

ST. LOUIS BROWNS TO START SEASON WITH A NEW TEAM

Mound City Owners Break All Records for Shattering and at Same Time Rebuilding Ball Club.

BY JACK VEIOCK. New York, March 23.—When it comes to rebuilding a ball club the owners of the St. Louis Browns have all records shattered.

Trades Start. Last August the Brownie owners made a deal with Joe Tinker, of the Columbus club, for Pitcher Lowdermilk, Infielder Gerber and Outfielder Demmitt.

Maker to Help. Hank Severid, star of the Browns' backstops, will be assisted this year by Leslie Nunamaker, who wields a mean bludgeon and whose presence in the lineup will be welcome because of the fact that he can be used both as a catcher and a pinch hitter.

Tyler Will Prove Valuable Man for Chicago Cubs

The Cubs made a good deal when they got Tyler from Boston. Tyler, working with Alexander, Vaughn, Douglas and the younger members of Fred Mitchell's pitching staff, should be a pillar of strength to the Chicago club, for he is the sort of a pitcher who can win with just the average support behind him, and, best of all, from a Cub viewpoint, he is a left-hander.

There are only a few really dependable southpaws in the major league, compared to the number of right-handers who have strangle holds on their jobs. And Tyler and Vaughn are of this class. Tyler is no youngster in so far as major league experience goes, for he has been a member of the Braves, including the season of 1917, since 1910, when he came up from the Lowell club.

His record for the eighth season with the Braves shows that he lost more games than he won, so far as grand totals go, but he was handicapped by being a member of a losing club most of the time, and the won and lost column of a pitcher with a losing club do not show his true value.

Tyler has won a total of 94 games of base ball since he busted into the big show, and the records charge him with 102 defeats. The records also show that he is a good, substantial workhorse, for in every campaign in which he has taken part he has pitched in better than 30 games a season, with but one exception.

Up to three years ago Tyler's main trouble was wildness. But for the last three seasons he has been getting "em over in better form, for, where he used to hand out a hundred or more passes in a summer, he has succeeded in cutting the yearly total down nearly 20 per cent.

Groom Will Be Big Help To Cleveland, Evans Says. Umpire Billy Evans, who has worked behind Bob Groom a great number of games since he broke into the American league, is of the belief that the former Brownie will be of much use to the Cleveland Indians this summer.

Giant Hurler Who Refuses to Report



"POLLY" PERRITT

AMATEUR LOOPS TAKE SHAPE AS SEASON NEARS

Only One League, the Metropolitan, Fails to Get Into the Running; Others Ready to Go.

By Frank Quigley. One by one the leagues of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association emerge from their winter's haze of doubt and as the season approaches the note of optimism rises. Practically every league of any importance with one exception has buckled up enough teams and is ready for the training period. No better test of the virility of amateur base ball can be found than this.

Inter-City League. At the meeting of the Inter-City league last week a schedule was adopted to commence April 14 and two rounds with eight contesting teams will be played.

Meeting Postponed. The meeting of the American league scheduled for last Thursday was called off because the president was holding down a berth at St. Joseph hospital. Said league will convene at the city hall next Thursday.

War Tax on All Base Ball Passes Except Employees. The final ruling of the War department has been to the effect that all holders of passes except bona fide employees of the base ball association must pay a war tax. The newspaper men who score the games are included as employees and are "exempt."

Max Carey Selected as Captain at Pittsburgh. With Hans Wagner gone the Pirates had to have a new captain. Max Carey has been given the honor and the increased pay that goes with the job.

OPENING DAY IN OMAHA A WINNER, SAYS PA ROURKE

For First Time in History Gate City Will Make Holiday of First Game of the Season.

A regular holiday for opening day is the scheme W. A. Rourke of the Omaha base ball club has up his sleeve. The opening day of the season is as never been, much of an event in Omaha in years gone by.

