WILLARD'S STOCK IN TRADE

New Aspirant Looks Like He May Learn to Fight.

NAUGHTON LOOKS HIM OVER

Says the Big Man Has Foundation of Stamina and Pluck, but Nothing Else to Commend Him as a Fighter.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—As a promising heavyweight, Jess Willard may be lacking in many essentials, but he has one or two qualities which should encourage one undertaking the task of giving him a pugilistic education.

To begin with, he is true blue in the matter of courage. In the next place, he can assimilate bruising blows without hanging out the slightest signal of distress. These constitute admirable ground work for any one about to begin a course in the Queensberry university. And there is still another good point about friend Jess. Instead of cringing, covering or cutting his stick when he feels the impact of a gloved fist, he stands to his guns and fights back to the best of his ability.

In this direction he recalls the methods of the old-time ring hero, Tom Sharkey. It used to be said that swatting Tom on the jaw was like pressing the button which started a lot of rapid play machinery.

Talk of Early Finish.

Before Willard and Smith entered the ring the men who were laying 10 to 7 against the Kansan looked for a quick finish. They felt sure that Willard would fall a victim to Gunboat's overhand right early in the evening. It was amusing to hear the various predictions made as to the manner in which Willard would start his journey floorward when the Gunner made connections. Some said Jess would topple slowly like a monarch of the forest going down before the woodman's axe. Others said he would collapse like a tall chimney struck amidships by a ten-inch shell—that he'd come down "all of a heap."

When the test came, the Gunner's best punch didn't budge Willard an inch. Of course, there were times when Smith was hard put to it to reach his lofty opponent. This meant that many of Gunboat's wallops were partly spent before they found lodgement, but he landed with full force occasionally. The blow that impressed the writer as to Willard's ability to assimilate was delivered in the thirteenth. It was Gunboat's pet right hander, and Willard butted into it in such a way as to accentuate the weight of the delivery.

To my surprise Willard did not show the slightest evidence of being jarred. On the contrary, he went at Gunboat open-mouthed and had him dipping and sliding along the ropes to escape as awkward an assortment of right-hand assaults as it has been my privilege to witness in many long years.

Willard's Straight Left.

Willard sports a telling straight left. He is scarcely to blame, in a way, as between his length of arm and the additional reach he commands by bending forward, an opponent would need to jump the ropes, almost, to be out of reach. But his right uppercut has been overadvertised. It is delivered stiffly and with little regard to distance or direction, and for these reasons is easy to avoid. How on earth McCarty ever ran foul of it is hard to imagine unless it was that Luther, in his anxiety to accomplish something, kept tumbling in head downward, and thereby rendered himself a mark for the punch.

A few days before the bout the writer talked with Bob Armstrong at the Gunboat Smith camp. Willard's axe came up and old Bob remarked: "He is as fine a piece of raw material as I have ever seen, but he needs o' lot o' schoolin'."

Has Much to Learn.

Bob is right. Just at present Jess has gameness, strength and powers of absorption. He has his straight left—he could not dispense with it if he wanted to—but whatever else he possesses is not much use to him. He needs to begin at the bottom and make a thorough study of ringmanship with especial attention to acquiring ideas of timing and measuring and following an advantage. Judging him from his performance with Gunboat, he does not know the "psychological" moment when he sees it. He had Smith cornered and off balance more than once and then stood away and simply glared at him.

Willard's friends explained that Jess was badly handled. It is known that there was friction in the Kansan's corner and that poor Willard was a victim of conflicting instructions. Some of his henchmen were yelling to him to "go in" and others to "keep away." During the hubbub Manager Tom Jones grabbed one of the aides by the hair and nearly succeeded in making him as bald-headed as Jones is himself.

Uses His Own Head.

It would be a reflection on Willard's intelligence, however, to claim that he was seriously handicapped by the mixed advice from his corner. It's a poor fighter who has to rely on the jabbering idiots in his niche of the roped square. And what makes me think that Willard fought according to his own lights and was not hampered by the effervescence among his seconds, is that he pursued the even tenor of his way in some of the rounds when a number of spectators who sat close to the platform were deriding him and hurling insulting epithets at him.

