

Gibbons-O'Dowd Title Match In Prospect as Champion Returns from Army Service

Middleweight Champion Is With Army of Occupation. Earl Caddock, Wrestling Title Holder, Is Also 'Over There'. Sport World Must Await Their Return.

By 'KID' GRAVES.

While Tex Rickard is holding the pugilistic spotlight on his nimble form just at present, there are other pugilistic matters clamoring for attention and the wrestling game is hovering around the stage entrance.



MIKE GIBBONS

The main events of both wrestling and boxing, outside of the heavyweight affair, of course, must await the return of the champions from France, Earl Caddock, the mat champion, and Mike O'Dowd, the middleweight boxing title holder, are still in France, and nothing definite is known as to the date of their return.

Gene Melady is certain that Caddock will consent to continue in the wrestling game and defend his title against any and all the worthy challengers. If he does, a heavyweight champion wrestling match will hold the interest of sport lovers for a time, though just who Caddock's opponent will be, no one knows just yet.

Following the Willard-Dempsey fight, the next big pugilistic affair will probably be a middleweight championship scrap between O'Dowd and his famous fellow townsman, Mike Gibbons. Mike has signed his willingness to meet O'Dowd in a long bout for the title and it is likely that when champion Mike gets back from the land of the lilies, such a match will be arranged.

Before the war, O'Dowd never had a wonderful reputation, at least not so wonderful that he could get any large purses for his services. Even in the affair in which he won the title, he didn't get any more than an ordinary wind-up fighter would get. The war broke out before he was able to get a start after any big money, consequently, O'Dowd is the poorest, financially, of all champions. Mike has evidently seen an opportunity to make his championship title pay him something, for he has issued a challenge to meet Georges Carpentier, the French heavyweight champion.

Winning or losing in a bout with Carpentier, O'Dowd would still be a great attraction in a bout with Gibbons when it is least expected.

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Creighton university quintet will embark on its 10-game invasion of Iowa, returning March 13 to play the final encounter of the season with Trinity here. Since prospects for a defeatless trip are bright the Blue and White men expect to finish their hard and long season with a perfect record.

Central High has two hard games on its hands this week both of which will be played on the home floor. Council Bluffs, who defeated Central on the small Bluffs floor in Central's initial game, will come here Friday to repeat the performance and pluck the local championship from Mulligan's men.

Basket Ball

Table with Commercial League Standings and Church League Standings. Columns include Team, W, L, P.C.

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St. Joseph will send a strong delegation here Saturday to average its Turkey day defeat on the gridiron. The Omaha quintet will close its season March 15 by paying a visit to the wet town.

JACKSON HERE: PREDICTS FLAG FOR OMAHA CLUB

Rourke's Manager Arrived Friday; Trades Pending for New Infielders; Has Three Young Catchers Signed.

Manager Bill Jackson of the Rourkes was a caller in The Bee sports department yesterday and gave an outline of his early plans for the Western league base ball season. Jackson says he expects to have the best team in the league for Omaha. He predicts the flying of the 1919 pennant from the Rourke flag pole and games that will bring the Omaha fans out in great numbers.

The Rourke manager is trying to land a couple of young pitchers for his team for this year, all of whom should be good promise. Cy Lingle, the old backstop of the Omaha club, is with the army in France and may not be able to get here for the opening of the season, and Jackson expects to have one of these new catchers hold 'em while they wait for Lingle to get home.

Manager Jackson announces that any of the local semi-pro players that want to work with the Western league club will be welcome, and if they show the proper ability some of them may land jobs with the Omaha team.

City Championship Series for St. Louis

St. Louis, March 1.—Although the major league season will not get under way until April 23, St. Louis base ball fans will get a glimpse of their favorites on April 12, the date agreed upon for opening the annual spring series between the St. Louis clubs of the American and National leagues.

Hexathlon Meet Results.

Forty-one athletes took part in the contest this year. Omaha scored 3,209 points. Last year we scored 3,657 points; the lower record is accounted for by the fact that all of our best athletes entered the army last year, and only one of the last year's champions has returned, namely, Julius Fester. Julius Fester is the all-around Hexathlon champion this year having scored a total of 377 points.

The following were the records in each event: 60-yd. potato race, Howard Dennie, 16 seconds; 220-yd. potato race, Curtis Gault, 1:04; running high vault, Ray Bruner, 5 feet 3 inches; fence vault, Julius Fester, 9 feet 11 inches; 12-pound shot put, Julius Fester, 34 feet 5 inches.

C. Drew last year's Hexathlon champion with 405 points is still in the army.

Shenandoah, Ia., March 1.—Superior team work and basket tossing clinched a 41 to 31 basket ball game here Thursday night in the first half for Clarinda High school, five, which the Shenandoah High team was unable to win back in a whirlwind finish. Shenandoah plays its next contest with Emerson Thursday.

University of Nebraska Freshman Basket-Ball Team



Front row, left to right: Cypresen, guard; Smith, forward; Paynter, guard; Russell, guard. Top row, left to right: Kline, coach; Costello, sub; Munn, center; Jungmeyer, forward.

Notes From Sport World

The local semi-pro base ball situation is in as chaotic condition now as when first mentioned, in fact, if any different, worse. Earl Higgins, president of the Greater Omaha league, declares he is disgusted with the attitude of some of the managers, who appeared to favor a semi-pro league at first and have now turned around and want strictly amateur base ball.

It has been rumored that James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion, would be selected to referee the Willard-Dempsey boxing match, on July 4. Corbett should make an excellent referee, as he has kept in a touch with pugilistic affairs during his travels as an actor and lecturer.

