

ST. JOSEPH MAN IS ELECTED TO LEAD WHISTERS

H. H. Libbey Named President of Central Whist Association; Abbott of Omaha Is Vice President.

H. H. Libbey of St. Joseph was elected president of the Central Whist association at the annual meeting at the Hotel Rome yesterday afternoon.

C. W. Martin and Al Dreyfoos of Omaha are among the new directors, who are in addition to the Omahans, Frank Brewington, W. H. Ford, J. J. Mullany, Henry Siervers, Frank Lemon, C. S. Martin, A. L. Sanders and Olaf Johnson.

Moe Apple and T. J. Lysaght of St. Joseph registered the high score in the pair play Saturday afternoon, with a count of plus 10 and one-sixth.

Apple and Lysaght scored high north and south in Section B of the play. Weighton and Riseman scored high east and west in Section B.

In Section A, Al Dreyfoos and Dr. P. H. Ellis, the crack Omaha pair, were high north and south and Geim and Sannel high east and west.

St. Joseph Team Wins. St. Joseph won the team play, the big event, in the twenty-fourth annual tournament of the Central Whist association at the Hotel Rome, Prairie Park team of Omaha finished second and Council Bluffs third.

St. Joseph captured first place in the pair play for the St. Joseph cup. Oscar Hoberg and A. W. Geim were the winning pair.

St. Joseph team composed of Moe Apple, George C. Toel, T. J. Lysaght and B. G. Voorhees, won nine matches, lost 3, tied 1.

Prairie Park club, Omaha, composed of C. W. Martin, Dr. P. H. Ellis, Al Dreyfoos and George McNutt, won 7, lost 6.

Council Bluffs won 6, lost 7. Sioux City won 5, lost 8. Omaha Whist club won 5 and lost 8.

Herzog's Value in Cold Dollars Becomes Great

Buck Herzog was playing with York and later, Reading, in 1907. His work was so good at third base that he was snapped up by the New York Giants, who paid \$750, the draft price, for him. Herzog's price then began mounting.

In 1909 the Boston Braves handed over to the Giants Beals Becker, whose market price was considered then about \$8,000, for the peppery Herzog. Bridwell and Hank Gowdy, together worth about \$15,000, went to Boston for Herzog in 1911, and he became a Giant again.

In 1913, to obtain Herzog as a manager, Cincinnati parted with Bob Becker, worth about \$15,000. To get him back again, the Giants handed the Reds Christy Mathewson, Eddie Rousch, Bill McKeechie and some cash, a total of about \$25,000.

This winter, in order to get Herzog, the Boston club has sent Taylor to Chicago for Doyle, and then turned over Doyle and Jess Barnes to the Giants, equivalent to about \$15,000.

Thus, you see, Herzog comes up about \$78,750 in alleged value. Yes, alleged value.

Ray Caldwell Must Walk Straight and Narrow Path

Ray Caldwell, star pitcher of the Yankees, will have to buckle down to strict training while Huggins is manager. Cincinnati parted with Bob Becker, worth about \$15,000. To get him back again, the Giants handed the Reds Christy Mathewson, Eddie Rousch, Bill McKeechie and some cash, a total of about \$25,000.

Former Bluffs Manager Is In Army Y. M. C. A. Ranks

Cliff McCarl, last year manager of the Butte team of the Northwestern league after Joe McGinnity quit, is now in Army Young Men's Christian association work. He is in charge of the Young Men's Christian association athletic work for soldiers at Presidio, San Francisco, and it is doubtful if he will return to professional baseball this year.

73-Year-Old Runner Defies G. A. R. Mates to Race Him

Col. J. L. Smith, 73 years old, past commander of Memorial post No. 141 of Detroit, has issued a challenge to a five-mile relay race against any 20 comrades, running in relays of 40 yards each, during the national encampment of the Grand Army veterans in Portland, Ore., this year.

Cleveland to Send Second Chick Harley to Ohio Uni

Cleveland is planning on sending a new "Chick" Harley, All-American halfback, to Ohio State university. He is Frank Civiletto, a Central High school athlete, said to be the best all-around star ever developed in Cleveland. He made his reputation in football last season.

