

Burch Busy Signing Players for 1921 Season---Report March 15

Nine Pitchers Will Tryout With Buffaloes

Lee, Lingle, Griffin and Gilsason Expected to Return---Secretary "Mike" Finn Augling for More.

By RALPH WAGNER. ARNEY BURCH, president of the Omaha base ball club and manager of the Buffaloes, heaved a huge chunk of fuel into the "stove league" fire yesterday when he announced the names of nine pitchers who have been ordered to report here March 15 for spring practice.

Of the nine hurlers who have been sent contracts five are former Buffaloes, namely, Baumgartner, Okrie, Kopp, Jensen and Tison.

Baumgartner was with the herd season, although during the latter part of the schedule he was released because of an injured arm. Frank Okrie, who was secured from the Detroit Tigers about the middle of the 1921 season, will be back, while Charlie Kopp, a veteran of the 1920 squad, has returned his signed contract. Charlie started last season, but his arm went bad before the playing schedule grew very old.

New Hurlers. Among the new hurlers are Druggan, former star sandlot pitcher of Woodlawn, Pa.; J. E. Coffindaffer, who heaved the horseshoe over the platter two seasons for the Birmingham club of the Southern association; "Mut" Wilson, Columbus, O., and Norman Glaser, who pitched good ball for Sioux City of the Western league during the 1921 season.

P. G. Smedecor, former Joplin first baseman, will occupy Jack Lellivelt's place at the initial sack. "Smed" is a good hitter and plays his position well.

At second base, the Buffalo fans will no doubt cast their glances on the "veteran" "Whitey" Gilsason. "Whitey" performed in stellar fashion last year and is expected to return at his old position when the birds start flyin' north.

Grantham at Third. G. Grantham, who was purchased from the Portland team of the Pacific coast league, is slated to play third. Fred Haney, who cavorted in good style around the "hot corner" last season, will get a chance next summer to show before the major league customers.

Grantham is considered by fans who have witnessed his playing, to be one of the best third-sackers on the coast. He has a reputation of "knocking down" everything that comes his way.

At shortstop, Chattanooga, Tenn., will have a representative in the person of Wilcox. He was referred to the Burch-Finn combination by several major scouts and is said to be a speedy custodian of the half-way station.

Griffin to Return. In the outfield, "Pug" Griffin and "Billy" Lee probably will be back. Griffin blew into town last week and informed Burch that he is catching the base ballitis and is anxious to don the Buffaloes' uniform. Weather man is expected to work out in the sun garden.

Ray O'Brien, hard-hitting right fielder and one of the best fielders in the local league, has been returned to Fort Worth of the Texas league.

H. Singlardi, from Portland, will tryout for O'Brien's position.

J. Walters, formerly with the Spokane (Wash.) club, will report to Burch as a first baseman.

Several Deals Pending. Several deals are pending, according to Burch. The players have been ordered to report in Omaha on March 15. Spring training will be held at the local lot, providing weather conditions are favorably.

Omahans Who Wield a Wicked Cue



The Standings Follow:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Harsch	3	0	1.000
Stephens	2	1	.667
Shepard	3	1	.750
Roller	3	2	.600
Hamilton	3	2	.600
Usher	1	1	.500
White	1	3	.250
Swanson	1	3	.250
Egley	0	3	.000
Hines	0	1	.000

Billiards is fast becoming one of the popular winter indoor sports in Omaha. Judging from the number of tournaments and parlor tournaments staged at the various local cue rooms, the green-cloth game is gaining popularity by leaps and bounds.

In the above layout are shown six entries in the annual pocket billiard tournament being staged at the Academy parlors.

Hieme Harsch leads the tourney with a clean slate of three victories, while Shepard is second with three wins and one defeat.

The latter is former state title holder and his defeat by "Billy" Usher Friday night was one of the big upsets of the tourney.

Thus far, Ralph Stephens, former champ, holds the high run record of the tourney. He chalked up 64 tallies two weeks ago. Hurley Hamilton has a high run of 43, while Roy White ranks second to Stephens with a high run of 45.

