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ROURKES RETURN HOME ON TUESDAY

Open Season on Omaha Lot That Afternoon With the Joplin Miners.

AIM FOR THE CAPPER CUP

Omaha opens the 1917 Western league season at home Tuesday. The Joplin Miners will face Rourke's men in this first league clash on the Omaha lot. Joplin is the latest acquisition to the Zehring circuit, having been added when John Savage moved his franchise, bag and baggage from Topeka.

Jack Dalton, former Western league and later with the Brooklyn Nationals and the Reds, is managing Joplin. He is said to have gathered a likely looking bunch.

Opening day is expected to be quite a gala event. Flag raising exercises will be held prior to the game by the Nebraska National Guard officers with Major Todd in command. Mayor Dahlman will throw the first ball and Finn's hand will provide the harmony.

Omaha will make an effort to retain the Capper cup, won last year because Omaha had the largest attendance of any city in the league on opening day. The Rotary and Commercial clubs are working to get every possible person to attend the game. The Rotary club will have all the Boy Scouts in Omaha, the National Guard and many school children as its guests at the game. The Rotary club acted as host to some 2,000 or 3,000 school children last year and thus enabled Omaha to win the Capper trophy. Their generosity may turn the trick again.

Bradley Fills Hole

The Rourke's look like a pretty good ball club this season. They didn't get away to any flying start on the road, but they were badly crippled by the loss of the faithless Cy Forsythe. The team has now been strengthened, however, by the addition of a new first sacker, Hugh Bradley from Columbus. By placing Bradley at first, Brokaw, who has been playing that position, can be switched to the outfield, where he plays regularly. This makes the team practically intact and it should be every bit as good as last year's nine.

Otto Merz probably will hurl for Omaha in the opening game. Otto ranks as one of the best pitchers in the league. Joplin probably will work Hall, who shut the Rourke's out in the Missouri city. The teams will lineup as follows:

OMAHA		JOPLIN	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
P	Brokaw	P	Hunter
1B	Brokaw	1B	Lamb
2B	Brokaw	2B	Forbush
3B	Brokaw	3B	Linde
SS	Brokaw	SS	Linde
LF	Brokaw	LF	Linde
CF	Brokaw	CF	Linde
RF	Brokaw	RF	Linde
P	Brokaw	P	Linde

Plestina Willing To Take a Chance With Big Sorenson

Chris Sorenson of Detroit, who challenged the winner of the Plestina-Taylor match Friday night, will be accommodated, according to Plestina.

If Sorenson is seeking trouble he can find it, declared Plestina. "I'll wrestle him anytime."

Chester Valentine High Gun at Fairfield Shoot

Fairfield, Neb., April 28.—(Special)—A registered blue rock shoot was held here yesterday. Chester Valentine, a local shooter, was high gun. Eugene W. Smith, another local boy, was tied for second place. High wind and rain caused poor shooting. Summary of scores for 150 targets:

Name	Score
W. M. Bowman	129
C. H. Grossman	128
W. N. Thomas	127
F. W. Labadie	126
H. M. Bowman	125
C. G. Gilbert	124
E. A. Linder	123
C. Shewell	122
W. P. Voss	121
R. A. Manning	120

Chris Jordan Tangles With Pappas Thursday

Chris Jordan, Omaha middleweight wrestler, has been matched to meet Gus Pappas at Falls City, Neb., on Thursday night. Jordan and Pappas are considered about evenly matched and an exciting go is anticipated by the Richardson county fans. Jordan recently challenged any middleweight in the world. Pappas is the only one to accept so far.

Finn to Search Southern Colleges for Youngsters

Ex-Manager Mike Finn, whose home is in Memphis, is to make a tour of the Southern colleges in a search for promising young talent for the Detroit Tigers, for whom he is scouting again this year.

Johnson and Milan Are Damon and Pythias Team

Walter Johnson and Zeb Milan are the Damon and Pythias of baseball. The Washington stars have been pals and roommates for the last ten years, or ever since the pair joined the Senators in 1907.