Veteran Still Steps. Mike Donovan, at 70, is still able to hit and sidestep with the best of them.

The grand old man of the ring, who for many years has been boxing instructor of the New York A. C., is now teaching our soldiers how to handle the mitts.

Oh, Yes, Dan Will Quit Marathon Hiking When He Hits Ninety Mark

Veteran Pedestrian Admits That at That Age It's Time to Retire; Only 13 Years to Do.

Dan O'Leary, the veteran champion walker, has arranged to retire from the walking game. O'Leary will be 77 next June, and said recently: "I will be 80 in three more years and at 80 it is time to take in sail. I have just returned from Dixon, where an old friend of mine runs a hotel, the Anchusa tavern, established in 1838. My friend, M. E. Rice, also owns a skating rink, where I put on a walking race with two roller skaters. I did a mile on heels against their two and a half miles on wheels. Mr. Rice thought I was too old to beat them and offered to put me up as a permanent guest at his hotel when I reach 90 if I beat the boys. I beat them by a good margin and Mr. Rice says he will stick to his agreement. That means that I have to walk only 13 years more before I retire.



DAN O'LEARY

CREIGHTON PUTS DRAKE CAGE MEN OFF MAP BY 25-11

Blue and White Basket Ball Flippers Get Big Lead, With Kearney and Hawley Opposing Stars.

The undefeated Blue and White athletes maintained unbroken their long string of victories on the basket ball floor by smothering the fast Drake squad from Des Moines in a snappy game Friday at the Creighton gym. The game was full of dash and spirit from start to finish. Creighton scored consistently throughout and had the lowans outclassed in every department of the conflict. The floor work of the Omaha squad excelled that of Drake, and the accurate goal shooting of the locals piled up an insurmountable lead on Drake.

Kearney Scoring Wonder

The two stars of the evening were "Chuck" Kearney for Creighton and Hawley, right forward for the Des Moines quintet. Kearney scored 21 of the 25 tallies piled up by Creighton, and Hawley made all the scores for Drake. Captain Eddie Muhlolland, as usual, assumed the brunt of the attacks and was a prime factor in leading his squad to victory. Ed Haley's streak of ill luck has not yet deserted him, and his attempts at field goals insisted on rolling off the hoop and into the uplifted arms of a waiting lowan.

Hawley got the ball on the tip-off, but his pass to Higgins was intercepted by Vandiver. Scrimmage was fast for four minutes, when a foul was called on Lamar, and Kearney threw it for the first score of the game.

Creighton Never Headed

The lead of the locals was never headed, and the first half ended 16 to 7 for the Blue and White.

Sarf went in for Halquist at center in the second half, and speeded up the play, but the locals were fully equal to the emergency and kept on annexing field goals. The field goals scored by Kearney, especially, were spectacular and consistent.

The Details of the game.

Table with columns for CREIGHTON and DRAKE, listing players and their statistics.

Chick Gandil's Knee Is Mended, He Reports

Chick Gandil, first sacker of the Chicago White Sox, who had considerable trouble with a bad knee last season, has written Manager Rowland of the Sox, that he is in good shape and does not expect further trouble from his knee. Gandil's heavy stick, which was a big factor in winning the flag for the White Sox last year, will greatly strengthen the batting of the club this season.

Les Davies to Start Work At Lincoln on March First

Les Davies, Lincoln Country club golf professional, who has been spending the winter in Omaha, will leave for Lincoln March 1 to take up his duties there.

Fort Dodge Player Wins Rifle Shoot in the Army

William Marriott, the outfielder secured by the Chicago Cubs from Fort Dodge of the Central association, to be lost when he went into the army, is proving what a good eye he has by winning the honors for rifle shooting at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., against some 30,000 contestants.

Yale Will Have Regular Varsity and Fresh Crews

Yale will have regular varsity and freshmen crews this year. The candidates will be under no restrictions as to military service or membership in the reserve officers' training corps. The varsity will take part in the outside races, but no announcement as to these has been made.

Tinker Picks Semi-Pros For His Columbus Club

Joe Tinker, manager of the Columbus club of the American association, in seeking young talent, is lining up players with semi-professional experience. Pitcher Thornton, a Columbus youth who made a good record as an amateur last year, will be given a trial.

