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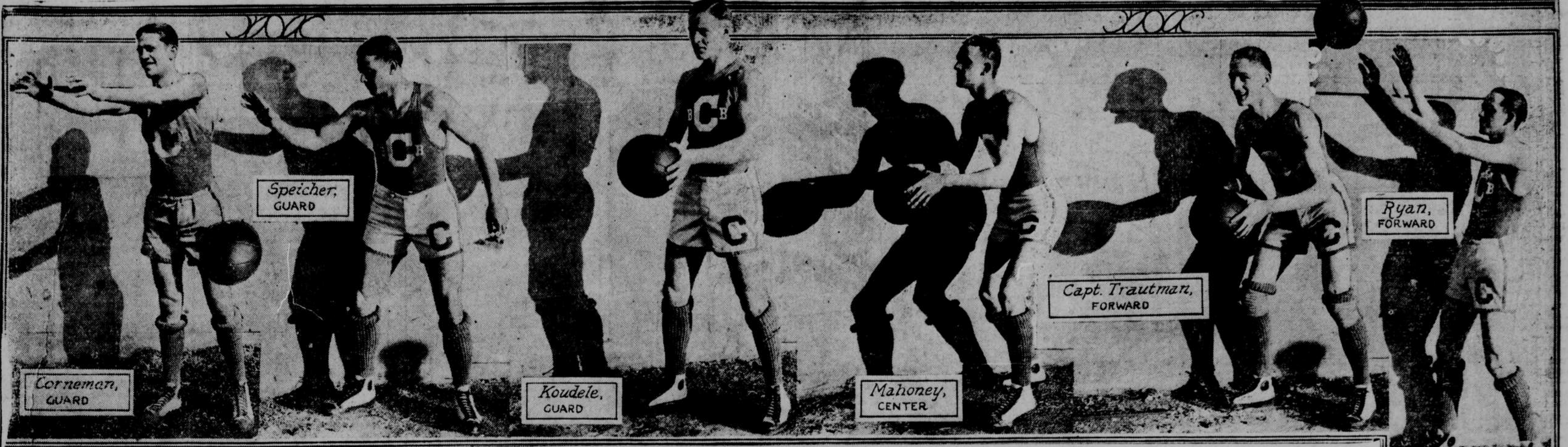
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## CREIGHTON BASKET BALL FOLLOWERS EXPECT THIS TEAM TO TURN IN ANOTHER GOOD SEASON'S CAGE RECORD



## Barney Burch Sells Pitcher Louie Koupal to Pittsburgh Nationals

### Husker Proved Troublesome to Opposing Teams

Nebraska Player Credited With Using Hands Well in Breaking Through—Feared by Opponents.

By HERBERT REED. ("Red" Wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The following all-western selections are made with a full appreciation of the difficulty of covering so large and enterprising field. In common with there were probably more high class football players in action this season than ever before. One is tempted to pick the entire Notre Dame eleven and let it go at that, but they would hardly have the geographic value that should be attached to a survey of the middle-west. The selection is not so much a wedding of the best players available at all times as it is an attempt to evaluate the men who have brought the game up to its present high standard. Some of the men I have been fortunate enough to see either in action or in practice. Others are considered on the strength of the recommendations of western coaches and scouts, and in the main the men who make the squad have been promoted to that position on the statements of their opponents. So here is the selection of two teams, with some discussion of others who would be valuable in a hard-fought game.

#### FIRST IN ACTION.

- Ends—Kassel, Illinois; Cunningham, Ohio State.
- Quarterback—Weir, Nebraska; Gowdy, Chicago.
- Guards—Slaughter, Michigan; Pondelik, Chicago.
- Center—Walsh, Notre Dame.
- Quarterback—Stuhldreher, Notre Dame.
- Backs—Grange, Illinois; D. Miller, Notre Dame; Baker, Northwestern.

