

Federal League Prospectus Sounds Like a Real Boom Kansas Foot Ball Money Looks Mighty Good to the Cornhuskers

FEDERAL LEAGUE DOPE IS BONE OF CONTENTION AMONG STOVE LEAGUERS

OMAHA FANS INTERESTED IN FUTURE OF OUTLAWS

Federal Assertions of Contracting Major League Stars Arouses Curiosity in Omaha.

NEW LEAGUE MAKES HEADWAY

Must Now Be Considered by Organized Base Ball Magnates.

TINKER DEAL CAUSES WORRY

Old Cub Will Influence Others if He Deserts to the Outlaws.

OMAHA LADS GO OVER TO FEDS

Williams Rumored Among Those Who Signed Contracts.

OMAHA MAY GET FRANCHISE

Stoval's Visit and Rumors Which Accompanied It Have Made the Fans Believe Omaha Has Chance with Federals.

Although the paramount issue of all fans always has been, is at present and probably for some time to come will be, the chances for the Bourke's to cop the Western league rag, a large number of Omaha's choice exponents of the stove league have been of late excitedly discussing the pros and cons of the welfare of that disturbing base ball outlaw, the Federal league. At its birth little comment was raised in Omaha, but as the league has successfully weathered the strenuous journey of one season and has a little knot of pretty smooth promoters with apparently unlimited capital behind it manning the helm, Omaha fans have begun to prick up their ears and listen attentively to every mouthful of gossip concerning the ways and wherefores of this new disturbing element.

Most of the rabid fans turn up their noses in disgust and look with manifest pity at the poor creatures who broach the subject of the Federal league as a serious proposition. The fans are unwilling to look the situation in the eye because it is seriously threatening the monarchial power of organized base ball. But those fans who look at the Federal league with reason and who have carefully watched its progress, are entertaining a suspicion these days that the outlaw league is going to force a large amount of trouble before the passing of many more days.

Work into Limelight.

The publicity department of the Federal league has done all in its duty in an admirable shape. Without announcing anything of a definite nature the Federal league magnates have spread gossip, in which the contracting of several familiar players is the chief bone of contention, without ever giving away any of their plans. They must necessarily work underground in order to accomplish much and that is just the method of procedure they have adopted. There is no longer any doubt in the minds of the unprejudiced that the Federal league is a proposition which must be considered every minute.

During the last week of two the Federal league has under the observation of the fans stronger than ever. The rumored deals by which Joe Tinker became a member of the outlaws, have created a stir over the entire country. Fans and magnates and players have stopped to think and wonder. If Tinker goes over to the Federals it will be a strong incentive to other players to do the same thing.

Tinker has confessed that he has narrowly escaped signing with the Federals to manage the Cincinnati team and that they have offered him more money and a block of stock in the club if he will desert. A dispatch from Chicago yesterday further augments the rumors that Tinker will join the Federals. The dispatch includes an interview in which Tinker said, "It looks as if I will have to sign a Federal contract Monday."

Such tempting offers are hard to resist, and it looks very much as if Tinker is likely to move his trunk and grip to the Federal league, even though Frank Chance does assert that he is willing to pay \$25,000 to Ebbs for the privilege of taking the Tinker deal off Ebbs' hands.

To Announce Plans.

The early part of last week the Federal league president, James A. Gilmore, announced that full details of plans for the playing season for 1914 would be made public tomorrow, and that included in the statement of the plans would be the names of thirty prominent big league players who have signed Federal league contracts. He said that several deals were still incomplete at that time, but would be finished by tomorrow and ready for publication. If President Gilmore can make good on his announcement, which sounds a bit like a threat, it will be a big feather in the league's cap.

The names of several players have been rumored as signing with the Federal league, but contradictions have blossomed about as quickly and nothing much has been definitely determined. Ever since George Stoval accepted the position of manager of the Kansas City team of the outlaw league, activities started in earnest. Stoval has been in a large way responsible for the gossip which has been bothering those connected with the organization because he has not limited his efforts toward strengthening his own team alone, but because he has worked hard to assist his coworkers.

Soon after Stoval deserted Annou-

NO CHANGE IN THE LEAGUE

Commercial Basket Ball Artists Standing About the Same.

SOME HAVE STRONG TEAMS

Quintets Are Supplied with Good Men, but Many Need a Lot of Practice with Each Other.