Harvard Men Give Many Foot Balls to the Army

A total of 4,150 Harvard athletes and graduates have contributed \$5,500 to the fund to supply foot balls for use of soldiers in France and 1,000 will be sent across the ocean. The first 500 have been shipped.

Balderson Is Winner of Indoor Putting Tourney

Dr. Balderson won the 36-hole medal play putting contest over the Burgess-Nash company's indoor golf links yesterday, shooting a 59 for the distance.

McCarl Goes Up

First Baseman Cliff McCarl, who finished up as manager of the Butte team of the Northwestern league last season after Joe McGinnity dropped out, may join the San Francisco Seals again this year. He had a trial with San Francisco two or three years ago, but could not stick. Since then he has developed along all lines.

Red Sox Boss in Role of Patriotic Wood Chopper



HARRY FRAZEE

Boston believes in preparedness. Guests at one of the big hotels in that city are splitting and chopping wood for fuel to help keep their suits warm. The Boston fire commissioner is shown instructing Harry Frazee, owner of the Boston Red Sox, how to go about it.

HUSKER CAPTAIN DEFEATS K. U. FIVE BY LUCKY THROW

Jackson Cages Ball in Last Minute of Play With Score Tie; Nebraska Wins, 24 to 23.

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska turned an unexpected trick last night and defeated the Jayhawkers, 24 to 23, in the first conference game which Dr. Stewart's five won this year.

A free throw which Captain Jackson caged during the last minute of play turned the game after Kansas had come up from behind in the second half and tied the count.

The Huskers for the first time during the season flashed a consistent brand of floor play, and Jackson and Shellenberg were able to locate the baskets.

Huskers Poor at Start

Nebraska was hopelessly outclassed in the first few minutes, however, with Kansas scoring five points to a single counter which Jackson threw in the first minute of play. Then the Huskers got going and the half ended 13 to 7 for Nebraska.

With Fearing in place of Miller in the second half, the Jayhawkers seemed able to locate the basket more consistently, and three minutes before the end of the game had knotted the count 23 to 23. Captain Uhlrahl had his chance to win on a free throw but missed. Summary:

Table with columns for NEBRASKA and KANSAS, listing players and their statistics.

Two Games at Kansas City

For the return trip from Texas the dates have not yet been filled, excepting Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14, when the regulars will combat the Kansas City Blues at Kansas City in putting on the finishing touches for the opening of the season at Chicago on April 16.

Rice to Give Columbia Rowers Indoor Work

Coach Jim Rice of Columbia university crewmen has started indoor practice on rowing machines. The candidates will be divided into crews and indoor regattas held.

Milligan Exceeds Quota

Milligan, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The town of Milligan has oversubscribed its \$7,500 war savings stamps quota by \$5,000.

Nearly All Major League Ball Players Were Born in United States

Among the 400 ball players in big league clubs last year there were only a dozen or so who were not born in this country, again demonstrating base ball is absolutely an American game.

The only big leaguers born on foreign soil are Catcher Jimmy Archer, born in Dublin; Catcher George Gibson, a native of London, Ont.; Catcher Miguel Gonzales of the Cardinals, who hails from Havana; Pitcher George Chalmers, born in Aberdeen, Scotland; Third Baseman Jimmy Austin of the Browns, born in Swansea, Wales; First Baseman Mollwitz of the Cubs, who first saw light in Kolberg, Germany; Outfielder Marsans of the Yankees, another native of Cuba; Rob Bescher and Jack Graney, Canadians, and Jim Walsh of the Red Sox, who was born in Connaught, Ireland.

According to "Who's Who in Baseball," an annual publication giving all the past dope on the big leaguers, Pennsylvania carries the honor that used to belong to Ohio, that of leading the country as the birthplace of performers in the major circuits.

Central High Victorious at Home Over St. Joseph Team

Central High defeated St. Joseph High school, two to one, in a debate held here Friday afternoon. Alex McKie, Harold Boggs and Ralph McKars composed the local team. St. Joseph was represented by McAhon, Harris and Levine.

