

Twenty-Eight Teams of Muny Leagues to Clash Today

Double-headers to be Staged on Six of the Diamonds; Several New Leagues Are Formed for Summer Season on the Local Sandlots.

By WILLIAM O. BLOZIES. Weather conditions permitting, Omaha amateur base ball fans and followers of the great national pastime will again have the opportunity to witness the 28 teams of the American and City, class B leagues, Booster, Gate City and Inter-City, Class C organizations, members of the Municipal Base Ball association, clash on the various amateur fields and municipal parks in their fight for the 1919 city championship honors.

Double-headers will be staged at Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, Riverview park, Fontenelle park, Miller park, Elmwood park east and west diamonds and at Lulus park, Twenty-fourth and Vinton streets. The initial contests of the afternoon will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock, when Johnny Goding's staff of "muny" arbitrators shout "play ball."

Chilly For Practice. Although the teams were handicapped by the chilly weather last week and had little or no practice, the moguls announced that their teams are in the best of condition and the fans and spectators are promised a real treat.

In all probabilities, the Greater Omaha league, Omaha's crack class A circuit, will try and get under way by next Sunday, it was officially announced yesterday. A meeting will be held the early part of this week at which time officers will be elected, schedule adopted and final plans made to start the season by Sunday.

The league will probably be composed of six crack teams it was announced. Already four teams have applied for a franchise, and now that many of the stars of former years are returning from the service, two more teams will be organized. Any backer wishing to put a team in the Greater Omaha league is urged to call J. J. Isaacson, recreation director, care City Hall.

Saturday Leagues. The two Saturday organizations, namely the Commercial and Church leagues—to be under the jurisdiction of the association, will hold meetings Tuesday evening at Park Commissioner Falconer's office for the purpose of organizing. Each league will consist of five teams and some fast playing is looked for during the season.

Any Saturday team wishing to join this organization is urged to be present at the meeting Tuesday night. According to Vern Moore, one of the organizers of the Church league, that league will be one of the fastest Saturday afternoon combinations ever organized here.

The feature contest in the City league this afternoon will be staged at 3:30 o'clock at Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, when the crack Bo-

Where the Amateur Teams Play Today

CITY LEAGUE. Thirty-second and Dewey avenue. Bower Furniture company vs. Willard Storage Battery, 3:30 p. m. Riverview Park—Union Outfitting company vs. Mickie Victorlas, 3:30 p. m. Fontenelle Park—McCaffrey Motor company vs. Omaha Printing company, 3:30 p. m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Thirty-second and Dewey Avenue—Universal Motor company vs. American Railway Exchange, 1:30 p. m. Lulus Park—Riggs Optical company vs. Sample-Harts, 3:30 p. m. Miller Park—Paxton-Vierling company vs. J. B. Roots, 3:30 p. m.

BOOSTER LEAGUE. Lulus Park—Maney Milling company vs. Leavenworth Merchants, 1:30 p. m. Riverview Park—Rambler vs. Trimble Brothers, 1:30 p. m. Elmwood Park—west diamonds—Stags vs. Benson Merchants, 3:30 p. m.

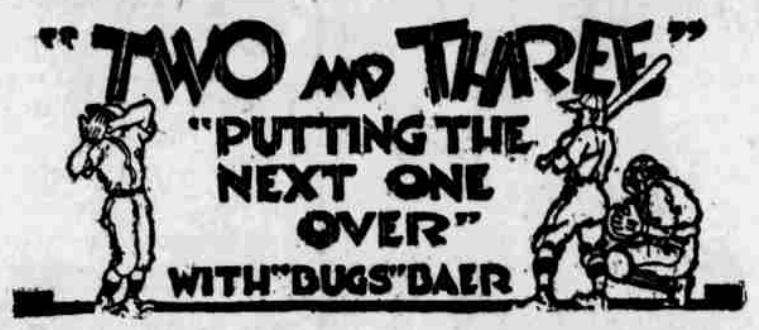
INTER-CITY LEAGUE. Miller Park—Parsley Commission company vs. Harley-Davidson, 1:30 p. m. Fontenelle Park—Walnut Hill Merchants vs. Beddoes, 1:30 p. m.

