

Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere. BY "CLUG"

GROVER TO START

His Bugship Will Probably Pitch Opening Game.

Savages Leave for St. Joe at 7:15 A. M. Thursday.

Manager Lattimore and thirteen members of his Savage squad will leave Thursday morning at 7:15 over the Santa Fe for the opening game of the season with Drummers of St. Joe Thursday afternoon.

In addition to the regular line up that will be taken, Outfielder Tydem and Infielder De Fate will make the trip. De Fate may get into the opener at short as Cochran has been called home by the illness of his child. Although it has not been definitely decided upon, indications are that the pitchers who will make the trip are Grover, Dasher, Lambeth, Voss and West.

Grover, Dasher and West are being primed for the opening contest, and the probabilities are that Grover will be called upon to work. Manager Lattimore said this morning that he thought any one of the three could go the whole route, but that he would pick the one who seemed in the best shape.

Grover Looks Fair. Monday afternoon in the regular practice game Grover went five innings and he looked fairly good against the yanigans. However, West was putting them over with the juice on and fanned such batters as Lattimore and Schweitzer.

Monroe and Snow are the catchers who are to be taken on the initial trip, and Monroe is scheduled to work the first game. With the season's opening at hand, local fans are now burning up many words in discussing the pennant possibilities of the aggregation Savage and Manager Lattimore have herded together.

That another first division berth is to be had seems assured, and the only worry is that of the pennant possibility. Neither Savage nor Lattimore will make a prediction, but it is a well known fact that they are out for meat and blood and that they are sparing no effort to produce a pace setting club.

Much will depend upon the way the team gets off. St. Joe, with practically an entire new team, is very much of an unknown quantity, but if the pitchers of the Savages show anything like old time form an even break in the first series seems almost a certainty.

No Releases Yet. Lattimore announced this morning that no releases have been made and that the ax probably will not fall again until after the opening series. However, when the regulars get into their stride and when the time comes to cut down to the limit, only three infielders will be carried, it is announced.

This means that either the utility infielder or one of the pitchers will have to be used in the outer garden in case of an emergency. It also means that two of the present starters will have to seek summer homes elsewhere.

The work of putting the local park in condition for the opening game here next Tuesday with the mowers now being completed. The carpenters have covered most of the holes in the grandstand roof, and all of the box chairs have been put in with the holding shape. Monday afternoon the bare patches in the outfield were being covered with sod and a big roller was being run over the entire grounds.

TELEPHONE 284

The State Journal has installed a special baseball telephone, No. 284. So please call that number when you want the score.

Free Season Pass

Denver opens the Western League season in Topeka on Tuesday, April 25th.

To the person who guesses the nearest to the paid attendance on that day the State Journal will give a season pass. If anything prevents the opening taking place on Tuesday, the guesses will apply on whatever day is the opening. No guesses received after April 23rd will be considered, so get in your guess right away. In case of tie, the first one received gets the ticket. The closing of guesses is set for April 23rd, so that nobody will have an advantage on account of weather conditions. Be your own prophet and guess on the weather, too, for the kind of a day has lots to do with attendance. Everybody has the same chance, so get in your guess. The paid attendance for the past several years has been running from 2,500 to 4,000. Last year the weather was fine and the paid attendance was 4,146. Seal and leave your guess at this office, or mail it. No matter where you live, Topeka or elsewhere, you are eligible.

Fill in the blank below, or one of your own. This form is printed only for your convenience, but get your guess in some time between now and April 23.

Baseball Editor, State Journal:—

I guess the paid attendance at the opening game will be.....

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NAME, PLEASE?



The above picture represents the name of one of the last of the new Savage players. Getting a picture to represent his handle was one of the hardest jobs undertaken since the series was begun. You may have to ponder deeply to figure it out, but the significance is there. The last picture represented the name of "Hi" West.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns: National League, American League, Clubs, Won, Lost, Pct.

BASEBALL TODAY.

National League. Chicago at St. Louis, cloudy. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, clear, 3 p. m.

American League. St. Louis at Chicago, clear, 3 p. m. Detroit at Cleveland, clear, 3 p. m.