AMATEUR BALL FANS TO GATHER ON FEBRUARY 27

Plans for Approaching Season too Be Outlined at Mass Meeting at City Hall.

Omaha amateur base ball players and fans will start the ball rolling preparatory to the opening of the 1918 season at a huge mass meeting called for February 27 by the board of directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association. The meeting will be held at the city hall.

At this meeting plans for the coming season will be outlined and discussed. Several changes of method are to be introduced owing to the unusual situation brought about by the war.

Several speakers will be asked to address the sandlot players and fans. Grover Cleveland Alexander, famous Cub hurler, if he is in Omaha at the time, will be requested to say a few words.

Organization of most of the prominent leagues in the amateur association will be started at this meeting. Just how many leagues will enter the association this year is uncertain.

Greater Omaha to Start

The Class A league, the Greater Omaha, is expected to be in the field again, but the teams will be different and several of the old leaders are expected to drop out. John Dennison of the Meladys, twice pennant winners of the Greater Omaha, is one of the managers expected to drop out this year.

Of the Class B prospects little is known. The City loop, strongest of the Class B circuits, is sure to start, but the future of the American and Metropolitan is problematical. The same applies to the Class C organizations.

Iowa Man Wins Feature In Kansas City Shoot

Kansas City, Feb. 16.—The National amateur wing shot handicap, today's feature event of the fourteenth annual midwinter trap shoot, was won by Elmer Henshaw of Spirit Lake, Ia., from a field of 46 marksmen.

Henshaw and Roy Ainsworth of Larned, Kan., each hit 15 targets straight. Henshaw capturing the event in the shoot off with eight hits straight, while Ainsworth missed his eighth. William Wetlauf, Nichols, Ia., won the interstate individual target cup race, breaking 88 out of a possible 100. George Nicolai of Kansas City broke 90 targets in this event, but was ineligible to win the \$100 trophy by reason of his having cashed it in at a previous tournament.

The international amateur wing shot championship, the big event of the shoot is scheduled for tomorrow with 20 entries already in and others expected, making the purse at least \$2,000.

Lawn Tennis Votes to Resume Champ Tourney

New York, Feb. 16.—By an almost unanimous vote the United States National Lawn Tennis association decided at its annual meeting here tonight to resume championship tournaments, the proceeds to be turned over to the war department's commission on training camp activities.

Hislop and Wilson Skip Winners in Curling Play

W. J. Hislop and S. H. Wilson skipped rinks to victory in curling matches at Miller park yesterday. Hislop skipped a team to a win over a rink skipper by M. M. Levings, 15 to 8. Wilson's rink beat a rink skipped by Charley Johnston, 21 to 12, in a 20-end game.

Missouri Defeats Ames, Piling Up Scores at Will

Ames, Ia., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Scoring by one field basket in the first half, Ames dropped a basket ball game to Missouri here tonight by 26 to 11. The veteran Tiger team seemed able to score at will.

Gets Another Trial

Mickey Shader, who played in 1916 with the Spokane club of the Northwest league, will be given an opportunity to display his wares this year with the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast league. Lack of control has barred the progress of this young pitcher but it is believed that with the added experience he has gained in independent base ball circuits in the last two years he will show to advantage.

Chance for Pirates Yet

In spite of denials made in St. Louis, the reports come from Pittsburgh that the Pirates may yet get Catcher Frank Snyder. Meanwhile the Cardinals are said to have added another catcher to their staff, which does seem suspicious. The identity of the new catcher has not been disclosed, but the deal for him is said to be practically assured. He does not come from the major leagues.

Morrill Defeats Mitchell

Morrill, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Morrill High school defeated the Mitchell town team tonight on the home floor, 44 to 6. The remarkable tightness of Morrill High lads at guarding is responsible for a record of three field goals in the last two games, while piling up a total in the same two games of 96 points. Morrill plays Bayard on the home floor next Friday.

Fremont Wins Again

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Fremont high school basket ball team made it seven straight wins by defeating University Place five this evening, 17 to 14. Fremont tossers have defeated North Bend, Beatrice, Scuyler, South Oakes, Council Bluffs and Norfolk.