

## EAST AND WEST CLASH AT GREAT KENTUCKY DERBY

Sun Briar, Eastern Champion, and Escoba, Pride of Blue Grass, Rank as Leading Favorites.

Louisville, Ky., March 2.—While the prospective 1918 Kentucky derby field is one of the largest ever known for the race and contains some of the greatest thoroughbreds ever nominated, the keenest of the many angles of interest promises to be the rivalry between Sun Briar and Escoba.

Sun Briar, of English blood, owned by William Sharpe Kilmer of Birmingham, N. Y., is the equine pride of the east. Escoba, bred in Kentucky, owned by K. D. Alexander of Woodford county, is the champion of the blue grass.

Sun Briar, the 3-year-old imported son of Sundridge-Sweet Briar, is now quartered at Churchill Downs, where he is being prepared for the derby. This English colt won the highest amount credited to any 2-year-old of 1917 and was hailed as the champion of that age and especially as the champion of the east. The total amount won during his juvenile racing was \$59,505.

His victory in the Great American stakes June 30 at Aqueduct netted his owner \$5,250 and on August 9 at Saratoga he annexed the Albany stakes, worth \$2,880, to the winner. Two days later, August 11, he won the Saratoga special with a value of \$11,750 and wound up the season by capturing the Hopeful stakes, also run at the "Spa" and the most valuable feature of the year, contested for exclusively by 2-year-olds, which netted the victor \$30,690.

**City Pays Tribute.** After the retirement of Sun Briar last fall he was shipped to the home of his owner at Birmingham, N. Y., where a public demonstration was given in his honor by the citizens in the form of a street parade. This is the only instance on record where a big city formally paid honor to a race horse.

The pride of the west, Escoba, 3-year-old son of Broomstick-Christmas Star, an American-bred colt, is receiving his preparation for the Kentucky derby at the Douglas Park course. This son of Broomstick is owned by Kenneth D. Alexander, who is in the aviation corps "somewhere in France," but who hopes to return to this country in time to see his colt fill his engagement in the Kentucky blue ribbon event.

While Escoba won only about a third as much money as Sun Briar, his racing was of the highest order throughout 1917 and he defeated with the exception of Sun Briar the best of the 2-year-olds in the country. His winnings for 1917 amounted to \$18,004.

The first stake to fall to the credit of this youngster was the Idle Hour, worth \$1,483, at Lexington May 9. On May 15 he won the Basford Manor at Churchill Downs from a classy field of colts, adding \$2,920 to his winnings. At Latonia on June 20 he beat a crack field in the Harold stakes, worth \$2,875 to the winner.

**Falls in East.** The going in the east, however, did not seem to suit Escoba and his best race in that section was third in the Futurity, which was won by Papp at Belmont Park September 8.

Escoba was returned to Lexington and given a special "prep" for the Kentucky Breeders' Futurity on September 22, which he captured, defeating Papp, Jack Hare Junior, Viva America and Atlanta. The stake was worth \$7,246 and the entire amount was donated to the Red Cross by Mr. Alexander, who cabled instructions from France.

In the event of both of these colts training sound it will be nip and tuck between them for first money in the big race.

## Woods Leads in Billiard Match Played With Dowd

The first block in the pocket billiard match, at Holmes billiard parlor Friday afternoon resulted in a first blood victory for Woods, the initial frame being Woods 125, Dowd 84.

**Scores:**  
Afternoon—Woods, 11, 14, 14, 1, 4, 14, 14, 1, 12, 8, 4, 8, 14, 14—125.  
Saturday, 1.  
Dowd, 8, 6, 12, 10, 9, 8, 12, 1, 8, 10, 14, 14, 8—84.  
**Night:**  
Woods, 7, 14, 14, 14, 1, 14, 14, 8, 12, 8, 14, 8, 8, 1, 12—120.  
Dowd, 8, 6, 12, 10, 12, 12.  
Dowd, 4, 8, 8, 12, 8, 14, 10, 8, 14, 12, 8—87.  
High run, 12, 10, 24, 15.  
Grand total to date: Woods, 258; Dowd, 164.