This, by the way, was a new departure for San Francisco. It has always been claimed, and with good reason, that a San Francisco fight crowd is a fair-minded gathering as a visiting pugilist could find anywhere. But in a measure the Smith-Willard crowd was an exception and the only way to account for it is that a number of Smith's backers, who were huddled together, thought they would advance their chances of winning their bet by abusing Willard.

The decision, as all the world knows, went to Gunboat Smith, but the writer, for one, felt that Willard did every bit as well as the more experienced man and should have been allowed to share the honors of a draw. Nor was I alone in this opinion by any means.

Ticket Sale Heavy For Davis Cup Meet

NEW YORK, May 31.—There is an extraordinary demand for seats for the matches in the preliminary round of the David cup competition between Australia and the United States on the courts of the West Side Tennis club on June 6, 7 and 8.

The seats will be arranged in the form of an amphitheater and there will be no standing room. This year the stands will accommodate 5,200 persons as against 3,500 two years ago.

PENNANTS FLY TO EASTWARD

Macbeth Sees No Chance for Western Clubs Landing This Year.

GIANTS AND ATHLETICS AGAIN

McGraw and Connie Mack Picked to Battle for the Big Prize in the World's Series Next Fall.

By W. J. MACBETH.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Some sort of line has been furnished on the respective strengths of the two major leagues by the intersectional series concluded the end of last week. But truth to tell, it appears very much as if the Giants and Athletics are destined once more to grapple for the highest honors of base ball. Certainly Connie Mack's White Elephants have so far demonstrated marked superiority over the rest of the American league field. The Giants have not been so fortunate, but McGraw's men are prepared for a hard fight and a keen drive to the very end of the stretch.

More will be known, of course, after the teams which have been favored by home privileges are put to the road test. So far, the eastern wing of the National league has bested the western invaders. But now comes the time for Giants, Dodgers, Phillies and Braves to set out into hostile territory. If they can hand Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati as stiff a lacing on the grounds of these westerners as were handed when the occidental wing was visiting this section, there need be no fear of the pennant traveling westward.

Easy for Athletics.

Philadelphia managed to swing around the west without tons of prestige. Nothing on the other end of the circuit, bar possibly Cleveland, has any right to aspire for the championship. The White Sox have kept in the battle without Ed Walsh at his best because Callahan's other pitchers have been in much better form than the average run of twirlers this season. Comiskey has a club that will doubtless develop into real class. But it is too inexperienced as a machine to cut much of a figure in the pennant way. This year Cleveland is a great possibility, for the slugging of Jackson and Lajoie will cover a multitude of sins. Joe Birmingham has a fair army of pitchers to supplement his heavy artillery. The early form of Falkenberg has been one of the wonders of the campaign so far.

Washington's Chance.

But when the American league race finally settles down no one will be surprised if Athletics and Senators are again very much in the limelight. The world's champion Red Sox are better than they have shown and are bound to improve. But they cannot spot either Athletics or Senators so many games and hope to retain the laurels. But for the unfortunate illness of Third Baseman Eddie Foster, the Washington team would have stood a much better chance. The midget is a most aggressive player—of the type that keeps the bunch fighting all the time. No one has been found who can fill Foster's shoes. After an attack of typhoid, it is doubtful if Foster will be much use to his club all year. Walter Johnson, of course, is a valuable asset. The way he is going he will win pretty nearly fifty games. Griffith has several other tossers of average ability, so that his staff is by no means a weak one. But his club—infield and outfield—cannot compare to the Athletics. In fact, there is no team in organized base ball that can. And Mack has little occasion to worry over pitching. Several capable youngsters have been added to his staff of able veterans flanked by the wizard Plank and supported by Coombs and Bender.

Giants Look Certain.

New York should win the pennant because of its reserve strength in all departments. For the first time in many years McGraw is well supplied with pitchers. Al Demaree has made a real formidable array of tossing talent. McGraw still thinks that Pittsburgh will furnish chief contention against his third straight flag. He imagines the Phillies and Dodgers are bound to fold. May be they will. The approaching trip through the west should tell. Either Philadelphia or Brooklyn will have to be blessed by luck to win, but what club does not? Maybe the Red Sox did not have horseshoes last season. In respect to reserve strength McGraw lays it all over either of these clubs, but here the marked advantage ends. Philadelphia and Brooklyn should both be right in the hunt till the bitter end unless crippled by injury or sickness.