#### SECOND IN ACTION.

- Ends—Ott, Iowa; Seidel, Northwestern.
  - Tackles—Harris, Wisconsin; Cox, Minnesota.
  - Guards—Weibel, Notre Dame; Abrahamson, Minnesota.
  - Center—Butler, Indiana.
  - Quarterback—Rockwell, Michigan.
  - Backs—Steger, Michigan; Crowley, Notre Dame; Layden, Notre Dame.
- \*Indicates men seen in action by the writer.
- Both Kassel and Cunningham were splendid receivers of the forward pass, the former figuring in some of the prettiest variations in the forward pass ever seen in the west. Kassel was a good end in other respects, too, fast down the field, and a good worker on the defensive tackle. Cunningham, who was the receiving end of Ohio State's passing game, was away over six feet in height, had a tremendous reach, and was so valuable that special defenses had to be built up against him. He was an especially good crossover end both for the open game and for individual blocking and interference. Ott and Seidel I did not see in action but they were the choice of some of the best scouts in that neck of the woods.

### Empty Shells!

KEN PHILLIPS of Isaac Walton fame declares that one can always have sport in this state. Ken went duck hunting during the storm which hit Nebraska the first of December. He was caught in Schuyler with a broken wheel. That repaired, the car later went into the ditch. This didn't phase Ken so he killed a couple of teal and a Jack snipe or two in a creek near the accident.

On arrival at his hunting lodge on the Platte river west of Columbus, he stood in the doorway of his shack and in a snow storm so thick it was hard to see one foot ahead of his nose, proceeded to kill a mallard hen which flew past.

Then he went out into the storm and killed one fish duck, a squirrel and several cotton tails.

Then he took his revolver and shot a couple of jack rabbits. "I could have killed quail and pheasant, too," says Ken, "but they are protected. Seems to me that hunting is good in Nebraska."

terrific driving power against the eleven that Stagg's team tackled was based on the hard charging of guards and tackles, with backs "riding the charge." Gowdy, powerfully built player, whether used straightaway or in Stagg's power shifts was a fine man at breaking through in front of the back. He was also a terror on defense.

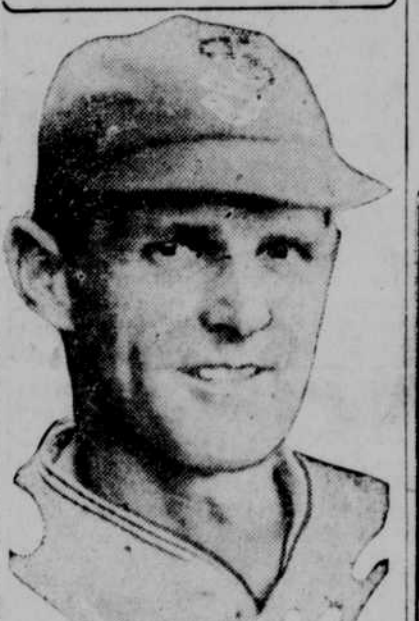
Michigan has in Slaughter one of the most brilliant and powerful guards who has played the game in recent years. A hard charger on attack, he was also useful as a deep forward passer. Slaughter had the gift of play diagnosis developed to a high degree, was big and strong enough to stop power plays and fast enough at the same time to go roving when necessary. Hooking this man up with such a man as Walsh of Notre Dame at center provides a grand defense. Pondelik of Chicago, was of much the same type. He was another who had a deal of range on defense.

Weibel of Notre Dame, was one of the fastest guards in the country and he it was who upset so many of the defense formations by taking out a tackle or a back singlehanded. He apparently came from nowhere, so well was the play covered, and he was one of the best covering guards the game has seen in front of the Notre Dame step shift.

