

Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

Best Big 10 and Valley Stars to Settle Rivalry

Spike Shoe Performers From All Parts of U. S. Will Compete at Drake Games Next Saturday.

With leading universities and colleges in the middle west represented by teams or individuals, the outdoor track and field season will be officially opened next Saturday when Drake university will conduct its annual relay carnival at Des Moines, Ia. This event, forerunner of the great University of Pennsylvania games, serves as the final test to select athletes and teams for the eastern event, which this year promises to be the greatest ever, from the standpoint of both quality and quantity.

While weather in past years has not been conducive to perfect performances at Drake, strength of the various relay teams can be determined to a degree of certainty, while a definite line can be secured on the field performers, especially the weight tossers.

Illinois Quartets Strong.

Illinois, western conference indoor track champion, undoubtedly will be represented in a number of the relay races. Orange and Blue quartets won the two-mile and four-mile relays in the Illinois indoor relay carnival, and Coach Gill may elect to send the same teams into the victors in the relay of the indoor conference meet, and appeared good enough in that event to race any quartet of milers in the middle west.

Michigan May Withdraw.

Michigan undoubtedly will start a team in the one-mile relay. The Wolverine quartet was a good second to Penn in the Illinois relay games, and should be better out of doors. In addition to the mile quartet, Coach Farrell has a few sterling athletes for the individual events.

Notre Dame Stars to Compete.

Coach Rocke of Notre Dame will send either a one or two-mile team into the relays, while Johnny Murphy will be the center in the mile relay. Bill Hayes in the dashes and Shaw in the shot put.

While western conference institutions will be represented in most events, universities and colleges in the Missouri Valley conference look upon the event as the greatest of the annual outdoor meet of the association. In past years every institution in the valley conference has entered teams, and this season will be no exception.

Kansas Aggies Have Stars.

Charles Bachman, who is developing track as well as football teams at the Kansas Agricultural college, will undoubtedly send a four-mile or one-mile team into the meet. In the Kansas Aggies, there is strong distance running as there is in the section, while Bachman should be able to select three other runners from a promising squad to complete the team. Gallagher, a good athlete, won the low hurdles at the Illinois relays and was third in the dash.

Missouri will be represented by Brutus Hamilton, one of the best all-around athletes in the country, in the field events. Kansas has a good shot put in Sandeur and sprinter in Bradley, while Ames has a promising high and broad jumper in Paige, who is lacking only in the Illinois relays.

Yank Team of Amateur Golfers to Sail April 30

New York, April 16.—(Special.)—That American team of amateurs who plan to go abroad to play in the British golf championship at Hoylake is looking better every day. With Chick Evans agreeing to compete, the only real star who will be lacking will be Francis Quinnet.

Fred Wright, the Massachusetts state amateur champion, has been asked to make one of the team, and according to present plans he will go. The party of Americans will sail from this city on the Caronia April 30, arriving in England May 3. Fifteen days before the tournament gets under way.

Iowa Champion Legion Basket Ball Team



Left to Right—Henry Mellor, Henry Hall, manager; Donald Alberti, Elmer Christensen, Ray Barrett, George Heath and Elias Larson.

Here's Rainbow post, No. 2, American Legion basket ball players of Council Bluffs, who won the championship of Iowa at the state tournament held at Fort Dodge. The Council Bluffs quintet has challenged the Grand Island team, claimant of the Nebraska championship, but arrangements for the game were never completed.

Success as Pest Led "Will" Ritchie Right to Ladder of Fight Fame

By HARRY NEWMAN.

"I tried to get rid of a pest one night in Oakland many years ago, and in doing so drove him right on the heels of the championship," said Tommy Simpson, the hustling boxing promoter. "This persistent person was Geary Steffen. He had been dogging me, begging a chance to show how he could fight."

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Who Said Ted Ray Was a Scientific Golfer? Read This

Frank Colvin, who played pre-season golf in the rain two weeks ago, dressed in his fishing clothes and holding an umbrella over his caddy bag, comes across with another authentic rumor.

It happened last summer. Frank got stymied behind a clump of trees in the rough at Elmwood park. The scientific way to get out of this predicament would have cost him a dozen strokes, and the rest coming in contact with a single leaf. When it struck the green it made straight for the hole, giving Frank the par. His card showed but 133 for the eight holes, so the rest paid him their two-bit pieces.

Muse and Eddy Win Games at Academy

A. Muse amused a crowd of billiard fans at the Academy parlors Friday afternoon, when he defeated Heine Harsch in a three-cushion match of the state tournament, by the score of 35 to 31. The game went 110 innings and was featured by the safety shots played by each cue wielder.

STOVE LEAGUE CHATTER

Prospects for the opening season today are not favorable, on account of the rain during the past few days.

The Woodmen of the World team in Kalamazoo, Mich., P. U. R. S. S. amounting to \$13,000 are offered in the early closing events of the Grand Circuit races, to be held here July 18 to 23.

Crap Shooters 'll Decide Election, Avers Kid Alex

The Canary Kid Tells of His Strange Dream, Misfortunes of a Sports Editor and Continues Tale of Thrilling Adventures of Beautiful Burlesque Chorus Girl.

By H. R. HARRIS.

"The night after Jim Dahlman 'nounced 'is ticket, up th' United Seven I 'ad a mos' peculiar dream," observed the Canary Kid, seating himself beside me.

"I dreams 'at it's th' day up th' 'lection an' Jim's sittin' on 'is desk over t' th' marshal's office an' 'e's got a pair of big dice one up, which is named Oedipus an' th' other 'Ha."

