

ROURKES TANGLE WITH ARMOUR SEMI-PROS TODAY

Both Star Teams; Packers Expect to Trounce Leaguers; Short History of the Omaha Players.

Well! Well! Mr. Ball Fan! Glad to see you again. Suppose you'll be out to the Rourke park grounds this afternoon, eh? The Omaha Western leaguers will play the Armours in a full nine-inning game today, starting at the regular schedule time of 3:15.

The Armours will give the Rourkes stiff battle and the managers of the packer team don't hesitate to say that they think they have a good chance of trimming the leaguers. As semi-pros, they will have a stronger line-up than they ever had as leaders of the Greater Omaha league, the local C. L. A. amateurs. The teams will have the following batting orders in the game:

- The Omaha club: Armour: Bashang, rf; Grayson, lf; Thompson, cf; Donica, 2b; Cable, 3b; Gilason, ss; Mack, if; ...

Who They Are.

Some of the followers of the fortunes of the Omaha club don't know the players very well, so in order to get them acquainted with the team that is to play and bring a pennant to the Gate City, we present herewith a short story of each player.

Al Bashang, right fielder, born in Cincinnati, O., August 22, 1891. Played with Lexington, Ky., in the Blue Grass league, Detroit American league, Topeka Western league, Ft. Wayne Central league, Saginaw Southern-Michigan league, Ottowa Canadian league, Peoria Three Eye league and then came to Omaha.

Bill R. Jackson, manager and first base, refused to give date of his birth, said "guess," born at Pittsburgh, Pa., played from 1906 to 1911 in the Texas league, was drafted by the Athletics, sold to San Francisco and then to Seattle, jumped to the Chicago Federals, went to Peoria as manager for two years, and is now in his second year as manager of the Omaha team.

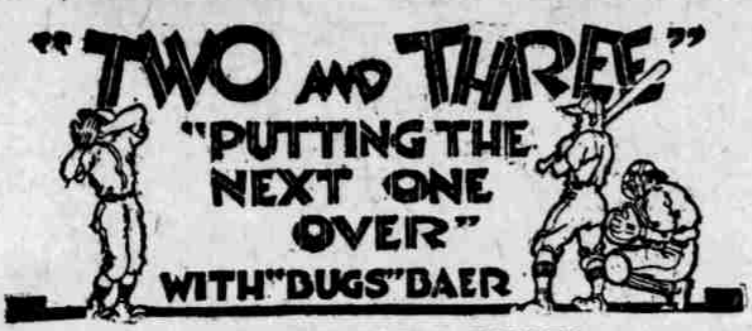
Harry Donica, third baseman, born in Bedford, Ind., July 31, 1892. Played with Frankfort, Ky., in the Blue Grass league, Columbus American association, Decatur and Bloomington, Ill., in the Three Eye league, Richmond Central league and then to Omaha.

James Alfred Thompson, center fielder, born at Graham, N. C., April 29, 1894, played with Durham in the North Carolina State league, played with the Athletics in 1914, 1915 and 1916, sold to Omaha in 1916, and played here in 1916 and 1917, worked in the shipyards in 1918 and is here for 1919.

Hal F. Cable, second baseman, born in Toledo, O., November 10, 1893, played with Jackson in the Southern Michigan league, Bradford, Pa., in the Interstate league, in the Coast league for three years and then to the dinner bucket league because of the work or fight law. Came to Omaha for this year.

Played at Medicine Hat.

Gard Gilason, shortstop, born in Milton, N. D., September 22, 1895, played with Medicine Hat in the Western Canadian league, Vancouver and Spokane in the Northwest league, Salt Lake City in the Coast league and came to Omaha in a trade for Marty Kuy.



WHEN THE EAGLE GIGGLED.

WHEN the eagle screamed in 1917, Bill Jazbo was staked to a junior partnership in the walking department of Uncle Sam's overseas circus. He was out to make the works safe for democracy and Home Guards. Bill paddled his dogs down Fifth avenue between two rows of cheering cuckoos who couldn't hear the eagle chirp unless it was on a dollar bill.

Bill weighed about 792 pounds trenchside in his hobnailed feet, of which 178 pounds were in his feet. He didn't know exactly what it was all about, but he knocked so many Jerries loose from their life insurance that they pinned enough medals on his chest to balance the load on his back. This made Bill look like a sandwich man for a hardware factory.

About this time Jerry figured that he had a blouses and took it on the loop for the old home plate. Bill had one flipper shot away and had lost all the legs that a guy can conveniently spare. He had been laid up with pomatine poisoning from biting a Jerry, in the neck, which earned him another yard of medal pieces. Bill wasn't vicious, but anything was a change from the O. D. army beans.

In order to save Bill's thumb, the army surgeon had amputated his little finger at the elbow, but Bill figured that there was just enough of him left to hold his old job down when he again parked his hoppedogs on the star spangled real estate of Yonkers and vicinity. The eagle had screamed with a chorus by the entire company and Bill was coming home.

Still Screaming.

Coming up the bay, a herd of tugboats whistled in eight colors and pink, and Bill got his first eastern eyeful of the Statue of Liberty with her face toward New York and Europe—which places New Jersey in rather a peculiar position. The same cuckoos who had cheered Bill east were there to cheer him west. They winced him and cheered him and "ed him and cheered him.

Bill was wondering about his old job, but nobody could stop cheering him long enough to put him here. They stuck up a big triumphal arch made of some transient material like toothpaste or glucose and Bill again walked up Fifth avenue with so many medals on his vest that he looked like an xylophone.

Everybody cheered themselves dizzy, but Bill couldn't figure where things had changed much since he ankled down the avenue two years ago. They were still doing the cheering and he was still doing the walking.

Jobbed Out of the Old Job.