Only Sees Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh is the only hope of the west. Chicago, which got away to a cyclone start, crumpled down a total wreck with a disappointing pitching staff on its very first long road trip. The Cubs will have the time of their lives getting into the first division unless "Magic" Murphy is able to dig up a real pitching staff somewhere. Cincinnati and St. Louis lack the class of any of the eastern clubs, with the possible exception of Boston, which is entitled to great credit for its work under George Stallings. But for the fact that Pittsburgh got away so poorly, Fred Clarke might now be enjoying the scenery from the front seat. He overlooked a great opportunity to fatten up on weak western rivals before eastern clubs demonstrated how weak they were. Pittsburgh on paper surely looks stronger than last year. Outfield and infield is stronger with Menser and Viox. Simon in the east looked the part of a real catcher. Clarke has had lots of good pitchers right along; the trouble was they were late rounding to form. Pittsburgh must always be respectfully regarded so long as Hans Wagner is able to hobble around on one leg. He is just about half a team himself. The "Flying Dutchman" never looked better than when in the east. He was more aggressive than he had been before in several years, and despite his reported floating cartilage, has taken all sorts of desperate chances on the bases.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR COLLEGE BASE BALL

NEW YORK, May 31.—A national commission for college base ball is suggested by Harry A. Fisher, graduate manager of athletics at Columbia. It is his plan to have a body similar to the central board of the foot ball rules committee which shall assign competent umpires to officiate at all college games of importance. He favors men who are doing, or have done service, in the major or minor leagues and are thoroughly conversant with the rules and familiar with their duties. He intends, if the scheme succeeds, to have the board get up schedules in the future, thus helping everybody to be pleased.

Stars of Their Positions

HANS WAGNER.

HAL CHASE.

NEW YORK, May 31.—It is not an ordinary thing to link together the names of Hans Wagner and Hal Chase. They neither play similar positions, nor is their manner of playing at all similar. But they have one thing in common—they are both stars. Even in this respect there is a diversity. One is a fixed orb, with a steady lambent beam, the other a shooting star of surpassing brilliancy, and it looked for a time this season that the latter was a passing star. It is the very contrast in these two men which suggests the coupling of their names.

Chase, at his best, is invincible. Playing at top-notch he does, with grace and apparent ease, things which are impossible for others to do. He has electrified the fans with more dazzling plays than any other man in organized base ball. He has been the idol of the base ball loving public. It was not until this season that his ears, accustomed to the cheers of the grandstand, were smote with jeers and the cruel sarcasms of a hero-worshiping public turned against its hero. That it nearly broke Prince Hal's heart, there can be no doubt. His failure to make good at second and his generally poor showing throughout the early games of the season threw him in the limelight; not the accustomed limelight of applause, but one filled with shafts of ridicule, taunts, and cries of "release him!"

The charge that Hal was "lying down" was cruel and unjust. He was simply not in his best form. Like many of his colleagues of both major leagues, he seemed to be at a standstill, but while excuses were being made for the others Prince Hal was being condemned. Perhaps this was a good thing. The severe criticism of the great first baseman has had an undoubted salutary effect on him. It has put him on his metal, and during the western trip of the Yankees he exhibited that fascinating class which so endeared him to the fans in the past. That he respects and admires Frank Chance there can be no doubt, and there is every reason to believe that he will do his best for the Peerless Leader at all times.

But when you speak of old Honus Wagner a feeling of solid security steals over you such as is prompted while contemplating the Rock of Gibraltar. Despite his years and his now celebrated floating cartilage, he is playing better than he has in years. The sporting writers have formed the habit this season of referring to him as "the Pittsburgh Team." His old batting eye was never keener, and as for his work at shortstop, he is practically an impenetrable wall crossing the entire field.

Of the two stars, Wagner and Chase, the former is by far the more valuable. As a matter of fact, most any manager would be willing to trade his entire team for him and build up a new one with old Honus as a nucleus.

COACH QUESTION IN TANGLE

Nebraska University May Not Have an Assistant to Steihm.

ATHLETICS END FOR SEASON

Western Collegiate Meet in June at Chicago May Find a Delegation of Nebraskans Entered in Races.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, May 31.—(Special.)—Chances for the settlement of the vexing assistant coachship matter at the University of Nebraska have apparently gone a glimmering and there is very little likelihood that any action will be taken on the offer of the Omaha alumni to hire an assistant for Stiehm next fall, provided the athletic board also hires an assistant.