Commercial League Basket Ball.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
Omaha High Sch.	2	0	2	0.000
Nebraska Tel.	2	0	2	0.000
Magee & Demers	1	0	1	0.000
Pirates	2	1	1	.500
Omaha Nat. Bank	2	0	2	.000
Helloune College	0	0	0	.000
Bee Pub. Co.	2	0	2	.000

The third week of the Commercial league saw little or no change in the standing of the basket ball teams. The teams played last week showed more than ever the strength of some of the teams and as a result some of the weaker fives have put in nearly every night of last week in hard practice. All the games are witnessed by large crowds and as the interest between the possible contenders for the championship becomes greater it is expected that the crowds will increase.

So far in the games played the Omaha High school seems to have the best team work. They also seem to be in better condition. During their game with The Bee Publishing company last week they appeared to be in fine condition; however, when the game was over the publishers were all in. With the exception of Pitow and Larmon, the high school team is made up of players from the school foot ball team. This accounts for the good physical condition of the five. Then, again, they get more practice than other quintets of the league. Under Coach Mills they get a workout each afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association. The loss of Huxley did not seem to affect the playing of the team last week.

Have Strong Teams.

The Nebraska Telephone team has been playing a remarkable game since the season started. In the contests played they have easily defeated their opponents. Some of the best players in the city belong to the telephone players. Hutchinson, former captain of the University of Nebraska five, is with them, as is also Nolan. From what has been seen of Nolan he is reputed to be one of the best players in the city. Wilson at center is also a star. He seems to be one of the most accurate basket shooters in the city. Fellows and Geseman are also showing up in great form.

Magee & Demers are also playing great basket ball this season. Their team is composed of experienced college players, and so far they have outclassed the teams they have played.

Pirates are more than to be reckoned in the race for supremacy since losing their first game to the Magee & Demers they have greatly strengthened their team. Ritchie appeared for the first time this season with them. Besides Ritchie, who has the reputation of being the best individual player in the city, they also have Burkenroad, former Omaha High school star. Lynn at center is also a good player.

Bellevue college showed up in fine form when it met the Pirates several weeks ago. Their team work was as good as that of any witnessed on the gym this year. They fell down when it came to shooting baskets.

The Omaha National bank got a bad start this season. Their team is composed almost wholly of inexperienced players. As they started the season by running up against two of the best teams in the league it is small wonder that they could not make much headway. All last week the bankers practiced steadily at the gym and as a result expect to give a good account of themselves before the season is at an end.

The Bee Publishing company is about in the same fix as the bankers. This is the first year of their playing together.

Besides playing in the Commercial league many of the teams are playing games with outside quintets. Two weeks ago the Magee & Demers journeyed down to St. Paul and came home with the small end of the game. They also have several games scheduled with outside teams, among who are Peru and Tarkio. All the Commercial league teams are looking for outside contests and would be glad to hear from some of the teams out of town.

The new schedule will be out in a few days and is so arranged that all the league teams will play at least once a week.

Bob Fitzsimmons IS BARRED FROM PRIZE RING

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Bob Fitzsimmons, former heavyweight champion of the world, is ten-fold again to enter the ring, even in ten-round bouts, members of the state boxing commission say. On Tuesday when the matter comes before the commission, the members will vote to prohibit the one-time champion from boxing in the state.

This action against Fitzsimmons, the members of the commission say, will be taken "for humanity's sake." They say that Fitzsimmons is too old to enter a boxing contest and to allow such a bout would be in the light of licensing a farce.

Soon after the New York state athletic commission came into existence, more than two years ago, the members quietly went on record against bouts between old state favorites of the ring. There is no objection to Fitzsimmons personally except as to his age. He is more than 40 years old. Now that Fitzsimmons is actually preparing to take part in a boxing bout here on January 6, the commission intends to enforce its old age rule.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28, 1913.

Joe Tinker, Base Ball Bone of Contention



Dethroned as manager of the Cincinnati Reds and sold to Brooklyn in a deal which brought a long, loud howl from the famous Cincinnati board of directors, Joe Tinker, star shortstop, has been the center of a base ball muddle which has not been without its comic side. He is now flirting with the Federal league, and is getting a lot more newspaper space on this ac-

count. Charley Hensag has his old job. But there's no sure thing about a whole matter and that's this: Joe is one premier short, and one excellent whanger with the war club, and when the grass begins to show green in the north next spring it's a cinch Joe won't be watching the birds fly in the bush. He didn't care particularly for Brooklyn, anyway.