When the parade was cured they mustered Bill out and slipped him enough kale to take him home, provided that he didn't live more than a nickel away. Bill walked up the old street and life was just one cheer after another with another cheer in between. He asked a traffic cop the way to his old building and the cop gave him three cheers but no directions.

Bill figured you couldn't get far on cheers until some bird invented a method of harnessing acoustics. He finally dug up the old building and walked up 35 flights of stairs as the elevator boy was out cheering a parade. When he flatwheeled into the office the boss got up on the mezzanine floor of his desk and cheered Bill dizzy.

JOHN PESEK AND CHAS. CUTLER HERE MAY 12

Jack Lewis Closes Match Between Shelton Boy and Former American Title Holder.

Farmer boy, John Pesek of Shelton, Neb., and Charley Cutler of Chicago will meet in a finish wrestling match at the Omaha Auditorium May 12, Jack Lewis, local promoter, announced yesterday afternoon. Negotiations for this match have been under way for some time, according to Lewis.

Cutler's consent to wrestle Pesek was received yesterday. Mart Slattery, Pesek's manager, was in Omaha yesterday and agreed to the match in behalf of Pesek. The Chicagoan will be the fourth grappler to try to take the measure of Pesek in Omaha this winter.

Three predecessors, Charley Peters, Steve Savage and John Freiburg, essayed to turn the trick, but all failed. Pesek threw each one in straight falls. Cutler is the man who played a big part in the career of the former champion. He did it in Omaha by losing to Stecher in a match which cost eastern mat followers thousands of dollars. They wagered heavily on Cutler to win. It was Stecher's practically first big match and it made him famous from coast to coast.

The Chicago grappler is one of the real veterans of the mat game. He first was a boxer but found wrestling more to his favor and switched his affections. He was declared the American champion after a victory over Harry Ordeman, former champion, in St. Louis, Mo., in the retirement of the late Frank Gotch, and he held that title until defeated by Stecher. He weighs more than 230 pounds and will outweigh Pesek by about 35 pounds.

Cutler is reported to be a much better wrestler when he met Stecher despite the added years to his age. He has acquired great skill through his years of experience and has become one of the most finished wrestlers in the business. His latest achievement of note was to stand off in Marin Pletina, who recently offered to bet \$25,000 he could beat any man in the world, for two hours and a half without a fall.

Pesek also is to meet Harold Christensen in Sioux City Monday night, Mart Slattery said yesterday.

St. Louis Team Wins A. T. and T. Company Bowling Tournament

Toledo, April 12.—St. Louis, with a team score of 2,642, won the American Telephone and Telegraph company bowling tournament by wire, according to figures received here tonight from 16 cities where the competition was in progress.

Buffalo was second with 2,526; New York third with 2,504; and Philadelphia fourth with 2,458. Chicago, Cleveland, Troy, N. Y., New Haven, Conn., Toledo, Detroit, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Va., Cincinnati, Syracuse, N. Y., and Harrisburg, Pa., were other cities in the tournament.

Men employed in the offices of the A. T. and T. made up the teams. Collins and Flynn of Buffalo won the doubles with a score of 1,116 and Hudson of Richmond, Va., was high in the singles with 565.

CLASS A LEAGUE WILL BE IN FIELD EARLY THIS WEEK

New Greater Omaha Circuit to Be Organized; Classes B and C Are Already Working for the Gong.

With the coming organization of a class A league the early part of this week, the Municipal Base Ball association will be ready to start the 1919 season, which is expected to be a banner year for amateur base ball. The class B and C leagues are already organized and ready to play ball.

Recreation Director Jake Isaacson will call a meeting of class A players and backers the early part of this week to organize a class A league. There are four teams now organized and making time for a class A circuit to be formed. Two of these clubs have no backers yet, but the association has promised to take care of that. The two clubs without backers are the mines recently organized and headed by James Sutej and H. E. Miller. The other two teams are the Murphy-Did-Its and the Nebraska Power company.

Prospects for a class A league looked very uncertain a week ago. The Murphys and the Nebraska Power company were the only ones who were organized and ready to join a class A loop, while at least five clubs were needed to make up such a league. Then Jim Sutej organized a crack class A club and announced that he was ready to join a class A league. And just a few days ago H. E. Miller, a member of the Central Furniture team last year, got together a fast nine and announced his intention of entering it into a class A league if such a circuit was formed.

Strong Class A League. With four clubs organized and ready to enter, officials of the amateur association are confident that a stronger class A circuit will be in operation this year than ever before. Jake Isaacson states positively that a class A league will be organized at this next meeting.

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COMMERCIAL GUIDE. School Furniture and Supplies. OMAHA SCHOOL SUPPLY CO., 1108-12 Nicholas St. Douglas 1912.

DOUGLAS PRINTING CO., 109-11 N. 18th. Douglas 84. Fine commercial printing.

MEYER & HOFFER, 217 Park. Hardware and tinware.

CROSBY WILLIS C., 2511-13 N. 54th St. Phone Webster 47.

Council Building Directory. Coal and Ice. Phone 2588. Caterers to heat and cold.

UNDERTAKERS. MULLEN & REIDEN, 701 S. 18th, D. 1538.

DIVORCE GRANTED. A divorce was granted to August Kopke from Hanna Kopke by Judge Day, sitting in divorce court.

Fourth in Wheat. The bureau of publicity has compiled a table showing that in average annual production of wheat by states for the 10-year period from 1909 to 1918, Nebraska ranks fourth with 1,308,600 bushels.

THE EL-BEUDOR APARTMENTS RESERVATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN. With the opening of this, Omaha's most beautiful apartment building, only three weeks away, it behooves all those interested in securing a home, free from all the worry and drudgery of ordinary apartments, to reserve at once.