## "Dark Horse" at Creighton Gym Comes to Light

Great interest is being shown by the students of Creighton university in preparation of the spring athletic meet in the Creighton gymnasium March 23.

A "Dark Horse" in the person of Emmett Randolph, member of the senior class, is coming to light.

Each afternoon finds Randolph donning the eight-ounce gloves and practicing shadow-boxing with more or less skill.

His friends aver he will "stunt" his opponent when the day arrives.

Randolph is clever with the right swings and heavy uppercuts.

## University of Iowa Gives Trimming to Ames Five

Ames, Ia., March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The University of Iowa basketball team defeated Ames here tonight, 22 to 20. Both teams played a fast game, going close all the way. Ames had the advantage at first, starting with a margin of five points. Iowa led at half time, 14 to 10. Cotton and Olson starred for the winners. Boyd and Aldrich took the Ames' honors.

## How Much Now?

If Bill Carrigan refused an offer of \$20,000 to manage the Red Sox last season, when the Sox were champions, how much would Lewisiston's celebrated citizen demand now that the team is loaded with Athletics.

## Giant Slab Star Who Will Receive \$10,000 This Year



## ZBYSZKO UNABLE THROW STECHER IN 2-HOUR BOUT

Match Is Clean Throughout, With Each Man Securing Dangerous Holds, But to No Avail.

New York, March 2.—A catch as catch can wrestling match between Wladek Zbyszko of Poland and Joe Stecher resulted in a draw at the end of two hours' wrestling at Madison Square Garden last night.

The men went to the mat 17 times, but on each occasion remained there only a few minutes. The last 15 minutes they spent on their feet, each trying to obtain a decisive hold.

Zbyszko was always trying for a toe hold, succeeding 10 times, but his opponent wriggled out of every one. Stecher attempted either a body scissors or head lock, getting a half dozen of the latter hold, but each time Zbyszko squirmed out. The Pole had perfect defense against the body scissors, using an arm or knee block.

After an hour and a half wrestling, Stecher tried hard for a body scissors hold, getting the left leg around. Zbyszko blocked the right leg, and, turning, obtained his most dangerous hold of the match, a toe hold. Stecher was in pain, but, using all his strength, managed to get his foot away. Later Stecher succeeded in breaking a dangerous half-nelson hold.

The wrestling was clean throughout and Referee George Bothner decided the match an even one.

## Larry McLean Willing to Oblige if Naps Run Short

Larry McLean announces that he is in a receptive mood (he usually is), and that if a shortage of sterling athletes, due to the draft, leaves any sub shby of a catcher, he'll go right in. As Larry expresses it, he is considerably over the draft age, and very much of a free agent.

## Klawitter Tires of Bush; Wants to Return to Fold

Pitcher Dutch Klawitter, who refused to report to Salt Lake last year and was suspended, now wants to get back in good standing. He has tired of his experiences with bush outlaws, it seems. He writes the Salt Lake management that he is willing to take a job in any minor league.

## Six Hundred Thousand For Railroads From Game

Some statistician has estimated that the two major leagues will give up \$600,000 in railroad fares the coming season. The total mileage of each league is about 85,000 miles, which means an average expense for each player of about \$1,700.

## Huggins Faces Bumps.

Piloting a St. Louis team must have been a tough job for Miller Huggins, but the chances are he will think it soft compared to the work of managing some of those high-geared Yankees.

## Hugh Fullerton's Spring Dope for 1918

Fullerton is base ball's most celebrated dopester. For many years he has been an authoritative writer on base ball topics and he knows the game from the inside and the outside. His foresight is almost uncanny and each year his forecasts are amazingly accurate.

## AMATEURS PLAN FOR ARRIVAL OF DIAMOND SEASON

American, City and Metropolitan Leagues to Hold Joint Organization Meeting at City Hall Thursday.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

Following its custom the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association last week held its fifth annual mass meeting, which was a distinct success. A partial census of the amateurs was taken and it was ascertained that the new timber will have to be plenteous in order to preserve amateur base ball this season. Notwithstanding the heavy draft made in the amateur ranks there will be plenty of base ball on the local municipal lots to satisfy the fans. Certainly the O. A. B. A. thoroughly understands there is a scarcity of base ball players. Now what is needed is a purposeful determination of every amateur under and over the draft age to exercise all his possibilities to enlist youthful and what is supposed to be stale goods into the harness and if this is accomplished amateur base ball will be as strong as onions and mustard in this neck of the woods.

