

Nebraska's Grid Star Denies Being Professional Football

John Pucelik Invites School to Investigate

All-American Guard Admits Playing at Sioux City, But Says He Received No Money.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—"I played football with a Sioux City team about two weeks after the close of the football season last fall, but I did not play professional football," said John Pucelik, giant Cornhusker guard and All-American grid star, Sunday following the publication of rumors that he and Captain Swanson of last season's Nebraska football team had played professional football.

"Swanson and I both played in one game at Sioux City, but we did not receive a cent for doing so. We were through with college football and by playing with the Sioux City team we did not in anyway conflict with the Missouri Valley ruling nor any other intercollegiate ruling regarding professionalism.

"Furthermore 'Pip' Cook of Lincoln, was not in Sioux City when we played, or at least he did not show himself, when Wade Munn of the Sioux City team, tried to locate him. "I would almost swear that 'Swannie' did not play in any other outside games during the season. I understand that he is now in Oklahoma, but I am certain he would deny having played 'pro' football as firmly as I deny it."

Pucelik stated that this game at Sioux City was the only game in which he had engaged during his grid career outside of the 25 games in which he played with the Nebraska team, and seven or eight games with the Spencer high team. He also stated that he had refused to play on a "pro" team at Kansas City, as had Swanson and Lyman following the football season.

"As for myself, I welcome an investigation of charges that I played 'pro' football, baseball or any other game during my career. As for the graduate of 1913 I would be pleased to have him go through with what he has stated, and as for any other who has contributed to the charges by his statements I would like to see him prove these also."

Pucelik was not only displeased with the manner in which the charges were made, i. e., by an anonymous letter, but stated that the author of the letter was unfair in his charges against both himself and Captain Swanson. Pucelik states that he is willing to answer any questions regarding the charges so far as they concern himself and that neither he nor Swanson have anything to conceal. He says he is willing to take all of the criticism offered until "Swannie" gets back to protect himself.

Nebraska Wesleyans Defeat Trinity, 30-18

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Wesleyan basketball team defeated the Trinity college quintet by the score of 30 to 18. The teams battled desperately in the first half, with first one holding the lead and then the other. A free throw caged by Hickey gave the Catholics the first point of the game. Anderson soon followed shortly with a basket which gave the visitors a one-point advantage. Trinity again forged to the front when Captain Harrington dropped the sphere through the hoop.

At this juncture Coach McCandless made a change in the visitors' lineup, and a decided improvement was noticeable in Wesleyan's play. The Cornhusker Methodists gradually pulled away from the Trinity cagers, and at the end of the first half held a four-point lead, the score being 10 to 6.

Trinity fought hard to overcome Wesleyan's lead in the second half, but were completely outclassed. Smith and Anderson were the outstanding players for the visitors, while Hickey, Harrington and Carey played well for Trinity.

Pirates Release Pitcher to Minneapolis Millers

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 5.—Drew Rader, youthful southpaw pitcher connected with the Pittsburgh National league club last season, has been released under an optional agreement to the Minneapolis club of the American association, it was announced here.

New Orleans Entries

First race, \$1,000, Maiden, 2-year-olds and geldings, three furlongs, 1:15. Superlatio, 115; Billy Whiskers, 110; Ahlita, 115; Madeline, 115; The Miller, 115; Stoneage, 115; Superlatio and (A) Mole H., 109. Claiming, 2-year-olds, six furlongs, Deep Sinker, 105; (A) Hilldale, 107; (A) Wilcox, 102; (A) Madel A, 88; 10, 111; Philadelphia, 102; Credit, 102; Dore, 105; Gunmerston, 104; Baby Evelyn, 105. Also eligible Mr. Gardner, 107; Kate Brummett, 104; Matcha Mary, 109; Valed Colleen, 106.

No Soft Pedaling for This Pair



EDDIE MADDEN (New York). ALFRED GREENDA (Australia).

ALFRED GREENDA, the veteran Australian rider, and Eddie Madden of New York, like Grenda, winner of six-day races in more than one nation, are two of the stars who will compete in the first big race of the 1922 season, when the annual Chicago six-day grind opens on Sunday, February 12, in the huge coliseum. The race will be conducted over a specially built track, which is now under course of construction on the site where the republican party nominated several of its recent presidents.

