

Major and Minor Base Ball Leagues Start 1921 Pennant Races This Afternoon

Buffaloes To Open Season at Oklahoma City

Teams Will Enter Flag Scrambles With Bright Prospects for Successful Year.

The 1921 base ball season in all the organized base ball leagues of the country will be ushered in this afternoon when the first contests of the season are scheduled to be played on the various diamonds throughout the United States.

Old King Swat will come back to his own with vigor that proves beyond the shadow of a doubt the popularity and solidity of the national pastime.

Though shaken by inter-league disputes and the 1919 base ball scandal during the winter, and threatened with further bumps when the White Sox players and gamblers met with whom they are alleged to have conspired to rig the national pet sport will take the center of the stage this afternoon as in former years.

Prospects Bright for Races. Regardless of happenings in the past, base ball will be welcomed back heartily by the great army of fans. The game itself is too great to be wrecked by the missteps of a few misguided and near-sighted players.

The American, National and Western leagues will start their pennant races with bright prospects for one of the most successful seasons in their history.

In the Western league, Omaha Buffaloes will help the Oklahoma City club pry out the lid at Oklahoma City, St. Joseph and Tulsa will meet in the opener on the latter's lot, while Des Moines and Joplin crack open the league season at Joplin. Sioux City and Wichita clash at Wichita.

White Sox at Detroit. In the junior major league race the world's champion Cleveland Indians will open with the St. Louis Browns at St. Louis; the reconstructed White Sox will invade Detroit; the hopeful New York Yankees will meet the Athletics at the Polo Grounds and the Boston Red Sox meet the Senators at Washington.

John McGraw's New York Giants will help the Phillies open the National league season at Philadelphia. The champion Brooklyn Dodgers clash with the Braves in the "town" of the Cubs, under Johnny Evers, will entertain the Cardinals in Chicago, and George Gibson's snappy Pittsburgh Pirates will battle the Reds in Cincinnati.

The American association also opens its schedule today.

The Yankees and Cleveland Indians are sure to set a terrific pace in the American league from the very start, while in the National, the Dodgers, Giants, Pirates and Reds bid fair to make the pace red hot from the word "go."

Inter-Class Track Meet at Central to Be Held on April 29

Dr. Harold R. Mulligan, track mentor at Central High school, announced yesterday that the inter-class track meet will be held at Creighton field April 29.

The seniors will put the strongest team in the field with Green and Smith from last year's team. The juniors are bidding strong for first honors with Beckrie, Marrissas and Sautter.

The freshmen and sophomores have a number of men in abbreviated suits who they are confident will carry off honors at the meet.

Owners of Omaha Alleys Will Improve Place

The Omaha alleys will have a different appearance next fall when the bowling season begins to boom again, according to W. B. McCabe and Jim London, the proprietors. A new ventilation system is being installed and general all-round improvements will make the old chair-warmers of the place gasp. About the middle of May, when the Elks' bowling season will close, the drives will be shut down while the carpenters and artisans are working over the place.

Kayoes Jack Burke

St. Louis, April 12.—Herman Heitzrocker, St. Louis, knocked out Jack Burke of Chicago in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round bout here Monday night. They are heavyweights.

Johnny Ray Wins

Pittsburgh, April 12.—Johnny Ray, Pittsburgh lightweight, won the newspaper decision over Johnny Dunder, New York, in their 10-round bout Monday night.

Sport Brevities

Philadelphia, Pa.—The University of Nebraska has entered teams in the one-mile relay and the sprint triathlon events at the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival on April 25 and 26. It was announced today that Nebraska also will be represented by a number of special events. Derrine will run in the 100 yard dash, Wright in the 220 and 440 hurdles, Dale in the shot put and Moulton in the javelin throw.

Chicago.—A brief work out was scheduled for the Chicago Nationals today in preparation for the opening game of the season tomorrow here against the Cardinals. Alexander, it is expected, will pitch the opening game.

Chicago.—The White Sox left for Detroit today to open the season there. Kerr was favored as the pitcher selected to start, with Faber as the alternate.

Chicago.—The Western Conference base ball season will be opened officially tomorrow when Northwestern journey to Urbana to meet the University of Illinois.

New York.—Tom Gibson of St. Paul will engage Larry Williams, Bridgeport, Conn., heavy weight in a 15-round bout here tonight.

Detroit.—The Tigers have released pitcher Bernie Boland, who injured his pitching arm last year and has since been unable to get into shape.