**Plenty of Material.** Some of the fans are of the opinion that Class A is in a sadly depleted condition relative to players. But the writer is averse to getting on their side of the fence. In Omaha there are oodles of base ball players that are over the draft age that can come back and again illumine the diamond. If Edward Lawler, 42 summers, and Andy Graves, 45 winters, can still juggle the pill well enough to gain recognition among the Class A warriors why can't the following former diamond lights be re-enlisted. No charge for this tip to the Class A managers:

Clarence Hall, Fred Bradford, William Platter, Logan Barr, Cleve Hull, Harry Foran, Robert Foran, Harry Sage, Jack Cavanaugh, Edward Gurness, Herman Vost, Andrew Anderson, Edward Lambert, the O. A. B. A. Lafferty, Frank Jacobs, Frank Spellman, Harry Welch, Patrick Denny, William Bohan, Linn Young, William Lynch, Buck Casey, Thomas Noone, Charles Faber, James Mullen, Wilson Atkins, William Fox, Richard Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Lylie Strong, John Dickson, James Dorcas, Frank Baker, Edward Clair, Clarence Benson, Joseph Brown, Hillard Morearty, Raymond Young, F. McLain, Willard Durkee, Walter Hawkins, Hank Bogatts, Walter Peterson, Albert White, George Dougherty, Patrick McAndrews, Joseph Houska, Daniel Whitney, George Graham, Robert Korman, B. Ritchie, Walter Hachten, John Hickey and John Gonding.

**Five Possible Teams.** More than 50 are named above that can still play fast, clean base ball and if properly approached it is a lead pipe cinch that all would be ready enough to seek recreation entertaining the fans on Saturday and Sundays. Five class teams could be mustered together from the above diamond warriors.

The presidents of the American City and Metropolitan leagues have called a meeting of the various teams affiliated with these leagues to be held next Thursday in the council chamber of the city hall. All members are earnestly requested to be on deck and new teams wishing franchises are cordially invited. Any team that was a member of either one of these leagues that fails to have a representative on hand will automatically forfeit its franchise. Election of officers for the coming season and reorganization for 1918 will be on the bill of fare. It is understood that the presidents of the Class C leagues will call a joint meeting some day next week. A new president for the Booster league will have to be elected because Joseph Wavrin, its president, is now vice president of the association. In all probability Patrick Boyle will be re-elected president of the other Class C league.

**Sandlot Gossip.** Jawm Dynamo Denison did intend to quit this season, but on account of the shortage of players has decided to stick in the game. The Nebraska Storage Battery company will put a team in the field this season to be known as the "Bliards." A. B. Patton, district manager for the Knights and Ladies of Security, has decided to back team this year. This season the Council Bluffs DeVot Varsity will be backed by Mr. Longway, an unknown name. It is in the air that Cleve Hull, formerly manager of the Gas company Colts, will have a gang in the field. Manager Moran of the Murphy Dids It is undecided as to what class his tribe will join.

Marty Flanagan, local leather, egg and horsehide heaver, was hit by a gas cart the other day. The machine knocked Marty about 10 feet, but being used to hard knocks, the Irishman was undamaged.

This season Guy Holland, formerly chief slasher for the Leasns congregation, will be back on the mound for some fast team.

Butch Fries, the base ball girl magnate, says he will have three girls teams in the field this season.

According to Mr. Delaware, the champion Armours will be back on the turf. It is understood that the Armours have three dark horses under cover—two kinkers and a wind-peddler.

This year Patrick Douglas Wolfe will look after the destinies of the Central Furniture store brigade.

Roy Stacey, manager of the fast Besen-lux team, will join the Greater Omaha league this season.

If he can secure enough classy players Ernie Holmes will again be represented in the Greater Omaha league.

John Denison will not enter the field this season as a manager, but simply as a player.

Abner Kaiman, president of the Greater Omaha league, will probably call a meeting for some day this week.