BIG WRESTLERS WILL MEET

Grimm and Hussane to Go to Finish Match at Krug Saturday.

BOTH ARE HUSKY MAT MEN

Grimm is Heavyweight Champion of the Pacific Coast and Hussane is Also Traveler in Big Company.

In an effort to stimulate wrestling in Omaha a match to a finish is to be staged between "Polly" Grimm, Pacific coast heavyweight champion, and Youseff Hussane, Farmer Burns' protegee, next Saturday night at the Krug theater.

Grimm has downed every opponent out in the far western states and has been identified in athletic events for a number of years. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and while attending school made himself conspicuous in the gymnasium and on the field.

Hussane is pretty well known locally and among the distinguishing achievements he has to his honor is that of holding the famous Hackenschmidt to a neck-and-neck tussle for two hours and ten minutes. That was three years ago when the Russian was touring the United States.

There will be a number of preliminaries between local celebrities and others from nearby localities and the event promises to be one of the largest held in Omaha in some time.

Manager Franke has extended himself in getting up the event and promises a continuation of wrestling matches if the necessary support is extended by fans of the sport.

Life of the Boss is Short.

Only three of the sixteen big league managers have lasted for three seasons. Life of the base ball leader is not of long duration. McGraw, Jennings and Connie Mack are the only survivors of the 1911 roster.

The Secret Out at Last.

The unusual care taken by Christy Mathewson to preserve his pitching arm is well known, but the extent to which he spares his salary wing is hardly ever guessed. In traveling he always carries his heavy grip in his left hand.

GEORGE SUTTON CONFIDENT

Feels Sure that He Will Win Title from Willie Hoppe.

YOUNGSTER WON EASILY

Chicago Veteran Did Not Prove Much of a Trial for Him in All of the Games They Have Ever Played.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Right in the face of a prevailing opinion that Willie Hoppe will defeat him again in their title match for the 182 ball line billiard championship to be held in this city in February, George Sutton, according to advice that reach here, has a sincere belief that he is about to remove all evidence of a championship from the possession of the present youthful title holder. The Chicago veteran has made several attempts for the title in the last few years which did not take noticeably, but he declares that this time it will be sure fire.

Calvin Demarest, who was defeated by Hoppe recently, is sponsor for the information that Sutton has come back into the form that once made him one of the greatest and at the same time one of the most dangerous players in the game. Demarest played with Sutton in Chicago for some time prior to coming here for his match with Hoppe and declared afterward that Sutton had again become master of the line nurse which was always his greatest asset in billiards.

Sutton really made his reputation in billiards on the strength of his ability to nurse the balls on the balk lines and was the greatest expert in the world at this particular style. His game was to get the object balls astraddle of the balk line and then nurse them along by sending one ball to the cushion and back into position again. This kept him out of position at all times and permitted him to run on indefinitely.

Hoppe Beat Sutton Easily.

Hoppe defeated Sutton with considerable ease the last time they met, but it is claimed that Sutton was in bad health for two or three years, which had an effect on his play.

Frank Gotch Wins Easily.

George Carpentier, European heavyweight champion, is reported to have picked up over \$200,000 at the light game and is not yet 20 years old.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF KANSAS GAME MAY MAKE ANNUAL BATTLE CERTAIN

CLIFTON HILL BOYS AHEAD

Their School Leads in All Around Athletic Requirements.

FALL TESTS ARE TABULATED

Central Park Leads in the Heaviest Class, Lincoln in the Middle Weight, Clifton Hill in Light Weight.

Results of the fall athletic tests among the boys of the public schools have been tabulated by Athletic Director R. L. Carna. They show that the Clifton Hill school leads all others with a record of 77 per cent of enrolled lads who can meet the requirements in running, chinning and high and broad jumping. The Charles Harding silver trophy cup will therefore be awarded them to keep for the rest of the school year. Edward Rosewater and Vinton schools were second and third, respectively, with scores of 67.7 and 68.9.

In the division contests, for boys of various weights, Central Park school led in the heaviest class, Lincoln school in the middle weights and Clifton Hill school in the lightweights. Each of these schools gets a banner to keep permanently.

