

Omaha Will Have a Swell to Compare Iowa and Nebraska Methods

SPRING PLAYS HER PRANKS ON ROURKE

Diamond Is Sea of Mud and Conflict With Kansas City Is Called Off.

PLAY THIS AFTERNOON

Gentle spring, working in cahoots with the weather man, got in her nefarious work with a vengeance yesterday with the result that the conflict scheduled for Rourke park between Pa's hopefuls and the Kansas City American association club was called off.

When the Kaws arrived in our midst yesterday morning it was snowing or raining or both and the diamond was a sea of water and mud. So all the athletes could do yesterday afternoon when they should have been performing for the plaudits of the multitude was shoot Kelly pool or lamp Theda Bara in action.

If the weather clears today, however the Rourkes will get an opportunity to test their skill against the Kay See crew. Brother Dave has the gasoline crew ready for a charge and if the elements suspend their pranks and the sun comes out the crew promises to have the diamond in good shape for play.

Omaha fans were greatly disappointed yesterday because Kansas City looks like the goods in the Association this year. Some of the fans predict a pennant for the show-me aggregation.

Ganzel Is Leader.

John Ganzel, former Federal league pilot, is leading the Missourians. He has assembled a bunch of ex-major leaguers who look like the goods.

At first he has Mollwitz, who only lost out at Cincinnati, because he had to compete with Hal Chase. Jimmy Viox, team-mate of Hans Wagner for several years, is at second. Mulligan and Phelan, former Cubs, fill short and third respectively. The outfield consists of Becker, Good and Lelivelt. All except Lelivelt just returned this spring after long careers in the majors.

Chalmers and McQuillan, members of the championship Philadelphia team of 1915, are members of the hurling corps. Crutcher, once with St. Joseph and later with the Braves, is another.

It's a pretty slick looking outfit Ganzel has gathered together, and if the game is played today Omaha fans are likely to see some bits of big league ball. The game will start at 3 o'clock.

Currie and Merz to Hurl.

Murphy Currie and Otto Merz will probably do the hurling for the Rourkes today.

Pa Rourke was in Kansas City yesterday for a conference with John McGraw. He is expected home Monday and he probably will bring a couple of athletes, presents from Muggsy, with him.

Monday the Milwaukee club plays the Rourkes in Omaha.

Sciple Gains 25 Points

On Chambers at Billiards

The second block of the 1,000-point match at 18.2 ball billiards for the state title between W. N. Chambers and E. A. Sciple was played at the Symes parlors last night, resulting as follows:

Sciple, 275; average 5.55; high run, 29, 20 and 21; grand total, 490; grand average, 4.55.

Chambers, 250; average, 5.32; high run, 46, 13 and 17; grand total, 500; grand average, 4.93.

Both players were in good form and the block proved most interesting to the many fans present. The third block will be played Tuesday night.

Jack Holland Offers His

Park and Men to Uncle Sam

St. Joseph, Mo., April 7.—(Special Telegram).—Jack Holland, owner of the St. Joseph base ball team, today wired President Wilson tendering the use of League park in this city as a drill ground for troops of this section. Holland notified the president that the park could be had each forenoon, and that also military training among his base ball players would be instituted with the opening of the season. He further told the president that if it came to a case of necessity every man on his team was willing to serve his country on the battle front.

Commission Restores Joe

Wood to Good Standing

Cincinnati, O., April 7.—The National Base Ball commission today granted the request of Pitcher Joe Wood of the Cleveland American league club and restored him to good standing without the infliction of a penalty. Wood was carried on the 1916 ineligible list of the Boston Americans because of his failure to report last spring and has been released by that club to the Cleveland club with which he has contracted and is now playing.

Benny Kauf Appears at

Camp With 26 Bludgeons

If Benny Kauf could swing at one time all of the bats he took to Martin with him he shouldn't have much trouble in climbing over the 300 mark. He showed up in camp with twenty-six bludgeons, well colored with tobacco juice.

St. Paul Transfers Gipe

To the Vancouver Club

The St. Paul club has transferred its claim to Pitcher Alva Gipe to Vancouver of the Northwestern league, and it is understood Gipe will report and play with the Vancouver team.

Outfielder Bill Wilcox

Hooks On With Richmond

Outfielder Bill Wilcox, released by the Mobile Southern League club, has been signed by the Richmond Central League club.

Turns Portland Down;

Gets Big League Posish

Outfielder Billy Southworth, who refused to report to the Portland Beavers, goes to the Pittsburgh Pirates on a conditional sale.

GLADIATORS WHO WILL TANGLE FOR TITLE.



JOE STECHER.