Association. Milwaukee at Toledo, clear, 3 p. m. Kansas City at Columbus, clear, 3 p. m.

Association Race Starts. Toledo Center of Interest in Opening of Chivington Circuit.

Chicago, Ill., April 18.—Fair weather marked the opening today of the American association season for 1916.

Special interest is attached to the opening day at Toledo where the Cleveland team will play this year after a two years' stay in the latter city.

Harvard Lacrossers Win. Philadelphia, Pa., April 18.—Harvard defeated the University of Pennsylvania lacrosse team here Monday, 6 points to 3.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS TOO LADYLIKE, SAYS COACH

Lafayette, Ind., April 18.—"Too ladylike" is the criticism of the Purdue football squad, undergoing spring training, by Cleve O'Donnell, the new coach, who arrived recently from the east. His methods of coaching are entirely different from any seen here and are proving popular with the players and the student body in general.

COLLEGE BASEBALL RESULTS. At Manhattan, Kan.—Baker University, 11; Aggie, 3.

HAUGHTON HAS CHANGED. Once He Shunned Publicity, But Now He Wants It Badly.

Boston, Mass., April 18.—Percy Haughton, president of the Boston National League baseball club is after publicity. There was a time when he seemed adverse to it.

Will Number Yale Players. New Haven, Conn., April 18.—The Yale football players will be numbered next fall, according to a statement by Captain Blackwell.

No Baseball in Holy Week. Lawrence, Kan., April 18.—The baseball game scheduled between St. Marys and Kansas university on McCook field has been postponed because the St. Marys school authorities did not wish the Catholic aggregation to play during Holy Week.

Carlos Wells G. O. Leader. Carlos Wells has been chosen manager of the Santa Fe general office baseball team for the coming season and plans are being made to put out the usual high class team the G. O.'s boats.

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IN BIG LEAGUES

Young Coveleskie Defeated in First Game by Detroit.

Chicago and Boston Both Win in American Loop.

An unaccommodating weather man caused the postponement of two National and one American league game Monday afternoon, and from the way the teams are getting off it looks as though there will be many double-headers and few off days later on in the summer.

In the games that were played in the National league Jimmy Callahan's Pittsburgh pastimers had little trouble defeating Cincinnati, the final score being 16 to 1, and Chicago almost did as much to the St. Louis Cardinals, winning 5 to 1.

The feature game of the American league was played at Cleveland between the Cleveland and Detroit clubs. In the first announcement of the batteries for this game Harry Coveleskie, of Detroit, was picked to pitch against his "kid" brother, Stanley Coveleskie, of the Cleveland club, but the older brother refused to work against the younger because it was the latter's first big league appearance and he said he did not want to defeat and discourage him. And so Cunningham was substituted for the older Coveleskie by Detroit.

The "kid" brother and Cunningham then went into one of the greatest pitching battles that has been staged since the opening of the season. At the end of nine innings the score was tied one and one and the game went 12 innings, but in his last effort the young Coveleskie weakened, allowing five hits that scored two runs.

Washington and Chicago won the other two games in the American league. The scores:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Cincinnati—Score: R H E Pittsburgh..... 10 12 0 Cincinnati..... 1 5 0 Batteries—Kantlehner and Schmidt; Dale, Mosley and Clarke.

At St. Louis—Score: R H E Chicago..... 5 10 1 St. Louis..... 1 8 4 Batteries—Vaughn and Fischer; Dault, Steele, Ames and Snyder and Gonzales.

At Philadelphia—Boston-Philadelphia game postponed; wet grounds.

At Brooklyn—New York-Brooklyn game postponed; wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Boston—Score: R H E Washington..... 1 8 0 Boston..... 5 12 0 Batteries: Johnson, Dumont, Ayers and Williams; Ruth and Thomas.

At Cleveland—Score: R H E Detroit..... 3 13 1 Cleveland..... 1 9 3 Batteries: Coveleskie and Stange; Coveleskie and O'Neil.

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At Manhattan, Kan.—Baker University, 11; Aggie, 3.

At South Bend, Ind.—Notre Dame, 14; Michigan, 6.

At Marshall, Mo.—Missouri Valley college, 16; Kirksville State Normal, 1.

