

SPEED DEMONS IN SPOTLIGHT AT THE BENSON OVAL

Dirt Track Auto Racers Expect to Shatter Records in the Championship Contest Sunday Afternoon.

Omaha will occupy the spotlight of the sport world this afternoon when at Benson park, 10 or more of the world's most famous dirt track pilots will compete in a series of events to decide the dirt track championship.

R. Burr Lampkin, hailed as the dirt track speed king, has been turning up his big Roamer car and states that he is ready and that the condition of the track will warrant the setting of new records. Burr is the holder of 31 state and track records and also has the distinction of having established three world records in one afternoon.

John Boyd of Tulsa, Okl., has entered his big Packard Twin Six in five of the events to be staged on the program and believes that his chances of scoring a few points are as bright as the best of them.

Frank Allen of Indianapolis and his Hudson Super-Six are a combination that should be able to finish inside the money, as are also Earl Epperson of Dallas and his Monk Mercer No. 11.

Chappie Dasher of Los Angeles has made no predictions as to where he and his Maxwell Special will finish, but simply says that he will be there all the time and should be able to finish soon after the field at least.

Willis Young of Salina, Kans., has something fast in the way of dirt track wagons in his Young Special, which was designed and built especially for half mile tracks.

Farmer Paul Henderson of Chicago has entered his 290-horse-power Fiat Submarine and has been matched against Lampkin with the Jumbo Benz.

Special Auto Polo Game. Ted Lecon of Des Moines has his Midger Bullet all properly groomed and Eddie Buchanan of Louisville has the Baby Mine ready for the two events in which he is entered.

As an added event the Original American and English Auto Polo teams will give a three period exhibition of auto polo. Press and public have christened this new sport "Motor Insanity," which is about the best description that can be applied to this, the very acme of achievements in the sport world.

What the commission needs is the presidents of the two leagues and a third and disinterested party to act as chairman. Garry Herrmann has been a capable chairman, yet Garry is a national league club owner. The third person must be a man thoroughly versed in base ball from every angle and disinterested altogether in a financial way with either major league. The minor leagues, too, should be represented.

Another thing that is bound to come in for attention in the major leagues is the expense of running the game. The first thing every club owner will attempt when the war is over will be to recuperate his losses.

Four K. C. Marksmen Plan to Enter American Handicap. At least four Kansas City marksmen will participate in the Great American Handicap Trapshooting tournament in Chicago, August 5 to 8.

Women's Tennis Tourney at the Field Club Monday. A woman's patriotic tennis tournament, for the benefit of the Red Cross will be held at the Field Club next week, starting Monday.

Smoky Joe Wood Who Came Back as Great Outfielder When Hurling Arm Went Bad



RENOVATED BASE BALL WILL COME BACK AFTER WAR

If Magnates Are Wise Game Will Be Stronger Than Ever Before; Changes Are Needed.

By JACK VELOCK. New York, Aug. 3.—Base ball will come back stronger and better than ever after the war is over, if the powers that be take advantage of the opportunity that is coming to them to rehabilitate the game.

War has hit base ball a solid smash, rocking it from stem to stern; causing heavy financial losses to the club owners and resulting in a certain falling off of interest on the part of the public.

Base ball needs renovating. There is no denying the fact that the administrative end of the game has reached the point where a reinforced foundation is imperative.

Ban Johnson recently remarked that a cessation of the game would give the magnates a chance to turn their attention to the working out of political problems that have been held up too long already.

One of these problems is a reorganization of the National commission. The American league demands it, and some of the more conservative national league club owners realize that it is an eventuality that cannot be dodged, and admit as much.

The high tribunal of base ball, with two national league representatives in its makeup, was a fine thing for the old league. The American league has a capable batter on the commission in the person of Bau Johnson, but two votes against Ban's one gave the Nationals the edge, and the recent clash over the case of Scott Perry shows that all was not serene in the ranks of the "com-mis-sion."