A series of six games before the regular opening of the season is planned by Mayor Tom Fairweather of Des Moines, owner of the Des Moines, Western league club. He is negotiating with Pa Rourke for the series, three games in Des Moines and three in Omaha. This series, if arranged will give the fans of the respective cities a line on the playing strength of the two teams before the league season opens.

Sioux City Basket Ball Five Loses to Central High

Sioux City, Ia., March 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Ability at basket shooting and advantage in speed resulted in a 22 to 13 victory for the Central Omaha High school basket ball team in a game played with the Sioux City High school squad here tonight. The Omaha five scored at the beginning of the contest and had marked up enough points in the first half to put them in the clear. The first period of play ended with the score 17 to 6 in favor of Omaha.

BANKERS TRIM NEBRASKA UNI FRESHMEN FIVE

Fast Game Marred by Fistic Encounter of Rival Players When Locals Go Ahead.

Omaha Nat., 14; Uni. Freshmen, 13. Two men had to be taken off the floor for staging a one-round pugilistic encounter before the husky Omaha National team five could register a 14 to 13 victory over the lanky University of Nebraska freshmen last night in a slow game on the 'Y' floor that ended with a cyclonic finish.

When Barney Reilly gave up the base ball spang to go on the operating table, his friends thought he was foolish, but the success he has attained has shown them that he knew what he was about.

The Central Furniture quintet humbled the doughy Council Bluffs High combination, 46 to 21, in a fast but one-sided preliminary.

Eddie McGoorty Matched to Fight Seaman Townley

London, March 1.—Eddie McGoorty, American light heavyweight, now in the American army, was matched today to box Seaman Arthur Townley, on March 13. At the same time a bout was arranged between Augie Ratner of the American army and winner in the middle weight division in the recent army and navy boxing tournament, and 'Boy' McCormick for March 27.



THIS stuff they label fashion is a queer bird. Ladies are now carving billygoats around as pets. A Wilhelm goat is just as good as extract of violets and you don't have to bother about pulling the cork out.

This billygoat business is only the start of the zoo junk. When the shrills start wearing poppines for sofa cushions, that's when the committee will award 'em the brown derby.

When the war was on, every chicken in the country wanted to be a Joan of Arc. Now with this billygoat bunk swinging the blond vote, every flapper wants to be a Joan of Noah's Ark.

Dumburg, Nebraska: While waiting for a new war to knit for the Dumburg Knitting club, which has been knitting left socks for soldiers, decided to hold their annual whale hunt.

Useless, Wyoming: The semi-annual hop of the Sweet Things seminary was one of the most successful stampedes ever pulled off here. While riding a kangaroo in the Virginia reel, the town constable violated the city traffic rules, by dancing north on the left-hand side of the street.

East Junk, Illinois: The wedding of the Van Gappers attracted great interest in society circles here. It will be remembered that Mrs. Van Gapper, nee Boneskul, created the charming custom of having six chimpanzee bridesmaids at weddings.

SUTTON BEATEN BY HOPPE HERE IN EXHIBITION

Former Champion and Title Holder Give Wonderful Display of Their Skill. Willie Hoppe, champion of the world at 18.2 ballline billiards, and George Sutton, former title holder, entertained at the Omaha Athletic club with exhibitions at billiards at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and 8 o'clock last night.

In the afternoon game Hoppe won the bank and took first shot. The balls took some bad breaks in the early part of the game and Hoppe was away in the rear for six innings.

Freemont High Loses. Freemont, Neb., March 1.—The Freemont high school basket ball team lost the last game of the season on the local floor, for the Arlington flippers scored 21 to 20, victory over the home boys here Saturday evening.

INDOOR SPORTS Drawn for The Bee by Tad

Cartoon titled 'INDOOR SPORTS' by Tad. It depicts a scene in a bar or office with several men talking. One man says, 'YOU AND I MADE ABOUT THE SAME TRIP - THE EVIDENCE ACCOUNT OUGHTA BE ABOUT THE SAME - GET ME? NOW AT MILK TOWN PA I CHARGED 10 FOR THE ROOM - I DIDNT STOP THERE SEE BUT IM ON THE BILL FOR ONE'. Another man says, 'I'LL STRICK THAT IN MINE TOO - I GOTTA HORSE AN BUGG IN FOR A DAY AT MINERVA - I SAY ON ACCT. OF CAR STRIKE - TELEPHONE CALLS 44.10 AT PEORIA - LIKE THAT?'. A third man says, 'I DONT SEE HOW THOSE GUYS GET AWAY WITH IT - I NEVER MADE A TRIP IN MY LIFE FOR THE FIRM THAT I DIDNT LOSE ON MY EVIDENCE ACCOUNT'. A fourth man says, 'EVERY TIME THE BOSS LAMPS MY BILLS HE KILLS MY INCIDENTAL EXPENSES - HE SAYS WHERE DYE GET THAT INCIDENTAL STUFF'. A fifth man says, 'SAY IF THOSE GUYS WENT TO VENICE FOR US THEY'D HAVE CAB HIRE AND TAXIS FOR 2 FEET ON THE SWIMOLE SHEET'. The cartoon is signed 'TAD'.

Advertisement for Harley-Davidson motorcycles. It features an illustration of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and the text: 'Another Carload Harley-Davidsons Just Received. It's the motorcycle they all want—because it has stood the acid test for years by satisfying the big majority of experienced motorcycle riders. It lacks nothing you could wish for in a motorcycle. Ask the men who have been in the service. They Know. Victor H. Roos "The Cycle Man" 2701-03-05 Leavenworth St. Omaha'.