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Baseball Games Today

- AMERICAN LEAGUE. Chicago at Detroit. Cleveland at St. Louis. Philadelphia at New York. Boston at Washington.
- NATIONAL LEAGUE. Brooklyn at Boston. New York at Philadelphia. St. Louis at Chicago. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Columbus at Indianapolis. Toledo at Louisville. Minneapolis at Kansas City. St. Paul at Milwaukee.
- SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION. Atlanta at Mobile. Chattanooga at New Orleans. Memphis at Little Rock. Nashville at Birmingham.
- WESTERN LEAGUE. Omaha at Oklahoma City. Des Moines at Joplin. Sioux City at Wichita. St. Joseph at Tulsa.
- PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE. Portland at Sacramento. Seattle at Salt Lake. Frisco at Oakland. Los Angeles at Vernon.

Favorites Win Easily In Opening of Men's Tennis Singles Meet

Pinehurst, N. C., April 12.—Favorites came through easily in three rounds played Monday in the opening of the men's singles in the north and south tennis championship tournament. Ishya Kumagae and Wallace Johnson, however, had to play fast tennis to win their third round games.

Howard Voshel and Harold Throckmorton, won their matches easily, but Kumagae, after winning his first set against Norman Johnson in six straight games, had to go through 20 games in the second and deciding set before winning, 11 to 9.

Dold Packers Beat Big "8" Hardware

Playing their first game since organizing, the "Dold Qualities" players from the Dold Packing company in their first match at Omaha defeated the Big "8" Hardware at Krug park. Kilroy struck out 12 men in five innings and Pike struck out seven in four innings. The Dolds made 11 hits against two by the Big "8." The Qualities will play their first league game Sunday at Carter lake, facing the Carter Laks.

State Bowling Assn. To Hold Meeting Here

Members of the Nebraska state bowling association will hold a meeting at the Omaha Alleys next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock to decide upon the date and place for the 1922 tournament. Officers will be elected.

Major and Minor League Season Dates

League	Opens	Closes
American	April 13	Oct. 2
National	April 13	Oct. 2
International	April 20	Sept. 25
Amer. Ass'n	April 13	Oct. 2
Pac. C. League	April 5	Oct. 2
Texas	April 15	Sept. 18
Southern	April 15	Sept. 17
Western	April 15	Sept. 27
Virginia	April 21	Sept. 24
So. Atlantic	April 25	Sept. 25
Piedmont	April 27	Sept. 13
Blue Ridge	May 17	Sept. 7
West. Texas	April 20	Sept. 5
Western Ass'n	April 20	Sept. 15

Many New Faces in Personnel of Clubs Composing National League

(Continued from Yesterday.)

New York (Giants).—Right up in front from the start is the place in the 1921 pennant race which the followers of the Giants expect the team will occupy after the opening game on April 13. Whether the New York players will verify this confidence of the club patrons remains to be proved. If careful preparation and excellent coaching during their training can bring success the Giants certainly have had the best of everything in that line throughout the southern trip.

Manager McGraw and his assistants, Hughey Jennings and Jesse Burkett and Cozy Dolan helping out, certainly form a staff of directors and instructors, which could not be duplicated by any other club in the National league. McGraw this year will be strictly a bench manager and he will intrust the coaching to Jennings and Burkett.

Changes may be made in the lineup before the initial game, but McGraw and his assistants seem to be pretty well satisfied that they will be able to put a championship team into the flag contest.

Plenty of Pitchers. With plenty of pitchers and an excellent catching staff to pick from everything looks good in these departments. The infield seems to be working well together while in the absence of Benny Kauff, Brown at center is filling the place acceptably with Young and Burns at their old positions in the outfield.

Sickness and injuries during the training trip impaired the usefulness of Dave Bancroft at short, Rapp at third and Frank Frisch, the "Fordham flash," at second, but all three may be the regular men at these infield positions at the opening of the season, with Kelly at the first sack.

"SPORT-O-GRAPHS"

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Frank G. Noble by Grover Alexander, pitcher of the National league and one of the truly great moundmen of history. His purpose is to school the youngster in the tricks of out-fielding. While it is of the most vital interest to youngsters, it furnishes a splendid reading for the adult fan for it details the methods which Alexander used to reach base ball greatness.

How to Pitch. By GROVER ALEXANDER Of Chicago Cubs.

