

EDDIE ONSLOW TO JOIN OMAHA CATCHING CORPS

Veteran of Several Years Standing to Be Pa Rourke's Mainstay Behind the Bat This Year.

Eddie Onslow, catcher of several years standing in both the majors and minors, will be Pa Rourke's mainstay behind the bat this year, according to reports from Providence.

Onslow was for several years a catcher on the Detroit Tigers. Later he was sent to Providence in the International league, where he has ranked as one of the best receivers in that class AA circuit.

No Oklahoma Invasion. The Western league will make no invasion of Oklahoma. Any chance the Dickerson loop may have had to break into Oklahoma City and Tulsa has gone by the boards.

President E. M. Duncan of Oklahoma City has announced that the oil cities will have no representation in the Western league, and as the new Arkansas league has just been formed, with these towns as the leading members, he probably is correct.

The annual schedule meeting has been called for Des Moines, but no date has been set. The magnates are waiting until all the cities are lined up before attempting to draw up a schedule.

Western League Notes. Bruce Hartford will be back at short with Des Moines this year. Washington bought Hartford last fall, but he has been loaned. This is the second time Bruce has gone to the big show only to be shipped back by return express without even a trial.

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Lefty Hartman, who alternated in the box and the outfield for the Denver Bears last year, has been placed in class 1 of the draft at Tacoma, Wash., his home.

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Husker Track Team Loses Its Captain to the Army. The University of Nebraska track team has lost its leader. Captain Owen has enlisted in the army aviation corps and now is in training at San Antonio, Tex.

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TWO PIN EVENTS LOOM AHEAD FOR ALLEY SHARKS

Annual City Tournament at Farnam Alleys and Handicap Tourney at Omaha Alleys This Month.

Table with 2 columns: CITY WINNERS LAST YEAR, TEAM. Rows include Omaha Doubles, Goff and K. Seiple, McCoy-Warshaw, H. L. McCoy.

Two bowling tournaments are on tap for Omaha pin enthusiasts this month. The annual city championship tournament starts at the Farnam alleys February 8 and Dad Huntington's annual handicap tourney will be held February 16 to 24 on the Omaha alleys.

The city tournament is attracting widespread local interest owing to several changes in method, which are to be inaugurated this year. An effort is to be made to prevent the top-notch stars from getting together by a rule which prevents formation of all-star teams merely for tournament purposes.

Women To Take Part. An additional factor in the interest in the city event is that for the first time in history women will compete. One night has been set aside for the women's teams, and the woman's championship will be settled.

The Huntington handicap tournament February 16 to 24, is expected not only to attract a large entry list from local teams, but from out of town quints as well, as the tourney is open to any and all.

The handicaps make this an even match and anybody entered has a chance to get some of the money. The handicap figure has been set at 185. That is, all participants will be given handicaps to make their average 185.

