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PA'S PRESENCE ON BENCH PUTS NEW LIFE IN MEN

Commercial and Rotary Clubs Boost to Make Thursday's Opener Record-Breaker, Following April Failure.

With Pa Rourke himself at the helm and bowling along at a rapid clip, the rejuvenated Rourke first home Thursday to play their first game of the second season on the Omaha lot.

Since Marty Krug gave up the managerial reins and Pa himself grabbed the tiller ropes the old scow with represented Omaha in the Western league race has been transformed into a 1917 model speed boat and is stepping along in great form.

Pa's presence on the bench apparently has worked wonders with the club. Before Pa took hold two victories in a row would have given Omaha fans heart failure, but now they rather expect it.

The new men have worked miracles in the outfield and even Earl Smith isn't missed. Ward Miller is hammering the pill to all corners of the lot and as he is a veteran of many years' experience in fast company there is no danger of a slump on his part.

Miller and Yardley, with Thompson, have been doing some fancy fielding out in the gardens, too, and thus accounted for some of the recent nicely-pitched games.

Fin Yardley also is hammering the ball and Ward and Fin seem to have put new life in Shag Thompson so that he is showing some of his old-time form again.

It is planned to make Thursday the big day of the year. Opening day for the first half of the season was a pronounced flivver. It was extremely cold and the fans didn't turn out. So the Commercial and Rotary clubs are working to make the crowd at Thursday's opener a record breaker.

Missouri Valley Tennis Classic at Kansas City

The tennis classic of this season will begin at Kansas City August 6, when entrants in the Missouri Valley Tennis tourney will begin play in the men's singles and doubles. The receipts of this year's tournament will be devoted to the Red Cross.

Omaha One-Armed Golfers Seek to Avenge Trouncing

W. B. Cheek of the Seymour Lake club, and Judge G. W. Shields and A. W. Scribner of the Field club, Omaha's trio of crack one-armed golfers, are planning an invasion of Sioux City this month to get another crack at C. C. Hamilton, one-armed shark of Sioux City who trounced the three Omaha men in a fifty-four-hole golf contest in this city a week ago.

Qualifying Round for Club Title at Seymour Started

The qualifying round for the club championship of the Seymour Lake Country club started yesterday. The first half of the qualifying round was played yesterday and the second half will be played today.

Amateur Board to Discuss Annual Championship Series

James H. Lowry, president of the National Amateur Base Ball association in which the Omaha association holds a franchise, has called a meeting of the advisory board to determine upon the advisability of holding the annual championship series. William Bloizes of the Omaha association is a member of the advisory board, but will not attend the meeting. It is believed the championship will be abandoned this year.

Commission Turns Down Claim of Mobile Owners

The National commission has turned down Mobile's claim that it had a deal on with Pittsburgh for infielder Gleason before he was sold to Chattanooga. The evidence showed Mobile never offered any definite sum for the player and that the negotiations were only tentative. The sale of the player by Pittsburgh to Chattanooga is confirmed.

Schweg Has Hard Luck. Wall Schweg of the Athletics hit the ball a terrific blow, but his hard luck. If the Mackmen's catcher could hit him "where they ain't" he would be a wonder with the stick.

Still Coming, Bo

Table with columns AB, H, O, A, E. Rows for Conroy, Miller, Shaw, Yardley, Broten, Thompson, Nye, Merz, and Totals.

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Diminutive Net Star Captures City Championship From Ruth Swenson in Two Straight Sets.

Addie Fogg, diminutive net star who has won more championships, titles, cups and trophies than any other woman player in the city, added to her long list of conquests yesterday by capturing the woman's championship tennis tournament through victory over Ruth Swenson in the final round. The score was 6-1; 6-1.



ADDIE FOGG

The champion had no difficulty in winning her title. She easily proved her superiority over all entrants in the tournament. Her southpaw serves proved too much for Ruth Swenson yesterday and she won many games by wide margins.

ACTIVE SEASON IS AHEAD OF CADDOCK

Starting This Month, Gene Melady Intends to Outline Busy Fall and Winter for Champion.

Earl Caddock, world's wrestling champion, who has been vacationing for two months and honeymooning two weeks, will return to active mat work August 17 and from that date on, according to his manager, Gene Melady of Omaha, he will be an exceedingly active champion.

CARTER GUN CLUB TO HOLD TOURNEY

First Registered Trap Shoot Since Organization of Club Will Be Held Next Sunday.

The Carter Lake Gun club will hold its first registered trap-shooting tournament since the organization of the club next Sunday at 1 o'clock.

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Earl Smith Hits Ball at .500 Clip in Big League

Earl Smith, crack Rourke left-fielder who was sold to the St. Louis Browns for \$5,000 in cash and four players, Miller, Yardley, Nye and Park, has made good in the big show with a resounding crack as it is probably that Freddie Mitchell, erstwhile leader of the Chicago Cubs who didn't even know Smith was on his team last spring, is gnashing his teeth in anguish.

Smith has played four games with the Browns. He has been at bat fourteen times. And, now harken to this! He has made seven hits. An average of .500.

Thursday was Smith's first day in a Brown uniform. A double-header was played. Earl made one hit in two trips to the plate in the first game and two hits in four trips to the plate in the second combat.

