

# Base Ball Under Any Name Cannot Long Survive Unless Honest

## ROURKE PLAYERS ALL COMING INTO CAMP

Signed Contracts Have Been Arriving at Pa's Office Fast During the Last Week.

## TRAINING STARTS MARCH 16

On that Date All Are to Report at the Ball Park.

## KRUG COMES TO PA'S TERMS

Fast Outfielder Thought He Was Entitled to More Pay.

## STILL SEEKING A CATCHER

Pa Needs One More Good Man to Help Shestak Out at the Receiving End—Exhibition Games Are Arranged.

Signed contracts of the ball players on Pa Rourke's reserve list are flocking in thick and fast these days and coupled with the agreements to the terms offered and promises to sign, everything will look bright for Omaha, when the boys arrive to start the training season on March 16.

These players who gave Pa a bit of worry at the start of the season, because of their propensity to ignore his contracts are falling in line and will enter the fold when the time comes, just as peacefully as a flock of lambs. None of them is burdened with grouches about insufficient salaries anymore, so Pa now confidently asserts that he will not lose a single ball player to the Feds or anybody else.

Pa has received letters from Congalton, Ward and Krug and they all declare that they expect to be here in time for spring training. None of the trio has mailed his signed contract as yet, but they have no grievances that are of major importance, so it can be expected that they will appear.

**Krug Comes to Terms.**  
Krug is perhaps the most docile of the three. When Krug answered the letter, which contained his contract, he made quite a sassy reply. Pa very gently explained to the obstreperous gentleman that the Omaha Base Ball club was not a gold mine and could not very well exist if Krug was paid a stipend, which would associate with that received by the president of the United States and he furthermore told Krug that the ball club would still continue business at the old stand, even if somebody else did have to play left field. Krug saw the logic of that and as he was waived by both the majors and double A leagues, he figured that he had better become more peaceful.

Ward is so relieved to escape the climatic conditions of the southern league that it will take little coaxing to induce him to immigrate to a city, where every kind of weather is found. Ward has not signed yet, but he has signified that the terms are acceptable.

**All to Be in Line.**  
Congalton has written Pa expressing hope that Pa might be a tiny bit more liberal, but the clouting outfielder is not insistent and when they are not insistent it is a good sign that the right field fence will have to be braced up considerably. Payne has also announced satisfaction with his contract, while Bel, the Northern league player, has been in-

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## Exciting Finish in Church League May Be Expected

Standing of Church league basket ball teams:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
First Christians	9	0	.1000
First Methodist	8	1	.887
Hancock Park M. E.	5	5	.500
Westminster Pres.	4	5	.444
First Baptist	3	8	.269

After nine weeks of steady playing, basket ball in the Church league has simmered down to but two contests. The first and most important of these, between the First Christians and the First Methodists, will be played some time this week. Both of these teams have been galloping neck and neck for the championship honors and are separated by but one game.

Never before has a basket ball league in the city come to such an exciting end. As the first two teams are fighting for first place, so are the two following quintets contesting for third. These teams, the Hancock Park Methodists and the Westminster Presbyterians, are tied for third place and an extra contest will be played to settle the controversy.

It has not been decided when either of the two games will be played, but from some of the leading officials in the league it is more than probable that they will come off Thursday evening at the Young Men's Christian association.

Following the close of the Church league, plans are to be perfected for a basket ball tournament to take in the churches of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs. Active playing in the tournament is to start immediately after the close of the Commercial Basket Ball league.

By starting the tournament at that time it will give a number of the players in the Commercial league a chance to take part in the affair as many of them belong to churches which are to enter teams.

**Willie Ritchie Has Paid His Income Tax**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Willie Ritchie, the lightweight champion, is on record in the office of the collector of Internal revenue here as having paid his income tax. He is believed to be the first prize fighter in the country to declare his earnings and settle with the government.

## JOHN EVERS, WHOSE CASE WAS END FOR C. W. MURPHY.



Johnny Evers, the quick-tempered little fielder, to keep whom in organized base ball the National league has just deposed Charles Webb Murphy, boss of the Chicago Cubs, Murphy dismissed Evers from his job as manager of the Cubs and tried to dispose of him to Boston. Evers refused to be a party to any deal whereby Murphy would benefit, and to get Evers to stay with the old league, Murphy's associates, under duress of Ban Johnson's threat to sever relations between the American and National leagues unless such action was taken, ousted Murphy at a special meeting Saturday.

## FEDERAL ROLL TWO HUNDRED

Will Be Divided Among Eight Outlaw Clubs Next Saturday.

