

Baseball Magnates in New Nebraska League in Scramble for Diamond Talent

Baseball Plants Being Built in Several Cities

Lincoln's Field and Grandstand to Cost \$12,000—Chicago University Star Signed by Fairbury.

Lincoln, March 30.—Angling for and signing up the personnel that will wear the uniforms of those cities that have entered the newly organized Nebraska baseball league, particularly where the manager has been elected and organization perfected, is the indoor activity among league members pending the meeting here April 3, when the schedule will be adopted and the entry books closed, and May 12, when the season is scheduled to get under way.

Other signs of activity is the hasty scramble for diamond sites and the preliminaries to the time of inaugurating practice. The former is particularly true as it affects the capital city, as a new plant, estimated to cost \$12,000, must be built. Work on the plan already has begun.

Beltzer Signs Talent.
As for signing up players, the scouts are busy lining up league material. O. A. (Buck) Beltzer, member and manager-player of the Lincoln club, has started the filling process. Ed Gradoville, catcher, and Paul McCoy, second sacker, declared to be high in semi-pro circles of Nebraska fandom, were the first two players signed by Manager Beltzer. McCoy had a stick record of something like 405 last year. Negotiations are now under way with a number of other players. Beltzer announces

George W. Segrist, owner-manager of the Fairbury club, has announced the signing of Clatus Dixon, captain of the University of Chicago club. Dixon pastimes around the initial sack. A string of youngsters have been signed for the Fairbury team, reports say. Manager Segrist is dickering for an exhibition game with the Sioux City club of the Western league here April 27 (Fairbury), to serve as a curtain raiser of the season. An additional grandstand and bleachers will be erected at the city park.

Harry Smith a Pilot.
With the raising of sufficient funds to assure Norfolk a playing season, the election of a board of directors, which will elect a manager, and plans formulated for reconstructing the ball yard, the canvas for diamond artists to represent the Madison county metropolis in the league soon will be under way.

Harry Smith, for the last two seasons manager of the David City team, has been signed to pilot the Hastings squad. Smith was to carry the David City aggregation through the season if it had elected to enter the league, but as the Butler county organization apparently has passed enlistment, its manager and several players are booked to move over to Hastings.

Beatrice directors are reported to be negotiating with Pete Lyck, a catcher, and Mack Allison, former Western league pitcher, to take over the reins of the Gage county squad. The Grand Island management probably will announce the engagement of team manager this week. As sufficient "ducks" have been pledged to insure good teams and hearty support, high class material is expected.

Former Oklahoma Track Captain Is Expelled

Norman, Okl., March 30.—The athletic council at the University of Oklahoma here today quizzing members of the university track team in an effort to find out if they knew that Harold Hubbauer, captain of the Sooner track squad in 1920 was an ineligible member of the team which defeated Baylor university at Waco, Tex., in a dual meet last Monday.

Hubbauer was expelled from school yesterday by President Stratton D. Brooks and Grover C. Jacobson, university track coach, as a result of the affair.

Pinkey Mitchell Signed to Battle Pal Moran

Milwaukee, Wis., March 30.—Pinkey Mitchell, Milwaukee, and Pal Moran, New Orleans, were matched today to box 10 rounds here on April 7. Promoter Tom Ann, Los Angeles, and Tony O'Brien, Milwaukee, lightweights, will box the wadup.

Pitcher Harper Reinstated.

Chicago, March 30.—Pitcher Harry Harper of the New York Yankees today applied for reinstatement and it was immediately granted at the office of Baseball Commissioner K. M. Landis. Harper had received a leave of absence on account of a business contract, but will join the Yankees immediately.

Golf Facts Worth Knowing

Q. Can a ball that rolls into a hole from which has been removed a direction be lifted and dropped without penalty?
A. Yes.
Q. What is the penalty for picking up a ball on the putting green before it is holed out?
A. Two strokes, provided the player replaces it and holes out before leaving the green. Otherwise disqualification.
Q. Is there any rule that requires a player to move out of the line of vision of his opponent on the putting green?
A. No rule; merely a matter of courtesy of the game.
Q. Has a single or threesome a right by rule to ask to play through a four-ball match?
A. Yes, provided there is at least one of the four open for play. A "single" means a match between two players, not a four-ball.

Quintet of Buffalo Pill Swatters



INTRODUCING five Omaha Buffaloes who are showing up well in practice games at the club's training camp at Victoria, Tex. Fred Marush, who played with Edmonston last year, is trying out

Ben Smith Loses Buffalo Berth

Victoria, Tex., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Galveston Sanderals will be guests of the Omaha Buffaloes here for two days, Thursday and Friday, at Riovista park.