Woe Be Unto Bellicose Athletes; Prexie Zehring Goes on Warpath

Western League Head Declares it Will Cost Money to Get Gay This Year.

WILL RULE WITH IRON HAND

Woe be unto recalcitrant magnates and athletes of the Western league this year. President Zehring says he will rule with an iron hand and a hickory club and the club owner or player who gets gay will be the victim of such punishment as an iron hand and a hickory club can deal out. So beware.

There will be no rowdiness on Western league diamonds. Umpires have been given strict instructions to lay on the fines when athletes become needlessly abusive, employ profanity, or conduct themselves on the field in any but the correct fashion. "All fines will stick, too," said the prexie, when in Omaha last week. "There will be no forfeited games this year," declared Zehring. "I have notified every club owner that a fine of \$100 will be charged against the owner who forfeits, and \$25 against the manager or captain. I'm not going to stand for forfeitures just because a club owner is displeased with an umpire or wants to catch a

train. Every forfeit will cost \$125 and I expect few at that price."

The prexie says he is backing his umpires to the limit this year. "Last year club owners called me up over long distance," he said, "and declared they would not be responsible for the safety of an umpire if I did not transfer him. I make the change. But not this year. Let them mob him, that's what he's paid for."

"The young player law must be strictly enforced," continued the president when it was suggested that some of the magnates were apparently giving a little heed. "I have notified them all that on May 8 they must have six young players or after three days of grace all their games will be forfeited. I mean business, too." Last year the president tried to please the magnates. He canceled fines. He changed umpires about upon complaints. When the moguls tangled he tried to make peace. As a result some criticisms were heard. "I'm going to rule with a club this year," concluded the president. "Everybody is going to play ball my way. I'm going to make decisions according to my judgment, no matter what the club owners say, and I'm going to make them stick. I may not be elected again, but I'm going to be boss while I'm still on the job, if I have to collect all the money in the league."

MUSSER WALKS 4 IN ROW AND LOSES

Des Moines Hurler Forces in Run in Ninth Frame and Joplin Wins.

SCORE IS THREE TO TWO

Joplin, April 28.—Musser walked four men consecutively, two of them purposely, and forced in a run in the ninth inning, giving Joplin a victory over Des Moines, 3 to 2. Lamb's single with two on had tied the count in the eighth. Score:

DES MOINES		JOPLIN	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
P	W. Hunter	P	Hunter
1B	W. Hunter	1B	Hunter
2B	W. Hunter	2B	Hunter
3B	W. Hunter	3B	Hunter
SS	W. Hunter	SS	Hunter
LF	W. Hunter	LF	Hunter
CF	W. Hunter	CF	Hunter
RF	W. Hunter	RF	Hunter
P	W. Hunter	P	Hunter

WAR OF PROMOTERS SKULKS IN OFFING

Four Big Events to Vie for Patronage of Sport Fan on July 4.

TWO WRESTLING BOUTS

July 4 will be some day in Omaha, if promoters of various sports events make good on their promises. The Auto Speedway company announces it will hold its annual championship motor derby on the East Omaha oval that day. Two Western league baseball games are carded at Rourke park. Pete Loch announces Marin Plestina and Joe Stecher will clash in Omaha on Independence day, probably at Rourke park in the evening. Gene Melady says Earl Caddock will be matched to wrestle Lewis, Olin or Zysko at the fair grounds or Melady's meadow. In addition, of course, there will be the usual golf programs at the golf and country clubs, sandlot ball games all over town and other events.

The four professional events are the ones which make the sport fan turn an expectant nose to the windward and sniff with keen anticipation. All four events will compete for the patronage of the fan that day and a merry promoters' war seems in the offing.

Guy Morton Gets Pinched as a Vag While Mates Roar

The Cleveland Indians managed to get through a month's training season without a badger fight and only one practical joke was played—and no rookie figures in that.

