Nebraska's Grid Star Denies Playing 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 sea-son last fall, but I did not play pro-fessional football," said John Puce-lik, giant Cornhusker guard and All-American grid star, Sunday following the publication of rumors that he and Captain Swanson of last sea-son'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 regard-

ing 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' foot ball 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 im 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 basker of this city Saturday. oall team defeated the Trinity college quintet by the score of 30 to 18. The teams battled desperately in the first and then the other. A free throw caged by Hickey gave the Catholics February 21.

(Mo.) Western league franchise after tions of the western city are in favor of Denver returning to Western caged by Hickey gave the Catholics the first point of the game. Anderson followed shortly with a basket which gave the vicint of the league is schedule meeting of the league is scheduled to be held at their support to making it a successive form. which gave the visitors a one-point St. Joseph, Mo., February 20, and ful ball town.

"The Chamber of Commerce," said advantage. Trinity again forged to the front when Captain Harrington dropped the sphere through the

four-point lead, the score being 10 the trips to the "Mile High" city the

to 6. Trinity fought hard to overcome Wesleyan's lead in the second half, of Nebraska's best sportsmen, met small ability, will be playing manager Wesleyan's lead in the second half, but were completely outclassed. Smith and Anderson were the outstanding players for the vistors, while Hickey, Harington and Carey played well for Trinity.

Pirates Release Pitcher

of Nebraska's best sportsmen, met with Jimmy Hamilton, former manager of the Denver team. F. L. White-lock and Dr. Adkins, both of Sidney, are president and secretary and treasment of the club, respectively.

Jophin entered the Western league in 1917, whin it took over the Topeka franchise would be transferred.

to Minneapolis Millers

Fittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 5.—Drew
Rader, youthful southpaw pitcher
No mention was made during the meeting here Saturday of the amount tonal league chib less consistency and the schedule meeting here Saturday of the amount tonal league chib less consistency and the league decided in favor of that city scason following, but in 1920 and dering the past year, business conditions and the vicinity be meeting here Saturday of the amount came unsettled and the Joplin ownof money paid for the Joplin option.

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No Soft Pedaling for This Pair



EDDIE MADDEN (New York).

[TRIBUNE Photo.] A LFRED GRENDA, the veteran grind opens on Sunday, February Australian rider, and Eddie 12, in the huge coliseum. The race with Carl Stockholm, a Chimore than one nation, are two of course of construction on the site that the state of the contraction of the the stars who will compete in the where the republican party nomi- 1920 American Olympic team. Madfirst big race of the 1922 season, nated several of its recent presi-when the annual Chicago six-day dents. when the annual Chicago six-day dents,

Whitelock, Lowe and Adkins of

Sidney Buy Miner Franchise;

By RALPH WAGNER.

Whitelock, together with "Bob" for a term of seven years. The Lowe and Dr. Adkins, all of Sidney, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary club have secured an option on the Joplin and, in fact, all the civic organiza-

Jim Hamilton Part Owner of Team

ENVER will have a baseball team in "Pa" Tier-

nev's Western league this coming season, pro-

again become a member of the Western league

was made yesterday by F. L. Whitelock of Sid-

ney, Neb., following a conference held in Kansas

who ever donned a baseball uniform is part owner of the Denver club

City Thursday, and another at the Conant hotel

ALFRED GRENDA

(Australia).

Brainard Captain

Scores 51 Field Goals Brainard, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain Vondra of the local high school basker ball team bids fair to establish new high school basket ball record in Nebraska. The local captain scored 51 field goals in a game in which the Brainard team beat Raymond High, 148 to 2.

viding the clu bowners of this loop are willing Morrie Schlaifer's Wife The announcement that Denver would Suffers Nervous Break Suffers Nervous Breakdown

Mrs. Morrie Schlaifer is in Fenger hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown. She was removed to the hospital yesterday afternoon.

Stella After Games.

Stella, Neb., Feb. 5.—Ira H. Martin, manager of the Stella town team, announces he is ready to schedule games with any quintet in the state on reasonable terms. The Stella team has played six games this season and is undefeated. Peru Beats Falls City. Falls City. Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Falls City boys by the score of 25 to 9. Peru had the locals outcassed from the first jump. The score at the end of the first half was 13 to 5. This is the seventh victory for Peru has not been defeated thus far this season.

By JIMMIE BAUGH.

expenses will not be too steep. Is part owner of the Denver club Whitelock, Lowe and Adkins, three Jimmy, who is an outfielder of no Aggies. The score was 25 to 21.

By clinching the closing tilt, Creighton made a clean sweep of the two-chapter series and avenged its defeat by the Farmers in clashes the two previous years.