GATE CITY LEAGUE. Elmwood Park—west diamonds—Omaha Printing company, Jrs. vs. Beselins, 1:30 p. m.; Originals vs. Townsends, 3:30 p. m. Elmwood Park—west diamonds—Vinton Street Merchants vs. Daily News, 1:30 p. m.

Amateur Schedules.

The Omaha Bee is today publishing the schedules of the Inter-City, and Gate City Class C leagues. These leagues inaugurated the season last Sunday.

Inter-City League. APRIL 26, MAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28, JULY 5, 12, 19, 26, AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27, OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25, NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27.



"TWO AND THREE" "PUTTING THE NEXT ONE OVER" WITH "BUGS" DAIR

TWENTY years ago girl babies were being named after Marie Corelli's "Thelma." Four years ago all the boys were labelled "Woodrow." But we don't notice any kids being named "Bevo."

Or "Wilhelm." Or "Income Tax." No kids being named after landlords, either. You said it.

How O. B. Can Grab That \$80,000 Bank. Soak St. Looney fans for staying away.

Give coupons with ham sandwiches. Any bird collecting 7,895 certificates is entitled to a slab of ham in his next sandwich.

Put one peanut in two bags. Charge athletic fans to escape from the park. Trade Fed league stock for Liberty bonds.

The strictest cable censorship we know of is that 25 cents a word. The Monroe Doctrine is safe. No foreign monarch can park his royal potentate in the interurban and share our star-spangled suffering.

Famous Words of Famous Institutions. U. S. A.—Hold on to your Liberty bond. O. & C. B.—Hold on to your street car strap. Mo. Pac.—Hold on to your insurance policy.

The supreme sacrifice includes the lady who is giving up her new Easter bonnet so that hubby can pay the rent.

The cuckoo who thought he was a quail on toast hasn't got a thing on those 300,000 New York hops who imagine they are graphophone records. Can't play unless they have a needle on their arm.

Woody has more trouble trying to get out of Paree than Bihelm did trying to get in.

Only one bad feature to flying across the Atlantic. Being able to breakfast in New York and supper in London is all right, but why go that far to grab indignation?

TEARNEY SENDS GREETINGS TO WESTERN FANS

President of League Writes of Changes in Personnel of Clubs and Hopes for Continued Co-Operation.

Upon the eve of the opening of the Western league season I send my heartiest greetings to every fan within the confines of this great base ball organization.

Having weathered every storm that has developed during the life of the organization and now that the great war has been settled and for which we were forced to discontinue temporarily, we are again appearing, young and fresh, with renewed vigor, new faces, different surroundings, better talent and new cities. Each club in the circuit presents to the people a great change in its personnel. Many have engaged players who have seen service abroad, and whose efforts in connection with their duties as a soldier were very commendable.

It so happens that most of these boys played on base ball teams in France, and because of the great interest that was manifested, many young men have developed and will be seen on the roster of the clubs.

Fans Pulling Hard. I realize that the fans in the Western league cities are anxious and pulling hard for their club to win. It happens, however, that in a base ball game of eight clubs, one must be first and one must be last; and while the world loves a winner, my sympathy and feeling goes out to a loser who has worked hard and faithful and lent every effort to accomplish the desired goal, but failed.

In a contest like base ball, where so many uncertainties arise, it is strange, nevertheless, a fact that time and again in a series of games a club will win which, according to the dope, is not the better of the two, and my explanation of this situation can be told in a very few words—integrity of the game.

Prime Object To Win. The prime object of each club is, as it should be, to win the pennant. By this act the public may be sure there is honest competition in the organization and good natured rivalry. For success throughout the circuit, a close race between the eight clubs is essential for wherever it is otherwise, with a few clubs away out in front and a few others away in the rear, it is a bad thing for the whole league. This situation develops, however, in a league which is not well balanced, but I predict at this time that the Western league will have one of the closest races it ever experienced and by this will provide recreation for the entire middle west.

The umpire staff has been selected with much care. Having received more than 50 applications for the positions, I have used my best judgment in selecting men who are a credit to the game, as well as standing out in their profession as fair and impartial.