Meanwhile there are those in the alumni over the state who view the failure of the board and the Omaha folks to get together with deep regret. These people insist that the hiring of assistants to Stiehm cannot possibly reflect on his ability as a coach, for that is unquestioned. But they feel that in meeting eastern teams where the coaching system is more elaborate and extends to as many as half a dozen assistants, the Cornhuskers cannot hope to successfully carry out the schedule unless Stiehm is allowed additional help.

It is asserted in Lincoln that if other parties out over the state make a proper offer to the athletic board it will be accepted, as the undergraduate body is overwhelmingly in favor of it.

The hitching point in the controversy arose over the desire of the Omaha alumni to name the coach which they were to hire. The athletic board said it would never delegate to anyone the authority to name an assistant coach, as it was against the spirit of the board. Then, as a counter proposition, Elliott offered to leave the selection of the assistant to two members of the Omaha alumni, Coach Stiehm, a member of the athletic board, and Captain Purdy, which gave the board a majority representation on the committee of five. This offer was likewise unacceptable to the athletic board, and so the matter stands. And from present indications unless the Omaha alumni concede the selection of the assistant to the athletic board and deposit $1,000 for his hire, there will be nothing doing in the line of extra coaches next fall at the Cornhusker institution.

Athletics at an End.

Athletics are virtually at an end at Nebraska. The Missouri valley meet at St. Louis yesterday ended all of the events in which Nebraska is interested.

The big western collegiate meet in June may find a delegation of Nebraskans present and the Olympic games to be held in the Windy City later in the same month may also attract some of the prominent alumni.

Stiehm's foot ball meet next Thursday really closes the season here. As an incentive to spring foot ball practice at Nebraska a firm handling athletic goods has hung up a number of prizes for the most successful contestants in a number of events.

The events include drop kicking, punting, passing the ball and accuracy in the forward pass. The spring foot ball squad has about thirty-five members and there will be considerable competition for the prizes. This will close the season in all departments.

The closing meeting of the athletic board for the season will also be held this week.

Yale Rules Against Professional Ball

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 31.—There is considerable interest here over the manner in which the methods adopted by Yale to prevent students from playing professional base ball during the summer will work out. According to the edict sent out, offenders may not only be prevented from taking part in athletics again, but may be expelled from the university.

ROURKES SECOND IN BATTING

Three Omaha Players Still Clouting Over the .300 Mark.

OMAHA FIELDING BALL FAST

In Addition to Being Second Team in Batting the Rourkes Are in Second Place in Fielding the Ball.

Omaha still has three batters hammering the ball over the .300 mark. Congalton, who last week was in the coveted class, has dropped below that mark, while Coyle has come from .299 to .300. Congalton is batting .296 and Johnson .292. Omaha is second in team batting with .288 and St. Joseph first with .296.

The Rourkes are also second in fielding, going at a clip of .963, and Des Moines leading with .972. Following are the averages, including last Tuesday's game.

Batting Averages.