The game proved a horse's race o through every lap, and a close one came unsettled and the Joplin owners lost money. The Miner franchise ney's steppers were leading by a ney's steppers were leading by a head, the score being 16 to 10.

The home stretch saw both teams burning up their reserve speed. A free throw and a field goal by Gil-The Sidney sportsmen have leased season. During the time the western brought the Wolverine pack within three points of Creighton's

Lovely spotted Creighton two points on a tip in at the beginning of the second lap and the Agriculturists to Los Angeles spurted into a tie with the Hilltops for the first time during the game when Gilkey grooved the leather twice from the field and once from the penalty line. The diminutive forstate pocket billiard tournament yes- catcher, of the Chicago Nationals, honey into another point for his ward then turned a personal by Materday afternoon at the De Luxe tonight was released to the Los An- mates, giving them the lead.

parlors. The winner had high runs geles chib of the Pacific Coast . Michigan In Lead Once. Michigan enjoyed setting the pace for only a few minutes, however, for high run of 17.

Loranger and Belitz play this afternoon. The standing to date is as follows:

of the Cubs to be turned over to the Lovely uncorked a ringer which again spotted the wearers of the Blue and White the lead.

res Clarence Twombly and John L.

Sold Sullivan and Pitcher Elmer Ponder

bad previously been released to the Angles. Two more players will be given to Los Angeles before the Cubs leave the coast training camp and two others are to be sent there

crs Clarence Twombly and John L.

Lynch gave Creighton the remainder of its points on a pair of field goals and a free throw.

Michigan made a strenuous effort to brush the California street collegians in the home stretch, but Gilkey's field goal was the best it could do, and Creighton colors went under the trae first Lynch gave Creighton the remain-

Colloudd A when time does the referee's duty end in a game? (H)

A—When he publicly announces the score at the end of the second half.

Q—My opponent throws the kall, it accidentally hits my back and rolls out of bounds. Whose ball is lif? (D. J.)

A—Your opponent's ball.

Q—A player juggles the ball but finally gains possession of it. Has he completed a dribble? (L. F. C.)

A—You under amateur rules.

Q—A player ratches ball with both hand, dribbles with one hand, takes ball in both hands at end of dribble and passes it. Is it a foul? (F. A.)

A—No. It is not a foul under amateur or professional rules.

Q—If an extra period must be played to break a tie can the referee award the same to the team scoring the first point during this extra period.

If in doubt about any insket ball rule write Ed Thorp, care of our sporting Department, chelding stamped return envelope, Michigan (21). G. FT. PF. TF. Pts

HIGH SCHOL BASKETBALL

Platismouth Leses. Plattementh Lores.
Phattementh, Nole, Feb. 5—(special)—
Creighton fligh school won from Plattementh High on the local court. 23 to 18
The first half ended its to 12 in favor of Creighton. Inability of Plattementh players in place the half was largely responsible for their defeat, as it was in Plattementh territory a large part of the itose, and the locals were quality to score to but four of the 12 free throws that were awarded them.

Shelton. Neb. Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Shelton High school quintet defeated the Minden High school five here by the end of the first half was 11 to 1 in favor of shelton.

Shelton Winden Defeated.

Shelton Neb. Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The hooked now, and other colleges a establishing an indiscreet silence.

This isn't the first time that A. A U. pupils have oversaid that A. A

Shelton Legion Wins,
Shelton, Neh. Feb. 5.— (Special.)—The
Shelton American Legion backet ball
congeters wen from the University Place
american Legion men here by the acore
of 42 to 20. After the first 20 minutes
of playing the score was 21 to 2 in Shelcon's favor. It was one of the snappiest
contests seen here this sessoon, and many
thrilling and spectacular plays were
clade.

Handolph Wiss.

Wakefield, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—
Wakefield High quintet was defeated by fandolph High 45 to 11 on Wakefield ficor. Wakefield High girls defeated Wisner High girls at Wisner, 21 to 13.

Lincoln Beats Sutton.

Lincoln Neb. Feb. 4.—(Special.)—
After overcoming a five-point lead in the second half, the Lincoln High school basket ball team defeated the Sutton quintet by the score of 25 to 19 on the university armory. Lewis of the Lincoln five was the outstanding star of the game, collecting seven baskets to his credit. Hown and Olds cach played a good game for the locals. Schwarz was the high point man for the visitors, caging two baskets and four free counters.

four free counters.

Bloomfield, Neb., Feb., 5.—(Special.)—
The Bloomfield High school basket ball team easily defeated the Crefton High quintet here by a score of 50 to 18. Andresen was the big point getter, scoring seven field goals and four goals from foul in six tries. Salmon scored four from the field. Crefton played a good defensive game but their offense was weak and rather punk. Helbenthal referred the game and his work suited the visitors fine. The locals have lost but one game this season, having met defeat on the small Waura floor last week by an \$1 to 6 score. The team will play at Wayne next week.