In conclusion, I want to express to the great army of fans, the appreciation of the club owners, as well as my own, for the consideration and effective co-operation they have lent us in the past.

THE WESTERN LEAGUE. A. R. TEARNEY, Pres.

Standing of Teams

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Cincinnati, 10; St. Louis, 9; Chicago, 8; Pittsburgh, 7; Philadelphia, 6; New York, 5; St. Louis, 4; Boston, 3.

Yesterday's Results. Pittsburgh, 3; Chicago, 2; Cincinnati, 1; St. Louis, 1. Other games postponed.

Today's Games. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati. St. Louis at Chicago.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Louisville, 10; Columbus, 9; Indianapolis, 8; Milwaukee, 7; Toledo, 6; Kansas City, 5; St. Paul, 4; Des Moines, 3; Omaha, 2.

Yesterday's Results. Minneapolis, 10; Toledo, 3; Columbus, 7; Kansas City, 4; St. Paul, 3; Indianapolis, 2; Louisville, 1; Milwaukee, 0.

Today's Games. Milwaukee at Louisville. St. Paul at Indianapolis. Kansas City at Columbus. Minneapolis at Toledo.

TIGERS LOSE TO CLEVELAND IN GAME AT DETROIT

Jennings' New Outfielder Slaps Two-Sacker, Giving His Team Their Only Tally; Score, 3 to 1.

Detroit, April 26.—Hitting Boland hard in the sixth and seventh, Cleveland defeated Detroit in the last game of the initial series today, 3 to 1. Bagby allowed Detroit only seven scattered hits. Ira Flagstad, Detroit's new outfielder, celebrated his first appearance in the lineup with three hits, one for two bases resulting in Detroit's lone score.

CLEVELAND. DETROIT. AB R H O E. Infielders: Cobb, 4; Bagby, 4; Speaker, 4; Flagstad, 4; Grady, 4. Outfielders: Brown, 4; St. Louis, 4; Harwood, 4; Harwood, 4; Harwood, 4.

Sox Wallop Pitchers. St. Louis, April 26.—With a storm of base hits, Cleveland, behind in the sixth inning, won the game today, 10 to 2. The Sox were out of the box and scored six runs that won today's game from St. Louis. St. Louis' pitcher, Ed Walsh, was hit by a home run by Cleveland's Speaker in the third inning.

CHICAGO. ST. LOUIS. AB R H O E. Infielders: Cobb, 4; Bagby, 4; Speaker, 4; Flagstad, 4; Grady, 4. Outfielders: Brown, 4; St. Louis, 4; Harwood, 4; Harwood, 4; Harwood, 4.

Four Straight for Cincy. Cincinnati, April 26.—The local team made it four straight from St. Louis by winning today, 4 to 1. Louie, the Cuban pitcher, was hit hard in the latter half of the game, including two home runs, a double, a single, a walk and a hit by error. Louie was hit by a home run by St. Louis' Grady in the sixth inning.

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American Association. At Toledo. Minneapolis, 10; Columbus, 9; Indianapolis, 8; Milwaukee, 7; Toledo, 6; Kansas City, 5; St. Paul, 4; Des Moines, 3; Omaha, 2.

Local Western Union Bowlers Land Second Place In Wire Tourney. The bowling team of the Western Union Employees' association took second place Friday night in a tourney staged with teams in New York, Denver and Chicago.

Los Angeles, April 26.—Joe Lacey and William Ranft won the National A. A. U. hand ball doubles championship here today, defeating Ernie Clark and Richard Retzer, 21-10 and 21-5. Joe Amestoy and Nolan Allen took third place, defeating Maynard Leswick and J. Welton, 21-7 and 21-13. All were entrants of the Los Angeles athletic club.

EAST CAPTURES TWO NATIONAL RELAY TITLES

Chicago U. Wins Two-Mile Title; U. of P. Takes One-Mile Event and Cornell Takes Four-Mile Race.

Philadelphia, April 26.—Chicago University Cornell and Pennsylvania won the principal relay race honors at the 25th annual carnival track and field sports which ended today. The one-mile relay championship of America was captured by the University of Pennsylvania in a heart breaking finish with Nebraska second, Cornell third and Missouri fourth in a field of eight starters.