Grenda is paired for the coming race with Carl Stockholm, a Chicago amateur, recently turned professional, who was a member of the 1920 American Olympic team. Madden's partner has not yet been named.

Whitelock, Lowe and Adkins of Sidney Buy Miner Franchise; Jim Hamilton Part Owner of Team

By RALPH WAGNER.

DENVER will have a baseball team in "Pa" Tierney's Western league this coming season, providing the club owners of this loop are willing. The announcement that Denver will again become a member of the Western league was made yesterday by F. L. Whitelock of Sidney, Neb., following a conference held in Kansas City Thursday, and another at the Conant hotel of this city Saturday.

Whitelock, together with "Boo" Lowe and Dr. Adkins, all of Sidney, have secured an option on the Joplin (Mo.) Western league franchise after February 21. The regular schedule meeting of the league is scheduled to be held at St. Joseph, Mo., February 20, and during this meeting of the loop moguls the club owners will decide whether or not they are willing to permit Denver to join the league.

According to the Omaha owner and secretary, the Western league magnates throughout the circuit are in favor of Denver returning to the league. However, the new Denver owners must provide the expenses among the clubs so that in making the trips to the "Mile High" city the expenses will not be too steep.

Whitelock, Lowe and Adkins, three of Nebraska's best sportsmen, met with Jimmy Hamilton, former manager of Joplin, and Nathan Rosenberg, owner of the Joplin franchise, in Kansas City Thursday. During this conference the Sidney trio completed arrangements whereby the Miner franchise would be transferred to Denver, providing the Western league decided in favor of that city at the schedule meeting February 20. No mention was made during the meeting here Saturday of the amount of money paid for the Joplin option. However, baseball men who are well versed in Western league affairs assert that the Joplin club was on the market for close to \$30,000. The Sidney sportsmen have leased the baseball park in Denver, which is located in the "heart" of the city, for a term of seven years. The Chamber of Commerce, Rotary club and, in fact, all the civic organizations of the western city are in favor of Denver returning to Western league baseball, and have pledged their support to making it a successful ball town.

"The Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Whitelock, "is strong for Western league baseball in Denver. This organization of Denver business men have even gone so far as to say that they will raise enough money through the selling of tickets to help carry the club through the season. What more could we ask?" Jimmy Hamilton, one of the most popular Western league ball players who ever donned a baseball uniform, is part owner of the Denver club. Jimmy, who is an outfielder of no small ability, will be playing manager for the Denver team. F. L. Whitelock and Dr. Adkins, both of Sidney, are president and secretary and treasurer of the club, respectively.

Joplin entered the Western league in 1917, when it took over the Topoka franchise. The Miners enjoyed a successful season in 1918 and the season following, but in 1920 and during the past year, business conditions in Joplin and the vicinity became unsettled and the Joplin owners lost money. The Miner franchise changed hands a couple of times before Rosenberg secured the club. Denver dropped out of the Western league after the end of the 1917 season. During the time the western team was in the circuit it captured four pennants—1900-11-12 and 1912.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL

Nebraska Defeats Iowa

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The University Place quintet defeated the Iowa team by the score of 24 to 11.

Plattsmouth Wins

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Plattsmouth high school basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 25 to 18. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 18. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

York Beats Central City

York, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—York defeated the Central City High school basketball team by the score of 27 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 27 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Madison Defeated

Madison, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Madison high school basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 23 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 23 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Shelton Legion Wins

Shelton, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Shelton American Legion basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Waverly Wins

Waverly, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Waverly high school basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Lincoln Defeats Sutton

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Lincoln high school basketball team defeated the Sutton team by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Essley Wins Game

Bloomfield, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Bloomfield high school basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Malvern Wins Two

Malvern, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Malvern high school basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Potter Defeats Bushnell

Potter, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Potter high school basketball team defeated the Bushnell team by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Mapleton Cagers Cage Victory

Mapleton, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Mapleton high school basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Iowa School for Deaf Wins

Avoca, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Iowa school for the deaf basketball team defeated the local quintet by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Clearwater Loses to Tilden

Tilden, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Tilden high school basketball team defeated the Clearwater team by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Loup City Beats Mitchell

Loup City, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Loup City team won from the Mitchell squad by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Peru Beats Falls City

Falls City, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Peru high school basketball team defeated the Falls City team by the score of 25 to 15. The game was one of the most exciting of the season by the score of 25 to 15. The feature of the contest was the defensive work on both sides.