Chance to Recuperate. Another thing that is bound to come in for attention in the major leagues is the expense of running the game. The first thing every club owner will attempt when the war is over will be to recuperate his losses.

Fair salaries for the players must be paid always, for they are the lads who keep the game alive. Yet the magnates brought about abnormal salaries themselves by reckless bidding for a player's services in the days when the game was at its height, and the player soon learned how to take advantage of the rivalry between club owners.

STATE CHAMPS WILL SHOOT FOR AMATEUR TITLE

National Amateur Trapshooting Championship Match Will Be Held in Chicago This Week.

By PETER P. CARNEY. It is the opinion of trapshooters generally that the real classic event of the Grand American Handicap Trapshooting tournament is the one deciding the national amateur trapshooting championship title.

The Grand American Handicap Trapshooting tournament begins August 5 and concludes August 9. The national amateur championship event will be shot on August 6. The tournament will be held over the traps of the South Shore Country club, Chicago.

Every contestant in the national amateur championship event is a champion. And the winner might well be known as the champion of champions. None but the winners of state championships are eligible to participate in the national titular contest.

Every competitor is the representative of a state. It is the only out-and-out championship event in America. The winner of the event is the national amateur trapshooting champion in every sense of the word implies.

This will be the fifth year of the championship event, and two previous winners, Newcomb of Pennsylvania and Troch of Washington, are again among those who have a chance to take away the honor. Three of the shooters in winning their state titles broke 100 straight, seven others broke 99, 10 broke 98 and 11 broke 97.

Those Who Have Repeated. Just to prove that the state champions are the class in their respective states, one has only to go through this list: Pendergast in New York and King in Colorado have each won the titles in their states four years in succession; Weaver in Rhode Island has won the title three times running; Chezik in North Dakota won in 1914, 1917 and this year; this is Newcomb's second win of the Pennsylvania state title, the third victory for E. E. Reed in New Hampshire and the third for Barclay in Vermont, as well as the third for Barrett in Georgia. Troch has won the championship of Washington twice, as has Bryant in Michigan. Tomlin in New Jersey, Chaffield in Arkansas, Meyers in South Dakota and Key in Mississippi have each won three times.

Going over state championship details it is worth recording that Pendergast in New York state had a straight run of 302 in the four years he has won the title. He missed his eighty-sixth target this year on peg 5, trap 5, the same peg and trap that he lost all three targets in 1915.

Who the Champions Are. State and Winner. Colorado, W. A. Leach. 98. Arizona, D. E. Morrell. 97. Arkansas, J. E. Chaffield. 97. California, Fred Blair. 100. Colorado, R. A. King. 95. Connecticut, Dr. B. F. Bishop. 95. Delaware, W. M. Poore. 95. Florida, J. A. Hanborough. 91. Georgia, J. M. Barrett. 99. Idaho, Guy Chelmsom. 99. Illinois, C. M. Powers. 98. Indiana, G. R. Shuck. 98. Iowa, Charles Hummel. 98. Kentucky, W. H. Hall. 99. Maryland, R. D. Morgan. 97. Massachusetts, George L. Osborn. 97. North Carolina, C. C. Bates. 98. Michigan, J. L. Bryant. 93. Minnesota, F. A. Allen. 97. Mississippi, G. M. L. Key. 94. Missouri, George Nicholas. 96. Montana, E. W. Renfro. 100. Nebraska, J. A. Nelson. 98. New Hampshire, Elmer E. Reed. 98. New Jersey, F. S. Tomlin. 98. New York, H. J. Pendergast. 99. North Carolina, C. C. Bates. 98. North Dakota, A. R. Chezik. 97. Ohio, J. E. Cain. 97. Oklahoma, W. H. Hooper. 99. Oregon, Frank Brightmeyer. 99. Pennsylvania, C. H. Newcomb. 97. Rhode Island, W. J. Weaver. 98. South Carolina, R. G. McCann. 96. South Dakota, E. T. Meyers. 98. Tennessee, B. F. Duncan. 98. Texas, H. E. Woodard. 98. Utah, G. L. Becker. 98. Vermont, D. M. Barclay. 98. Washington, F. M. Troch. 94. West Virginia, G. H. Mead. 96. Wyoming, W. R. Tarrant. 97.