Fielder Jones evidently knew he had landed a ball player in Earl for on the first day he put him in the cleanup position and then shifted him to the leadoff job. Thus has Earl occupied the two most important positions in the batting order.

Smith was sold to the Chicago Cubs last fall, but Mitchell shunted him off to the second team this spring and forgot about him until time to cut down. Then Smith was sent back to Omaha where he played such sensational ball that Bobby Quinn of the Browns paid the big price for him.

And Earl is amply showing that Quinn's confidence in him was not misplaced.

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After One Whole Year of Negotiations, Hetmanek and Loch Agree to Pit Their Grapplers Against Each Other at the Omaha Auditorium Labor Day.

Marin Plestina, Omaha's heavyweight champion, was matched yesterday to clash with Joe Stecher, the Dodge phenom, in a finish wrestling match at the Omaha Auditorium, Labor day.

Jack Lewis, well known Omaha sportsman, is the man who finally managed to bring these two celebrated mat gladiators to terms.

Ever since Plestina came to Omaha two years ago, he has been attempting to land a match with Stecher. Stecher, however, apparently had a lot of respect for Plestina's prowess and he did not appear eager to trade locks with the Omaha favorite.

After his victory over Peters, though, Stecher consented to meet Plestina in Omaha April 27. An agreement was reached and the match declared on.

Bout Is Called Off. But Earl Caddock stepped into the scene on April 9 and was a decision over Stecher. Joe immediately called off his coming go with Plestina and beat it for his home in Dodge to rest up.

A month ago, Joe Hetmanek and Pete Loch began negotiations for a match, but they failed to arrive at any conclusions. Yesterday Hetmanek came to Omaha and was promptly rounded up by Jack Lewis. With a little persuasion, Lewis obtained the consent of both Hetmanek and Loch and announced that the match will be held Labor day at the Auditorium. Lewis had previously entered into negotiations for a Pesek-Peters match, Labor day, but this event will be postponed until a later date.

Fans Take Sides. The coming match is one which Omaha wrestling fans have been anxious to see for many months. Both men have many supporters. Stecher has a host of followers, who believe him the greatest wrestler in the world, insist Caddock's victory last April was of the fluke variety and are firmly convinced Joe would make mincemeat of Caddock if they should meet again.

On the other hand, Plestina has supporters who believe that Marin could throw both Stecher and Caddock and will back the Omaha man to the limit despite the Dodge phenom's wonderful record.

Superstitious Atheletes Scrape Shellac Off Bats

Base ball players are as superstitious as Zulus. In no way is this more lucidly illustrated than in the care which some of them lavish upon an ordinary base ball bat. Manufacturers, says the Popular Science Monthly, oil and shellac their bats to make them sleek and fresh, and the superstitious base ball player proceeds to use glass, bone, sandpaper and whatnot to remove the finish.

Omaha Net Sharks Expected to Clean Up Sioux City Play

Ralph Powell, city and state net champ of 1916, with Cleary Hanighen, Percy Banister and John Brotherton, a trio of local sharks, will represent Omaha in the tri-state tennis tournament at Sioux City this week.

Powell won the tri-state tournament at Sioux City last year and, as champion, will defend his title. He will pair with Hanighen in the doubles and Omaha tennis enthusiasts expect Powell to capture the singles title and the doubles title with his partner.

Jimmy Sheekard Coaching Uncle Sam's Sailor Lads

Jimmy Sheekard, nominally coach for the Chicago Cubs, but actively at work as athletic director at the naval training station near Chicago, has forty-eight base ball teams organized among the 2,000 rookies in camp and says that out of all the players under his wing he is going to develop some major leaguers for use when Uncle Sam is done with them.

Hugh Bezek to Return to Oregon as Coach in Fall

Manager Hugo Bezek of the Pirates will not give up college athletics. It is announced that after the close of the major league season he will return to Eugene, Ore., to resume his duties at the University of Oregon as coach. During the winter, no doubt, Barney Dreyfuss will have acquired a new manager. They do say he already has a little man in mind.

Texas League Star Hits Fifteen Home Runs to Date

First Baseman Roy Leslie of Waco, who is to join the Chicago Cubs in the fall, leads the Texas league in homers with some fifteen to his credit. It is noted by critics, too, that his drives have been of the real four-base kind, not flukes over short outfield fences in the Texas circuit.

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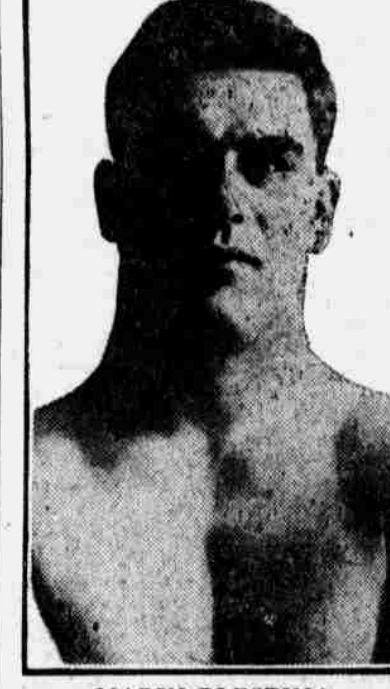
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Milan Foundas FILL. The veteran Clyde Mills is the only Senator batting in the .500 set. Base stealing used to be Milan's strong suit, but stick work has his attention at present.