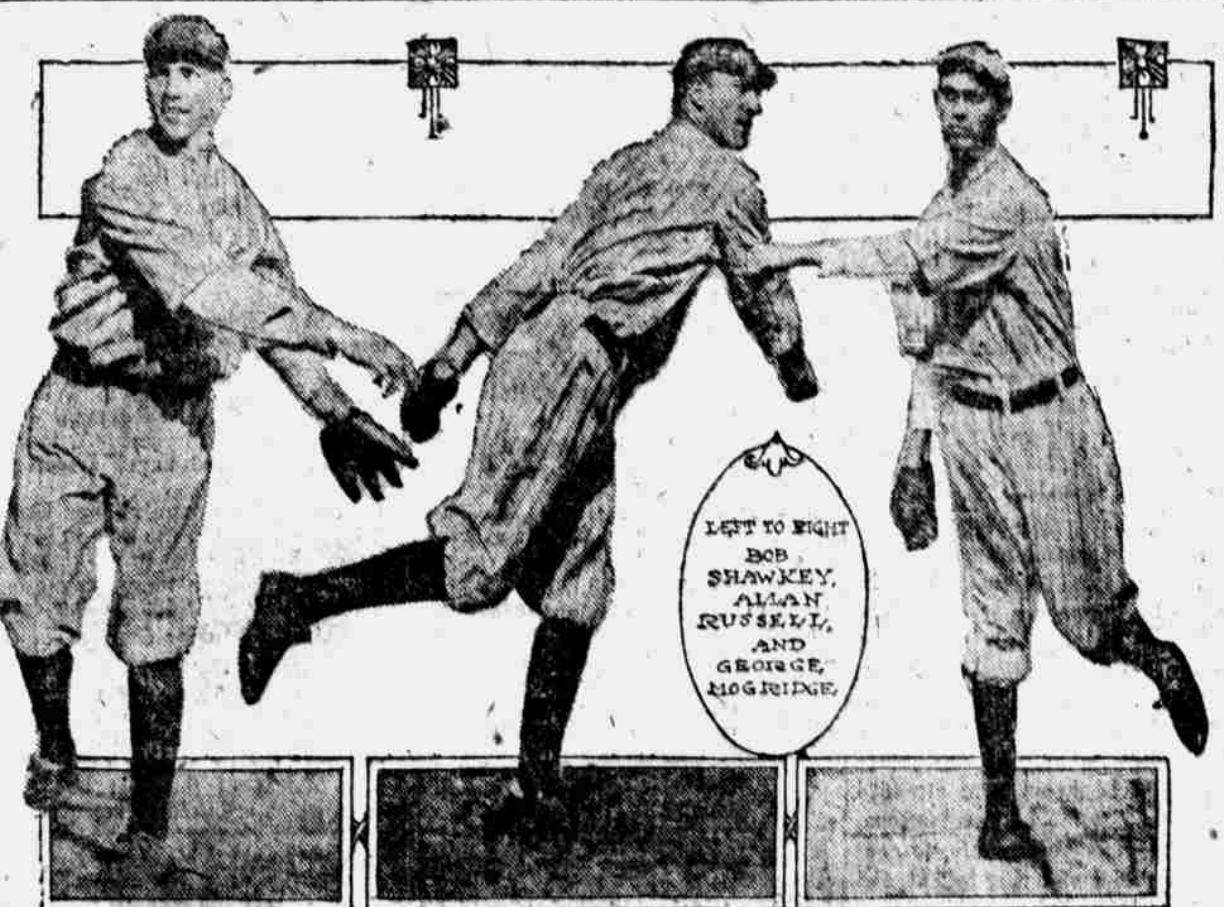
So Rourke has figured it out that if Denver, a town which couldn't support a ball club, could stage an opening day program, Omaha could, too. So Omaha for once is to have an opening day program.

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Hug Depends on These Monnd Stars



Miller Huggins, manager of the New York Yankees, will pin all his pennant hopes upon the wings of his pitchers. The recent acquisition of Ping Bodie to the team makes the Yankees one of the heaviest hitting outfits in the circuit.