Monday afternoon the tourney will be resumed with a match between Stephens and Swanson, Usher and Harsch cross cues in the evening's game.

either the first or second week in September. This will mark the second time Brookline has been favored with the amateur event.

The Skokie club, near Chicago, will have the open next year, the time most favored being July. There is a desire to give golfers competing in the British open at Sandwich, June 22 and 23, an opportunity to reach this country in time for the U. S. G. A. meeting. Were it not for that an earlier date would be chosen.

Council Bluffs High Easily Beats Sidney

The Council Bluffs High school basketball quintet easily defeated the Sidney (Ia.) High basketballers on the former's floor last night by the score of 53 to 10.

The Iowans started off in the lead and were never in danger of losing. At the end of the first half the score was 34 to 2.

Walsh with eight field goals and Owens with eight and one free throw, were the stars of the game.

Colgate Basketeers Will Leave Christmas Day for Tour of West--To Play Creighton Team

Hamilton, N. Y., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Colgate's basket ball team will leave here on Christmas day for one of the most extensive inter-sectional jaunts ever taken by a Maroon athletic team. The trip will include two contests with Creighton at Omaha, one with Des Moines university at Des Moines, two games with Illinois Wesleyan at Bloomington and the second with the University of Chicago five at Chicago. The clash with the Purdue university quintet at Lafayette on January 2 will complete the Maroons' western schedule, the team then returning east to meet some of the strongest court fives there, including Yale, Princeton, Pittsburgh, Brown, Allegheny and Syracuse.

Head Coach "Bill" Reid of the Colgate aggregation has a nucleus of

eight letter men, veterans of last season, from which to choose a strong combination for this season's schedule. The Maroon five has played but one game to date, defeating the powerful Clarkson Institute of Technology quintet by a 48-34 score. The Maroon combination, with Barnes and Hermann at forwards; Mosier and Leonard alternating at center and Linnehan and Steffen at the guards showed a wealth of promise and latent power for such an early season game. This is practically the same team which last year broke even in two-game series with both the University of Nebraska and Creighton quintets. Other men who have been traveling at top speed in late practices and who will probably make the western trip include O'Connor, star forward; Murphy, speedy guard; Layland, shifty forward; and McMullen, fast working guard.

Doctor Rebukes Effort to Stop Sports on Sunday

"There is no better way to spend Sunday than exercising in the open air," said Dr. Valeria Parker, executive secretary of the United States interdepartmental social hygiene board, at Washington, D. C., recently. "Devote part of the morning to divine service and the rest of the day to preserving God's best gift, health. Make it a day of sport and healthy enjoyment."

Tennis, golf and base ball are all good recreations for Sunday, and if fathers and mothers will play spectators or take a hand in the game, the one possible evil, bad associates, cannot exist.

The schoolboy who is unruly on Monday was stuffed, nagged at, and repressed on Sunday; the schoolgirl who is hard to manage on Monday didn't have a hard game of tennis as an outlet for her spirits the day before.

"Stop games on Sunday? Why, if we were wise, we'd have more of them. We'd have the whole family out running, jumping and shouting together, instead of lolling bored at home, on Sunday afternoon."

Bankruptcy Petition Filed Against Steamship Firm

New York, Dec. 17.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court late yesterday against the France and Canada Steamship company.

Creditors listed were the McCoy-Moran company, which claims \$5,000; American Trans-Marine company, Inc., \$17,824, and United States Mail Steamship company, \$25,000.

English Harriers May Come to U. S. Negotiations in Progress Which May Bring Oxford Runners to Meet.

New York, Dec. 17.—There is every reason to believe that next fall will see cross-country runners from Oxford or Cambridge, or both, in action in this country. Though no definite plan for a return of the visit of the Cornell harriers to England last winter has been formulated, it is believed that negotiations to that end are in progress. It is possible that the British universities will be invited to send their teams to the Intercollegiate A. A. A. cross-country championship race next autumn and, failing in this, there may be some arrangement for an international hill and dale contest during the Christmas holidays. It has been pointed out that the British collegians will hardly be able to leave their studies as early as November 1, when it would be necessary for them to sail from home so that they could reach the United States in time to lumber up in the I. C. A. A. run in the middle of the month.