Barney Burch today started his spring cleaning of the squad. He sent Catcher Koch of Victoria, Pitcher Bowman, Treon and Boddy; Infielder Waite and Outfielder Amen to "Buck" Stapleton, manager of the Greenville club of the Mississippi State league. Pitcher Smith, who was recently released by Burch, has already reported to the Greenville team of the same league. Infielder Obster drew his unconditional release yesterday and left immediately. Jelsma has been turned back to the Henryetta (Okla.) club. Amen's place in left field will be filled by Hermann, secured from the Detroit Tigers, who have been in spring training at Augusta, Ga. This athlete has the reputation of being a hard hitter and good fielder.

Schaefer Retains Balkline Crown

Chicago, March 30.—Jake Schaefer last night watched his world's 18.2 balk-line billiard championship fade into the distance, but by nifty work he pulled his match with Willie Hoppe out of the fire, ending the third and final block of play with 1,500 points to the former champion's 1,408.

Harry Malone to Box Strayer on Hastings Card

Hastings, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Harry Malone and Battling Strayer will meet in the main event of a boxing carnival to be staged Tuesday night by Company G at the armory.

Coach Dawson Becomes Husker Athletic Director

Lincoln, Neb., March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Coach Fred T. Dawson, dean of men and acting athletic director at the University of Nebraska, will take over the actual athletic directorship and will continue in that capacity for an indefinite period. This announcement was made by Chancellor Avery yesterday.

Lincoln State League Manager Signs Players

Three baseball youngsters, all ambitious to attain fame in the national game, have been added to the roster of the Lincoln State league club, Manager "Buck" Beltzer has announced the acquisition of "Cly" Williams, a pitcher from Gilmer, Neb.; E. V. Gabriel, outfielder from Grand Island, Neb.; and Dewey Laws, Kearney, Neb., pitcher.

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May Help Red Sox.
Some of the new fellows will be a big help to the Red Sox. Dugan, if he can be made to play at his best, is a great infielder. O'Rourke will prove a fair shortstop, but not of Scott's caliber. Smith and Burns will not be the best of fielders, but will hit, however.

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Today's Ring History

Forty-four Years Ago.
Jack Johnson born Galveston, Tex.
Thirty-one Years Ago.
George Dixon won from Cal McCarthy, Troy, N. Y., 22 rounds.
Twenty-four Years Ago.
George Karwin won from Ed Lally, St. Louis, 8 rounds.
Nineteen Years Ago.
Young Corbett (William H. Bothwell) knocked out Terry McGovern, San Francisco, 21 rounds.
Eleven Years Ago.
Frankie Moran against Joe Atell, no decision, New York, 10 rounds.
Five Years Ago.
Irish Paton (the sexton) Lee Johnson, no decision, New York, 10 rounds.
Pete Harrison (the sexton) Duffy, no decision, Brooklyn, 10 rounds.

State Volley Title Won by O. A. C. Team

Lincoln, March 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The Omaha Athletic club won the state volleyball title when it defeated the York Y. M. C. A. team on the Lincoln "Y" floor last night. Although York outpointed Omaha, 83-81, Omaha captured the best four games out of seven for the state title.

Creighton High Will Not Have Track Team in Field

Creighton High school will not be represented on the outdoor path this coming track season, according to Coach Frank Martin.