OLIPHANT SOON TO HEAR WAR'S CALL

Graduation Into Army Will End Great Athletic Career of One of Country's Phenoms.

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CORRIDON AND HIS PART IN DEVELOPMENT OF SPITBALL

First Discovered Saliva Pill and Showed Elmer Stricklett How it Could Batters.

Memories of other days are revived with the announcement that Frank Corridon has been appointed base ball coach of the Second Naval District base ball team at Newport, R. I. Corridon is the old National league pitcher. He played major league ball for some years, and, while he was never rated as a star pitcher, his influence on base ball is still felt.

Stricklett was a little fellow, little as pitchers go. They have never had much use for short pitchers in the big leagues. Big league managers have always leaned to the opinion that big league twirlers must be huskier to stand up under the grilling fight that a major league pitcher really is.

Stricklett himself admitted that he had about given up hope that he was ever to make the big show. But, one day, Frank Corridon, who was also pitching in the bushes at that time, showed him the tricks he could make a base ball play just by using a little saliva.

NEW WILLIE HOPPE SEEKS RENOWN IN SQUARED ARENA

California Boxer Ambitious to Achieve Equal Fame With His Namesake of the Cue.

Chicago, March 23.—Although his fame never has ascended high enough to drift across the Sierra Nevada, they have a scrapper out San Francisco way who comes as near being entitled to the name of "human dynamo" as any boxer in the game.

Hoppe's one idea when he slides under the ropes is to fight. If he can't get his opponent to mix with him, Hoppe is not happy. Blows rained on his own face or body hardly annoy him, for he is too intent on swatting his opponent. He will trade two punches to land one any time, but the sponch has to, for his foe generally is on the defensive and too busy to take advantage of the openings Hoppe leaves.

Hoppe goes after his man like a whirlwind the minute he hears the opening bell. From then until the fight is over he is in action every second. There is absolutely no stalling when Hoppe is inside the ropes. He will launch himself like a diver and come at his adversary with both arms spread like wings. If his opponent steps to the left to avoid a right swing Hoppe will follow him with a left. If he steps to the right Hoppe will follow him with a right. If his adversary tries to step inside to avoid a hoop Hoppe can switch to an uppercut or a short jab with facility. Hoppe's only idea is to land a punch.

Of course, Hoppe's style of fighting is adapted to the boxing game as it is played on the Pacific coast. He could not stand the terrific pace he sets if he had to travel the 10-round route, but out here he has only four rounds to go. Hoppe knows he can go that distance at top speed. And he sets a pace for four rounds that few men can follow.

A clever boxer with a cool head can make trouble for Hoppe by simply laying back and clouting him as he comes in with one of his bull-like rushes. It has been done, notably by Frankie Burns, an Oakland lightweight, who knew enough to play that kind of a game. But most of the men Hoppe has met were terrified into a defensive style of fighting by the ferocity of his attack. A few have made the mistake of trying to out-slug him, but none of them have found it profitable.

Has No Fingers. One of the remarkable things about Hoppe is how he can hit, as he does with hands in the condition his are in. Hoppe has just two fingers and these are on different hands. An accident, suffered in his youth, lopped off three of the digits and the thumb of each hand, leaving him with only one finger on each for fighting tools. Yet with these mutilated mutilers he can swing a punch that has upset scores of men who were regarded as stars of the Pacific coast.

Fulton's Gemness. Fred Fulton, after his recent battle with Frank Moran, declared he had proved his gemness and his ability to take a punch by allowing Moran to hit him more than 20 times upon the jaw. But did Fulton really prove himself game, or did he take a foolish chance, and, by pure luck, get away with it?

It is or ought to be a maxim of the prize ring that the unexpected punch hurts most. If a fighter knows a punch is coming and is set for it, he is not apt to be badly hurt by it. But if he is set for one punch and gets another he is almost certain to be stung.

Indoor Sports : By Tad

