. E., Grand Island, 450 377 4000, Evans, J. C., Beaver Crossing, 350 314 4971, Fairbanks, L. P., Norfolk, 550 487 3489, Fayer, J. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Phipps, Dr. G. A., Stramton, 1500 1500 1421, Franz, R. H., Coleridge, 300 240 3000, Fremont, H. W., Fremont, 450 351 4000, Frey, R. J., Lincoln, 500 295 3700, Frye, A. H., Omaha, 300 271 3800, Garsner, W. D., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Gaspers, P. N., Lincoln, 200 247 3233, Gates, L. A., Columbus, 500 457 4546, Gatter, J. W., Grand Island, 450 347 3266, Gauseman, John W., Billford, 450 351 4000, Gellus, Dan, Omaha, 200 174 8700, Gellus, J. C., Sutton, 1050 952 9064, Glass, J. C., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Goetz, Henry, Baldwin, 355 180 7058, Gott, G. W., Pierce, 400 340 4000, Gowen, Henry, Fairbury, 450 351 4000, Graves, H. C., York, 315 254 3062, Groboosky, E. T., Scotia, 200 252 4066, Groves, H. C., York, 315 254 3062, Gutzmer, J. B., Columbus, 1050 940 9000, Hall, C. P., Randolph, 450 387 3763, Hamilton, E. C., Omaha, 300 248 3746, Harding, G. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Harris, Walter, Brown Bow, 540 464 3592, Harting, G. Fontanella, 300 221 7266, Hatt, H. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Heiler, A., Alliance, 600 565 8112, Henkle, D., Fremont, 250 183 7529, Henningson, H., Fremont, 1100 894 4746, Henry, H., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Hoffman, Otto, Howards, 300 254 3747, Hogard, H. C., Shelton, 170 172 3194, Hoggan, J. F., North Platte, 1870 1974 3088, House, Dr. N., Exeter, 450 374 3766, Howard, T. J., Greeley, 900 754 3717, Howitt, Geo., Chappell, 770 655 3578, Howell, H. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Hutton, W. H., Albion, 250 251 3564, Hyatt, G. W., Randolph, 400 350 3750, Jackson, J. C., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Johnson, Arthur, Cresco, 350 285 3412, Johnson, C. A., Falls City, 300 216 7200, Johnson, C. A., Falls City, 300 216 7200, Kearney, W. David City, 1350 1141 3441, Keeney, A. R., Omaha, 350 305 3474, Kemp, J. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Kimmel, J. F., North Platte, 1870 1974 3088, Kingsley, R. C., Omaha, 1000 1472 3200, Klotz, J. R., Exeter, 675 546 3084, Knox, J. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Koib, C. E., Randolph, 550 498 4068, Kroyen, Albert, Fremont, 4290 3990 2577, Lester, H. C., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Langman, A., Grand Island, 345 293 3274, Larson, C. H., Omaha, 1500 1246 3106, Henderson, R. A., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Lockitt, H. C., Humphrey, 200 240 3066, Lockwood, C. W., Kenesaw, 700 622 8628, Lohr, Harry, Omaha, 450 351 4000, Lohr, Harry, Scribner, 450 351 4000, Magdona, A. F., Pierce, 315 252 3060, Malona, J. F., Leigh, 300 252 4066, Marcell, E. R., Scribner, 450 351 4000, Mason, R. G., Hartigan, 300 243 3100, McDonald, H. S., Omaha, 1000 1472 3200, McIntosh, E. R., Omaha, 450 351 4000, McKibbin, C. R., Od. Island, 425 315 3558, McLaughlin, J. F., Fremont, 2440 2184 3867, McLaughlin, J. F., Fremont, 2440 2184 3867, Miner, G. L., Wayne, 500 420 7818, Milton, M. R., Adams, 1800 1660 7088, Morgan, G. W., Springfield, 450 351 4000, Morgan, Geo. W., Shelton, 450 351 4000, Mortimer, G. W., Shelton, 450 404 3977, Near, G. L., Scottsbluff, 500 428 3475, Neuman, G. C., Chappell, 550 752 3494, Neville, M. Keith, No. Platte, 450 351 4000, Norer, J. A., Grand Island, 450 351 4000, O'Connor, Jas., Coleridge, 650 511 7949, Olson, Albert, Cedar Bluff, 750 672 4960, Oram, C. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Ott, O. O., Grand Island, 450 351 4000, Palmer, H. R., Bradshaw, 900 748 3211, Phillips, H. A., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Phillips, H. A., Columbus, 750 622 8628, Philson, Harry, Leigh, 300 243 3100, Redick, G. P., Omaha, 350 311 3171, Rees, P. W., Pierce, 450 351 4000, Rootz, E. A., Hooper, 300 214 4971, Roberts, J. G., Omaha, 300 243 3100, Robertson, R. A., Scribner, 450 351 4000, Robinson, F. N., Randolph, 550 462 4040, Rudak, F. H., Columbus, 1100 1020 3722, Rudak, F. H., Columbus, 1100 1020 3722, Sams, Ernest, Oakdale, 900 842 3550, Schroeder, G. A., Columbus, 500 425 3500, Schwann, Henry, Fremont, 450 351 4000, Schwaner, J. W., Pierce, 550 483 3872, Schwaner, J. W., Pierce, 550 483 3872, Schwaner, J. W., Pierce, 550 483 3872, Schwaner, J. W., Pierce, 550 483 3872, Sharp, M. F., Omaha, 150 111 3100, Shivers, Geo., Grand Island, 800 718 3971, Simpson, F., Ghild, 775 651 3578, Slinger, C. A., Bradshaw, 900 748 3211, Slatery, M., Shelton, 750 672 4960, Smith, Evan, Shelton, 450 351 4000, Standbury, R. A., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Starkey, H. J., North Platte, 2145 1959 3223, Stegeman, E. F., Chappell, 855 758 3594, Stone, J. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Sullivan, J. F., Doniphan, 400 214 3090, Sullivan, Geo., Grand Island, 320 265 4006, Sullivan, Geo., Grand Island, 320 265 4006, Sullivan, Geo., Grand Island, 320 265 4006, Talcott, Oscar, Valley, 440 414 3660, Tappan, C. C., Hoagland, 1490 1404 9049, Taylor, E. D., Shelton, 750 672 4960, Thigpen, R. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Thigpen, R. W., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Thompson, Dr. W. M., Dodge, 450 351 4000, Thompson, J. W., Loup City, 520 461 3773, Thorpe, D. B., Eagle, 450 351 4000, Throckmold, W. L., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Throckmold, W. L., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Townsend, Roy, Chappell, 1000 850 3400, Valerius, E. C., Grand Island, 500 425 3500, Van Cott, J. G., Broken Bow, 600 529 8161, Varner, E. W., Adams, 2250 2126 9448, Varner, E. W., Adams, 2250 2126 9448, Waggoner, C. W., Humboldt 850 703 3273, Waggoner, C. W., Humboldt 850 703 3273, Watson, E. L., Diller, 2300 1911 3598, Watson, E. L., Diller, 2300 1911 3598, Weber, W. R., Wayne, 550 440 3763, Wells, B. S., Omaha, 450 402 3523, Wertz, W. E., Grand Island, 500 425 3500, Wertz, W. E., Grand Island, 500 425 3500, Wertz, John H., Chappell, 1020 820 3809, Whalen, L. A., Stanton, 410 364 3650, Whitely, W. W., Yutan, 400 322 3650, Wiley, J. M., Wayne, 550 422 7672, Wilkerson, J. M., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Wilkerson, J. M., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Wilkerson, J. M., Omaha, 450 351 4000, Wolf, J. F., Cedar Creek, 550 425 3640, Yoder, W. R., Bradshaw, 900 1177 3861.

Chambers 750 Against Symes 748 at Billiards

W. N. Chambers started his third match with Harry Symes in the state match at 182 balk line billiards at the Symes parlors last night sixty