Betting on Ball Games Back 1876 Was Made On a Small Scale

New York, April 16.—(Special.)—Back in 1876 when Hall, Devlin, Crater and Nichols were blacklisted by the National league for throwing games, betting by sure-things gamblers was conducted on a small scale," said a former big league magnate the other day.

Ted Ray Makes Drive Of 380 Yards in Match

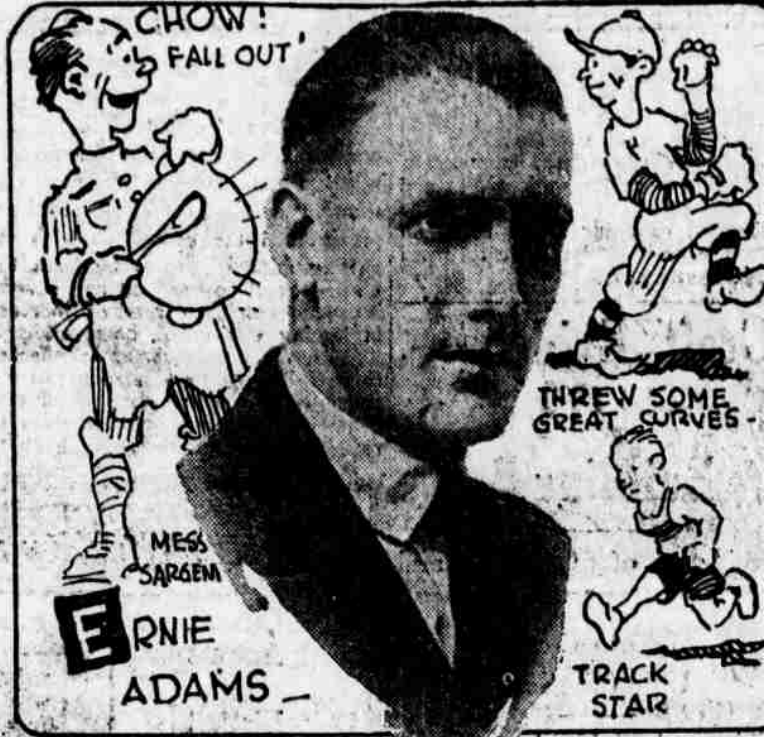
New York, April 16.—(Special.)—Ted Ray, the American open champion, is at it again. He is credited with a drive of 380 yards in a recent match at the Moseley club's course, Birmingham, England.

CAC SPLASHES

John Robertson is back in the swim after an absence of several months. This young man is out to get in shape again for the tank meet.

Dr. W. H. Franer is going better each day. He has agreed up with the Drive-It-Yourself team and it is said, he is a wonder with the willow.

Bee's Sport Album—Ernie Adams



Probably the youngest and most successful college or university coach in the country is a native-born of Omaha.

He had in question, who it will know here, is none other than Ernest Adams, better known among his many thousands of friends in the athletic circles as Ernie, coach of the University of Omaha.

Grappler Cutler Nearly Passes as Minister of Gospel

Charlie Cutler, the Chicago heavyweight wrestler, was enroute to Louisville recently, where he has a business engagement, on the way to the city to meet a minister who was traveling to another city on a reform mission.

Pick Up Money on Japan Trip; May Sail Again

Gene Doyle of Los Angeles, who piloted a base ball team to Japan a few months ago, may take a team there after the 1921 base ball season.

For PLAYERS OF WHIST

Trumps partner's ace is an expression commonly used to describe utter stupidity. It is a very high card, as in the deal given below.

S—A, 7, 3, 2	H—K, 10, 6, 5	D—None	C—None
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Draft System Is a Hot Bed of Base Ball Rows

Present Form Dissatisfies Majors and Minors—Big League Makes Difference With Players.

One thing the major league planned to put over the minors (but didn't) in the new national agreement, was the restriction of the "option" contract to minor leagues which were willing to submit to the draft.

When practically all the AA and A league value of the National association elected not to have their players drafted, and not to draft from other circuits, that left only a small field in which the major league owners could plant their embryonic stars for growth and development.

It would not increase a young player's value to any great extent to farm him back to a class B league, even if he were obtained from a lower classification. Managers below the major-minors cannot teach a prospect much base ball as a rule, consequently the big leagues did not "carry on" with their idea of holding "option" players from leagues which spurred the draft.

Big Minors May Have Trouble.

The larger minor leagues, which have elected to scorn the draft, will find difficulty in signing up promising young players from the prairies, the schools and colleges, because those players, if they are real players, will have an ambition to rise to major league ranks as fast as possible.

Indians and Yanks Doped as Favorites

Cleveland and New York Clubs Regarded as Strongest in American League.

A base ball expert says that Cleveland's Indians and the Yankees are generally regarded as the strongest teams in the American league.

Badger Rowers May Race Duluth Club as Acid Test

It is understood the University of Wisconsin varsity eight oar crew will compete against the Duluth Boat Club in a trial race preliminary to determining whether the Cardinal, in its first year of revived rowing, will attempt the annual intercollegiate classic of America at Poughkeepsie.

Sport Brevities

New York—Boxing in New York under state control since the act of August, 1919, has proven a success both financially and in a sporting sense. The licensing commission declared in a published report. Violations of the law are being prosecuted on the part of commission and committees, were relatively few, the report shows, and only one club party was suspended.

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