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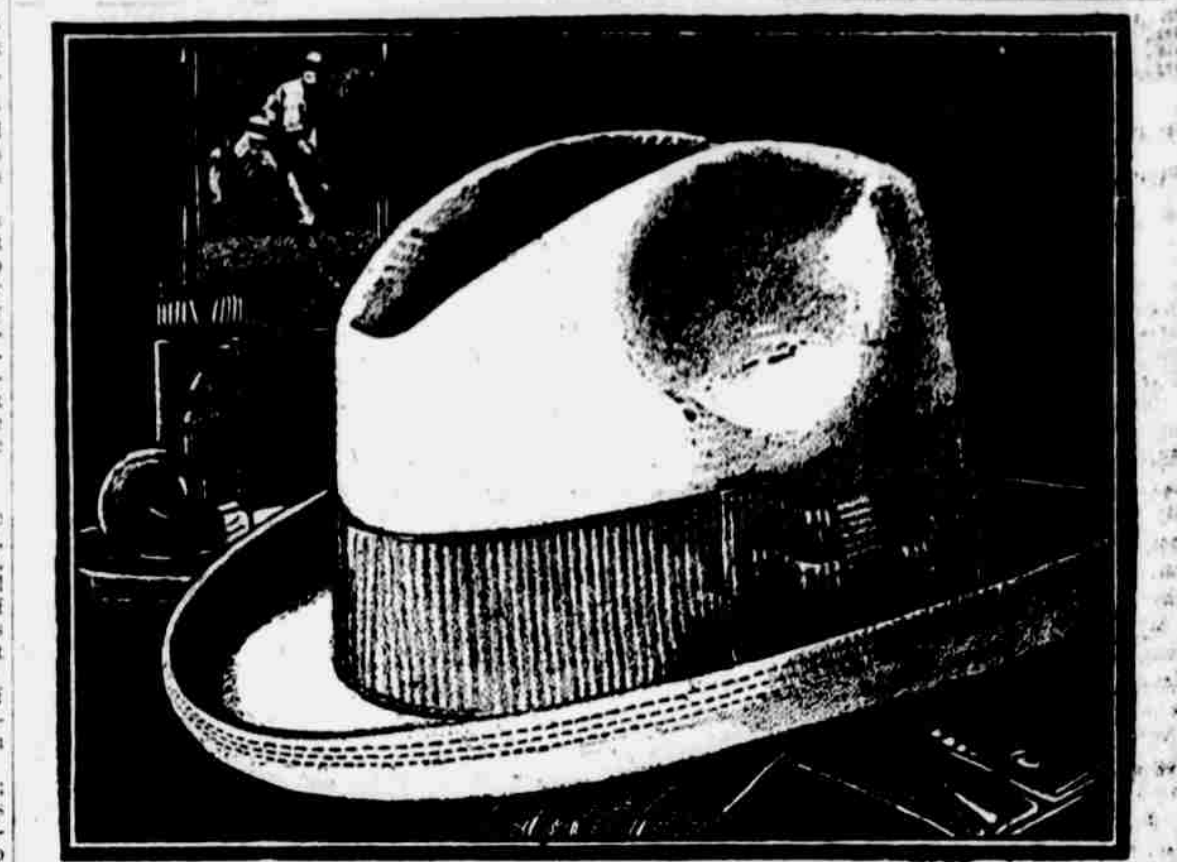
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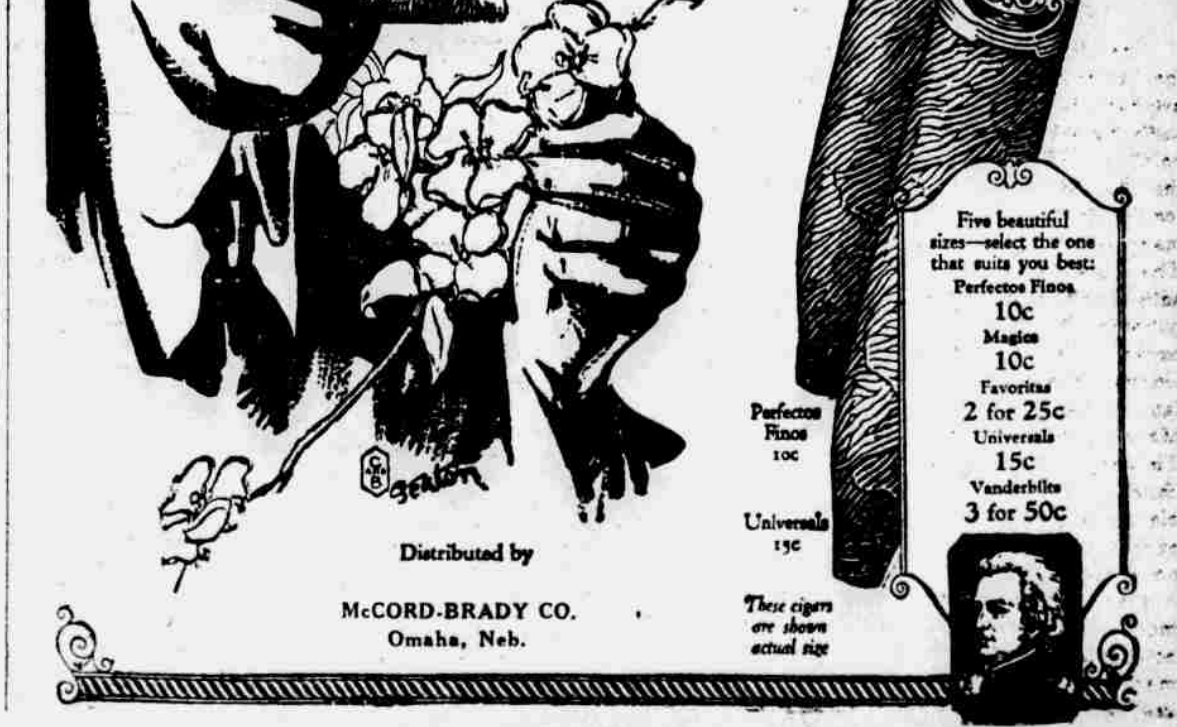
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