## MORE BIG LEAGUERS ARE SOUGHT

Jake Stahl, It is Reported, Has Advised Tris Speaker Not to Sign Until He Has Reached New York.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Two hundred ball players of various degrees of ability will be divided among the eight clubs of the Federal league at the meeting of the owners and managers here next Saturday, it was announced today, and the next important meeting of the Federal schedule makers at Baltimore on March 1. The latest figures on the number of players enrolled with the new league were 175. President Gilmore and his associates, since that number was given out, have added a number and expect to enlist others this week.

Strong influence is being brought to bear on two or three of the best athletes in the big league to induce them to join the Federal. A special cablegram from Paris is authority for the statement that Jake Stahl, wanted as the Brooklyn Federal club manager, had allied himself with the "outlaws" and advised Tris Speaker, the Boston American outfielder, traveling with the world tourists, not to sign any contract until he reached New York. Stahl's message to Speaker is believed to have persuaded the outfielder not to sign a new Boston contract, despite the efforts of Manager Callahan of the White Sox, who was deputized to keep Speaker in the organized game. It is known that Speaker, Sam Crawford and Mike Doolan are much wanted by the Federal leaguers.

## Basket Ball Teams Bunch for Position in the Commercial

Standing of Commercial league basket ball teams:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Benson's Pirates	9	1	.900
Magee & Deemers	6	1	.857
Nebraska National Bank	5	4	.556
Belleuve College	4	5	.444
Omaha National Bank	1	7	.125
Ice Publishing Co.	0	9	.000

Last week was the big one for basket ball sharks of the city. For the first time in years followers of the game had a chance to see the Cornhuskers in action and to see the Methodists unlimber. It was the first time this year that the Omaha National bank and The Ice Publishing company teams may as well be relegated to the scrap-heap. Both of these teams are far to the windward and have not much show to come out near the top.

The Nebraska Telephone team is making desperate efforts to retrieve lost territory. Belleuve college is coming to the front. Its close guarding has been a feature in the games played. The team is playing in the hardest kind of luck. As to the Magee & Deemers and Benson's Pirates a defeat to either of these teams would reduce its chances at the present time to the legal limit as to championship aspirations.

## SCOTT DEFEATS CHAMPION SWIMMER AND TIES MARK

HONOLULU, Feb. 21.—Robert Scott of the Olympic club, San Francisco, defeated the world champion short distance swimmer, Duke Kahanamoku, here today at fifty yards, tying the championship world's record of 23 1/2 seconds.

**Speaker Still Out.**  
Tris Speaker, who is with the world's tourists, is now the only reserved player unsigned by the Boston Red Sox.

## MURPHY LEAVES CUBS; TAFT BUYS HIS STOCK

President of Chicago Nationals Resigns the Presidency of Windy City Club.

## RELATIONS WITH IT SEVERED

He Also Quits as Director of League of Professional Ball.

## ANNOUNCEMENT AT CINCINNATI

Comes After Conference of Tender and the Stockholders.

## NO AGREEMENT REACHED THEN

Brother of Former President of the United States Purchases All Holdings of Obstreperous Magnate.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 21.—As the result of conferences held today between Governor John K. Tener, president of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and Charles P. Taft, Harry Ackerman and the other stockholders of the Chicago league base ball club, an agreement has been reached by which Mr. Taft has purchased the stock in the Chicago National league base ball club, which has been heretofore held by Charles W. Murphy. Mr. Taft is a brother of former President Taft.

Murphy has resigned as president of the Chicago National league base ball club and will have no further official connection with its affairs. He also has resigned as director of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs and the board of directors, which has been in session here today.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago National league base ball club will be held at once and a new president, agreeable to Mr. Taft and to the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, will be chosen. Harry Ackerman, one of the stockholders in the Chicago club, and John Conaway Tools, attorney for the National league, participated in the conference which resulted in the arrangement and which was held at Mr. Taft's office.

## Smaller Colleges in Iowa May Unite in Single Conference

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Trouble among the minor colleges of the state of Iowa, which has been developing for some time and which came to a head at the meeting of the state managers here last Monday, is likely to prevent the settling of the championship honors among the smaller schools in the future. The clash arose over the question of eligibility with the Iowa conference on one side of the question and the Hawkeye conference on the other.

The Iowa conference, composed of Coe, Simpson, Highland Park, Cornell, Leander Clark, and Grinnell, has had a rule prohibiting the use of freshmen until they have been in the school one year. This proved the chief source of trouble at Monday's meeting, as the Hawkeye conference schools refused to alter their present policy of allowing freshmen to play on their teams. The Hawkeye conference institutions are the State Teachers' college, Ellsworth, Charles City college, St. Joseph's college, Parsons, Penn and Des Moines.

