

### NOTCH WRESTLES TONIGHT

Champion Meets Managoff for First Match Since Retirement.

### HACKENSCHMIDT GO TO COME

Prospects for Bout Between Iowa and Nebraska Base Ball League.

Frank Gotch will arrive from St. Joseph this morning. Managoff, his opponent of tonight, has been in Omaha some weeks. Gotch has made a success of his tour of the middle west and he is undoubtedly the old premier "rasher" of them all. His work is fast and the great strength of the Iowa team is in full evidence; in fact, some claim he is stronger than before retirement.

Omaha fans are anxiously awaiting the Gotch tonight, when they will see the champion wrestle again. The interest in the Hackenschmidt match, which will probably untangle itself at some later date and become a reality, is high, and as the local fans have seen a sample of the foreigner's work they want to see the man they would back before.

At four of the preliminary men declare themselves in good shape and a couple of lively bouts should result. Jack Meyers and Walter Thompson have the first and Paul Hoge and Jack Light the second.

### New Crop of First Basemen is Coming

Initial Bag Presents Problem to Many of the Clubs in the Major Leagues.

The gentle base ball "fan," who admires the artistic side of base ball evolution, will have abundant opportunity this year to watch the growth of a crop of new first basemen.

The Boston Americans, the Detroit, the Chicago Americans, St. Louis in the American league, Washington, Boston Nationals—if Tenney is not up to snuff—Pittsburgh, even Philadelphia (Fogelies) and Chicago Nationals, when Chance is incapacitated, have their troubles at first base.

With some interest the writer recalls the fact that one of the estimable critics, now engaged in giving the Boston "fans" encouragement, insisted some two years ago that Merkle never would make a first baseman.

But recently he published a paragraph in good faith, and some forgetfulness, calling attention to the fact that John J. McGraw is one very fortunate manager this year, because of the "sterling" work of Merkle, who is one of the tipsters at first base among the rising generation.

What McGraw would like to know is whether the other fellow had a first baseman in mind when he would have liked to transfer to New York when he sacrificed Merkle.

Yet the Boston man has company. There are others who say McGraw's death song when he made the statement that he would develop Merkle into a competent first baseman.

Considering the youth of the Ohio boy and the little experience which he had in professional company when he joined the Glanzas, his excellent progress in the many art of making us all enjoy ourselves in summer is one of the really astonishing developments of base ball history.

His only work was with a very moderate minor league, and he did it at the tender age of sixteen years. He left such an awful old man yet, and about the time that he has had as many years as "Dan" Brothers he will be some ball player if he retains his health.

"Dan" got the first look at him when he was playing with the South Michigan league.

"Dan" was asked one day last summer what he thought of the liquid caustic which had been spattered in Merkle's way. "Think," said he, with an expression of fine disgust on his Wappinger Falls best countenance, "think, what in blazes is the use of it? Half of these dunderheads couldn't tell a first baseman when they saw one, and the other half are always waiting to take the other side of the argument."

### SCORES OF IOWA MARKSMEN

Variety Team Makes Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven Points in Weekly Match.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Iowa rifleman scored 1,877 against Washington State college in their weekly intercollegiate match today with the following individual records:

Name	Standing	Points	Total
L. Leeper	1	92	1014
F. Bruins	2	90	718
A. I. Armeson	3	87	191
W. H. Hanson	4	85	28
C. E. Williams	5	83	130
Lester Shephard	6	82	187
Maxy Campbell	7	81	96
L. J. Elliott	8	80	138
N. W. Leeper	9	84	182
H. W. Hill	10	80	98
Totals		877	1,877

### NATIONAL LEAGUE CONTRACTS

President Lynch Gives Out the Approved List.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—President Lynch of the National league announced tonight the approval of the following contracts and releases:

Contracts—With Brooklyn: Lee Quillen, Harry H. Myers and P. D. Zimmerman. With Chicago: E. Hat, C. H. Williams, J. L. Griffin and Victor G. Willis. With Cincinnati: Arthur Hauser. With New York: Andrew K. Murphy, Larry Doyle, J. J. Murray, A. L. Raymond, Richard Rudolph and Charles Tesereau. With Philadelphia: Robert W. Taylor. With Pittsburgh: Charles B. Adams, Charles J. Bata, Rivington M. Hladan, Max George Carey, Robert Conacher, J. Van C. Fisher, John Ferry, John A. Flynn, Harry Gardner, Fred C. Hunter, Thomas W. Leach, Harry Martin, Alex. G. McCarthy, John Miller, Walter Nagle, J. A. Nelthorpe, Charles Phillips, M. E. Simon, J. J. Smith, Elmer R. Steele, Kirby White and J. Owen Wilson. Releases—By Boston to Cincinnati (National league): Fred T. Heck. By Cincinnati to Boston (New England league): Butler; to Haverhill (New England league): George E. Sullivan.

It was also announced that the contract of Fred Lake and the Boston club has been terminated by mutual consent.

Grant Signs Cincinnati Contract. CINCINNATI, Feb. 10.—The signed contract of Edward Grant, former third baseman of the Philadelphia National league team last year, was received by Manager Clark Griffith of Cincinnati today.

Breen Signs with Milwaukee. MILWAUKEE, Feb. 10.—Catcher Breen today signed a new contract with the Milwaukee-American association base ball club for the coming season.

Howlers Want a Match. McCarthy and Lamb of Haverhill's Colts would like to get a match game with any two men on the Equitable Life team for Sunday afternoon.

### York Likely to Get Red Cloud Franchise; Money to Go Ahead

Committee Has Raised Four Thousand Dollars to Start with and Wants Players.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 10.—(Special.)—It looks very much as if York will play ball in the Nebraska Base Ball League. At a recent meeting York was elected a member of the state league and yesterday the committee appointed to secure subscriptions reported that it had raised \$4,000 with ease. Meetings assisted and attended meetings and it seems as if every one hoped or wanted to hold.

The fans here are now looking for a playing manager and arrangements will be made to contract for players. Negotiations will be at once put under way to buy the franchise of the Red Cloud team and its players and it is probable that the committee here will be pleased to entertain propositions from ball players who wish to try out or get on the team here.

Regarding the base ball situation here it is believed when the ball season opens and York has a team that it will win a fair per cent of the games. York promises to be one of the best base ball towns in Nebraska. York's geographical location makes it more convenient for other teams in the league to come to York and play ball and less traveling expenses for the York team.

The best ball base ball grounds is being considered as a park. Another more central ground, however, has been seriously considered.

### GAME WITH 'MIZZU' THRILLER

Cornhuskers and Tigers Tie at End of Time, Cohen Winning.

CROWD WILD AT FIERCE FINISH

With Honors Even, Goals Follow on Each Side One by One Until Tiger Captain Brings in Lucky Counter.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—In the most thrilling basketball game ever seen on the local court, Missouri university again defeated the University of Nebraska last night by a 1 point margin, 37 to 36.

The Tigers looked like losers until just a minute before the second half ended, when a goal by Furkholser and two free throws by Parker tied the count, 31 to 31. The timekeepers gun announced the end of the game and five more minutes were allowed by the referee to play off the tie.

Carrier scored a goal for Nebraska, then Cohen one for Missouri. Frank, for Nebraska, and Purkholser, for Missouri, each made goals, and the crowd excitedly came to its feet. On a double foul, neither team scored, but Gibson pit Nebraska one point ahead with a free throw a second later. With a half minute left to play the Missouri players and crowd became desperate and the crowd went wild when captain Cohen snatched victory from the Cornhuskers with a pretty basket in the final second of play.

Owens played the stellar game for Nebraska, while Captain Cohen, besides winning the game for Missouri with his last effort, was the Tiger chief point getter. Nebraska's five left tonight for Lawrence, Kan., where they meet Kansas university tomorrow night. The lineup and score:

Name	Position	Points	Reb.
Owens	F	22	1
Carrier	F	15	2
Frank	F	12	1
Carroll	F	10	1
Purkholser	F	8	1
Gibson	F	6	1
Cohen	F	6	1
Parker	F	5	1
Walters	F	3	1
Harsh	F	3	1
Carroll	F	2	1
Smith	F	1	1
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