Potts Emil Sandou, who performed besides the bat for the Burnacos last year, is now in France.

Yes, the Brandeis store team will again be in the ring with the famous Fred Bradford at the helm.

Last week the Central Furniture store team held its annual banquet and reorganized for this season.

## PING BODIE JOINS HOLDOUTS—Celebrated fence Buster says Connie Mack offered him less money than last year and a "share in the gross receipts of the club." Ping fears there will be no gross receipts, so he wants his in salary.



## OMAHA BOWLING FANS LEAVE FOR CINCINNATI WEDNESDAY

The two Omaha tenpin quintets entered in the American Bowling congress will leave Wednesday night for Cincinnati. The Gate City sharks roll Friday and Saturday.

The two teams will represent the Omaha alleys and the Farnam alleys. The Omaha alleys team will stop off in Chicago for a match game with a picked Chicago five selected by Pete Hawley, manager of the Bensinger alleys.

William Learn, Gus Tomam, Frank Jarosh, Al Warchow and Dad Huntington make up the Omaha alleys team.

## I. A. C. Wins Chief Event In A. A. U. Annual Meet

Chicago, March 2.—The illness Athletic club won the 400-yard relay, the chief event of the Central Amateur Athletic union annual swimming meet tonight, finishing just ahead of the Great Lakes naval training station swimmers. The Chicago Athletic association was third. The winner's time was 3:49 3-5.

Harvey Heber, of the Illinois Athletic club finished first in the 100 yard's medley race, making the distance in 1:07 3-5.

## Erte and Azins Sign.

Duluth, March 2.—John Ertle, St. Paul bantamweight, and Jimmy Azins, of Duluth will meet in New Orleans in a 10 round decision bout on March 24, according to announcement tonight.

## CREIGHTON GRID CARD CONTAINS MANY BIG GAMES

Kansas Aggies and Marquette Two Big Additions to Blue and White Foot Ball Schedule.

October 5—Peru.  
October 12—Nebraska.  
October 19—St. Louis.  
October 26—Marquette.  
November 2—South Dakota.  
November 9—Haskell Indians.  
November 16—Kansas Aggies.  
Thanksgiving—Colorado Springs.

That's the order in which Coach Tommy Mills' gridiron warriors will line up against the foe next fall.

The Blue and White coach has signed up all his games except St. Louis and Marquette, and it will require only a little diplomacy to cause these two universities to see light as the Omaha college sees it. St. Louis wishes Creighton to play at St. Louis on October 26, but Marquette also wants to come to Creighton field on that date. Mills has practically completed negotiations with Marquette, an expects to be successful in persuading St. Louis to play Creighton at St. Louis one week earlier. The trip to St. Louis will be the only one the Blue and White grid warriors will make next fall.

The two big additions to the Creighton schedule are Marquette and the Kansas Aggie. Marquette made a big splurge in western foot ball circles last fall. It is three years since Creighton has played Marquette. The Kansas Aggies will be seen in Omaha for the first time, and in past years has achieved an enviable reputation. With the importation of three other eleven of undisputed merit, Mills has arranged a schedule that will cause the Omaha squad to keep up a fast pace all season, and one that will undoubtedly prove a big drawing card.

**Miners Turkey Day.** The Colorado Miners will play here again on Thanksgiving. The Miners had one of the fastest teams in the Rocky mountains last year. South Dakota university has a knack of turning out stellar. And the Haskell Indians are known of old in Omaha for the spirit and fight they always exhibit in a game with Creighton, who defeated them last fall for the first time.

Mills expects to put out a team next fall that will go through the season in whirlwind fashion and will not sustain a single defeat. To support this expectation he will have an eleven that will be the same as that of 1917, with the exception of the loss of Captain Morgan and "Speck" Campbell. Morgan will graduate from the dental school in June, and Campbell has joined the navy. The other members of the team are either enlisted in the medical reserve or the dental reserve, and there is no likelihood of their being drafted into service until they graduate.

## Hoover Interferes.

For the first time in the history of our national pastime, ball players will not be able to cut loose and go the limit in hotel dining rooms. Mr. Hoover is the answer.

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