Guy Morton was the victim. Some of his teammates connived with police officers to have Guy arrested on the charge of being a suspicious character.

Guy had just alighted from a car near the police court on his return from the ball field when an officer grabbed him.

"Morton," said the judge, "you are charged with being a suspicious character. What have you to say for yourself?"

"Why, your honor," replied Guy, "there must be some mistake. I am a ball player. I am here with the Cleveland team."

"Young man, don't you know half of the young men brought to this court who have no visible means of support declare they are ball players? Ever been arrested before?"

"No, sir."

"Well, seeing this is your first offense, I am inclined to be lenient if you will agree to get out of town."

Then a stilled laugh reached Guy's ears. He turned and saw a dozen of his teammates occupying ringside seats.

Fred Kelly, Track Star. Volunteers for Service

New York, April 28.—Fred Kelly, the national Pentathlon champion, is the latest prominent track and field athlete to volunteer for service in the war against Germany. Kelly, who won the 110-meter hurdle race at the Olympic games at Stockholm five years ago, is now a member of the United States aviation corps and is in training at the United States government's flying field in southern California. He served in the California National Guard all last summer, being furloughed in the middle of August to come east to start in the 20-yard hurdle race at the American Athletic union championships at Newark in September.

Ten of Pa's 1917 Hopefuls



Hal Brokaw, Tony Brottem, Murphy Currie, Otto Merz, Marty O'Toole, Marty Krug, Joe Burg, Harold Irelan, Shag Thompson, Cecil Thompson.

FOREIGN DRIVERS ENTER CINCY RACE

Josef Christiaens, Enrico Cagno and Jack Scales Are First to Sign.

CHANDLER TO HAVE TEAM

Cincinnati, O., April 28.—Now that the definite announcement has been made that the annual Decoration day speedway race will be held on the track at Sharonville, O., this year, instead of at Indianapolis, drivers from all parts of the United States and some sections of the war zone of Europe are getting into communication with the local management with a view to starting in the 250-mile classic.

The sanction for the race and its conditions have been received from Secretary Kennedell of the American Automobile association and drivers have already assured the management they will be there in sufficient numbers to make the race exciting, even should there be no additions to the list of starters already pledged either by mail or telegraph.

The first foreign drivers to send in their entries were Josef Christiaens, the Belgian star, who is in the aviation corps of his country in Flanders, and Enrico Cagno and Jack Scales, who have been attached to the Italian army. Another noted driver who is expected to start is Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a member of the Indianapolis speedway team last year. Dario Resta, who won the international championship last year, also has been heard from in connection with the Decoration day race and indications are that Ralph de Palma will enter two American-made cars in the race.

Billy Chaudler has informed manager Harry Shusky that he will have two and possibly three cars in the race. Other prospective starters are Ralph Mulford, Ira Vail, Louis Chevrolet, S. Ostewig, Fred Duesenberg and L. C. Seewig.

Gil Anderson, J. Atkin and other speed demons who took part in the last Labor day race are still to be heard from, but it is confidently expected that as soon as they receive entry blanks they will send in their acceptances.

Rees Jewelry Trophy Shoot at the Gun Club

The regular weekly shoot of the Omaha Gun club will be held on the grounds across the river today. Omaha marksmen are shooting for the Rees jewelry trophy in a series of ten Sunday events.

Western League Timber Proves Its Class on Big Time Circuit

Over a score of former Western leaguers are playing prominent roles in the pennant fights in the two major leagues this year.

In the lineup of every club in the American league there is at least one former Western league star, while Brooklyn is the only team in the National which does not possess a graduate of the Zehring loop.

Many of the former Western leaguers are stars. George Mogridge of the New York Yankees leaped into fame last week by pitching a no-hit game. Mogridge, one of the best southpaws in the Johnson organization, went up from Des Moines just a year ago.

Dutch Leonard, one of the lights of the championship Boston Red Sox hurling corps, went to Beantown from Denver. If Brooklyn could have pummeled Leonard like Omaha did when he was in the Western the result of the world's series last fall might have been different.