Malvern Wins Two.

Malvern, Iz., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Malvern won two basket ball games from the Emerson High school teams here the girls winning, 15.2. and the boys, 53-10.

Pawnee City Wins Game.

Pawnee City Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)

—The local high school tasket ball team defeated the Wilbur high school quintet in a fast game played here by the score to 20 to 14.

Potter Defeats Bushnell.

Potter, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Coach white's local high school basket ball team defeated the Bushnell quintet in a speedy gaine by the score of 49 to 22.

Mapleton Cagers Cage Victory.

Battle Creek, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—
The Mapleton (Ia.) high school basket ball team defeated the Whiting high school team here by the score of 37 to 16.
The losers played well in the final period of the game.

fews School for Deaf Wins.

Ayoca, Ia., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The
lows School for the Deaf basket ball team
defeated the local quintet here in a fast
game by the score of 24 to 21.

Clearwater Loses to Tilden. filden high school basket bal a fast game from the Clearwater cagers here by the score of 22 to 4.

Loup City Beats Litchfield.

Loup City, Nob., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—
The Loup City team won from the Litchfield squad by the score of 15 to 12 in a

Leaps 150 Feet on

United States.

White Sox Get

Skis and Shatters New England Record

Battleboro, Vt., Feb. 5 .- On the

new ski jump, opened Saturday, John P. Carleton of the Dart-

mouth Outing club leaped 150

feet and set a new record for New England and also for the eastern

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The Chicago White Sox obtained, by waivers, Jose Acosta, Cuban pitcher, recent-ly sent to Philadelphia by Wash-

ington in the trade which sent Roger Peckinpaugh to the Wash-ington club and sent Everett Scott

Basket-Ball Facts

Cuban Pitcher

dropped the sphere through the hoop. At this juncture Coach McCandless made a change in the visitors' lineard a decided improvement was noticeable in Wesleyan's play. The Cornhusker Methodists gradually fulled away from the Trinity cagers, and at the end of the first half held a four-point lead, the score being 10 the trips to the "Mile High" city the score being 10 the trips to the "Mile High" city the score doned a baseball uniform. Whether or not they are willing to permit Denver. This organization of Denver business men have even gone so far as to say that they will raise enough money through the scaling of tickets to help through the scason. What more could we ask?" Jimmy Hamilton, one of the most popular Western league ball players who ever donned a baseball uniform. Final Game, 25 to 21---Lynch and Lovely Big Point Getters

OACH "CHUCK" KEARNEY'S hardwood floor trotters had to finish under the whip Saturday night to capture the final game of the series from the Michigan

Ran Nose and Nose.

the tape first.

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

RE you an athlete or are you fifty grand planted on result of

varsity circles are knocked eggshaped.

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

spoon of investigation is stirring the soup of scandal. Notre Dame is hooked now, and other colleges are 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 lads' willingness to work for nothing on a large salary. Trouble started when two ab-

breviated towns in the west wanted to flatten each other in the noble game of football.

Since middle western college stars have confessed that they looked upon the wad when it was green, 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 All through United States the phone 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 discov-ered that the boys were picking their names out of a high silk hat. John Smith was John Smith, nee

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 When teams lined up there was the cakes.

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

Lincoln, Feb. 5.-Iowa State de-| for the Husker aggregation. Nefeated the Cornbusker cagers at the braska's long passes were a dead loss state fair grounds coliseum Satur- to the team, while long shots availday night by the score of 26 to 7, ed nothing in the scoring line. The passing and goal shooting of the Cyclones far outclassed the exhibition put up by the Cornbuskers. 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 muc

Tigers Trim Oklahoma

Sooners by 46-27 Score Columbia, Mo., Feb. 5.—The University of Missouri basket ball team tonight defeated the five from Okla homa university, 46 to 27.

Hershey Legion Victorious.

Hershey, Neb., Feb. 5 .- The loca egion team defeated North Platte i a hotly contested game on the Nort Platte floor this week, 27 to 13. The game was the first of a series to de game was the hist of the Lane for Greene, Staulter for Currie Referee: Woodward, Butcher for Currie Referee: Britton, West Point,

Coach Franke opened the game with a shift in the lineup, placing

Russell and Riddlesberger 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. Riddlesberger was injured and Munger replaced him. The lineup:

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Chief Dempsey Do You Know?



Hawaiian Wrestler

Beats "Bull" Montana Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—Kinjo Ikeda, claimant of the middle weikht 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. Mon-



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