In the table of comparative percentages by years, the 1913 record appears lower than those of 1911 and 1912. This is probably due to the different system of scoring adopted this year.

Several hundred more boys were entered in the tests this year than previously, however, and the general standard of athletics in the public schools is said to be higher than ever.

Record for Three Years.

The comparative records for the last three years follow:

Class	1911	1912	1913
Ent. % Pass, Ent. % Pass, Ent. %			
Class I	73.20	68.20	68.20
Class II	64.85	62.50	71.14
Class III	62.28	61.60	68.80

Summary of Fall Tests.

Following is the summary of the results in the fall meet just completed:

SCHOOL	Boys Entered	Boys Passed	Ent. %	Pass. %
Bancroft	64	141	65.3	65.3
Beals	40	157	80	69.9
Class	58	212	71.2	71.2
Castillo	101	251	56.8	56.8
Central	126	498	58.1	58.1
Central Park	77	238	19.8	19.8
Clifton Hill	48	299	77.9	77.9
Columbian	74	286	17.2	17.2
Comenius	4	161	96	65.4
DuPont	13	78	109	82.9
Edward Rosewater	52	198	107	62.7
Franklin	48	246	237	60.8
Farman	117	406	273	62.8
Clifton Hill	48	299	77.9	77.9
Howard Kennedy	10	40	283	61.5
Kellom	176	166	301	66.3
Laska	104	294	282	67.7
Lincoln	65	238	167	94.7
Long	119	444	291	61.1
Luther	10	10	10	100.0
Madison	109	415	249	67.8
Miller Park	68	236	124	69.8
Monmouth Park	98	371	235	68.8
Packer	49	249	237	66.0
Park	113	434	259	61.1
Saratoga	108	401	247	68.9
Saunders	8	203	136	67.0
Sherman	20	78	47	60.3
Tru	53	262	236	63.4
Walnut Hill	61	251	166	62.2
Windsor	117	406	251	61.6

Interest in Race Quickens

Actual Building of Lipton's Defender Yacht Stimulates Many.

DETERMINED TO GET THE CUP

Honors Now Being Held by the Americans Being Most Eagerly Sought by Shipwrights of Southern England.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Now that a start has been made with the actual building of Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the forthcoming contest for the America's cup, it may be taken for granted that interest will quicken and extend in the whole matter every day. Already there is reason to believe that there will be as much interest engendered over this contest as there was over any previous one. For one thing, the south of England is in some ways the greatest yachting center in the world, and the fact that the building of the challenger has once more been entrusted to a south of England firm, to a south of England man, moreover, who is at present enjoying a great and well-earned reputation, is bound to make an irrefragable appeal in that most powerful quarter.

The determination, to try to recover the cup at this time with the aid of a Corinthian steersman, has fairly captured the popular imagination, and it is safe to say no knight of the greatest days of chivalry ever took more good wishes into the lists with him than will accompany W. P. Burton across the western ocean when he goes to do his devoir for Sir Thomas Lipton—and for Britain.

In dealing with a man, that supreme judge of men, Napoleon, always wanted to know, "what has he done?" Well, as many people will wish between now and next autumn to know in at least a summary form what the chosen steersman has done, we have prepared the accompanying synopsis of his racing and prize winning; prepared it at once for the gratifying of such inquiries and as a small compliment to a great yachtsman.

The record of the Corinthian who is to sail the Shamrock:

Year	Races	1st	Other	Total
1882-Lillypup	8	3	1	4
1883-Lillypup	6	3	1	4
1885-Vanity	10	9	1	10
1886-Vanity	7	6	1	7
1887-Penitent	16	9	3	12
1888-Penitent	41	17	3	20
1889-Penitent	44	16	36	26
1890-Penitent	41	16	25	26
1891-Gauntlet	31	4	10	14
1892-Lucida	29	24	5	24
1893-Lucida	42	37	5	37
1894-Lucida	24	9	8	17
1895-Britomart	23	9	10	16
1896-Britomart	43	42	19	29
1897-Britomart	45	20	14	24
1898-Britomart	49	12	4	18
1899-Britomart	49	12	4	18
1900-Ostara	50	20	18	28
1901-Ostara	46	15	15	25
1902-Ostara	42	17	25	23
1903-Ostara	24	15	5	20

FRANK GOTCH WILL DANCE TANGO AT CHARITY BALL

FORT DODGE, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler, will demonstrate the latest Tango steps at the annual charity ball here January 2. Mr. Gotch and his wife have just returned from Chicago, where, far from making arrangements for return to the mat, Gotch has devoted much time to taking tango lessons of a fashionable teacher. The ball will be held in the Armory, where the champion has often shown his ability as a wrestler.