Each'em Golf Pros To Invade South

Evidence of how the game of golf is spreading in the south comes with the announcement that open tournaments will be held at San Antonio, February 18 and 19; at Houston, February 28 and 29, and at New Orleans, March 4 and 5. It had been expected that a large delegation of eastern "pros" would take in the new circuit, but the general opinion is that it will be impossible to make Texas and New Orleans on the dates mentioned.

Postpone Fight New Orleans, Dec. 16.—A scheduled 15-round fight between Chuck Wiggins of Indianapolis and Martin Burke of New Orleans here tonight was postponed on account of inclement weather. The fight will be

Basketball Results FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

LOCAL. Creighton, 43; Midland, 17. South High, 40; Alamosa, 14. STATE. Geneva, 24; Grafton, 14. Lincoln, 35; York, 12. Boone Freshman, 21; Friend, 12. Napoleon Junior, 10; Waverly, 8. Milligan, 18; Shickley, 17. Foster, 17; Fairmont, 11.

Mike Gibbons Outpoints O'Dowd In Ten Rounds

St. Paul, Dec. 17.—Mike (Phantom) Gibbons, easily outpointed Mike O'Dowd, former middleweight champion, in a 10-round battle here Friday. Gibbons displayed all his old-time cunning and had the "Harp" missing from start to finish.

For the most of the 10 rounds Gibbons was content to jab O'Dowd with his left, occasionally crossing his right. O'Dowd kept boring in hoping for a chance to land a haymaker, but the elusive "Phantom" was right and most of the former champion's blows were wide of the mark.

O'Dowd managed to open an old wound over Gibbons' left eye, but this failed to bother the "Phantom" perceptibly. Outside of this the battle was bloodless, although the "Harp's" face was as red as a beet from the numerous jabs he took. But O'Dowd, tough as ever, wasn't hurt despite the blows he sustained.

O'Dowd weighed 160 and Gibbons 158. Both looked to be in perfect physical condition. It was the second meeting. In the first O'Dowd generally was considered the victor.

Griders Start Practicing for New Year's Game

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 16.—Thirty-three foot ball players, comprising the University of California foot ball team and its substitutes, went into vigorous training here today under direction of Assistant Coach "Nib" Price. It was the first workout for the scheduled post-season game January 2 at Pasadena with Washington and Jefferson college.

Head Coach Andy Smith, who has been in the east for several weeks, was scheduled to return to the campus tomorrow and supervise further work.

Harry Greb Will Meet Wilson

New York, Dec. 17.—Harry Greb of Pittsburgh will meet Johnny Wilson of Boston for the middleweight title in February, Tex Rickard announced today. The bout will be held in Madison Square Garden.

Kieckhefer Cuts Layton's Lead

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Angie Kieckhefer of Chicago, three cushion billiard champion, Friday reduced the lead of Challenger John Layton of Sedalia, Mo., from 16 to 7 points, in the second block of his three-day match for the world's three cushion championship.

Hamilton and Usher Win Cue Matches

Hurley Hamilton defeated Roy White, 125 to 81 in 29 innings of fast billiards at the academy parlors Friday afternoon. The match was played in the annual state billiard tourney.

Major League Magnates End Annual Meeting Without Any Settlement of Draft Question

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Dec. 17.—New York, Dec. 17.—Major league base ball magnates wound up their annual convolve Friday without any settlement of the draft question, but while most of the club owners departed for their homes, they left the advisory council here to hold another session tomorrow on the important issue.

Husker Hoopster Injured in Practice



Carman

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Carman, Cornhusker basket ball star, received a dislocated elbow in cage practice Friday night which may cause him to be out of the lineup for some time.

Carman is one of the most promising players on the Nebraska squad and is a letter man in basket ball. The injury to Carman is the first accident that has occurred to the Huskers this season.

Carman is an athlete of repute at Nebraska. Last year he won three letters in athletics, basket ball, base ball and track, in one semester; this feat is rarely performed at the University of Nebraska.

