

War May Not Hurt the Game, but Winter Weather Isn't Helping Any

THOMPSON'S BAT WINS FOR OMAHA

Shag Cracks Homer in First and Hammers in Winning Run in Ninth.

BARHAM HAS BAD FRAME

Because Shag Thompson selected two opportunities, one in the first frame and the other in the last, to knock the cover off the ball, Des Moines bit the dust before the Rourkes in a frigid combat yesterday afternoon, 7 to 6.

Shag's first blow was a home run swat over the right field wall, the first of the season on the local lot. He scored Earl Smith, who had gained first on a single, ahead of him.

The reason the battle was so close is that Des Moines put over five runs on Barham in the fifth stanza. Barham opened the round by walking. After Ewoldt flew out Spencer beat out an infield hit.

The Boosters made their other run in the seventh off Marty Krug on an error by Irelan. A wild pitch and Sniper Oleson's double.

Omaha counted one in the fifth on Breen's error and Irelan's double, and three in the sixth on an error by Naughton, a hit batsman, Brottem's double and a fielder's choice which Naughton played badly.

Des Moines outthit Omaha, making eleven bingles, while Krug's men only accumulated seven, but every time the Rourkes made a hit a run was counted.

Omaha and Des Moines clash again today at Rourke park. The game starts at 3:15. Score:

Scoreboard for Thompson vs Barham game with columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E.

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Yankees Refuse to Be Beaten by Boston Left-Handed Hurler

New York, April 14.—Manager Barry of the Boston Americans sent a left handed pitcher against New York for the third straight time, but the Yankees rebelled and knocked Pennock out of the box in the sixth inning, winning their first game of the season, 7 to 2. Score:

Scoreboard for Yankees vs Boston game with columns for AB, R, H, O, A, E.

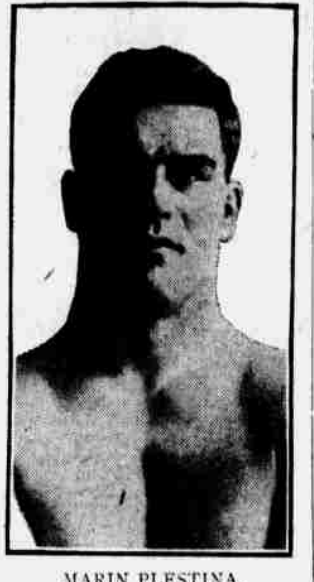
J. Franklin Baker Has Thumb Broken By a Pitched Ball

Polo Grounds, New York, April 14.—J. Franklin Baker, the crack Yankee third baseman, had his left thumb broken in the second inning of today's game between the New York and Boston Americans, when he was hit by a wide pitch delivered by Pitcher Pennock. The injury may keep Baker out of the game for a month at least.

Owen Daily to Wrestle Jack Fisher at Minden

Owen Daily, who still persists that he is the world's lightweight wrestling champion, and Jack Fisher of Dallas, Tex., will clash at Minden Thursday night. The Minden Ad club is running the affair. The men will weigh in at 135 pounds.

OMAHA GRAPPLER TO MEET TAYLOR HERE.



TRACK ATHLETE IS SLIGHTED IN OMAHA

Gate City Should Be Center of Field Activities, Declares Bud Kearns.

MANY GOOD MEN LIVE HERE

The stagnant condition of Omaha senior track and field athletics was decried by "Bud" Kearns, physical director of the Young Men's Christian association, yesterday. Twenty men, in training and in the prime of condition, capable of challenging the best runners in the country, are facing a season devoid of competition.

Aside from the Missouri Valley interscholastic meet, which will be held at Creighton field in the latter part of May, no other important event has been staged here.

Under the active leadership of the Omaha Athletic club next year, it is hoped, Omaha will become a center of middle western athletic union, college and scholastic competition.

Competition to lead up to these great festivities is all that athletic leaders ask this year. An intercollegiate meet between Creighton university, Bellevue college, University of Omaha and Young Men's Christian association, to be held about the time the track meet is held, is suggested by Kearns.

Material at "Y." At the "Y" the material is fairly overabundant. A dozen sprinters of no mean rank stand ready to enter, besides three long-distance men.

Leading this aggregation is M. L. Frederick, former Dartmouth man, who holds a broad jump record at that college. The sprinters include Vern Moore, C. E. Seeley, R. C. Furiors, Art Dutcher, Stangle and Haines, who will take part in the 100, 220 and 440 yard dashes.

War Will Not Greatly Hurt the Game of Golf

New York, April 14.—The United States Golf association takes a very sensible view of the war situation. A gentleman high up in the association said recently that it would not be necessary to call off any golf events for some time after war is declared.

OMAHA DRIVING CLUB ACTIVITIES

Otis M. Smith Becomes Supt. of Speed and Iowan Gets Secretaryship.