A good arm, control, brains and courage—that's what the youngster needs who wants to become a pitcher.

There are two kinds of good arms; one for long distance throwing which outfielders must do; the other kind which is trained in the art of doing its best work when throwing 60 feet and 6 inches—the distance from the plate to the rubber.

Decide, first of all, what sort of an arm you have. If it's best for long distance throwing, then abandon the idea of becoming a pitcher, just as a man built for long distance running should abandon the thought of cracking 100-yard dash records.

Practice Control. Never mind the curves at first until you have acquired control; don't try anything else. Keep in mind, above all else, that unless you have control you'll never get anywhere as a pitcher. That's as necessary in good pitching as a pair of eyes are to a batsman.

Work out with one of your mates—a catcher preferably. Have him stand erect. Throw the ball at the pit of his stomach, using his belt as the main target. Keep on throwing at the belt until such time as you are certain you could hit it 99 times out of 100 if he missed the catch.

When you have acquired control to a point where you could hit your catcher's knees, belt or upper chest with a straight ball get a batsman to the plate. Make the line of his knees, his belt and his shoulders your target, using only a straight ball. Remember that a strike pitch is one which cuts the plate at any height between the batter's knees and his shoulders. That's to be your aim—to cut the plate with a straight ball at any point between the batter's knees and shoulders.

Keep practicing that until you feel you are perfect in it—and then keep right on practicing it. I've been in base ball for quite a few years and I'm still practicing it. For, having acquired control, practice is necessary to retain it. And if you don't retain control, you're through; right then and there as a pitcher.

Try Curve Ball Pitching. Now try curve ball pitching. The out-curve drop and the fast one-called-in-shoots by boys—are the three main stocks in a pitcher's trade.

It's rather difficult for me to describe in writing just how the ball should be held in the hand for each particular pitcher. But that's hardly necessary anyway, as every kid in the land knows how the ball should be held and delivered for the different curves. If you don't, one of your older boy friends can show you how it's to be done.

In learning to throw curves, the best thing is to learn first how to curve the ball irrespective of control. Stand 60 feet and 6 inches away from a given distance and try out your curves. Keep on trying them out until you can get them to break over the plate. If you aren't pitching a plate or to any of your boy friends, stand that distance away from a wall and place some object on the ground to serve as a plate.

Practice Makes Perfect. It will take you a long time to learn how to curve properly. But practice will make perfect. After a time you will have learned, almost by instinct, how far to twist the wrist so as to get the right sort of a break on the ball. When that is accomplished, start at the biggest job of all—curving and controlling at the same time.

Take your place in the pitcher's box. Work out with a catcher. Throw the ball so that when it curves it will "break" right over the heart of the plate and between the knees and the shoulders of an imaginary batsman. Keep on with this until you can "break" any curve over the heart of the plate. It can't be done in a week or a month—but by constant trying, you'll succeed. And after you can do it, keep practicing it just the same. Every major league pitcher in the land is still practicing it for unless he continues to practice it, he is through with the mound job.

After you have learned control and learned how to curve 'em and how to control your curves, these are the big things to keep in mind. Guard your arm zealously. Never strain it needlessly. It's your mightiest asset.

Work With Catcher. Always work in harmony with your catcher. He can help you more than any other man in the lineup. He's the foundation on which most of your success will rest. Study your batters. Work together with your catcher in that connection. Never pitch a batter anything which you think he can hit. Throw him the other kind. Always use your best pitch—your most deceiving ball—for the crucial moment of the game.

Mix up your pitches. Don't throw too many curves. They tend to take the snap out of the arm. Try to put the first one over for a strike. That'll get the batter in a hole. A fast ball is a mighty aid to any pitcher. But a slow one often times proves to be the best of them all. Batters don't expect many slow balls and when one of them comes along, it usually catches them set for a fast one. And you've slipped over a strike.

Practice Throwing to Bases. Always remember that you have eight teammates willing and eager to help you. Don't try to pitch all the balls past the batters. It'll hurt your arm. Give your mates something to do. Practice throwing to bases to catch napping runners. Practice fielding bunts. Practice covering first, so that you can do it whenever the first baseman is fielding the ball. And remember—always—that a game isn't won or lost until the last man is out. Never quit fighting until the final play is absolutely completed.

Omaha Pin Tumblers To Roll at Lincoln. A picked team of bowlers, consisting of Olson, Zadina, Koran, Sharpneck and McCabe, will journey to Lincoln Friday night to meet the Armstrong Clothiers of that city in the first three games of a special series. The second series of games will be rolled at the Omaha Alleys next Sunday.