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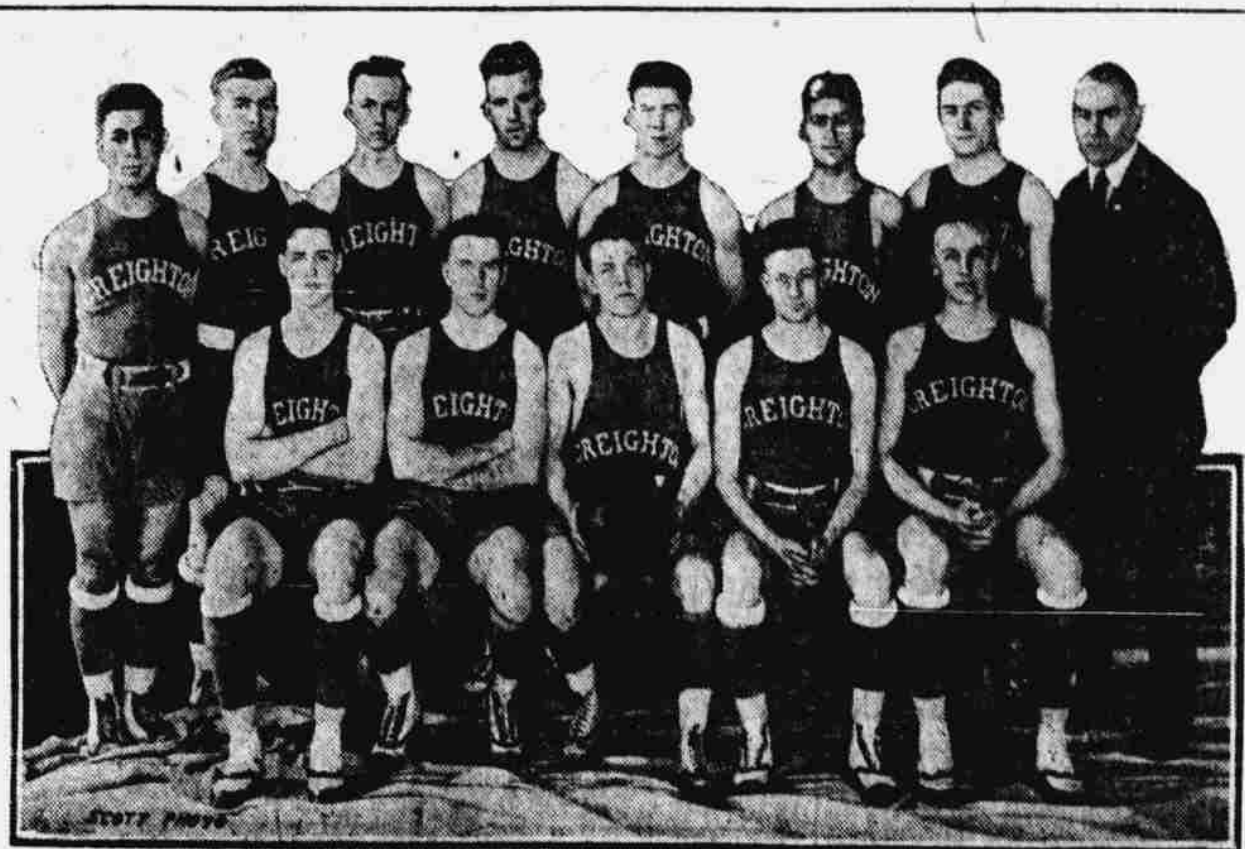
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Creighton Cage Stars Who Will Play Dodge and Funston Quints This Week



Standing, left to right: K. Camel, Carroll, MacAllister, Berry, Coyne, E. Camel, Festner, Coach Mills. Sitting, left to right: Chuck Kearney, Howard Vandiver, Eddie Mullholland, Eddie Haley, Vic Spittler.

FEBRUARY 21 IS DATE NAMED FOR CADDOCK MATCH

Clash Between Champion and Ad Santel to Take Place at Auditorium, Marfisi Announces.

Earl Caddock, world's wrestling champion and Ad Santel, Pacific coast champion, will clash at the Omaha Auditorium, February 21 according to announcement by Carl Marfisi, who will promote the event.

It will be Marfisi's maiden effort as wrestling promoter in Omaha. He had hoped to stage the Caddock-Zbysko go here, but Des Moines beat him to it.

Santel formerly was well known as Adolph Ernst. When he went to the Pacific coast two years ago he changed his name to Santel and it was under that name that he won the Pacific coast championship which he held until he met Joe Stetcher and Marin Piestina, both of whom defeated him.

Santel now is working in Chicago under Joe Coffey's management. The match will be Caddock's first professional appearance in Omaha since he won from Joe Stetcher almost a year ago.

Next Friday night Caddock meets Wladek Zbysko in Des Moines. The Caddock-Santel match for Omaha, in a way, hangs upon the result of the Friday encounter because Caddock must beat Zbysko in order to get the match with Santel.

Two Matches Are Played In Big Curling Bonspiel. Two matches in the first round of the first annual Omaha curling bonspiel were played at Miller park yesterday afternoon.

E. S. Dadds' rink scored a victory over William McAdam's rink, 8 to 4. Dadds' team consisted of C. C. Sandler, Dick Porter and Fred Parker, and M. Levings, John Schindler and J. H. Hussie played on the McAdam rink.

W. J. Hislop won a victory over W. G. Watson, 11 to 8. Tommy Leuchars, G. Ed Higgins and C. K. Denman played on the Hislop team and John Finlayson, John Schindler and J. H. Hussie on the Watson rink.