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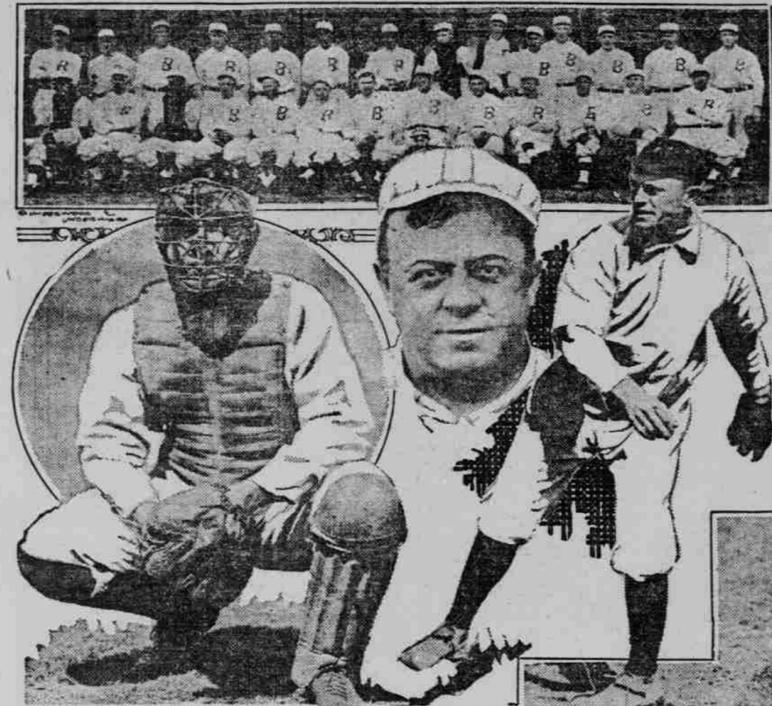
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ROBINSON'S DODGERS A STRONGER TEAM THIS YEAR THAN LAST



New group picture of the Dodgers. Bottom, left to right: Chief Meyers, Wilbert Robinson and Larry Cheney.

Manager Wilbert Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers announces that his team is in much better condition now than it was at the beginning of the season last year. Chief Meyers, last year with the Giants, has effected a come-back as a Dodger. Larry Cheney, obtained late last year from the Cubs, bids fair to have a great season.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

With "Bugsy" in the pitching box and Money in the mask, To lick the Jostova Drummer squad should be an easy task.

It seems certain now that Grover and Monroe will be Topeka's battery for the opening day. And if his insect-ship's hooks are working as they should—well, you know the story before it is told.

Since he became a Topekan Grover never has had the chance he will have in the 1916 opening. The best catcher in the league will be scooping up his deliveries and he will have such run producers as Kruger, Hanson and Schweitzer to depend upon.

What more could a pitcher want? It is dollars to dimes that if Grover works and holds his opponents to the average of hits and runs the team behind him will win his game for him.

But Grover is one of the enigmas of baseball. Every competent judge who has seen him work admits that he has enough stuff to carry him through the big leagues. Many believe that if he had exerted himself he would have been in the majors two or three seasons ago.

But in spite of his ability he has remained in the minors. In spite of the fact that nature has endowed him with all that a Walter Johnson ever had, he has spent his summers in the bushes and his winters in boiler shops.

This season is probably his last to make a showing sufficient to land him in the limelight and on easy street. And if he doesn't pitch himself into a major league berth before 1917 then he will probably never go up, and he will have no one to blame but himself.

Being that as Jimmy Jackson was once a plumber, the Western league race should be a pipe for Wichita, says an Omaha paper. But it must be remembered that Jimmy's specialty is the gas pipe.

And also, it must be remembered that President Zehring is apt to plug the end of Jimmy's pipe if he gets to using it too much this season. It's a cinch he won't get very far with the kind of stuff he pulled last season.

Jimmy, it is understood, has already promised the new proxy that he will be a good, docile little boy and that he will try to remember he is playing in a civilized country. If he doesn't live up to his promise, he is apt to suffer in the pocketbook.

A few of the Savage players are almost as proficient at bowling as at baseball. Among those who go in for the alley sport extensively are Lattimore, Schweitzer, Hanson and Cochran.