Neither side was willing to make any concessions at Monday's meeting, and as a result each conference team will meet only the members of its own organization in base ball and track this spring. Iowa and Ames, the two larger schools of the state, scheduled contests with the members of the two conferences impartially, and will allow the smaller schools to name their own eligibility rules.

An effort will be made in the spring to get the representatives of the two conferences together at a meeting in Des Moines, at which the differences can be settled. The formation of one larger conference from the two has been suggested, but so many colleges would have to be included that such a body would necessarily be cumbersome. The members of the Iowa conference take the stand that they cannot take a step backward by allowing their freshmen to play, while they will not give the Hawkeye conference schools the advantage of using freshmen while they bar them from their own teams. The Iowa conference meet will be held on May 16 at Grinnell.

## Creighton Active For New Gymnasium

Plans are moving forward for the erection of the Creighton university gymnasium planned at the Pan Alumni organization effected recently. The alumni of the dental department will meet in Omaha, Monday, to form an organization, which will especially promote the work of lining up the dental alumni on the project. The dental alumni, while being members of the Pan-Alumni association, former all the departments, retained their organization for the sake of their annual clinic.

## Amateurs Mustn't Take Compensation

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Besides barring entirely any player considered a professional, the National Amateur Base Ball association at its session today adopted rules prohibiting the players in its contests from receiving any compensation for participation. Rigid regulations regarding professionalism were incorporated in the association's eligibility code. The delegates from the fourteen cities who attended yesterday's meeting at which the association was organized will form the first directorate. It was decided today.

**Denison Takes Another.**  
DENISON, Ia., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—High school basket ball: Missouri Valley, 20; Denison, 42.

# SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 22, 1914.

## Veteran Stars Will Again Be Drawing Cards



At top, left to right: Christy Mathewson and Ty Cobb. At bottom: Walter Johnson and Hans Wagner.

## Omaha's Share of Good Things in Western League Schedule for the Season

Glancing casually over the Western league schedule, the ordinary Omaha fan would find that from all appearances Pa Rourke got the short end of the deal at the meeting in Chicago. The fact that only one holiday date was given to Omaha and that Omaha plays the last two weeks of the season away from home, as well as opening the season away from home, would make him decide that somebody slipped the meat hooks to the Omaha magnate.

The holiday date is explained because Omaha had the Independence day date last year and he couldn't expect it again. On Decoration day base ball games are against the law in Nebraska, so Omaha is compelled to play away from home on that date.

Omaha opens the season with a four-game series at Des Moines and then comes home for eight games with St. Joseph and Sioux City and return for a stretch of twenty games. After that twenty games Omaha will have played all the teams in the league on the home grounds and only Des Moines, St. Joseph and Sioux City away from home.

Omaha gets twelve games and twelve Saturday games. Omaha closes the season at Sioux City, playing all the games after September 7 away from home. The final game of the season will come a week earlier. By curtailing the number of open dates and adding a double-header or two to the schedule of each team it was made possible to clip one full week off. Thus the last Omaha game will be played at Sioux City Sunday, September 27.

When the schedule meeting in Chicago concluded every magnate asserted he had received just what he wanted. One thing they all agreed was a benefit in the reduced mileage. The games and trips have been so arranged that the mileage will be materially reduced. The four-game series, of course, had something to do with that reduction.

## High School Teams Eager for Basket Ball Tourney Coming Down at Lincoln

LINCOLN, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—With entries from forty Nebraska high schools and nearly a dozen more to forward their list yet, Manager Guy Reed looks for the biggest high school basket ball tournament since the university has stood sponsor for the championship feature of this popular winter sport. Nine other high schools have definitely entered the tournament, but as yet have not supplied Reed with the names of the members of the teams.

## Pennsylvania Town Is Leader in Class A of Shooting Match

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Warren, Pa., with nine straight wins to its credit, leads class A of the intersub rifle shooting matches this week. The defeat of Cleveland by the narrow margin of one point makes a three-cornered tie for second place, the other two teams being Cleveland and Dickinson, N. D. St. Paul made the highest score for the week, 96 out of 100. King's Mills and Stillwater, Minn., still remain tied for the first honors in class B. Scores:

Class A: Warren, Pa., 95, against Tacoma, Wash., 88; Cleveland, O., 93, against District of Columbia, 82; St. Paul, Minn., 96, against Bucyrus, O., 91; Bridgeport, Conn., 94, against Wisconsin Old Guard, 85; Manchester, N. H., 95, against Adrian, Mich., 92; Birmingham, Ala., 96, against Youngstown, O., 93; Dickinson, N. D., 97, against Milwaukee Rifle club, 96.