JAYHAWK BATTLE BRINGS MUCH GOIN TO TREASURY

Contest at Lawrence Last Fall Realized Almost Four Thousand Dollars for Cornhuskers

BEST GAME PLAYED IN KANSAS

Nebraska Contest Brings \$2,000 More Than Any Other Game.

GAME VALUABLE TO SCHEDULE

Battle with Jayhawks Always Brings Snug Sum to Treasury.

ALUMNI FIGHTS FOR RIGHTS

Say Stiehm Should Not Suffer Any Indignities for Money.

STIEHM TO GET LONG CONTRACT

Nebraska Mentor Probably Will Be Given Three-Year Term, with Increase of Salary, to Stay with the Cornhuskers.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Nebraska realized \$3,800.45 from the Kansas-Nebraska foot ball game at Lawrence, Kan., this year, according to the statement which Manager Hamilton of Kansas has forwarded to Athletic Manager Reed of the Cornhuskers. The Jayhawk battle will probably rank third this season in point of enriching the Cornhusker exchequer—Iowa and Minnesota yielding bigger returns to the Cornhuskers.

At that, it was the biggest sum a Nebraska-Kansas game ever yielded, and Manager Hamilton, in forwarding his statement to Reed, said he felt very proud of the crowd which turned out. "It yielded \$2,200 better than any game ever played in Lawrence," Hamilton writes, "and the crowd was by far the largest of any ever seen here."

The total paid attendance at the game was 4,100, of which 1,200 were recorded by Hamilton as students, probably because they held students' season passes for the game. The total receipts amounted to \$7,805, but the expenses of officials amounted to \$4,710, leaving \$3,095.50 to be divided equally between the two teams. Or this amount the Cornhuskers received \$3,800.45, while the Jayhawks got \$3,896.45.

While Reed's complete season statement is not ready yet, owing to some delayed reports, it is known that both the Minnesota game, which was "homecoming" day at Nebraska, and the Iowa games, drew larger crowds, and as the prices charged for these two games are slightly in advance of those charged for the Jayhawk battle, they should net the Cornhuskers considerably more.

At the close of the season it was announced by Reed that the total receipts for the season would run close to \$26,000, and with only normal expenses, it is expected the report will show a snug sum in the treasury to tide over other branches of athletics and leave a nice balance for next year.

Kansas Contest Profitable.

Nebraskans opposed to playing Kansas because of the constant friction between the managements of the two schools over officials and other arrangements attendant on the athletic games, must admit the Lawrence receipts showed conclusively that a foot ball game with Kansas is a valuable asset. At the same time they can take considerable comfort in the receipts from the Minnesota and Iowa games, for they show conclusively that the Huskers could schedule other games which would prove as good a drawing card, financially, as the Jayhawkers.

One in authority at Nebraska has said repeatedly that Nebraska humiliates herself by allowing the Jayhawkers to practically dictate the selection of officials for foot ball games. That should be modified somewhat, for since Stiehm has come to Nebraska, the system has changed and the healthy mentor has refused to allow his school to be put at a disadvantage in the selection of officials. And in Stiehm's attitude on this matter is found the explanation of the ill feeling which is known to exist between Stiehm and Hamilton. Anyone at all conversant with athletic conditions at Nebraska knows this to be the secret in a nutshell and in commenting on the question of a further continuance of athletic relations is of paramount importance.

Major Leagues Will Open Season April 14

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Work on the 1914 playing schedules of the American and National leagues will begin January 2 at French Lick, Ind. President Johnson of the American league received word today that President Dreyfus of the Pittsburgh club and Secretary Heydler of the National league would meet him at the Indiana resort on that day. Secretary Harridge of the American league will accompany Mr. Johnson.

April 14 has been definitely agreed on as the date for opening the next season, but when the schedule can be completed is not so certain. October 4 will be the closing date if the regulation 156 games can be booked by then. Last year the season opened April 10 and closed October 5.

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It is understood that Stiehm will ask for a three-year contract and in view of his excellent services during the last season there is but little question he will be given it. Stiehm is well liked by the

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