Tomorrow the Omaha team will go

to Des Moines for the opening and Wichita will leave for Denver on the baseball day. Sioux City will start for Lincoln tomorrow night and the Savages will board the train for St. Joe early Thursday morning.

It has been announced that Jess Willard will pitch the first ball at the opening game of the season at Wichita, Mo. The compensation he will receive for this labor has not been announced, but if it is in proportion to what he received for the Moran fight it will be a considerable sum.

J. McE, a local critic who has built up no little reputation as a judge of baseball clubs, says that if the Savages can get pitchers as good as the rest of the team they will be real pennant contenders.

"I honestly believe the whole club is as good as if not better than any other club in the league right now," McE asserts, "but I don't like the looks of the pitching staff. Maybe the weather has kept the twirlers from getting into shape, but if this is not the case we will have to have some new mound men before the race goes very far."

Only a few days left to send in your guess to Baseball Editor, State Journal, on the paid attendance at the opening game in Topeka next Tuesday. No guess received after Sunday

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TONIGHT Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra AUDITORIUM "Hiawatha" by the Musical Art Society and the Orchestra at 8:15 P. M. 50 PLAYERS—5 SOLOISTS Seats selling at Guild's—After 7 p. m. on sale at Auditorium.

JUNIORS WINNERS

The H. S. Track Meet Was a Walkaway for Them.

Willard Rogers Made Best Showing of Individuals.

With 50 out of a possible 126 points the Junior class of the Topeka high school won first place in the high school track meet held at the fair grounds Monday afternoon. Willard Rogers, also a Junior, was the winner of the most individual points, getting a total of 29 and winning first place in the mile and the half mile runs and in the discus throw.

The senior class made the second best score in the meet, getting a total of 44 points, and the freshmen came third with 20. The sophomores scored only 12 points in all.

Team Is Picked. The meet was in the nature of a try-out to select a team to go to Valley Falls Saturday to compete in the First Congressional district meet, and the following men have been chosen for the team: Summer Cole, Willard Rogers, Clyde Smalley, Harry Davis, Harold Bruce, Ray Long, Chas. McCallan, Ralph Wilson, Harry Downs and Hugh MacLean.

From this squad the team that will compete in the interscholastic meet at Lawrence on May 6 also will be picked.

The Summary. The summary of Monday afternoon's meet follows: Fifty-yard dash—First, Clyde Smal-

ley; second, Summer Cole; third, Harold Bruce. Time, 6 seconds flat.

Two-twenty—First, Summer Cole; second, Clyde Smalley; third, Art Dennis. Time, 24.4 seconds.

Quarter mile—First, Harold Bruce; second, Willard Rogers; third, Ray Long. Time, 55.2 seconds.

Half mile—First, Willard Rogers; second, Eldon Shoup; third, Harry Downs. Time, 2-15.2.

One mile—First, Willard Rogers; second, Harry Downs; third, Roy Ansel. Time 5-11.8.

High hurdles—First, Hugh MacLean; second, Bub Neeley; third, Byron Boone. Time, 19.1 seconds.

Low hurdles—First, Summer Cole; second, Harry Davis; third, Bub Neeley. Time, 32 seconds flat.

Pole vault—First, Kenneth McCandles, 7 feet 6 inches; second, Harold Coons, 7 feet 4 inches; third, Donald Lindell, 7 feet 2 inches.

Shotput—First, Ralph Wilson, 24 feet 9 inches; second, Ed Jones, 24 feet 4 inches; third, Willard Rogers, 22 feet 7 inches.

Discus—First, Willard Rogers, 89 feet 3 inches; second, Ralph Wilson, 84 feet 1 inch; third, Leonard Erwin, 76 feet 1 inch.

Relay—First, sophomores; second, seniors; third, freshmen. Time, 3 minutes 37 seconds.

Here's One Wise Southpaw. St. Louis, Mo., April 18.—Earl Hamilton, one of the St. Louis American southpaws, has traded his big automobile for a house and lot in Oswego, Kan. "The house rents for \$15 a month," Hamilton said. "It used to cost twice that much to keep the car in condition for service."

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