The St. Louis Browns have two former Rourke's, Jimmy Austin and Bert Shotton. Detroit has Burns, who went up from Denver last fall. Leonard, Washington's third sacker, is a Des Moines product, while George McBride, the Senator's veteran shortstop, got his start at St. Joseph.

Two of the White Sox best pitching bats were obtained by Comiskey from Des Moines. They are Red Eaker and Joe Benz. Cleveland has Ray Miller, last year with Omaha, and Lambeth from Topeka, while Haley, one of Connie Mack's catchers, was

Standing of the Teams

WEST LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Joseph	10	6	.625
Omaha	8	8	.500
Lincoln	7	9	.438
Des Moines	6	10	.375
Joplin	5	11	.313
Sioux City	4	12	.250
Chicago	3	13	.188
Brooklyn	2	14	.125

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	12	4	.750
St. Louis	10	6	.625
Chicago	8	8	.500
Boston	7	9	.438
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375
Cincinnati	5	11	.313
Philadelphia	4	12	.250
Washington	3	13	.188
Brussels	2	14	.125

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	10	6	.625
St. Louis	8	8	.500
Chicago	7	9	.438
Boston	6	10	.375
Pittsburgh	5	11	.313
Cincinnati	4	12	.250
Philadelphia	3	13	.188
Washington	2	14	.125

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Team	W	L	Pct.
St. Paul	10	6	.625
Minneapolis	8	8	.500
Kansas City	7	9	.438
Milwaukee	6	10	.375
Indianapolis	5	11	.313
Toledo	4	12	.250

Games Today

Western League—Des Moines at Joplin; Sioux City at Denver; Omaha at St. Joseph; Lincoln at Wichita.

National League—Pittsburgh at Cincinnati; Chicago at St. Louis.

American League—Detroit at Chicago; St. Louis at Cleveland; Philadelphia at New York; Washington at Boston.

American Association—St. Paul at Columbus; Minneapolis at Louisville; Kansas City at Indianapolis; Milwaukee at Toledo.

Eighty-One Men Enlisted In Omaha During Friday

Though weather was unfavorable and requirements more strict, eighty-one new men were enlisted in Omaha Friday.

Men joining the navy as apprentice seamen must be 17 years of age, or older, according to new orders issued by the Bureau of Navigation. Underage seamen will no longer be granted for enlistment of applicants under 17.

Postmaster Herman F. Friedrichs, Bloomfield, sent in eight young men to join the navy, after they had been given preliminary examinations by Boatman's Mate Frank Harper, who is on a recruiting trip. The postmaster wrote Lieutenant Waddell that he was working to secure more navy recruits there.

Maurice Carl, Montrose, S. D., wrote Sergeant Carpenter and Moore of the marine corps here that his son, under 18, wanted to join the navy, and that he would sign consent papers.

Utah University Athlete Makes New High Jump Record

Philadelphia, Pa., April 28.—Telay races for the college championships of America at one, two and four miles, high school and preparatory school championships and special events in which some of the best performers in the college ranks participated were features of the concluding day's program of the University of Pennsylvania's twenty-third annual relay carnival today. Summary:

High jump. Won by C. Larson, Brigham Young university, six feet five and three-eighths inches, breaking the collegiate record of six feet four inches made by A. Richards of Cornell in 1915. Second, Dick Kahan, same university.

One-mile relay. College. Won by Indiana (1:34.3). State normal, second, Cornell (1:36.0). Third, Bucknell (1:37.0). High school. Won by Ohio (1:32.5). State normal, second, Cornell (1:34.0). Third, Bucknell (1:35.0).

Two-mile relay. College. Won by Pittsburgh (2:22.5). State normal, second, Cornell (2:24.0). Third, Bucknell (2:25.0).

Four-mile relay. College. Won by Princeton (9:15.0). State normal, second, Cornell (9:17.0). Third, Bucknell (9:18.0).