The two-mile national relay title was won by Chicago's eight yards in a nip and tuck race with Harvard in which the other teams did not seriously figure. Cornell finished first in the four-mile relay championship.

The South Atlantic one-mile relay championship was won by Johns Hopkins and the Middle Atlantic by Rutgers. The eight starters in the mile national championship were Cornell, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Dartmouth, Pennsylvania State, Massachusetts Technical, Pittsburgh and Nebraska.

Four-mile college relay championship of America—won by Cornell (Ithaca, N.Y.), second, Syracuse (Syracuse, N.Y.), third, Princeton (Princeton, N.J.), fourth, Pennsylvania State (State College, Pa.), fifth, Pennsylvania (State College, Pa.), sixth, Lafayette (Lafayette, Pa.), seventh, Johns Hopkins (Johns Hopkins, Md.), eighth, Harvard (Harvard, Mass.).

One-mile college relay—won by Columbia (Columbia, S.C.), second, Pennsylvania State (State College, Pa.), third, Pennsylvania (State College, Pa.), fourth, Delaware (Delaware, Del.), fifth, Johns Hopkins (Johns Hopkins, Md.), sixth, Cornell (Cornell, N.Y.), seventh, Princeton (Princeton, N.J.), eighth, Harvard (Harvard, Mass.).

Two-mile college relay—won by Washington (Washington, D.C.), second, Carnegie Tech (Carnegie Tech, Pa.), third, Franklin Pierce (Franklin Pierce, N.H.), fourth, South Atlantic Interscholastic A. A. championship, one mile relay—won by Johns Hopkins (Johns Hopkins, Md.), second, Georgetown (Georgetown, D.C.), third, Catholic University (Catholic University, Wash. D.C.), fourth, Princeton (Princeton, N.J.), fifth, Pennsylvania State (State College, Pa.), sixth, Pennsylvania (State College, Pa.), seventh, Johns Hopkins (Johns Hopkins, Md.), eighth, Harvard (Harvard, Mass.).

Another item that lessened Dempsey's popularity with Omaha fans was the refusal of his manager to allow him to box an exhibition with Harry Williams, the Omaha heavyweight. A host of people that ordinarily take no interest in such affairs, was on hand for the show simply because Williams was billed to appear against Dempsey. All arrangements for the exhibition had been made with Harry Williams, the advance agent for the carnival who was empowered to make all such arrangements for Dempsey and Jack Kearns refused to allow Jack to perform with any but his own hired sparring partners.

Williams was even denied the privilege of appearing with anyone else, thus causing his friends to think that Dempsey feared the Omaha crapper. This is not the case at all, for Dempsey told me personally that he would like to take Harry on, as a favor to me, if for nothing else, but he could not if Kearns forbade it.

Willard Stronger. With all due regard for Dempsey as a fighter and gentleman, and in every other way, and as much as I would like to see him become the champion of the world, I cannot see that he figures to have one chance in ten of dethroning the present king of the heavies. His claims of youth and strength are perhaps well founded, but his youth will not give him any decided advantage, for while Jess is older in point of years, he is really no older than Jack in ring service and the challenger's strength can in no way compare with that of Willard's. Many ring followers have thought that the statement that the champion had never yet struck his hardest blow was all a publicity stunt, but it is a fact, nevertheless. Jess Willard has never yet struck any man a blow with his full force, for he doesn't know how hard he can hit and he's afraid to try and find out.

High Jump—won by H. Landon, Yale, 6 feet, 4 inches; second, C. Krogness, Harvard, 5 feet, 11 inches; third, H. Landon, Yale, 5 feet, 10 inches; fourth, Brigham Young University, 5 feet, 10 inches; fifth, Landon, Yale, 5 feet, 10 inches; sixth, Landon, Yale, 5 feet, 10 inches; seventh, Landon, Yale, 5 feet, 10 inches; eighth, Landon, Yale, 5 feet, 10 inches.

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As a Hill-Climber the Harley-Davidson again demonstrated its superiority by winning the "Free-For-All" event—breaking the record for the course and making the ascent in the fastest time in the famous Capistrano Annual Hill Climb at San Diego, California, April 13th; and winning the open and stock solo, the open side car events and making the fastest time up the hill for the day, in the Dover, New Jersey, Annual Hill Climb, April 13th.