NEW LEAGUES TO START SEASON ON LOCAL SAND LOTS

Armours and Holmes White Sox to Mix at Luxus Park This Afternoon; Other Games Scheduled.

By FRANK QUIGLEY. Two more leagues will be ushered through the gates today when the Liberty league and the Sunset league start the ball a rolling. All the teams of these two leagues are groggy from some fast stumpy ball is looked for. From present indications it is a safe wager that large crowds will be on deck to lamp the boys over.

A nifty battle should be reeled off at Luxus Park when the Holmes White Sox and the Armours hook up for the third time this season. Here of late the Armours have been tearing things up and although they were in the doubtful column for some time, it looks like they might roll in with the bacon of the Greater Omaha league.

Manager Delaware is of the opinion that the Armours will again have the Greater Omaha league magnates pin a rope on them as lackers of their championship ability. Anyway this battle today ought to be a nifty affair because the Holmes' are also going like the boys over in France.

Baker, Zink or Oscar Grant will hoist the cherry for the Holmes and in all probability the granddaddy of amateur base ball, Andy Graves, will toss the pill for the packersville crew.

Well, the Murphy-Dit-Its ought to be able to win a game today because they back up against the Beselins, present proprietors of the cellar of the Greater Omaha league. But the Beselins might pull the unexpected and travel away with the large end of the score. Since their vacation party at Alma, Mich., the Blacksmiths have failed to knock the cover off the ball and as a consequence no games have been copped by them. Hay will be on the rubber for the Murphys today and that elongated Arthur Dyck will slide 'em over the grover for the Beselins.

Over at Athletic Park the Longways and the Krajcicks will clash. These two teams are both playing fast snappy ball, so a tough row for the winning party is looked for by followers of both squads.

Two clever battles are booked for at Thirty-second and Dewey avenue and another pair are on the menu at Riverview Park. It is a leather-bound cinch that these two parks will be taxed to their capacity if weather conditions are favorable.

Diamond Dust. Ramblers vs. White Sox, 1:30 p. m., Riverview park. Krajkicks vs. Longways, Athletic park, 2:30 p. m. Armours vs. Holmes White Sox, Luxus park, 3:30 p. m. Townsends vs. Riggs Optical Co., 3:30 and Dewey, 1:30 p. m. Y. C. C. Garmody has been playing excellent ball this season. H. Beselin & Son vs. Murphy-Dit-Its, Holmes park, 3:30 p. m. Lanky Bill Fox is now enjoying army life

at Camp Dodge. He generally makes good wherever he goes so he ought to be a good brick over there. McCaffrey Motor Co. vs. Omaha Cubs, Riverview park, 3:30 p. m. Whatever became of that Standard Oil Company Saturday league. Last Sunday Joeedy Gilham woke up and landed a batting average of .667. As manager of Luxus park Joseph Wavrin has been a busy dude this season.

This season, McQuade has proved to be an able gent handling the indicator. Union Outfitting Co. vs. Nebraska Storage Battery Co., 3:30 and Dewey, 3:30 p. m. Nell Smith will continue to look after affairs for the McCaffrey Motor company squad. Long lanky Matthews has resigned as a knicker for the Alpha camp Wodmen of the World.

There were two Bill Fox's umpiring, Fatty Fox and Lanky Fox, but only one is still in the ring. While the Standard Oil Company league was in action Harry Cross performed some classy work. That Union Outfitting company brigade made an excellent showing as an independent team.

That chief of the Municipal umpires Jawn Goding, did not have to kill himself working this season. Frank Jacobs has only two sons and they are in the army. Jake says he wished he had a dozen there. Different team managers are requested to call the Bee office and hand in their scores this evening.