Butler of Indiana assisted at one of the surprise parties in the west, the crashing through against Ohio State. Butler was a versatile center, a good passer and a fine interferer across the line of scrimmage. Young of Ohio State, the Buckeye captain, did some excellent passing and was the kingpin of the Ohio attack. But the kingpin of kingpins, of course, was Adam Walsh of Notre Dame. He is a master both of the shooting and the fast pass and much of the quick starting and great speed of the famous "four horsemen" from South Bend was due to the certainty that the ball would come through to the backs whether for sweeps or the cut-in plays properly shot or floated, as the case might be.

He was a play went, thither Walsh, generally ahead of it. "We threw in everything we had against Notre Dame," said one of the Army coaches, "and what we humped into was not merely the Notre Dame defense, but Walsh, who was a whole defensive eleven in his own right." That is about the highest praise that could be accorded to a single player. I doubt if anyone will question the supremacy as a field general of Harry Stuhldreher of Notre Dame. He had the best-timed plays of any eleven to

### Boosters' Manager



HERE'S Joe Mathes, new manager of the Des Moines club of the Western League. Joe played first and managed the St. Joseph team last year, but recently deserted the ranks of the Saints and purchased a playing interest in the Boosters. Mathes succeeds "Red" Corridan, who was purchased by the Minneapolis club of the American association.

handle; he had the throwing of the forward pass, of every variety, flat, arched or with the "nose tip," as part of his duty, but he had above all the burden of picking the exact time to use the pass both as a part of football off-formation and as thoroughly "built-in" play, tying the attack together.

This business of tying the running game together was better done by Stuhldreher against Princeton than I have ever seen it done anywhere at any time.

Rockwell of Michigan and Hall of Illinois, before the latter was injured, were also good quarterbacks. Rockwell was perhaps more nearly the eastern conservative type, but he, too, was a good man with the pass, and picked his downs well.

Hall, with Grange working in his backfield, had his own special problems. There were times when he had to go the limit in daring, cutting Grange loose as few other backs ever have been cut loose.

I have already said about everything that I could in praise of Harold Grange. There is nothing to add. And there is nothing to take away despite the fact that Minnesota checked him down and he was forced to retire with an injury. No greater task was ever assigned any back than that of saving the Chicago game, and it was hardly to be expected that even the greatest of the lot could repeat the following week with a team "all set" against him and a weakened support due to the pounding at the hands of Chicago.

Want Basket Ball Games. The Red Dot Athletic club's colored basket ball team, champs of Omaha, are angling for basket ball games with any fast quintet. The Red Dots have their own gymnasium at Twenty-fourth and Lake streets.

### Omaha Receives Cash and Player for Crack Buffalo Hurler—Griggs Will Manage 1925 Herd of Buffs

By RALPH WAGNER. ARNEY BURCH, owner of the Omaha Buffaloes, the championship baseball club of the western league last season, rolled into Omaha Saturday morning from New York city and points farther east, where he attended the annual powwow of club owners.

The Buffaloes' owner hopped off the train bubbling over with baseball news concerning the 1925 herd and several of the 1924 Buffs.

One of the most important of all items of news concerning the Buffaloes was the announcement that Louie Koupal, "ace" of the 1924 pitching staff, had been sold to the Pittsburgh Nationals for a considerable sum of greenbacks and a pitcher by the name of Robert Burns. The latter is no relation to the gentleman the cigar is named after, however.

The passing of Koupal smashes the crack hurling staff that carried Omaha to a Western League pennant last season. Coming from Hastings of the Nebraska State league to Omaha at the start of the 1924 campaign, Koupal started his second year in organized baseball by developing into one of the best major league pitching prospects in the league.

Last season Louie ranked sixth among the Western League hurlers, one Buffalo, Harry Lee, topping him in the pitchers' record. Koupal is credited with pitching 274 innings of baseball, allowing 247 hits, striking out 119 batsmen and allowing 88 bases on balls, a feat which any minor league hurler would be proud of. Louie worked in 40 games, won 22 and lost 10, for a percentage of .688. He is right-handed and can sock the ball for a long ride into the outfield.