BLOODED TROTTER ARRIVES

BY RUSSELL PHELPS. An important change in officers of the Omaha Driving club, which holds memberships in the Great Western circuit, the Iowa-Nebraska-Minnesota circuit and the Nebraska Speed association, was announced last week.

Mr. Smith, one of the best known horsemen in the middle west and a prominent figure in harness horse racing in this part of the country, will continue as a member of the board of directors, taking in addition the title, superintendent of speed.

Mr. Renne is to give all his time to the club's affairs. He is by no means a stranger to Omaha horsemen, having, in fact, a wide acquaintance in this section of the country among followers of the harness game.

Ed Peterson Re-Elected. Edward Peterson of Grand and Great Western circuit fame, owner of Ben Earl and other record holders, was re-elected president of the Driving club.

Tip Frisco, a 5-year-old black stallion, is a son of San Francisco and comes from the most famous breeding farm in the world.

Has Illustrious Dams. Of San Francisco's offspring's illustrious dams three have records better than 2:10. His first dam was Grace Simmons; second dam, a great brood mare by Wilton; third dam, by Aberdeen; fourth dam, by Red Wilkes.

Connie Mack's Men Defeat Washington By Sixteen to Four

Philadelphia, April 14.—Connie Mack's newteam gave a wonderful exhibition of hitting today when Philadelphia beat Washington, 16 to 4.

Louisiana Governor Urges Les Darcy to Join the Army

New Orleans, April 14.—With the advice that Les Darcy, the Australian pugilist, follow the noble example of Georges Carpentier, now fighting on the French front, before seeking athletic engagements in Louisiana.

SPORTS SECTION OF THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

Pa Rourke's Stonewall Infield



CIGOTTE SHUTS OUT BROWNS MINUS HIT

White Sox Hurler in Superb Form and St. Louis Men Get Nary a Blow.

St. Louis, April 14.—Cicotte was in superb form today and shut out St. Louis without a hit. Meanwhile his teammates drove Hamilton from the box in the second inning, when they piled up seven runs.

Standing of Teams

Table showing standing of teams in National League and American Association.

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Omaha Marksmen to Shoot Columbus for Rees Trophy Today

Omaha Gun club scattergun marksmen will invade Columbus today to bring back the Charles E. Rees state championship trophy.

TYLER NOT EFFECTIVE

Boston, April 14.—New York defeated Boston again today, 6 to 2. Tyler, for Boston, was ineffective.

Two Bad Plays by Cleveland Enables Tigers to Win Game

Detroit, April 14.—Two bad plays by Cleveland in the seventh enabled Detroit to win today's game, 3 to 2.

St. Louis Cardinals Win From the Cincinnati Reds

Cincinnati, April 14.—In a pitchers' duel between Watson and Schneider the former had the better of it and St. Louis defeated Cincinnati, 2 to 1.

WESTERN STARTS SEASON WEDNESDAY

Going Bids Well to Be Rough-est in History of Zebrung Organization.

OMAHA HAS WINNING TEAM

The good ship Western league Wednesday will poke its sturdy prow into the stormiest sea that has ever confronted it and start on five-month and a half journey that promises to be a risky venture at most.

War First Problem. The war is the first problem of the Western league magnates. Will base ball prosper despite the fact that the United States has become involved in the embargo?

Another problem is the high cost of living. The cost of living strikes a blow at the base ball magnates from the front and the rear.

But the abolition of Sunday base ball would practically break either Des Moines or Sioux City and hurt every other club in the league.

Des Moines and Sioux City present a third problem. The state of Iowa has a law which prohibits amusements on Sunday and base ball comes in the barred list.

The Western league didn't have a profitable season last year and it got away under much more favorable circumstances than it will this year.

In Omaha Pa. Rourke has assembled a mighty looking aggregation of athletes and they deserve the support of the city.

The Commercial clubs and Rotary clubs all over the league have agreed to put on their boosting clothes and fight to keep the loop intact.

The Western league promises a fast brand of base ball this season, as fast if not faster than last year, and it will be remembered some mighty nifty ball games were played in this circuit during 1916.

From Denver, St. Joseph's journey to Wichita, St. Paul's and Joplin before returning home to open the local season on May 1, the day Nebraska holds observances over the prostrate form of J. Barleycorn.

BOSTON BRAVES BEATEN BY GIANTS

New York Again Whips Them, This Time by Six to Two.

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Registered Shoot at the Omaha Gun Club Next Week

A week from tomorrow the Omaha Gun club will hold its annual registered shoot on the grounds across the river.

San Antonio Gets Rook From Chattanooga Team

The San Antonio club has secured Pitcher Rook, a right-hander, from the Chattanooga club. Last year he was in the Northern League.