ATHLETES REPLY TO CALL TO ARMS

Ted Meredith and Don Lippincott Volunteer for Aviation Corps.

OVERTON IN ARTILLERY

New York, April 7.—The call to arms has found the men who won renown in amateur sport ready to do their bit for their country. From all parts of the United States come reports of sportsmen who have made known their willingness to give up everything else and serve the country in the threatened strife with Germany. Locally, all of the splendid athletes that are members of the Seventy-first regiment are sworn into the federal service, and the crack runners who wear the colors of the Second battalion, N. M., have long been doing guard duty on and about the local bridges.

From Philadelphia comes the news that Ted Meredith and Don Lippincott, the University of Pennsylvania's Olympic sprinters, have volunteered for the aviation service if war comes. Four of Yale's finest track men are already on their way to Florida to start training for the air service—Gates, the hammer thrower and 1918 foot ball captain; Farwell, the star hurdler; Stewart, the sprinter, and McLush, the pole vaulter, are speeding southward on their preparedness mission. Johnny Overton, the greatest distance man that ever sported the blue of Old Eli, stands ready to answer the first call as a member of the Yale field artillery, in which there are dozens of athletes less prominent but just as eager to serve the flag as is the middle distance and cross-country champion.

John Harvard is furnishing his quota, too. On the train that is bearing the Yale men to Miami, Fla., is Westmore Wilcox, one of the fastest quarter-milers that ever won a race for the Crimson, and a general favorite to win the Intercollegiate American Amateur Athletic association's championship in May. Princeton is preparing also, and is already represented in the reserve aviation corps by one of the most famous athletes in the college world, Hobey Baker. Baker has been training for nearly a year and will surely draw down a commission as soon as a state of war is declared.

Eddie Casey, Harvard's great half-back, and his roommate, Bill Swart, a track man, will enter an aviation school in Virginia at the outbreak of war, while Johnny Knowles, the crack base ball player, is on his way to Florida with Wilcox and the Yale men. These are just a few of the thousands of amateur sportsmen who stand ready to follow the example of Jean Bouin, the great French runner, who gave his life for France in the first month of the war, and whose example will stand as a model for the athletic youth of all nations for decades to come.

Pittsburgh Turns Three

Rookies Over to Columbus

The Columbus club of the South Atlantic league got as ground rent from the Pittsburgh Pirates Pitcher Dolan and infielders Dunlap and McClelland, three rookies who failed to show anything to Manager Callahan.

Pete Clemens Swapped

To Wilkesbarre Team

The Portland Eastern League club has swapped Outfielder Pete Clemens to Wilkesbarre of the New York State league for Catcher Joe Briceger.

BIG WRESTLING GO JUST ONE DAY OFF

Thirty-Six More Hours Before Stecher and Caddock Face Each Other.

MANY FROM OUT OF TOWN

Omaha will be a synecure of all eyes tomorrow night when Joe Stecher and Earl Caddock climb between the ropes of the wrestling ring at the Municipal Auditorium to clash for the mat supremacy of Nebraska and Iowa and the forty-six other commonwealths of these United States of America.

Probably no match since Joe Stecher first jumped into fame by flattening Charley Cutler at Rourke park two years ago has created the wide-spread interest the Stecher-Caddock clash tomorrow night has created. Neither Stecher nor Caddock have ever had their shoulders touched to the mat since entering the professional ranks. Both are sensational young wrestlers who have swept all before them and whichever one loses will have the first black mark placed opposite his name on the records.

Stecher, of course, is the ruling favorite. He always ranks the favorite in Nebraska. Joe will have an advantage of some ten or perhaps fifteen pounds in weight over his adversary and has had, even though five years younger, more experience. And Omaha has seen Joe in action several times, while Caddock will make his first appearance in this city when he tackles the champion.

Iowa Backs Caddock.

While Stecher carries the confidence of Nebraska, Caddock will invade Omaha with the full support of all Iowa. Hawkeye wrestling fans are heralded Caddock as a new conquerer, the man to bring back to Iowa the wrestling crown which that state owned until Frank Gotch quit the mat game. Hundreds of Iowans are coming to the match to give their favorite their support.

Both wrestlers have been training faithfully for this go. Stecher, immediately upon his return from the coast last month, opened his camp at Dodge and began working out daily. He is said to be in as good condition as he ever was and that means he is as near perfect as possible.

Caddock has been training at the Chicago Athletic club. There he has been receiving the expert advice and coaching of Frank Gotch, the former champ, Charley Cutler, who was one of the first to learn the terrors of the scissors hold, Ben Reuben, who is a claimant to the middleweight championship, and others. Like Stecher, the Iowa gladiator is said to be in the proverbial pink and ready to enter a grueling battle.