Besides the cash, Burch will get Pitcher Robert Burns, who it is said, can burn 'em up in the minors. Last season with Williamsonport of the New York-Pennsylvania league, a Class B league, Burns won eight and lost nine games, not such a surprising feat, but one worth considering when the town had a poor club.

Owner Burch also announced officially that Art Griggs would again manage the Buffaloes. Many reports have filled the air that Griggs would be back, but it remained for Barney to put his stamp of approval on the report.

Art will start the season at first base. Griggs was troubled with stomach trouble last year and didn't get into condition until Cullop started shining as a first baseman. Burch also verified the announcement that Joe Bonowitz had been traded to Shreveport of the Texas League for Pitcher Harris and Outfielder King. Harris, according to Barney, should make a good hurler for the Buffaloes. Last season he won nine and lost 16 games with a tall-tail club. Harris was the only Shreveport pitcher who remained with the Gassers throughout the season.

King is a good outfielder and a fairly good hitter. Joe Dailey has been sold to Reading of the International league and "Frisco" Thompson will get a tryout with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Harry Manush, second baseman, and Tony Defate, shortstop, who "jumped" the Omaha club two years ago, will be eligible to play ball next summer. Manush is eligible

### Buffalo Hurler Sold to Pirates



now, but must first pay a \$200 fine. Defate will become eligible in June. Both are expected to join the Buffaloes.

Burch says he is angling for second baseman Munroe of the Houston club of the Texas league, but unless the southerners slice their price, may not get the infielder.

Besides a second baseman, Burch is after a catcher, one or two good pitchers and another outfielder. Negotiations have been started for the pitchers and the second baseman and word is expected soon of the new additions to the 1925 Herd.

Pitchers Harry Lee, and "Bill" Bailey are all that remain of the championship hurling staff. Koupal and Dailey have been peddled. "Stubby" Mack, the other manager of the 1924 pitching staff, has been recalled by the White Sox.

Of last season's outfield only Joe Robinson remains. Joe Bonowitz has been traded and Frank Osborn belongs to Seattle. The Pacific Coast league club wants half the state of Nebraska and the Omaha ball park for Frank.

Of the infield Burch has Manager Griggs at first; Jimmy O'Neill at short and Jimmy Wilcox at third. O'Neill and Wilcox will return to the fold.

Catchers Wilder and Luebke have not been traded and still belong to Omaha. So much for them. Barney figures that he needs another outfielder to go along with Robinson and King.

With Pitchers Bailey and Lee, together with Stone, who Burch received in exchange for Thompson from Pittsburgh, the owner of the Buffaloes expects to win at least 80 games next season. Barney has his eye on a former Western League hurler and if the party in question comes down a little in price this pitcher will wear an Omaha uniform next season.

Pitchers Harris and Burns are sort of unknown, but will get a chance to display their wits. Then there is a chance that Koupal might be back, although the chance is mighty slim. Louie was sold to the Pirates with the understanding that if he doesn't make the grade and no double A club wants him, he will return to Omaha. Barney, however, is not counting on Koupal.

The Buffaloes will train at Orange, Tex., next spring. "Cap" Ledy, former coach of the Omaha club, may be secured to coach the 1925 Buffaloes.

### SHAKING THE SLEMON TREE

Noted sporting writer has inaugurated heated discussion by asserting that ball club of nine Babe Ruths could win pennant. Mr. Chairman, we will now vote on the following propositions:

1. Could three Man o' Wars win first, second and third money in an international horse race?
2. Could nine John D. Rockefeller's get a corner on the stock market?
3. Could 11 Red Granges win the football championship?
4. Could two Bill Tildens win the Tennis championship of the Canary Islands?
5. Could one of nine flivvers capture the speed prize in a big auto race?
6. Could nine chorus girls get more publicity than Peggy Joyce?
7. Could nine John Welsmullers finish ahead of a trained dogfish in a swimming race?
8. Could a colored man throw nine more sevens than an adding machine?

Note—Answers will be broadcast over radio on Xmas eve.