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Snow Blockade Keeps Clarke From Banquet. Fred Clarke, millionaire oil man and wheat magnate of Kansas, has been spending a week visiting in Pittsburgh, where he used to manage the ball club.

Sam Crawford May Sign With St. Louis Nationals. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 2.—It became known here today that Sam Crawford, the once great slugger of the Detroit American league base ball club, may soon sign a contract with the St. Louis Nationals.

Five Army Teams Playing In Panama Canal Circuit. The Panama Canal Zone league has been under way more than a month now, having started on December 16, and according to word received from the zone interest is great.

They Do It on Broadway. MARIN PLESTINA is out about 1,000 bucks, the cost of a fruitless journey to New York. Marin went to New York, posted \$1,000 and offered to battle any wrestling in captivity for that sum.

Wielding the Hammer

By FRED S. HUNTER. ONE of the most picturesque characters of the prize ring was counted out by the Great Referee yesterday when John L. Sullivan died on his farm near West Abington, Mass.

Sullivan probably was the most popular of all heavyweight boxing champions. He won his title in the old days of bare knuckle fighting. He was the hero of many a vicious battle. He was a slugging of the primitive fighting type—never a fancy boxer so fashionable in these modern days—and he always fought the kind of fight so dear to the gore-loving disciples of pugilism who were never happy unless the canvas reeked in blood and each contending ladier resembled more closely at the finish a bull pike just rescued from a battle with a mountain wildcat than a human being.

Sullivan, too, was a willing fighter; when he was champion he never hesitated to give any and all contenders an opportunity to make their mark. And he did not demand ridiculously exorbitant purses—a habit nowadays. In fact, \$25,000 was the largest purse Sullivan ever fought for.

Yet Sullivan reaped a golden harvest in the prize ring. He admitted himself his earnings were more than \$2,000,000 and that more than \$1,000,000 he spent in making himself a good fellow.

Many have been the stories told of John L. Sullivan and his fight against the "black bottle." Many times the career of John L. Sullivan recited to preach the moral of temperance. Many times he was used to illustrate the folly of high living—too much food and drink and too many bright lights.

Fox Cutler. THE police, we see, stopped the Zbysko-Cutler match at Duolu Friday night when Zbysko twisted Charley's toe so mercilessly that the humane coppers could not stand to see Cutler tortured so.

Some City This: Not Even Good Sandlot Location. Savannah, a city of 75,000 population and one of the best members of the South Atlantic league, hasn't even a ball park now.

Henry Berry is in Bad at San Francisco, Rumor Says. Vague rumors still circulate in coast league circles that Henry Berry, owner of the San Francisco club, is in bad with his fellow magnates and that plans are being laid to put the skids under him.

Dunn Optimistic Over Prospects for Base Ball. Jack Dunn may be a crab and a grouch, but when it comes to seeing hopefully into the future he is a supreme optimist.

Indoor Base Ball Shed At Springs is Destroyed. If Roger Bresnahan's Toledo team trains at Dawson Springs this spring it will have to do its work in the open. The mammoth shed built there for indoor work by the Pittsburgh club and used by Toledo after Pittsburgh abandoned the Kentucky resort, collapsed under the weight of snow on the roof last week.

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Joe's New Meal Ticket. TEN days ago Joe Stetcher wrestled John Frieberg at Norfolk, Va., Friday night Joe wrestled Frieberg at Sioux City. This week they clash at Columbus, O.

How Cool's You, Ray? RAY PAGE always was an annoying chap. Now comes Ray to disturb the peaceful, homelike atmosphere of the 145-pound grapplers with a challenge on behalf of one Krieger of Lincoln.

Grief for Deadheads. The Sacramento club in the Pacific Coast league is to be a community owned affair. It is planned to have several hundred stockholders, each share in the \$25,000 corporation, selling at \$10. No passes will be issued except to newspaper writers.

TEXAS FAVORED SPOT FOR MAJOR LOOP TRAINING

No Less Than Seven Big League Clubs Will Play Exhibitions in Lone Star State.

Plenty of major league base ball will be given to the fans of Texas this season. At least seven big league clubs will play there this spring.