Eight-mile relay. College. Won by Princeton (18:30.0). State normal, second, Cornell (18:32.0). Third, Bucknell (18:33.0).

For First Time in Twenty Years Haus Is Not in Lineup

New York, April 21.—In the batting order of the Pittsburgh Pirates in the opening game with the Cubs will be found the line, "Ward, ss." It means of course that a man named Ward played the short field for the Pittsburgh team. It means, too, that Hans Wagner has retired from base ball.

Not since 1897, when he first flashed across the margin of the big league, has Wagner failed to wear a Pittsburgh uniform on the opening day. There is no doubt about it any longer. After twenty years of gallant service the only Honus is through.

Twenty years in the big league, and with a grand batting average of .324 for all those years of service. That is, Wagner's record, the record upon which he rests as he hangs up his shoes and uniform forever. In eight different years of the twenty Wagner led the National league in batting. The highest batting average Wagner ever hung up was in 1900. That year he hit .380. His lowest season's mark was .252, registered in 1914.

It is hard to pick out the year that Wagner's star shone at its brightest, but all things considered his best record is probably that of the season of 1905. He ranked second in batting that year, with a mark of .363, but scored no less than 144 runs and stole fifty-seven bases.

Wagner and Napoleon Lajoie, rivals for the majority of their years on the diamond, were strangely alike in temperament. Both were modest and retiring men on and off of the field, thereby furnishing a strange contrast to Tyrus Rasmussen, who, in addition to being a wonderful batter, Wagner ranks as the greatest shortstop the game has known. In his time he would get balls that any man before him or during his career could not handle, and he made many a stop that no other shortstop could make.

Ungainly and awkward in appearance, Wagner was, extremely fast when at his best. Base ball has never known another quite like him, and perhaps never will.

Grimes' Effective Hurling Aides Pirates Defeat Reds

Pittsburgh, April 28.—Effective pitching by Grimes enabled Pittsburgh to defeat Cincinnati today, 2 to 0. The home team twice had the bases full with only one out and in each instance a double play retired the side scoreless. Score:

CINCINNATI		PITTSBURGH	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
P	Grimes	P	Grimes
1B	Grimes	1B	Grimes
2B	Grimes	2B	Grimes
3B	Grimes	3B	Grimes
SS	Grimes	SS	Grimes
LF	Grimes	LF	Grimes
CF	Grimes	CF	Grimes
RF	Grimes	RF	Grimes
P	Grimes	P	Grimes

Two-to-One Victory Gives Phils Series With Giants

Philadelphia, April 28.—Philadelphia took the series from New York by two games to one by winning today's game, 2 to 1. Bancroft was put out of the game in the fourth for disputing a decision of Umpire O'Day. Score:

NEW YORK		PHILADELPHIA	
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P	Bancroft	P	Bancroft
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2B	Bancroft	2B	Bancroft
3B	Bancroft	3B	Bancroft
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CF	Bancroft	CF	Bancroft
RF	Bancroft	RF	Bancroft
P	Bancroft	P	Bancroft

Pittsburgh Sends Young Anderson Back to South

Charles W. Anderson, an infielder, obtained from the Charlotte team in the North Carolina league last August, has been released back to that club by the Pittsburgh club.

Snow at Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., April 28.—Heavy snow fell here today. The temperature was mild.

TYLER HOLDS ROBIN CLAN TO THREE HITS

Braves Score Shutout Against Brooklyn, Winning With Two Tallies.

TEN SAFETIES OFF PFEFFER

Brooklyn, April 28.—Tyler held Brooklyn to three hits today and Boston scored a shutout, 2 to 0. Pfeffer was batted safely ten times, but only in two innings were the visitors able to bunch enough of them to score runs. Score:

BOSTON		BROOKLYN	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
P	Pfeffer	P	Pfeffer
1B	Pfeffer	1B	Pfeffer
2B	Pfeffer	2B	Pfeffer
3B	Pfeffer	3B	Pfeffer
SS	Pfeffer	SS	Pfeffer
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