Ty Cobb's Off to a Good Start and the Boys Know What to Expect

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RUTHERFORD MAY GO TO MOUND CITY

Washington University Seeks Husker Coach as Director of Athletics

BASE BALL TEAM IS SLOW

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

Lincoln, March 31.—(Special.)—The University of Nebraska is very likely to lose the services of Dick Rutherford as assistant coach next year, with at least two western schools angling for the former Husker star.

Washington university, St. Louis, wants Rutherford to take complete charge of the athletic department at that institution. Rutherford made the trip and looked over the situation, but has arrived at no decision. The St. Louis job would give him a boost in salary and at the same time put him in supreme control of the athletic affairs of the school. Rutherford draws $2,000 a year at Nebraska.

The Husker management, while regretting to lose the services of Rutherford, will throw no stones in his path to prevent him from securing a merited promotion. The personal relations between Dr. Stewart and his assistant are the most cordial and the Husker all-year coach could be depended upon to give Rutherford a good boost in anything he went after.

Until Rutherford reaches some decision, no attempt will be made to complete the coaching staff at Nebraska for the next season. While Stewart has been re-elected, no action has been taken with regard to the assistant director of athletics, Guy E. Reed, and the assistant coach. It is understood that both Reed and Rutherford will be re-elected if they care to remain.

Base Ball Slow.

Drafting a base ball team is a little more of a job than Husker athletic authorities anticipated. A big squad has been working out during the entire week, but Coach Rutherford, who is in direct charge of the base ball men, has made little progress towards assembling the team. Rutherford wants to put in another week before he selected any of the members of the team.

The battery situation is giving him the most concern. He has a big class of candidates for hurling honors, including Harry Smith, Mackey, Berquist, a South Omaha High school lad; John Riddell and Pickett, but the outlook is none too promising, as all of the material is inexperienced.

For catchers Rutherford is using "Doc" Shaw, Ed Shaw and Ted Riddell, all big men, but fairly active. He does not anticipate he will have much trouble in finding a suitable backstopper among the trio.

For the other jobs there is a big bunch of material, but no attempt was made during the last week to line it up.

Pleased With Track Team.

Reed is lining his track squad up and is better pleased with it than he has been for years. In the two-mile event Glenn Graff has all the earmarks of a comer, while Captain Overman is one of the best milers in the Missouri Valley conference. Reed believes that Overman is a sure point winner in that event. In the half mile Grau, Jackson and Bryans, the latter an old Omaha High school lad, are the best of the bunch.

In the quarter-mile Owens and Townsend have the call and should prove to be point winners. Both have had a year's experience and showed up well in the Missouri Valley conference last year.

In the hurdles Finney is the best man the Huskers have had in years. He did exceptional work in the Kansas City indoor meet and Reed is confident he will deliver.

In the weights, Shaw, Reese and Lon Graff can be depended upon to land places for the Huskers. The sprints, pole vault and jumps are Nebraska's weak points. Werner is the best man in school in the sprints. Kimball, Jones and Adkins are new men for the pole vault. Werner and Flint are working out in the jumps.

Grau, Overman and Owens are the only letter men on the squad, but Reed is banking on his youngsters strongly to bring home the bacon.

The Husker mentor has scheduled a class day meet April 14, at which he will pick his varsity squad.

Pardello Was Willing To Take Paderewski On

Carl Marfisi, Gene Melady's handy man and for many years a prominent figure in boxing and wrestling circles, was spinning yarns with a number of friends at the Merchants hotel one evening last week. The name of Leo Pardello, once famous Italian wrestler, who has appeared in Omaha a number of times, came up and prompted Carl to tell this story on the grapplers:

"Pardello about twelve years ago was working at Minor's theater in New York. He was meeting all comers and a theater manager from Schenectady came down to the metropolis to see Pardello and make Leo an offer for a match at his show house. He asked Pardello if he would entertain wrestling one match for him.

"Pardello, in his Italian dialect, asked him if he had ever had any high class performers at his theater. The manager informed him that a short time prior he had Paderewski, Melba and Kubelik.