University of Penn Announces 1922 Gridiron Schedule

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Seven of the nine foot ball games comprising the 1922 schedule of the University of Pennsylvania were announced tonight by the council of athletics.

Newcomers on the schedule are the United States naval academy and the University of the South of Sewanee, Tenn. The University of Delaware and Gettysburg college are dropped.

Yankees to Build New Ball Park

New York, Dec. 16.—The last obstacle to the erection of a new ball park for the New York Yankees across the city from the Polo Grounds has been removed. The board of aldermen has granted the Yankees permission to close a street that runs through the site.

Contracts for the stadium, which will be the largest in the major leagues, will be let within 30 days. Col. T. L. Huston, one of the owners of the Yankees, declared that they hoped to lay out a foot ball field on the grounds so that games could be played there next fall. The diamond will be laid out in 1923.

Creighton Wins Opening Cage Game of Season

Creighton university's basket ball team defeated the light but scrappy Midland college five last night in the Creighton gym, 43 to 17, before the largest crowd that ever witnessed an opening game on the Creighton floor.

At the start of the game the play lacked speed and snap, as both teams passed rather poorly and missed many easy shots at the hoop. Capt. "Red" Wise of Creighton took a long hard shot from the side of the court for the first basket and from then on the result of the game was never in doubt. Wise's basket seemed to be the signal for the artillery to open up, and at this juncture Dick Mahoney, the Creighton center, and Jimmy Lovely, the lanky forward, came out of their hiding places and began piling up points from all angles on the floor. Mahoney was the main-spring of the Blue and White machine, scoring five of the field goals credited to his team, and playing his usual brilliant floor game.

"Red" Wise scored five baskets from the field. Jimmy Lovely was next in line with four to his credit and Johnny Troutman, a youngster who entered the game in the last few minutes, ranked up in quick succession. "Pat" Lisher and Dick Haley each registered a pair.

For the visitors Dana and Horn played the best brand of basket ball and each scored a pair of baskets. Lindburg, the giant center, also showed well and at times beat Mahoney to the tip-off.

Coach Kearney of Creighton used 16 men. Berry, Condon, Slane and Lynch played well at the guarding positions.

Jimmy Condon, running guard, had to be removed from the game in the last half when he received a broken thumb on his right hand. The lineup:

Creighton, 43.	Pos.	Midland, 17.
Wise, (Capt.)	Danna Lovely
Mahoney	Wells
Condon	Lindburg
Berry	Horn
Slane	Hauli (Capt.)
Substitutes—Creighton:		Lynch for Condon; Slane for Berry; Lisher for Wise; Horn for Mahoney; Wickham for Lovely; Paynter for Slane; Wilson for Mahoney; Haley for Troutman; Powell for Moir; Hill for Condon; Midland: Stauffer for Lindburg; Elliott for Horn.
Referee:		Dalley, Nebraska.

Yale Grid Team Wants Baldrige As Line Coach

Mac Baldrige, coach at Creighton, may become head line coach at Yale next year if he chooses.

A telegram from Tad Jones, head coach at Yale, offering him the post was received here and forwarded to him in the east where he is honeymooning.

It is not believed likely Baldrige will accept despite the fact that the position carries a substantial salary. The Creighton mentor, it is believed, will accept the Yale offer if he can continue his law practice. If he accepted the New Haven post he would have to remain there the greater part of the year.

Coyotes and Huskers Meet on Lincoln Gridiron October 7

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The University of South Dakota will be the first team to oppose the Cornhuskers' gridiron next fall. Athletic Director Lehring announced today that he had closed with Coach Stewart of the Coyotes for a game at Lincoln on October 7.

Denies Baldrige Offered Yale Job

New Haven, Dec. 17.—A report that Malcolm Baldrige, foot ball coach at Creighton university, has been offered a position as assistant and foot ball coach at Yale was stated to be without fact by the chairman of the athletic board, Clarence W. Mendel.

"We have not made such an offer to my knowledge, and no such offer could be authoritative without my sanction," he said.