**Tigers Start for South.**  
DETROIT, Feb. 21.—Ten Detroit American league base ball players today started for the spring training camp at Gulf Port, Miss. Manager Jennings is already at the training camp.

## GOPHER QUAILS AT CORNHUSKER SNARLS

Coach Williams and His Pets Crawl Into Hole and Pull the Hole In with Them.

## GOPHERS AFRAID OF LINCOLN

Dread of Nebraska Capital Prevents Further Contests.

## MINNESOTA DEMANDS THE PIE

Declines to Allow One Game in Three Years at Lincoln.

## WILLIAMS WANTS THEM ALL

Declares He Will Not Play If He Is Forced to Jeopardize Standing by Playing Cornhuskers Away from Minneapolis.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.  
LINCOLN, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—For the first time in ten years, the University of Nebraska and the University of Minnesota will not meet on the gridiron—negotiations between the athletic managements of the two schools terminating without an agreement for the continuance of foot ball relations. Failure to agree on an alternating contract spells the reason for the loss of the most attractive game on the Cornhusker schedule. Coach Stehm of Nebraska demanded a three-year contract, providing that Nebraska should play at Minneapolis in 1914 and in 1915, but that the Gophers should come to Lincoln in 1916. Dr. Williams, with memories still fresh of the decisive defeat which the Gophers suffered last fall on the gridiron, did not care to take the risk of meeting the Cornhuskers away from home, and refused to contract for more than one season's game, thereby making it possible for the Gophers to force the Cornhuskers to come to Minneapolis each year.

**Deplore Lack of Game.**  
Regardless of the regrettable conditions which have resulted in the discontinuance of the big foot ball game, Cornhusker alumni will generally deplore the fact that Nebraska and Minnesota will not measure strength on the gridiron. The Nebraska-Minnesota game by all odds is the biggest on the Nebraska schedule—beyond a doubt the alumni of the school look forward to its result with more anticipation than any other game and from a financial point of view, it is a valuable asset to the Cornhuskers.

The Nebraska management very justly, thought the Cornhuskers were entitled to more recognition than cozy Dr. Williams was inclined to show and was ready to stand pat on the Nebraska rights. The three telegrams exchanged by the managements explain the negotiations for the game and are given in full. Following is the telegram which Dr. Williams first sent to the Nebraska management, relative to the game:

"Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18, '13.  
"Can officials of the Nebraska team for next fall. Please let me know at once if acceptable."  
To this telegram, Stehm then forwarded his reply, asking for a two-year contract, providing for a return game with Nebraska. The Minnesota authorities would not hear to this and negotiations dragged for nearly a month. Then Stehm sent the following telegram to the Minnesota coach, outlining the Nebraska position on the matter of a foot ball contract:

"Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5, '14.  
"Subject to the approval of the athletic board, Nebraska agrees to play at Minneapolis, October seventeenth, Minnesota, nineteen fifteen, and Lincoln, sixteen, sixteen."  
Dr. Williams replied to this telegram immediately as follows:

"Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10, '14.  
"Sorry you could not accept game without a return date. Negotiations are closed."  
Students Want Game.  
Manager of Athletics Guy E. Reed again broached the question of a game between Nebraska and Minnesota, when the Cornhuskers basket ball team was making its annual basket ball visit to Gopherland. He found the undergraduate body overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the game, but the athletic board inclined to support Dr. Williams. The alumni of the school also were in favor of playing Nebraska. Reed was informed, but the alumni had previously planned Williams for his unsuccessful season in foot ball last fall and did not care to throw any more stones in his way in allowing him to draft his own schedule.

Williams makes no secret of his fear of Nebraska and openly admitted the Cornhuskers were too hard a game for the Gophers to take on, playing on a foreign field. Stehm, in discussing the situation which brought about a break in foot ball relations between the two schools, said today:

**Not Unreasonable Request.**  
"Experience has shown the Nebraska management that an indefinite agreement to play at Minneapolis year after year is undesirable. It certainly is of no value to the active student body if they have no opportunity of witnessing the games. The faculty, alumni and public in general feel that a request for a game with Minnesota at Lincoln every year is unreasonable."  
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## Belleuve Indians Beat Dana and Wayne

Saturday the Belleuve Indians returned from a very successful two days trip to Dana college at Blair and the Wayne State Normal. Dana is very seldom beaten at home and Wayne suffered the first local defeat in two years. The playing of Belleuve was above average. The new system and the changed lineup being productive of speedier team work and more tallies. It Quackenbush, shifted to forward in combination with his brother form a pair of forwards hard to beat, while Evans, who takes the guard position, is proving a regular demon in spearing long and short passes that would mean tallies if they got by him.