

Who Laughs Last Laughs Best; but He Who Laughs First is Sure of His Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



JUDGMENTS

CASUAL readers might get the impression, from publish statistics, that the Western league is developing a race of Erubidmagian slingers this season. Several of the best pitchers are rated at above .500 in the matter of batting averages. Others are well above the .400 line, while the .300 hitters are so common that it isn't much of a distinction just at this time to be in that list. If this were on really and truly form, the condition would be one for congratulation. As a matter of fact, the hitters of the Western league are no better this year than last. The advantage they have had is that not a Western leaver pitcher has shown form, let alone class, this season. The whole roster is weak, and the batters have had an opportunity they are not likely to ever see again. Just what the trouble is the wisest of the managers have not been able to fathom. All the teams went south to prepare for the opening of the season; many games were played in interclub exhibitions, and the word that was sent home was that the pitchers were all on edge, and that the Western was about to see the best base ball ever served out around the circuit. Up to date it has been about the punkiest. This is not said with reference to any particular team, but is intended as comprehensive. It is all due to weakness in the pitching department. The tremendous hitting in the Western is not likely to go much further, for the pitchers will either have to get busy, or some new names will be seen in the box scores.

GOOD BATTLES ANTICIPATED

Local Teams Are Equipped to Give Each Other Good Tussle.

BIG MIX THIS AFTERNOON

Alamitos and Ancient Order of United Workmen Teams Will Make Hair Fly at Rourke Park.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

This season most of the class "A" leaders have assembled well balanced and experienced crews and as a consequence an unusual tough battle is anticipated for the 1913 season. At that it seems as though Mr. Fate has dealt some of the teams a stacked deck as they are just like a cork floating in the "Missou," bobbing up and down. The Shamrocks and Townsends are two teams that as yet have failed to hit their stride. They have got the material, but are not delivering it up to capacity. The trouble with the Shamrocks has been the pitching department, but now as this defeat has been doctored up they will in all probability kick through with the groceries. Coaching is playing a more prominent part than heretofore. Some of the boys are taking lessons in different ways to tear up the turf for the supreme purpose of exciting the opposition, of course.

To Be Good Mix.

Without a doubt, the best card that will be introduced to the bugs this season will be dished out at Rourke park this afternoon. The initial mix which will start promptly at one ring and a half, will be between the Alamitos and the Ancient Order of United Workmen squad. Holland, the left paw wizard, will work for the lodge tribe and Morearty will leave 'em for the milk representatives. Immediately after this contest is history, the Stars Triumphs will take another whirl at the much touted and far famed All Nations. Last Sunday those two squads assailed each other in a double-decker, in which the All Nations' escaped with both games by the small margin of one point. The reason why the Stars lost was because they failed to connect with the puzzlers dished out by the Cuban, Mendez, and the chocolate colored Donaldson. It is worth the price and then some to see either one of these foreign gentlemen work. The Stars have been shooting around the loquacious junk that they are going to put the All Nations in captivity today. They are going into the battle with firm determination to ooze through the front door, consequently the opposition will have to step some if they even want to gaze at the sweetmeats.

Two Bouts at Fort.

On the greensward at Fort Omaha this afternoon two lively bouts will undoubtedly be pulled off. The first course will be served by the recently organized Wagnans and the Council Bluffs Imperials and the second dish will be delivered by the Advos and the Shamrocks of South Omaha. All four of these teams belong to class A, so some good base ball stuff is expected. Kennedy of the Shamrocks says he and the word just are not on speaking terms, so a good battle is expected. Baker will team for the Advos and Mason will hurl 'em for the Shamrocks. Following is the lineup for the second game:

Table with columns for Position, Name, and Team. Includes players like W. Quigley, Welch, McAndrews, Durke, etc.

Two More Good Games.

Over at Athletic park, Council Bluffs, two classy contests are looked for this afternoon when the H. T. Giants meet the Knights of Columbus and the C. B. Merchants tangle with the Irrepressible Cross family. The Cross band have been stepping up the ladder at a merry clip, so our friends across the muddy will find themselves up against a starry proposition. Beber and Peterson will do the twisting. Lineup:

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JOE TINKER.

NEW YORK, May 17.—What food for contemplation on the varying fortunes of base ball players is offered in the present status of Frank Chance, Joe Tinker and Johnny Evers.

Lest We Forget



FRANK CHANCE.

crumple up. Murphy, the owner, having eaten victories out of the hand of Chance, began to smite that hand when it no longer held victories. The downward tendency continued last year. It was the inevitable result of the ravages of time, and no hand on earth could stay it. Chance was ill, unable to play, and the impatient Murphy cast him adrift while he lay in a hospital. Murphy had lost faith in the Peerless Leader, but others had not. Farrell, owner of the New York Americans secured him, at the highest salary ever paid a base ball player or manager. Nothing more gratifying to the base ball fans had ever happened. And when Joe Tinker went to manage the Cincinnati team another peal of rejoicing went up. Everyone said, "Poor Evers, what can he do now?"



JOHNNY EVERS.

main in the cellar. But so strong are Chance and Tinker in the hearts of the fans that not one word of criticism has been made. Their respective teams are alone charged with the responsibility of this sad showing. In the case of Chance, there is good reason for this. His team has entirely lost its class. In fact company, it withers and crumbles, and the fans are withholding their judgment of Chance until he has time to get new blood around him. In the case of Tinker it is less explainable. He is thought to have a better team than did Hank O'Day last year, when at this time the Reds were out in triple A. However, the season is young, and although the day of miracles is said to have passed, both Chance and Tinker may reverse things. The joy of the fans and the disappointment of Murphy, who, at the present writing, is said to be not pling away with grief.