Football Stars Give Thirty Yards Credit, But Want Cash for Goals

ARE you an athlete or are you an amateur? Since middle western college stars have confessed that they looked upon the wad when it was green, varsity circles are knocked eggshaped.

Eight of Notre Dame's best imported football mechanics admit that they were amateurs in wrong name only.

All through United States the spoon of investigation is stirring the soup of scandal. Notre Dame is hooked now, and other colleges are establishing an indiscreet silence.

This isn't the first time that A. A. U. pupils have overcapitalized their amateur ability.

High cost of amateur living may have something to do with college students' willingness to work for nothing on a large scale.

Trouble started when two abbreviated towns in the west wanted to flatten each other in the noble game of football.

When teams lined up there was fifty grand planted on result of game.

Whistle blew and game started. There were 11 Tom Browns on one side and 11 John Smiths on other.

One John Smith might have fooled Pocahontas. But 11 John Smiths was an overflow meeting.

Eleven Tom Browns and one short dozen John Smiths. Lineup looks like page out of Bell Telephone Book.

Seven or eight John Smiths might have been all right, but those three extra cousins was the straw that frayed the camel's suspenders.

They looked 'em up and discovered that the boys were picking their names out of a high silk hat.

John Smith was John Smith, near Oscar Blippop. Also, Oscar was an amateur during touring hour.

Well, you can't bake biscuits in an ice box. And this philosophical business about leaving footprints on the sands of time is K. O.—but fingerprints on a bank roll buys the cakes.

Iowa State Cyclones Sweep Huskers Off Their Feet in 26 to 7 Basket Ball Victory

Lincoln, Feb. 5.—Iowa State defeated the Cornhusker cagers at the state fair grounds coliseum Saturday night by the score of 26 to 7. The passing and goal shooting of the Cyclones far outlasted the exhibition put up by the Cornhuskers.

Only once did Nebraska take the lead and that was in the first few minutes of play when Smith tossed his only field goal, eclipsing Currie's free throw.

The short pass and pivot system which the Cyclones had down to a degree of perfection, was too much for the Husker aggregation. Nebraska's long passes were a dead loss to the team, while long shots availed nothing in the scoring line.

Coach Franke opened the game with a shift in the lineup, placing Russell and Riddleberger at guards, and Carman was put in at forward, with Munger and Kohl hugging the bench. Later in the game another shift took Smith out and Tipton went in. Riddleberger was injured and Munger replaced him.

The lineup:

Team	G.	FT.	TP.	PP.	Pts.
Greeno, I.	2	0	1	0	4
Lawrence, I.	2	0	1	0	4
Young, I.	2	0	0	0	0
Ward, I.	2	0	0	0	0
Lane, I.	2	0	0	0	0
Stauter, I.	2	0	0	0	0
Hatcher, I.	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	0	2	0	8

Nebraska:

Team	G.	FT.	TP.	PP.	Pts.
Smith, I.	1	0	0	0	0
Carman, I.	1	0	0	0	0
Warren, I.	1	0	0	0	0
Riddleberger, I.	1	0	0	0	0
Tipton, I.	1	0	0	0	0
Munger, I.	1	0	0	0	0
Hatcher, I.	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	0	0	0	0

Substitutes: Lane for Greeno, Greeno for Lawrence, Lane for Greeno, Stauter for Woodward, Burber for Currie. Referee: Britton, West Point.

Tigers Trim Oklahoma Sooners by 46-27 Score

Columbia, Mo., Feb. 5.—The University of Missouri basketball team tonight defeated the five from Oklahoma university, 46 to 27.

Hershey Legion Victorious

Hershey, Neb., Feb. 5.—The local legion team defeated North Platte in a hotly contested game on the North Platte floor this week, 27 to 13. The game was the first of a series to decide the Lincoln county legion championship.

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Hawaiian Wrestler Beats "Bull" Montana

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—Kinjo Ikeda, claimant of the middle weight wrestling championship of the Hawaiian islands, defeated "Bull" Montana of Los Angeles in 25 minutes with a double wrist lock in their catch-as-catch-can match here. Montana was unable to keep down his arm.

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