First Contests In City High League April 26

Central Meets Creighton and South Plays Commerce in Opening Games of Season.

The City High School Base Ball league schedule, consisting of two rounds for the four teams, was announced yesterday. The four teams entered are Central, Commerce, South and Creighton High schools.

The league will open April 26, and playing through the month of May, will close May 24. The games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week.

No definite diamonds have been reserved for the high school games, but the teams will probably use the same battling grounds which were used last year. Creighton High will use the diamond on its campus, while South will probably be seen at Luxus park. Central and Commerce will play their games at the Municipal field at Thirty-second and Dewey avenues.

South High has the edge on the other teams for practice. The Packers have been practicing for more than a month and, according to Coach Patton, are displaying a classy brand of ball.

Central has been on the diamond for three weeks. Commerce and Creighton have just started practice, and will have to put in some hard licks to round into shape for the opening contest. Following is the complete schedule for the season.

Date	Central at	South at	Commerce at	Creighton at
April 26	Central at Commerce	South at Commerce	Commerce at Central	Creighton at Central
May 2	Central at South	South at Central	Commerce at Creighton	Creighton at Commerce
May 5	Central at Commerce	South at Commerce	Commerce at Central	Creighton at Central
May 10	Central at South	South at Central	Commerce at Creighton	Creighton at Commerce
May 17	Central at Central	South at Central	Commerce at Central	Creighton at Central
May 24	Central at Commerce	South at Commerce	Commerce at Central	Creighton at Central

Bob Roper Scheduled To Mix With Roberts

Chicago, April 12.—Capt. Bob Roper, local heavy-weight batter, expects to turn the tables on Al Roberts in a return battle in New York April 27, scheduled for 15 rounds to a decision. Eddie Long, manager of Roper, will take along Frankie Schaeffer and Ever Hammer, local lightweights.

Here's How They Stood A Year Ago Today

New York, April 12.—Where will victory rest tonight when the opening games in the major leagues are finished and the big gala day crowds have filed out of the parks in the American and National leagues?

Last year the teams that won a pennant—Cleveland and Brooklyn—got away to a winning start on April 14. The scores of 1920 opening-day games follow:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Boston, 6; New York, 3.
Brooklyn, 9; Philadelphia, 2.
Cincinnati, 7; Chicago, 3.
Pittsburgh, 5; St. Louis, 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Philadelphia, 3; New York, 1.
Cleveland, 5; St. Louis, 0.
Chicago, 3; Detroit, 2.
Boston, 7; Washington, 5.
Season opened April 15.

Walter Pigeon of the Yankees, hit the first home run of 1920 in the American league, Eddie Roush of the Reds contributed the first homer made in the National.

Krueger Second Catcher. Behind the bat the prospects are uncertain. Otto Miller, who has been with the club 11 years and last year was expected to do little playing, unexpectedly went back to his early form and became a star again. Whether he can repeat this year is another question like that concerning Konechky. Ernest Krueger was an erratic thrower last season and will probably be second-string catcher this season, but will have a rival in Zack Taylor, a youngster who sat on the bench all last season, but showed considerable merit in his few opportunities. Brooklyn recently bought Meyer, formerly with the Athletics, but he was slow in reporting.

The old outfield of Zack Wheat, Hi Myers and Tommy Griffith have all reported. But Wheat and Griffith are getting along in years and whether they will be able to repeat their excellent performances of 1920 is uncertain. Bill Lamar and Bernie Neis are giving all of the veterans a hard run and the club is well supplied in outfield material while the reserve strength of the infield is decidedly light at this stage.

On the whole the chances of the club will depend on the number of veterans batting up to their 1920 form and the pitching staff coming through even better than it did last year. A slipping by the veterans and any series of accidents to the pitching staff would probably mean new champions in the National league this year.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

Babe Ruth Out to Make New Record

New York, April 13.—Seventy-five homers in 1921!

Babe Ruth will start his quest for the new record better today when the Yankees and Philadelphia Athletics open the local base ball season at the Polo Grounds.

Thousands of New Yorkers will be in attendance at the game to see the Yanks and the "Big Bambino" swing into action. Ruth is the greatest drawing card in base ball, and though he found it difficult to take off poundage accumulated during the winter and will enter today's game still a trifle over weight, his attack on his own record of 34 home runs made last year will be watched with the keenest interest.