Behind the stick, Lacey looks real sugary for the Holmes White Sox, and how scarce sugar is these days. The official tabulator of the various leagues is at present holding down a berth at St. Joseph hospital.

It has been a long while since Clarence Hall decorated the turf, but William Priest has it all over him. Wilson Atkins, another third corner artist of fame in years gone by, was associated with the Standard Oil league.

Again, Harry Williams was on the job with the stick. He was clouting to all corners of the lot last Sunday. William Ammons, one of the directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association.

Bill Sherlock and Harry Wright, well known herabouts are enjoying life at Camp Dodge. Bert McAndrews, the taller boy, ought to kick tomorrow with a card so the natives would know something about him.

Under the supervision of Mr. Wolf, who is a regular lion, the Central Furniture Store squad went some this season. Bob Elliott injected some real pep into the Alpha camp. Woodmen of the World, when he assumed the managerial task. Earl Hanson, Sam Foltman and Cleve Hul are doing nicely in the army. These fellows always could work hard if it was compulsory.

Frank Jacobs started in the confectionery business at Holmes park, but he never says anything about the immense profits he knocks out.

McCormick Shows Speed. Dodging Hun Shrapnel. Bill McCormick, who played the left garden for the Lincoln club during four Western league seasons and subsequently hooked up with the Denver Bears, is a lieutenant with General Pershing's army in France. In a letter to a friend Bill says: "In my haste to get out of the way of Hun missiles, I have developed more speed than I ever showed on the diamond. Have been in the hospital with a bad eye but am back in the trenches again busy as ever dodging shrapnel. Hank Gowdy, who is a colonel sergeant, is with the regiment next to mine. Western leaguers, however, are scarce."

Jack Fitzgerald, Omaha pugilist, enlisted in the army Thursday and has gone to Fort Logan, Colo. He is 35 years old and is unmarried. He will serve as boxing instructor at an army camp.

AUTO RACES Benson Race Track TODAY, 2:30 P. M. \$5,000.00 IN PURSES EIGHT EVENTS Fastest Dirt Track Drivers in the Country Entered EXTRA - Auto Polo Contest Between English and American Teams General Admission -- \$1.00 Grandstand \$1.50, \$2 Including Admission

Facts and Figures on the Athletes National League American League.

TEAM BATTING. G. A. B. R. H. SH. SB. Pct. Cincinnati 90 297 328 812 90 90 274 Chicago 93 310 382 823 136 109 265 New York 94 319 355 914 99 103 360 Brooklyn 90 305 269 790 91 73 258 Pittsburgh 91 294 350 126 143 249 St. Louis 93 320 358 1003 106 243 Philadelphia 91 295 307 753 94 70 243 Boston 94 312 326 744 113 67 239

CLUB FIELDING. W. L. DP. P. A. E. Pct. Boston 93 26 25 204 121 872 Chicago 43 43 70 255 131 116 871 New York 47 45 107 2627 1313 125 959 Detroit 43 53 62 2611 1210 100 962 St. Louis 41 52 68 2541 1256 151 963 Cleveland 55 42 71 2784 1362 167 961 Philadelphia 37 56 99 2496 1312 158 960 Washington 42 48 74 2715 1255 958

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES. G. A. B. R. H. SH. SB. Pct. Cobb, Det. 93 309 61 118 7 29 293 Acosta, Phila. 15 51 9 19 2 5 272 Burns, Phila. 20 67 106 13 2 246 Slater, St. L. 85 338 63 109 7 32 232 Speaker, Cleve. 99 363 67 116 10 42 217 Lombard, N. Y. 21 62 250 16 24 216 Hooper, Boston 96 361 61 112 12 10 210 P. Bush, Boston 29 81 25 1 8 209

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John M. MacFarland In announcing my candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Senator, I desire to thank this paper and my other Republican friends for the splendid vote and indorsement I received at the primaries two years ago, and I assure them now, as I did then, that I stand for progressive legislation and enforcement of law. John M. MacFarland Douglas 6858 OMAHA, Nebraska