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
King, Denver	11	2	5	.455
Block, Denver	78	19	35	.449
Zwilling, St. Joseph	121	21	49	.405
Dessau, Lincoln	35	2	10	.400
Stang, Sioux City	10	2	4	.400
Brown, Sioux City	23	4	9	.391
Clarke, Sioux City	119	19	46	.387
Schestak, Omaha	19	2	7	.368
Rogge, Des Moines	18	3	7	.368
Ehman, Lincoln	25	3	9	.360
Kelley, St. Joseph	162	32	54	.333
Thomason, Omaha	127	29	45	.354
G. Watson, St. Joseph	96	22	34	.354
Chellette, St. Joseph	17	3	6	.353
White, Sioux City	17	1	6	.353
Middleton, Wichita	125	18	44	.352
Kane, Omaha	128	21	45	.352
Koerner, Wichita	132	16	46	.348
Gilmore, Denver	137	28	45	.343
McLarry, Topeka	123	17	41	.343
Ketter, St. Joseph	88	18	30	.341
Bills, Wichita	44	4	15	.341
Barbour, Lincoln	124	14	42	.339
R. Watson, St. Joseph	143	19	47	.329
Rapp, Sioux City	102	15	33	.324
McCormick, Lincoln	128	19	40	.312
Hahn, Des Moines	68	11	21	.309
McAllester, Topeka	52	3	16	.308
Butcher, Denver	36	6	11	.305
Crist, Topeka	33	1	10	.303
Davidson, Sioux City	122	14	37	.303
Mullen, Lincoln	132	19	40	.303
Coyle, Omaha	130	28	39	.300
French, Denver	114	15	34	.298
Fisher, Denver	124	11	37	.298
Forsythe, Topeka	124	34	37	.298
Rapp, Wichita	104	9	31	.298
Congalton, Omaha	135	15	40	.296
Jones, Des Moines	112	18	33	.295
Cooney, Sioux City	123	22	36	.295
Johnson, Omaha	113	14	33	.292
Lee, Topeka	93	12	27	.290
Gear, Topeka	45	7	13	.289
Lloyd, Lincoln	139	16	40	.288
Rapps, Topeka	115	19	33	.287
Westerzil, St. Joseph	136	16	36	.286
Quillin, Denver	117	19	33	.283
Castle, Wichita	61	4	17	.279
Cole, Lincoln	111	16	31	.279
Shaw, Des Moines	54	2	15	.278
Reilly, T., Des Moines	121	19	33	.273
Justice, Omaha	137	28	37	.270
Smith, Sioux City	115	24	31	.270
Cassidy, Denver	123	17	33	.268
Breen, Sioux City	105	17	28	.267
Grubb, Omaha	115	9	30	.261
Fox, Des Moines	113	12	29	.257
Channell, Denver	114	26	29	.254
Ochs, St. Joseph	119	16	30	.252
Tuckey, Lincoln	8	0	2	.250
Lakaff, Des Moines	8	0	2	.250
Hunter, Des Moines	126	16	31	.246
Closman, Omaha	26	5	6	.240
Burke, Wichita	71	9	17	.239
Schipke, Omaha	118	15	28	.237
Pettigrew, Wichita	114	16	27	.237
Callahan, Sioux City	85	11	20	.236
Brewer, St. Joseph	65	8	13	.236
Wolfgang, Denver	17	2	4	.235
Leonard, Des Moines	77	4	18	.234
Sleight, Des Moines	56	4	13	.232
French, Topeka	121	12	28	.232
Meinke, St. Joseph	106	19	25	.231
Mathews, Denver	83	5	19	.228
Cobb, Lincoln	132	14	30	.227
Carney, Lincoln	22	3	5	.227
Durham, Wichita	22	1	5	.227
Craig, Des Moines	63	8	14	.222
Andreas, Des Moines	118	17	26	.220
Hughes, Wichita	114	11	25	.219
Hicks, Omaha	23	0	5	.217
Allen, Sioux City	23	1	5	.217
Perry, Wichita	14	0	3	.214
Sweet, Des Moines	14	3	3	.214
Babb, Wichita	19	0	4	.211
Spahr, Denver	62	11	13	.210
Fugate, Omaha	10	0	2	.200
Robinson, Omaha	20	4	4	.200
Dowling, Lincoln	85	6	16	.188
Thomas, Wichita	11	2	2	.183
Smith, Topeka	53	10	15	.181
Tannehill, St. Joseph	17	3	3	.176
Cochreham, Topeka	23	3	4	.174
McConneaughey, St. Joe	12	1	2	.167
Steiger, Wichita	11	1	2	.167
Huston, Wichita	43	6	7	.163
Knapp, Lincoln	13	1	2	.154
Hagerman, Denver	26	3	4	.153
Harris, Denver	26	2	4	.153
Peters, Omaha	7	0	1	.143
Baker, Lincoln	49	3	8	.136
Griffith, St. Joseph	30	0	4	.133
Schreiber, Denver	15	4	2	.133
Applegate, Omaha	15	3	2	.133
Johnston, St. Joseph	16	1	2	.131
Wacob, Wichita	23	3	3	.130
Woolums, Sioux City	23	3	3	.130
Ellis, Wichita	16	2	2	.125
Klein, Sioux City	8	0	1	.125
Rustenhaven, Topeka	16	2	2	.125
Crutcher, St. Joseph	25	2	3	.120
Boehler, St. Joseph	17	2	2	.118
Smith, Lincoln	27	5	3	.111
Lafferty, Des Moines	19	2	2	.105
Reynolds, Topeka	19	2	2	.105
Fullerton, Topeka	22	1	2	.090
Faber, Des Moines	23	2	2	.087
Richardson, Topeka	11	0	1	.063
Young, Cy, Sioux City	22	1	1	.047
Stratton, Lincoln	23	0	1	.043
Regan, Wichita	7	0	0	.000

Fielding Averages.