Five clubs will start in the Lone Star state to prepare for the 1918 races and at least two others will visit there on the way to the north land. The New York and St. Louis Nationals and the Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit Americans have selected training camps in the state.

The Cleveland Americans, who will train at New Orleans, will meet the New York Nationals at Dallas in exhibition contests, and the Cincinnati Nationals are expected to come from their camp in Alabama and cross bats with the Detroit Americans.

Atlanta Club to Play for Benefit of Soldier Camps. If President-Manager Charley Frank carries out his announced plan he may take his Atlanta Crackers on a tour of army camps in the south.

Ship Magnate Gets Down Third Bet on Base Ball. Morton F. Plant, millionaire ship magnate, threatens to become a base ball syndicate. He owns and operates the New London club in the Eastern league and owns stock in the Philadelphia Nationals.

Bill Rariden is Anxious To Get Back Into Harness. Boshier Bill Rariden writes from his farm near Bedford, Ind., that he was wintered well. The lad who gave Eddie Collins and Heine Zimmerman a clear track for their celebrated sprint hopes to have his spring wheat planted in time to join the Giants at St. Louis on their pilgrimage to Marlin.

Johnny Evers Made Free Agent; May Join Chicago. Johnny Evers, scrappy second baseman, who was reported to have retired last season, promises to be back in the game next summer.

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JOHN L. SULLIVAN, FAMOUS PRIZE-RING CHAMP OF OLD BARE-KNUCKLE DAYS, DIES

Former Middleweight Titleholder Who Made and Squandered Fortune During Lurid Fighting Career, Passes Away at Home in Massachusetts; Was Slashing Fighter of the Old Type.

Abington, Mass., Feb. 2.—John L. Sullivan, formerly champion heavyweight boxer of the world, died at his home here today.

WHIST SHARKS INVADE OMAHA ON FEBRUARY 15

Cracks From Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma to Play in Central Association Tourney.

Some of the best whist players in the central west will compete when the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Central Whist association is held at the Hotel Roma February 16 and 17.

J. A. Abbott of Omaha, secretary of the association, has received word from many of the card sharks saying they are sure to be on hand. St. Joseph will send a team of at least 12 and perhaps 14 men.

Charles Martin will head a delegation from Broken Bow. A. L. Saunders and a partner will represent the Perry, Okla., Whist club. Judge Corcoran and Charles Carpenter from York will be on hand.

A business meeting will precede the opening of hostilities February 15. At 2 o'clock that afternoon the whisters will gather for the first event, team play for the Richards challenge trophy. One team of four men from each club is eligible.

These two events continue until Saturday night when a free-for-all pair contest for the Schmelzer trophy under the Mitchell progressive system starts.

Thursday night, the day before the tourney starts, a completed pair contest will be held. Club Membership. Clubs which now are members of the Central Whist association are Council Bluffs Whist club, Decora Whist club of Sioux City, Elk Point, S. D., Whist club, Grand Island Whist club, Hawkeye Whist club of Sioux City, Omaha Whist club, Perry, Okla., Whist club, Prairie Park Whist club of Omaha, St. Joseph Whist club, Wakefield Whist club, York Commercial club.

He began his fighting career soon after he was 17, when as the "Boston Strong Boy" he took part in amateur boxing contests in several cities in Massachusetts. It is said he was a champion in his early youth could be called boxing. Tactics, strategy, plans of campaign were all swept away when John L. hammered his ruthless, undeviating way to the front.

His friends ranged all the way from the ordinary "fight fan" to many men of social and financial distinction in the United States, and it is said he was a charming terms with the late King Edward VII of England. He began his fighting career soon after he was 17, when as the "Boston Strong Boy" he took part in amateur boxing contests in several cities in Massachusetts.

After his nine-round fight with Paddy Ryan, on the strip of greensward on the Gulf of Mexico, the word "knockout" was manufactured by Billy Madden, Sullivan's trainer, to describe the effect of his blows when properly delivered.

Last Knuckle Fight. His hardest fight was with Jake Kilrain. It was fought near New Orleans and lasted for 75 rounds. That was the last championship contest in the United States to be fought with bare knuckles, under the old rules.

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