HUSKERS TO ENTER OLYMPIC

Coach Steihm to Send Track Team to Chicago American Games.

FEW ATHLETES TO ST. LOUIS

Nebraska Will Have but Nine Men in the Missouri Valley Meet Next Saturday—Foot Ball Prospects Bright.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, May 17.—(Special).—With the close of the track season close at hand, All Year Coach Steihm of the University of Nebraska is already laying plans to send a delegation of Cornhusker athletes to Chicago to enter the American Olympic games, which will be held in that city June 28 to July 4.

Steihm has an idea that two or three of last year's track squad and some of the recruits from this year might bring added laurels to the Cornhuskers. He has received a letter from the authorities in charge asking that Nebraska enter a team. The letter states that Cambridge and Oxford universities in England are both sending delegations and that two of the Canadian colleges will be represented. The Swedish athletes will also send a big delegation to participate in the games.

The Cornhusker mentor is anxious to send Louis Anderson, who was a member and captain of the squad last year and who participated in the Olympic games in Stockholm last year. He is equally desirous of entering Assistant Coach Reed in the sprints and "Cub" Wiley in the board jump.

Wiley, who is ineligible to participate in the Missouri Valley meets because he is down in his studies, came within a few inches of equalling the world's record in the broad jump the other night in practice, with a leap of 23 feet 3/4 inches. A new record of 23 feet 5/8 inches had just been established a few days before. Steihm is confident that, with just a little training, the former York High school star could make the very best of them.

Myers, who established a new world's mark in the high kick last winter in an indoor meet at Nebraska, is being groomed by Steihm to enter the all-around championships. Myers is a mighty good all-around athlete. It is possible that Steihm may send Reavis and Lindstrom, his two pole vaulters.

Cuts Down Team.

Steihm will take fewer men to the Missouri Valley meet at St. Louis a week from next Saturday than usual. The management has received word that Chicago and Illinois have entered teams in the Missouri Valley meet, and this fact cuts down Nebraska's chances, since the Maroons are especially strong in those departments where Nebraska is strongest, while Illinois will be in on the Cornhusker chances with its strong team.

Prizes for Foot Ball.

Steihm has arranged for a series of prizes to be awarded the winners of a tournament which will wind up the spring foot ball training season.

Cornhusker foot ball prospects are exceedingly bright for next fall and the undergraduate body expect the best team

In years. The confidence for a championship squad next fall is occasioned by the splendid showing of a number of the recruits this spring.

The prizes which will be awarded this spring will include the following: For the best distance punt; for the best drop kick; for the best forward pass. In addition it is likely that a prize will be added for accuracy in forward passing.

The Cornhusker base ball team will leave Monday night at 4:30 o'clock for the annual eastern base ball trip—the biggest of this year's schedule. The Huskers will play Highland Park college at Des Moines first; then Simpson college, then the University of Iowa and will then play the Ames Aggies for a two-game series. The Husker record is clear thus far with only a freak victory of the Kansas Aggies to tarnish it.

Nebraska will send a representative to the Missouri Valley tennis tournament at Lawrence in the final week in May. The Nebraska champion, Williams, will undoubtedly be the one to represent the Cornhuskers at Lawrence. Rain has necessitated the postponement of the tournaments scheduled by the Cornhuskers.

Will Keep Sloan.

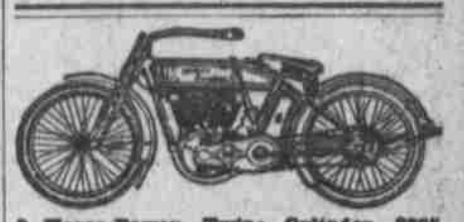
The St. Louis Browns got waivers of outfielder Sloan and sent him to Montgomery, Ala. Sloan is a player who he could do down there and did it so well that Cleveland is said to have offered \$5,000 for the option on his services, but President Hedges has declined. He believes a season in Class A will make Sloan a great player.

Four Recruits Remain.

Of all the young Giants taken to Texas in the spring, four remain. They are Demaree, who had already proven his worth; Schrupp, Cooper and Thorpe. Fred Smith, the Michigan leaver, was the last to go. He is sent to Lynn of the New England league. Schrupp cost \$4,000 and probably will be retained. Cooper's fate has not been determined.

New Park Crowded.

President Roberts underestimated the popularity of a team that could break near even. His new park has been mobbed by such crowds that he is compelled to build new entrances and exits. It is also suggested that he make new arrangements for handling the mob in the way of policemen.



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ARAPAHOE WINS OPENING GAME FROM HOLBROOK

ARAPAHOE, Neb., May 17.—(Special).—Arapahoe won the opening game of the Furnas county base ball season Thursday on the home grounds. The feature was the whirlwind finish of Holbrook in the ninth inning when it appeared to be shut out. The visitors made seven runs in the last round on three hits, a base on balls, passed ball and four errors. The next game comes off Tuesday at Beaver City. The ball team, band and fans have engaged twenty automobiles for the trip to the county seat and the band will give a concert in the evening.

Grand Circuit Racing Dates

Table with columns for Location, Date, and Race Name. Includes events like North Randall, O., July 7-12; Grand Rapids, Mich., July 28-Aug. 1; etc.

Murphy on the Job.

No sooner had President Murphy of the Cubs heard that Pitcher Jasper of the Braves had been traded to the Yankees and allowed to hit, than he got his game in the papers by making a bid for the pitcher.

Cuts Out Spittin.

Pitcher Jim Scott of the White Sox has cut out spittin' and seems to be doing quite well, thank you.