"Pardello looked up, muttered humph,' and then said, 'Well, I never hear who those people is, just the same, you make one big tournament, match up the three, and the one who win, I will come to your theater and wrestle him for a finish.'"

State Golf Association Will Meet Tuesday Noon

Directors of the Nebraska Golf association will hold a meeting in the rooms of the Omaha Commercial club Tuesday noon. The place and dates of 1917 annual tournament will be decided and a new constitution and bylaws submitted for adoption. Plans to extend the duration of the annual tournament to give ample opportunity for all entrants to participate in the qualifying round will also be discussed.

Dig Up Old Tackle, Fishing Season On

The fishing season opened in Nebraska today.

All of the rivers, lakes and streams in the state are open and most of them are said to contain many fish. Because of the warm weather in March it is believed the finny tribe will be easily coaxed to nibble at the bait submitted, and some of the best early fishing in years is anticipated.

Many of the lakes have been stocked with fish in plentiful quantities by the state.

A law has been introduced in the legislature delaying the opening of the season on bass until June 1, but it is still being debated and the disciples of Izaak Walton who like to pursue the game fish plan to have considerable fishing while the solons are still arguing.

TRACK INTEREST MAKES BIG GAINS

Holding of Missouri Valley Meet Brings Cinder Path Game Back.

CUT OUT HANDICAP MEETS

By KARL LEE.

Three things are calculated to contribute mightily in the drive for interscholastic track records in Omaha and Nebraska this year. First, all meets here are to be non-handicap events; second, superior organization of track festivals throughout the state, and, third, interest of the country in scholastic events will be centered on Nebraska.

For years Nebraska has been handicapped, as far as national prestige is concerned, by the introduction of handicap tourneys in the state. Records made in such meets, although some of the most brilliant track and field men in the country participated, are unofficial in the eyes of those who compile national records. This has had a tendency to lessen interest in Nebraska, to the end that the Cornhusker state has practically dropped into complete seclusion in interscholastic competition. It is gratifying to know that the handicap will not be incorporated in any meets here this year.

In five years past few Missouri valley records have held prestige in the zone of national reputation. For a greater number of years valley interscholastic events have been practically ignored. This condition is about to be relieved. Centralizing in Omaha, the second largest city in the valley, Missouri valley officials are to stage the greatest athletic field meet yet held in this section. Leading up to this event state meets are to be held in each of the states participating. In Nebraska minor sectional meets are to lead up to the state event.

Enthusiasm at Central.

Coach Mulligan at Central High called a meeting of track prospectives. A full hundred answered and the next night, although the state meet is six weeks away, a half dozen of the hopefuls were out in trunks ready for the season's grind.

In the state the interest is just as intense. At North Platte, Kearney and Fremont, track centers for decades back, are to be held sectional meets the first week in May. At the close of spring vacation in the coming week, most of these schools will have their track squads hard at work. Seven veterans survive from last year. Two dozen others who failed to get in on the pie at the state tourneys are also ready to contest honors again. With this spirit here and a similar vein in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and South Dakota, there is little else to expect except the greatest track meets in history.

Jack Ness to Play On Semi-Pro Club in Chicago This Year

Jack Ness, holder of the world's record for consecutive hitting, who played first base for the White Sox last year, has quit professional base ball and gone into business in the manufacturing end of the United States Ball Bearing Manufacturing company.

This does not mean, however, that Ness will not play base ball any more, for he will play first base and act as captain of the United States Ball Bearing team, winners of the Chicago Mercantile league pennant last year, which team has been entered in the Chicago Commercial league for the season of 1917.

One thing is certain, however, that Ness will lead a real base ball team this year when he does play, for on the United States Ball Bearing team are no less than seven ex-professional players.

Earnest Dennis, catcher; Billy Harley, right field, and Harry Glazer, pitcher, all played with Joe Tinker on the Chi-Feds. Red Torkleson made a most enviable reputation pitching in the Western association and Charlie Jensen was given a tryout last year by the Cubs. Happy Rudolph, second baseman, was formerly captain of the University of Chicago team.