### Quigley to Umpire Coast Game

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 13.—Selection of Walter Eckersall of Chicago and E. C. Quigley of St. Mary, Kansas, as referee and umpire, respectively, for the Missouri Southern California football game at Los Angeles, Christmas day, was announced last night by C. L. Brewer, University of Missouri director of athletics. Eckersall is a football writer for the Chicago Tribune and Quigley a National League umpire, is known throughout the country also as a basketball and football official.

The field judge and head linesman are Pacific Coast conference members Louttit of Oregon and Morris, of the University of Washington. All four of the officials were chosen from a list of recommendations submitted by Mr. Brewer.

### Vinton Merchant Five Wins.

The Vinton Street Merchants basketball team defeated the St. Adelberts church five, 12 to 10, on the St. Adelberts floor Thursday night. Redden and Bayless played good ball for the winners. For games with the merchants call Jackson 2391 after 6:30 p. m.

### Herbert Reed's All-American Teams in The Bee

The Omaha Morning Bee of Monday will publish Herbert (Right Wing) Reed's All-American football selections. Will Captain Ed Weir of Nebraska appear on the first or second All-American team? Get tomorrow morning's Omaha Bee and see for yourself. Mr. Reed is considered one of the foremost football critics of the country and especially the east. His All-Western selections appear in the Omaha Bee of today. "Right Wing's" all-star football selections appear exclusively in The Omaha Bee in Nebraska.

### Connie Mack Turns Initial Light on Fake Publicity

Manager of Athletics Asserts Minor Leaguers Frequently Over Estimated in Value by Club Owners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Connie Mack is following in the footsteps of George Washington. He cannot tell a lie. The manager of the Athletics lately was reported to have paid \$100,000 for Pitcher Cochrane of Portland. But it seems that Mack wasn't responsible for the published price. In the case of Cochrane, Mack says:

"I never give out figures because I think they hurt baseball. I never knew of a deal in which I was personally involved where the figures quoted were correct. "The habit has been to rate the players going to the minors at \$10,000 and \$15,000 each, and then add these fake sums to the actual purchase price which, itself, may be doubled to make it look big. That is idiotic and puts a false value on the outgoing player, who could have been bought by any other club in the majors for the fair price of \$4,000."

Mack got Cochrane in exchange for Pitchers Burns and Hasty, Infielder Riccardi, Catcher Rowland and Outfielder Shirling. In real money Cochrane's release probably cost \$10,000.

In their wild desire for free advertising some of the major league magazines have inflated the prices paid for the stars without looking into the future. Stories of \$100,000 for minor leaguers of untried skill have created the impression among major league players that their employers are rolling in wealth. The players, therefore, feel justified in demanding salaries that are pronounced "unreasonable" by the club owners. Dissatisfaction is sure to follow if these demands are denied and frequently the disruption of a winning team can be attributed to the unwillingness of "under paid" stars to give their best efforts.

Connie Mack is the first club owner or manager to turn the light on fake publicity.

### Cyclones Schedule Home Mat Meet

AMES, Ia., Dec. 13.—A tentative wrestling schedule includes four home meets, has been announced by I. N. Metcalf, director of athletics, Iowa State college. A meet with Nebraska is the only event on the tentative schedule which is to be held away from Ames.

The schedule is not absolute, according to Mr. Metcalf, but will probably go through as it is, though there may be some date changes and for that reason the dates for the meets are not given. It is assured, however, that Iowa State will meet West Virginia, the Michigan Aggies, Minnesota and Kansas university at Ames. Nebraska must be grappled with at Lincoln. There also are possibilities of a meet with other Penn State, Northwestern or Oklahoma A. and M.

The Missouri valley meet will be held at Lincoln this year and Coach Hugo Otopalik and his associates will be contenders for the honors. The last meet will probably be the western intercollegiate at Chicago.

Harvey Bauer, center, has been selected to lead the Lincoln high 1925 football team.