Many a hat has been wagered along Broadway on the outcome of Ruth's attempt to better his record. He modestly admitted when he returned from Cuba last winter that he "would like to make it 75" this year. His chances of reaching that goal are doubtful, according to the "experts," but that he will pass his 120 mark is the popular belief.

Buffaloes Trim Chickasha Club By 6 to 5 Score

Chickasha, Okl., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Barney Burch's Buffaloes, wearing the colors of the Omaha base ball team of the Western league, played errorless ball here Monday afternoon and succeeded in trouncing the local club of the Western association by the score of 6 to 5.

During the initial inning three of the first four Chickasha athletes to face Pitcher Glaser, smacked out home runs over the rightfield boards. Hayes, Field and Manager Hall were the players who played the Babe Ruth role.

The score by innings: B. H. E. Omaha 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0—5 7 6 Chickasha 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 0 0 Batteries: Glaser and Stapleton; Cventson, Adcock and Hayes.

Eddie Rickenbacker Plans to Fly to Big Indianapolis Races

Los Angeles, Cal., April 12.—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker of Oakland, Cal., former automobile racing driver and premier American ace in the world war, plans to make an airplane flight from Oakland to Indianapolis to attend the automobile races at the latter city May 30, he announced Monday.

Rickenbacker later "hopped off" for Oakland, after acting as referee yesterday of the automobile races on the Los Angeles speedway.

Rickenbacker said he hoped to make the flight in two days, leaving Oakland at 4 o'clock in the morning, reaching Omaha that night and arriving at Indianapolis the following afternoon. He said he would fly at an altitude of from 12,000 to 16,000 feet.

Pitcher Bernie Boland Released by Detroit

Detroit, Mich., April 12.—Pitcher Bernie Boland has been unconditionally released, President Navin of the Detroit Americans announced. Boland injured his pitching arm early last year and was out of the game most of the season. It was said the arm still bothered him.

Tearney Assigns 'Umps' for Openers

Guthrie and Holmes, Former Coast Leaguers, Complete Staff for 1921.

Chicago, April 12.—President Tearney of the Western league left last night for Joplin, Mo., to confer today with his umpires, preliminary to the opening of the season Wednesday. Assignments for the opening games follow:

Delave and Guthrie at Oklahoma City; Daly and Burnside at Wichita. Anderson and Becker at Joplin, and Holmes and Buckley at Tulsa.

With acquisition of Guthrie and Holmes from the Pacific Coast league, President Tearney considers his staff a strong one. Guthrie officiated in the coast league for eight years. Delave, Daly, Burnside, Becker and Buckley were in the Western league last season. Anderson is from the Southern association.

Cahn and Stephens Win in Cue Tourney At Academy Parlors

Albert Cahn climbed another notch in the standings of the state three-cushion billiard tourney being staged at the Academy parlors yesterday afternoon when he defeated A. Muse, 35 to 25, in a 74-inning affair. The high run of the match, which was four, was made by Cahn.

In the evening game, Charlie Schnell went down before the cue of Ralph Stephens, 35 to 16, in a 60-frame match.

Bob Williams and Jim Blakeney meet this afternoon, while Cahn and Edgar Eddy, two former state champs, play during the evening in what is expected to be a hard-fought game from start to finish.

Elks Tourney Thursday

The Elks' bowling tournament games will be rolled at the Omaha Alleys next Thursday night. The "Bills" will dump the hickory sticks every Thursday eve until the tourney closes.

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Ben Franklin Gives Bonds—State Officers After Other Gamblers

Chicago, April 12.—Ben Franklin of St. Louis, indicted in connection with the alleged throwing of the 1919 world's series by the White Sox, gave bonds of \$8,000 Monday.

He is alleged to have been one of the gamblers who were arrested for throwing the series.

The bonds of Swede Risberg, former shortstop of the White Sox, who also was indicted, probably will be approved today.

George Gorman, assistant state's attorney in charge of the prosecution, announced he would start extradition proceedings against "Sport" Sullivan, Rachel Brown, Abe Atell and others indicted who have failed to give bonds.

Kid Graves Beats Pep Webster In 10-Round Bout at Albia, Ia.

Albia, Ia., April 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Kid Graves of Omaha former welterweight champion, defeated Pep Webster, Buxton colored flash, in eight rounds of a 10-round match here Monday night. Two rounds were even.

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