Ty Cobb Will Play Right For the Tigers This Year

There is a possibility that Ty Cobb will play right field for the Detroit Americans this season. Manager Jennings believes that Sam Crawford is through as a fielder and expects to use Harry Hailmann as the third man in the outfield. Jennings says centerfield is easier to play than the other gardens and plans to use Heilmann in that position, while Cobb is shifted to Crawford's place.

Ed Hanlon May Lose His Ball Park at Sioux City

The Commercial club of Sioux City, which is back of the movement to erect a new armory for the town's military companies, has its eyes on the Sioux City ball park and if it can make the deal Ed Hanlon's club will have to move. The fans have been demanding a new ball park anyway, for the present one is far too small.

ROURKES BATTLE BRANDEIS TODAY

Pa's Hopefuls Make First Appearance of Year in Game With Semi-Pros.

WILL USE THE NEW MEN

Unless the weather man unmercifully turns the raging elements loose so that the athletes would become entirely congealed and spectators could not lamp the proceedings unless protected by overcoats, earmuffs and portable stoves, Pa Rourke's hopefuls, who will strive this season to repeat the success of their predessors, in capturing the Western league gonfalon, will make their first appearance of the year today. The Rourklets are scheduled to engage in mortal combat with Fred Bradford's Brandeis team at Rourke park at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Manager Krug will send his strongest lineup against the semi-pros and will probably use at least four of his twirlers, including a couple of the new men so that the fans will be able to get a line upon the athletes upon whom they depend their hopes this season.

Wayne Barham and Murphy Currie are two of the new hurlers, who will probably work for at least an inning or two today. Both of these young chaps are right handers with plenty of smoke and curves and Krug believes they will be winners in the Western this year. Currie especially looks promising. Young Wyman may be given an opportunity to show his stuff this afternoon, too.

New Man Behind Bat.

A new man will be seen behind the bat, Tony Brottem. If Brottem lives up to expectations and shows the same kind of stuff he has been the last week in training, the fans will forget all about Ernie Krueger before long.

In the infield, Oak Henning and Johnny Watkins are the men. Henning is the first sacker striving to fill the shoes of Ray Miller and Watkins is a shortstopper of considerable class.

Hal Brokaw is the only new outfielder. He will occupy the left garden. Shag Thompson and Cy Forsythe, favorites of last year, will be on the job in center and right.

In Good Shape.

Until yesterday the weather all last week ideal for practice and Marty put his charges through three hours every day with the consequence that practically every man on the squad is ready to go at the discharge of the gun.

Bradford promises to give the leaguers some real competition with his semi-pros. He has all of last year's stars back with a couple of additions and he is confident his men will put up a real battle. Morrie Olson, who is a pretty keen hurler, will be on the firing line and that means the Rourkes will have to be on the job to get their hits. The teams will lineup as follows:

OMAHA.		BRANDEIS.
Henning	First	Clair
Irian	Second	Graham
Burz	Third	Synek
Krug	Shot	Woodruff
Watkins	Shot	
Brokaw	Left	Roben
J. Thompson	Center	Dygert
Forsythe	Right	Lawler
Brottem	Catch	Lyek
O'Toole	Pitch	Olson
Merz	Pitch	Hazen
Barham	Pitch	
Currie	Pitch	
Wyman	Pitch	

Les Darcy Swears He is Worth Only Three Thousand

Of all the accusations against Les Darcy only one seems to have cut him to the quick and that was the charge that he was worth $100,000.

He was much cast down by the printed statement as to his worldly possessions and his despondency was increased when Governor Whitman, during their conference at Albany, pointedly asked the Australian if it was true that he had $100,000 in cash and real estate in Australia.

Darcy emphatically replied in the negative, but in order to make his denial more positive he has signed an affidavit to the effect that he has not more than $3,000 worth of property in his native land. In his affidavit Darcy also attempts to set himself right in reference to other charges against him.

War Would Cause Tennis Tourneys to Be Cancelled

New York, March 31.—The question of cancelling the 1917 tennis tournament schedule in case of war has been delegated by the National Lawn Tennis association, it was announced today, to the executive committee of the organization. The completed schedule contains more than 200 tournaments, dates ranging from a few days to two weeks. It will be issued for publication shortly. Should cancellation become necessary, every club in the association will be so notified.