One of the unusual features of the approaching tangle is that over 50 per cent of the spectators will be from out of town. When seats were placed on sale \$5,000 were already taken by mail orders from interested fans in nearby cities. Fully \$2,500 worth of the tickets, and perhaps more, have been sold outside the city. If the house totals \$15,000, at least, 50 per cent of those in the Auditorium will be residents of other places.

Governors Attend.

Among the distinguished visitors who will be at the ringside are Governors Neville and Harding of Nebraska and Iowa, respectively. They will be on hand to urge the representatives of their respective states to victory.

Several preliminaries have been arranged to make the evening's card a good one.

Four Events Are Carded

For Motorcycle Program

Four events with prize money totaling \$100 have been scheduled for the first program of the Omaha Motorcycle club at the East Omaha speedway May 6.

The first race will be a five-mile dash. This will be followed by a two-mile novelty race, in which the contestants ride one mile, stop and eat a piece of pie, ride half a mile, stop and drink a glass of soda and then finish the race. This race will be from a standing start, too.

A ten-mile and a twenty-five mile free-for-all will be the other two events.

In addition a special match race will be held on the board track between Flying Skinny Fisher and Dave Delir Ramer. The distance will be ten miles.

Brandeis Card Games

With the All-Nations

Fred Bradford, manager of the Brandeis Stores, has scheduled three games with the All-Nations for Omaha. The games will be played May 26, 27 and 30, a Saturday, a Sunday and Decoration day.

The All-Nations this year may locate permanently in Kansas City. J. E. Gaul, manager of the club, has a lease on the former Federal league park. If the All-Nations do abandon the road trip this season an intercity series will be arranged between the All-Nations and Brandeis.

Omaha Gunners Get in

Trim for Trophy Shoot

Omaha Gun club marksmen will today hold a practice shoot to get in trim for the big team match at Columbus next Sunday, when the local shooters will invade the Platte county metropolis after the Rees trophy.

The Omaha and Columbus gunners were originally scheduled to clash on April 1, but the event was postponed two weeks. Columbus won the Rees trophy from Omaha about a month ago.

Stecher and Caddock to Boom Navy Enlistments

Joe Stecher and Earl Caddock will be asked by navy recruiters to make speeches at their wrestling bout Monday night, urging young men to volunteer for war service. Lieutenant Waddell decided to try and arrange such navy boosting at the match, through Promoter Gene Melady. The lieutenant, instructed Chief Machinist's Mate F. P. Moore to see Melady concerning the proposal.

SPORTS SECTION OF THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE: APRIL 8, 1917.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH BASKET BALL SQUAD—Two-time pennant winners in the church league. Standing, left to right—J. F. Reynolds, Leon Williams, John Shannon, manager; L. G. Griffith and Louis Dadds. Front, left to right—Joe McNichol, Walker Barnaby, captain; Frank Garey.



DENNISON WILLING TO RACE HIS HORSE

Omaha Man Ready to Match R. C. H. Against Heir Reaper for \$1,000.

SPEEDWAY OFFERS PURSE

By RUSSELL PHELPS.

A match race between the two fastest trotters in Nebraska will probably be one of the features of the Omaha Driving club's Great Western circuit meeting next August. In this race it is planned to match R. C. H., a famous trotter in the Tom Dennison string, against Heir Reaper, holder of the state record, owned by E. C. Warren, the Shelton, Neb., horseman.

If Mr. Dennison's proposition, submitted to Mr. Warren yesterday, is accepted, a pair of the state's fastest harness horses will battle for a purse of \$2,300. A few weeks ago the Shelton horseman hurled a deft at Mr. Dennison, offering to race Heir Reaper against R. C. H. for a \$1,000 side bet. The Omaha racing man expressed a willingness to have his star tangle with the state champ at the meeting offering the best inducement.

Lincoln state fair harness racing officials were sounded and they offered to hang up a \$200 purse for a match race at the August meeting.

Expected To Accept.

Mr. Dennison wrote Mr. Warren, stating the terms and agreeing to a \$1,000 side bet, winner take all, which will make it a most attractive race and a good feature for the Great Western meeting. It is understood that the horsemen out in the state will accept this proposition.

Keen rivalry exists between the owners of these two royal trotters—Heir Reaper and R. C. H. If it were not for the fact that East Omaha Speedway is in Iowa and not Nebraska, R. C. H. would be the undisputed state champion. Mr. Dennison's animal went in 2:11 1/4 at the Great Western circuit races here last fall—a half second faster than Heir Reaper's mark of 2:11 3/4 made at Fremont, which is the state record. Both horses are possessed of rare class and are animals with the reputation of giving fans their money's worth. It is known that much money would be bet on the result of a match race between R. C. H. and Heir Reaper.