There's a reason for the popularity of the Harley-Davidson Another Carload of Them Just Received. VICTOR H. ROOS "THE CYCLE MAN" Harley-Davidson Motorcycles and Bicycles. 2701-3-5 Leavenworth Street, Omaha.

Sandlot Gossip.

The Murphys will play the Longways this afternoon at Council Bluffs. A Winkler, formerly of Council Bluffs, Neb., will have them over the rubber for the McCaffrey team after the game at the Omaha Printing company yard.

Johnny Shields, well known amateur catcher, will probably do the receiving for the Bowen Furniture team this afternoon. Johnny King is another class A player who hasn't signed any contract yet. He can be reached by calling Harney 1827.

Peedilla, James, who made his debut in amateur base ball circles with the Brown Park Merchants several years ago, is still unsigned for this season. Class A manager, there's no chance for this tip. Vernon, coach of the Brown Park Merchants in class B circles for a number of years, will not be connected with this year, as he is still "somewhere in France." Al writes to his parents that he

PA ROURKE CALLS DES MOINES BALL GAME OFF; RAIN Scheduled Meeting Not Played But Teams Will Meet Today and Tomorrow If Weather Permits.

It was raining in a steady drizzle at 3:15 yesterday afternoon and after waiting the regular half hour, Pa Rourke had the umpire announce that the game with Des Moines was called off, but that the teams would meet at 3:15 today. The players on both teams had practiced on the infield and appeared anxious to get under way, but it started to drizzle and they made a run for the dugouts.

Weather permitting, the teams will play today and tomorrow. The Des Moines crew put on exhibition of snappy fielding in their 10 minutes workout and the prospects were for a fast game. The Rourke's hurled the pill around in nice fashion, in their practice and picked up the daisy cutters as though they liked them.

As an attraction, the game was a fizzle, but being only 17 paid admissions at the main gate and seven at the auto gate. Fifteen passes were also taken up. With so few spectators, the field had a dreary aspect. The rain checks issued yesterday will be good today or tomorrow. When the clubs square away today and tomorrow they will present the following players:

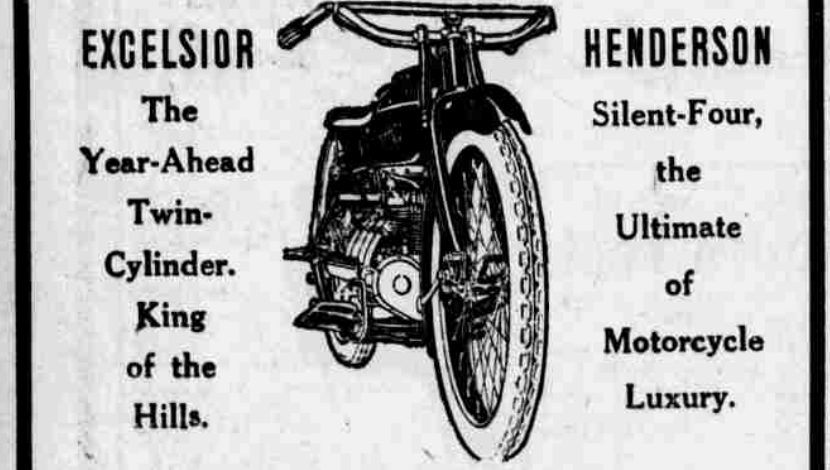
First: Haabrook. Second: Coffey. Third: Harford. Fourth: Harford. Fifth: Harford. Sixth: Harford. Seventh: Harford. Eighth: Harford. Ninth: Harford. Tenth: Harford.

Armours Go to Sioux City for Ball Game Today

The Armour semi-pro club will travel to Sioux City this afternoon for an exhibition game with the Western leaguers of that city and they are confident that they will be returned the victors, proving to local ball fans that Omaha has a better league club than Sioux City.

They lost two games to the Rourke's, both good ones, but they hope to trim their opponents this afternoon and if they do, they figure it will show the followers of the local leaguers that Omaha has it on the Iowa aggregation.

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