Norris Williams Wins In Three Tennis Matches

Boston, March 31.—R. Norris Williams, 2d, national lawn tennis champion, won in three matches in the invitation tennis tournament on the covered courts of the Longwood Cricket club today. In the singles he defeated H. G. M. Kelleher, Seattle, Wash., a student at Harvard, 6-2, 6-2. In the doubles, paired with G. W. Wightman, Boston, he defeated C. M. Bull, jr., New York, and Irving C. Wright, Boston, 6-2, 6-1, and then won over Richard Bishop and H. C. Johnson, 6-1, 7-5.

Evers' Brother Signs Contract With Peoria

John Evers' brother, Joe, who has been knocking around in various minor leagues for several years, trying to become a real Evers, has signed his contract with the Peoria club of the Three-I league and will keep on trying.

Wild Bill Sees a Pennant.

If the Yankees have the good luck to sidestep accidents this season there is nothing to it but the pennant. So sayeth Manager "Wild William" Donovan.

FOUR OF PA'S STAR FLINGERS—Upon this quartet of righthanded hurlers depend the hopes of the Rourkes to capture the Western league pennant again. Two of them, O'Toole and Merz, are tried and true veterans; the other pair, Barham and Currie, are new comers.

SMITH HORSES ARE MOVED TO BENSON

First String Transferred From Speedway Stables to New Quarters on West Side.

MOVE REST WITHIN WEEK

By RUSSELL PHELPS.

The first big string of horses has been moved to the Benson plant, future home of Omaha harness racing, from the Speedway track at East Omaha. Within the next few weeks the entire Speedway stables, numbering more than half a hundred head, will be at home in their new quarters, ranked as among the best in the west.

Included in the initial string to make the change to the Omaha Driving club's new plant were several fine animals owned by Otis M. Smith, secretary of the driving club and a prominent figure in Great Western circuit racing. The Otis Smith-Joe Hildreth horses total about a dozen head, all of them good ones.

Some of the harness steppers which are now to be found at Benson are Governor V., 2:17¼; Cambridge Belle, 2:12¼; Maharba, 2:25; four Archdale colts, a Bergen (2:06¾) 3-year-old and a Sorento Todd 3-year-old. The colts are looking fine and give unusual promise.

Two well known Nebraska horses will be taken to Sedalia, Mo., tomorrow to be trained for the Great Western circuit meetings. They are Sweet Aubrey, 2:09¼, "Doc" Hall's dandy little trotter, and Sadie S., 2:07¼, the fast trotter owned by Nick Ronin of Fremont. Dr. Hall is an Omaha horseman of note. Both of these animals are to be trained for the season's battles by W. B. (Billy) Taylor, a harness racing expert of high repute among Omaha horsemen.

The famous string owned by Tom Dennison, headed by the one and only Hal McKinney, is to be moved to Benson as soon as the stables are put in shape there. After numerous delays, it is expected that the East Omaha stables and equipment will be moved bodily to the suburban harness racing plant some time this week. The first stretch of real spring weather will see the extensive improvements planned for there started. The grandstands are to be raised, the track widened and the infield beautified by a landscape garden scheme. For it's not long now until the Omaha Driving club's June meeting.

Denver Sells Reed to Southern League Team

Second Baseman Milton Reed, who has traveled much, is back in the south again, the Mobile club having purchased his release from the Denver club.

COBB CUTS HERZOG AND FIGHT STARTS

Tyrus Piles on Top of Giant and Fletcher Joins in Melee.

GIANTS CAPTURE THE GAME

Dallas, Tex., March 31.—In a game marked by frequent clashes between the players and squabbles with the umpires, the New York Nationals defeated the Detroit Americans here today, 5 to 3.

In sliding into second base in the third inning, Cobb spiked Herzog, cutting a long gash in the latter's left leg. The players started fighting at once with Cobb on top of Herzog and Fletcher on top of Cobb players from both clubs participating in a battle royal. Police finally separated the players and Cobb was banished from the game.