Milwaukee Challenges

Rourkes to Drill Bout

The Rourkes have been challenged. The Milwaukee club, which has been having military training with its spring practice and has a drill sergeant traveling with the Cubs, sent a deft to Pa Rourke, challenging the Rourkes to a competitive drill. The Milwaukee outfit think they are some drillers. As the Rourkes have done no drilling, they will take the Milwaukee athletes' word for it. Milwaukee comes to Omaha for a game with the Rourkes Monday.

Base Ball Games

Toledo, O., April 7.—Toledo American association, 6; Boston Americans, 6.

Richmond, Va., April 7.—Philadelphia Americans, 1; Richmond International, 6.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 7.—Chicago Americans, 9; Minneapolis American association, 1.

St. Paul, April 7.—St. Paul American association, 2; Chicago Nationals, 1.

Here's Complete Record

Of Earl Caddock's Bouts

The following is a complete record of Earl Caddock, who wrestles Joe Stecher at the Auditorium Monday night:

April, 1916.—Won national amateur championship at San Francisco.

June, 1916.—Won handicap match from Jess Westergaard at Anita, Ia. Wrestler failed to pin him twice in an hour.

July, 1916.—Won from Paul Romanoff at Waterloo, Ia., two falls in 31 minutes.

September, 1916.—Won from Charles Chalmers (Mysterious Conductor) at Waterloo, two falls in 26 minutes.

January, 1916.—Won from Jack Rouser at Maquokette, Ia., two falls in 19 minutes.

July, 1916.—Won from Clarence Ecklund at Hartland, Ia., two falls in 23 minutes.

September, 1916.—Won from Windleford at Des Moines, two falls in 21 minutes.

January, 1916.—Won from Jack Rouser at Maquokette, Ia., two falls in 19 minutes.

September, 1916.—Won from Bob Mangoff at Anita, two falls in 23 minutes.

September, 1916.—Won from Earl Eagle at Atlantic, Ia., two falls in 13 minutes.

November, 1916.—Won from Paul Marlinson at Atlantic, two falls in 33 minutes.

December, 1916.—Won from Martin Plestina at Atlantic, two falls in 33 minutes.

January, 1916.—Won from Cal Wood at Laporte, Ia., two falls in 21 minutes.

April, 1916.—Won from Cal Wood at Hooper, Neb., two falls in 16 minutes.

April, 1916.—Won from Floyd Demetral at Deadwood, S. D., two falls in 11 minutes.

May, 1916.—Caddock toured with Frank Gotch and a circus.

July, 1916.—Won from William Demetral at Anita, two falls in 22 minutes.

September, 1916.—Won from John Friberg at Audubon, Ia., two falls in 28 minutes.

September, 1916.—Won from Jack McKenna at Guthrie Center, Ia., two falls in 12 minutes.

October, 1916.—Won from Harold Christiansen at Lead, S. D., two falls in 31 minutes.

MUCH NEW BLOOD IN WESTERN LOOP

Omaha Has as Many Veterans as Any, and Half of the Rourkes Are Gone.

JOPLIN IS A MYSTERY

New blood will be seen throughout the Western league this year.

The Western has never been a league of veterans, but this year it seems more than ever that the old-timers have passed on their way. Practically every club in the loop will contain more new faces than old.

Omaha will carry as many veterans as any club and half of the Rourkes are gone. Krug, Burg, Irelan, Smith, Forsythe, Merz, O'Foolle and the Forsythes are the vets who remain in Omaha, while Currie, Barham, Brottom, Henning, Brokaw, Watson and Chemler are new men. And Rourke has a couple of more to dig up, too.

The Denver club has been considerably rebuilt. In the infield Kelleher alone remains. Shields and Reed have been canned and Dyer went up to Detroit. Mills is the new Grizzly first-sacker. Wuffli succeeded Reed at second and Segrist Dyer at third. Boelker, Smithson and McCoy are new hurlers in the mile high city.

Wichita All New.

Wichita is almost all new. Outfielders Coy and Fox, infielders Helling and Rapps and Pitchers Davis and Koestner are the only veterans Ishell has retained. He transplanted Tex Jones and Baker from Des Moines, however.

Lincoln has kept a few of the old-timers, Carlisle, Lober Rouser, East, Gregory, Halla and Smith were all members of the squad which gave Omaha so much trouble in 1916.