Bad feeling was shown between the two teams throughout the game, further actual fighting being averted by Managers Jennings and McGrew.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
Detroit ..... 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—3	8	2	
New York..... 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 *—5	8	0	

Batteries: Detroit, Ehmke, C. Jones and Stanage; New York, Schupp, Benton and McCarthy.

Fifty Bowling Teams Expected in State Tourney

Fremont, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—With thirty-five teams already entered, and doubles and singles in proportion, officers of the local tournament association, which is handling the local end of the third annual meet of the Nebraska Bowling association, look fro fifty teams by the time all entries are in. Omaha leads with twelve teams, Lincoln is next with eight, Fremont has ten and Hooper, Leigh, Schuyler, Columbus, Wahoo, Prague and Osceola one each. Grand Island is expected to send two or more fives, while Omaha and Lincoln will swell their entry list by from two to four teams each, according to reports from Secretary Paul Brown of Lincoln and C. L. Weeks, president, Omaha. Last year thirty-nine teams took part in the tourney at Lincoln.

Dutch Hoffman Goes to San Antonio, in Texas

The Toledo club has released Edward (Dutch) Hoffman, third baseman, to the San Antonio club. Last year Hoffman was with Springfield in the Central league.

Old Detroit Battery Is Together Once More

When Edgar Willett and Charley Schmidt reported to the Memphis club a famous old battery was reunited. These two were big guns with the Tigers in the pennant winnings days of Hugh Jennings' team.

WILL SCISSORS DO WORK THIS TIME?

Wrestling Fans Wonder if One Hold Will Triumph Over a Thousand.

GOVERNOR OF IOWA COMING

Will one hold triumph over a thousand is a question puzzling wrestling fans, who are looking forward to the Joe Stecher-Earl Caddock match, which will be held at the Omaha Auditorium, April 9, with a keen eagerness.

Joe Stecher has often been called a one-hold wrestler. This has come about because Stecher has employed his famous scissors hold so consistently in removing opponents from his path on the way to the wresting title. It isn't quite accurate as Stecher uses other holds. He has, for instance, a wrist lock and a double wrist lock and an arm hold, all of which he has used to help his scissors in downing foes. But in almost every match the Dodge phenom has conquered his man with the aid of the scissors and his attack is always to get that scissors. Thus he has been called the one-hold wrestler.

Caddock is the very antithesis of Stecher. He has been called the wrestler with a thousand holds. He is said to have used all the holds ever defined or dreamed of in his bouts. The scissors is one he uses and unlike Stecher doesn't stick to the body scissors, but uses it with variations.

Disputed Issue.

Heretofore Stecher's one hold has always been a sufficiency. He didn't need any more. It was worth a hundred of other fellows. But will it be enough when he runs up against the Iowans, who is said to have a thousand holds? It's a disputed issue which will remain a subject for argument until the night of April 9, is history.

Gene Melady, who is promoting the go, is making all arrangements to handle the crowd so that there will be as little congestion as possible and no squabbles over seats. Harry Walker, doorkeeper at the Orpheum, has been signed to actually handle the crowds the night of the match. No general admission seats will be sold until 9 o'clock the night of the match, so considerable of the confusion will be avoided this way.

Melady yesterday received a message from Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa, saying he and a party would come to Omaha to attend the match.

Gretna Will Have Base Ball Team.

Gretna, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—The Gretna Base Ball association has decided to have a team again this year. C. H. Connor was elected president of the association and Ben Zimmerman manager. Three base ball dances will be given, April 28, May 12 and May 26, to help raise money for the treasury.

LIFT BASE BALL LID ON TUESDAY

Pacific Coast League, as Usual, First to Start, Opening On That Day.

TEXAS IS OFF THURSDAY

Only two more days until the bing of the ball yard gong will be followed by the old familiar cry of "Play ball," and the regular base ball season of 1917 will be under way. Tuesday is the day fixed for the opening in the Pacific Coast league, which, as usual, is the first to start pastiming. Following the lid-lifting on the coast the big and little leagues will fall into line and opening games will be staged in different parts of the country every few days until well along in May.

About the only new attraction at the Coast league opening will be the debut of George Stovall as a pilot in that circuit, the former Cleveland manager and player having taken charge of the Vernon team.

Thursday will be the opening day for the Texas league. A few days later, on April 11, the turnstiles will click for the first time this year in the American league, the National league and the American association.

The big show will present two new managers to the assembled bugs and bugettes, the new leaders being Jack Barry, who succeeds Bill Carrigan as pilot of the world's champion Red Sox, and Fred Mitchell, who has taken up the Cub burden laid aside by Sir Joseph Tinker.

In the American association three new managers, all former big leaguers, will strive to win the pennant. Danny Shay will hold the reins at Milwaukee, John Ganzel will lead Kansas City and Joe Tinker will endeavor to show Columbus the regulation brand of big league pastiming.

Donlin is Manager.

The Southern league and the Western association have fixed April 12 as the date for beginning their seasons. The Southern league will be the scene of Mike Donlin's debut as a manager, the former well known National leaguer having been signed to pilot the Memphis team.

On April 17 the opening games in the International league will be played, Napoleon Lajoie, former American league star and one of the world's greatest ball players, will be in charge of the Toronto team. Mike Doolan, another former star in the big show, will lead the Rochester outfit, and Tom Needham, who returns to the game after an absence of several years, will be found in charge of the Newark team.

Western league fans will be out bright and early April 18 for the opening contests in that circuit. Since the close of last season the Topeka franchise has been transferred to Joplin, Mo. Jack Dalton, the former Brooklyn Dodger, has been engaged to pilot the new member and appears confident of his ability to show Missourians pennant-winning stuff.

Change in South Atlantic.

The South Atlantic league season will begin April 19, the schedule calling for a continuous season of 100 games instead of the usual first-half and second-half seasons.

With the salary limit increased from $1,800 to $2,000 a month and the player limit raised from thirteen to fourteen men, the Northwestern league will start its sixteenth season on April 24. One week later the Blue Ridge league will get under way.

Central league pastimers will fire the opening guns in their pennant warfare on May 3. Richmond and Fort Wayne have displaced Terre Haute and Wheeling in the Central circuit. The league this year will be the first to try municipal base ball. Under city auspices the clubs in South Bend and Grand Rapids have disposed of 10,000 tickets at $2 each, making the average rate of admission 3 cents for each game.

May 3 will also be the opening date in the Central association. From May 7 to August 4 the Georgia-Alabama league will stage its pennant struggle. May 11 will be the opening date for the Eastern league, the oldest of the minor organizations. The league has been reduced from ten to eight clubs, the circuit now comprising New Haven, Hartford, New London, Bridgeport, Worcester, Lawrence, Springfield and Portland.

If present plans of its promoters are carried out the old Cotton States league will be revived in time to begin the season on May 14.

Yanks Even Series With Braves by 1 to 0 Victory

Waycross, Ga., March 31.—The New York Americans evened their series with the Boston Nationals, by winning the fourth game today, 1 to 0. The only run of the game was scored in the fourth inning on two hits by Maisel and Baker. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Boston ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0	4	2	
New York..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1	6	1	

Batteries: Boston, Tyler, Nehf and Tregressor, Blackburne; New York, Fisher, Monroe and Nunamaker, Alexander.

Omaha Boy Rows On Third Crew at Yale University

Frederick H. Bucholz, son of William H. Bucholz, vice president of the Omaha National bank, is now rowing on the third crew at Yale university. Young Bucholz is rowing at No. 7, one of the most important positions in the boat, and it is said stands an excellent chance of being drafted by the second crew at least before the season is much older.

Jess Willard Dodges The Hero Worshipers

Jess Willard went to Kansas City from Mayetta, Kan., to market ten carloads of cattle.

Jess was tired and sought rest in the officer of a commission firm. But his presence soon was discovered and the champion's haven quickly filled to overflowing with a crowd demanding a speech. Jess fled through a bank office, climbed through a window and escaped via a street car.

Bobby Wells Is Sent to Muskegon by Bresnahan

The Toledo club announces the sale of Catcher Bobby Wells to Muskegon of the Central league. Bresnahan and Sweeney will do all the catching the Toledo Ironmen require.