St. Joseph has been strengthened greatly by acquisitions. Holland had a weak team last year and is only keeping the cream. He has filled all the holes with new men, and, according to the dope, intends to be in the race.

Holly, the new manager at Sioux City, has picked up a bunch of new chaps to fill the holes of last year. He has kept quite a few of the vets, though.

Hard to Recognize.

Des Moines will be hard to recognize with Tex Jones, Eddie Hahn, Bruce Harford, Claude Thomas.

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Elmwood Golf Club Grows

In Wealth and Members

The Elmwood Golf club is showing some speed for a youngster. Last year it was organized and took an option on an eight-room house and two large lots at the east entrance to Elmwood park on Leavenworth street.

It fitted up the place as a clubhouse, with baths, showers, toilets, lavatories, ladies' room, and lockers. This spring it purchased the property and, as the membership is increasing rapidly, it is now building a new locker house with eighty-eight new lockers, three showers, toilets and lavatory, and will now be able to accommodate 150 new members.

HUSKER ATHLETES STAND BY NATION

Ready to Do Their Part on Field of Battle if Country Needs Them.

BASE BALL MEN AT WORK

By JAMES LAWRENCE.

Lincoln, April 7.—(Special).—When it comes to war University of Nebraska athletes will be ready to do their part, several members of the foot ball, basket ball and track teams here indicated.

The authorities make it clear that the minute it appears that athletics will interfere with the nation's business of war there will be a cessation of activities.

None of the athletes belong to the Nebraska National Guard, part of which has already been called into federal service. Dr. E. J. Stewart ascertained today. Very few of the foot ball, track or basket ball men drill with the cadet battalion, which includes two full regiments of men and which, it is expected, will be one of the early reserve units mustered into service.

The Nebraska athletic heroes indicated they will be no less active on the field of battle, if it appears the country needs their services. There will be no question but that a large proportion of the foot ball men and athletes in other branches of sport will volunteer if it appears the country needs them. The university authorities will do everything to encourage enlistments and to co-operate with the government in every way possible.

Meanwhile, with the war preparations on, training in different branches of university sport has gone steadily forward.

Work During Vacation.

Although it was spring vacation, base ball, track and spring foot ball squads worked steadily under the direction of Stewart, Rutherford and Reed.

Base ball is coming into its own after an absence of six years from the Husker menu. Equipment for the squad, which had been delayed, arrived during the week and has been distributed among the players.

Coach Stewart is planning to spring a surprise on the Missouri Valley coaches in base ball suits. The Husker mentor does not believe in shirts and has substituted jerseys. The uniforms are modeled along the same lines as those used by the Pacific coast teams and the Huskers are liable to do a lot of shivering if the weather changes.

"Eddie" Withey, a former Omaha High school base ball star, appeared in uniform this week for the first time with the base ball squad. He will try out for shortstop. Withey is the only Omahan on the squad.

The Huskers will inaugurate the base ball season next Tuesday when the second line up against the Lincoln Western league club. The collegiate season opens with a game against Wesleyan university the following Friday and the following week the Huskers will clash with several Missouri Valley teams.

Tune Up Track Squad.

Reed expects to tune up his track squad with an interclass clash next Saturday afternoon. The showing of the different men in this meet will largely determine the selections for the varsity squad.

To further arouse interest Reed is offering gold, silver and bronze medals for the winning winners and a banner for the winning class. Finney in the hurdles, Overman in the distance runs and Shaw in the weight events are regarded as certain point winners.

Spring vacation prevented many foot ball candidates from taking the field, but the coming week is expected to bring out fifty men. The old members of the squad will be augmented by at least twenty freshmen fighting for places on the team. Shaw, Riddell, Wilder, Moser, Kostitzky, Munn and Ward are among the line men reporting regularly while Day, Kellogg, Schellenberg, Cook and Hoadley are backfield candidates. Most of the backfield material comes from the freshmen class which had the best team ever put out at the university by the first year men and Stewart is unhesitatingly pronouncing it the most promising material he has ever had.

Hammer Knetzer Hard;

Indians Wallop Cincy

Cincinnati, O., April 7.—Cleveland batted Knetzer hard in the first four innings of today's game and won from Cincinnati, 4 to 2. C. Cleveland, Combe and Schneider pitched good ball, while Chapman, Speaker, Roth and Wingo were the heavy hitters.

Score:

	CLEVELAND.	CINCINNATI.
AB.	10	10
R.	4	2
E.	1	0
H.	10	10
A.	4	2
S.	4	2
O.	1	0
U.	1	0
W.	1	0
L.	1	0
T.	1	0
P.	1	0
B.	1	0
F.	1	0
D.	1	0
G.	1	0
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