	PO.	A.	E.	Pct.
Shaw, Des Moines	78	28	0	1.000
Cassidy, Denver	63	7	0	1.000
Hagerman, Denver	4	25	0	1.000
Reynolds, Topeka	3	30	0	1.000
Robinson, Omaha	6	25	0	1.000
Stratton, Lincoln	25	12	0	1.000
Hahn, Des Moines	23	3	0	1.000
Gear, Topeka	20	2	0	1.000
Johnston, St. Joseph	6	14	0	1.000
Boehler, St. Joseph	2	14	0	1.000
White, Sioux City	2	13	0	1.000
Stang, Sioux City	17	2	0	1.000
Schreiber, Denver	2	11	0	1.000
Lafferty, Des Moines	2	19	0	1.000
Fugate, Omaha	2	8	0	1.000
McConneaughey, St. Joe	2	14	0	1.000
Steiger, Wichita	1	11	0	1.000
King, Denver	1	8	0	1.000
Bills, Wichita	6	2	0	1.000
Klein, Sioux City	3	9	0	1.000
Jones, Des Moines	344	20	1	.997
Johnson, Omaha	155	37	1	.995
Sleight, Des Moines	86	24	1	.991
Smith, Topeka	54	59	1	.991
Middleton, Wichita	78	9	1	.989
Mullen, Lincoln	328	16	4	.988
Kane, Omaha	327	34	5	.986
Crist, Topeka	44	20	1	.984
Rapps, Topeka	335	17	6	.982
Griffith, St. Joseph	41	12	1	.981
McLarry, Topeka	50	3	1	.981
McAllester, Topeka	74	27	2	.981
Coyle, Omaha	47	3	1	.980
Reilly, Des Moines	55	84	3	.979
Cole, Lincoln	52	7	2	.978
Gilmore, Denver	81	6	2	.978
Andreas, Des Moines	80	87	4	.977
Ketter, St. Joseph	131	33	4	.976
Lee, Topeka	37	1	1	.975
Baker, Lincoln	101	15	3	.975
Rapp, Sioux City	151	36	5	.974
Allen, Sioux City	4	32	1	.973
Woolums, Sioux City	70	2	2	.973
Thomason, Omaha	69	5	2	.973
Koerner, Wichita	373	15	10	.972
Spahr, Denver	77	25	3	.971
Clarke, Sioux City	64	2	2	.969
Fisher, Denver	335	19	11	.969
Brown, Sioux City	6	25	1	.969
Zwilling, St. Joseph	155	19	6	.968
Ehman, Lincoln	3	27	1	.968
G. Watson, St. Joseph	26	3	1	.967
Faber, Des Moines	2	28	1	.967
Young, Sioux City	3	25	2	.965
Chellette, St. Joseph	1	27	1	.965
Huston, Wichita	36	15	2	.962
Castle, Wichita	78	23	4	.962
Lloyd, Lincoln	100	97	8	.961
McCormick, Lincoln	70	4	3	.961
Channell, Denver	66	6	3	.960
Perry, Wichita	0	24	1	.960
Hunter, Des Moines	58	10	3	.958
Ochs, St. Joseph	83	93	8	.957
Forsythe, Topeka	81	8	4	.957
Brewer, St. Joseph	117	16	6	.957
Callahan, Sioux City	84	75	5	.956
Quillin, Denver	47	58	5	.955
Closman, Omaha	5	16	1	.955
Schestak, Omaha	8	8	1	.955
Smith, Lincoln	4	17	1	.955
Richardson, Topeka	2	18	1	.953
Durham, Wichita	1	20	1	.953
Dessau, Lincoln	2	20	2	.952
Wacob, Wichita	26	12	2	.950
Davidson, Sioux City	51	6	3	.950
Westerzil, St. Joseph	94	75	6	.948
Crutcher, St. Joseph	1	17	1	.947
Smith, Sioux City	75	96	10	.944
Block, Denver	83	32	7	.943
R. Watson, St. Joseph	45	5	3	.943
Rogge, Des Moines	3	12	1	.937
Fox, Des Moines	54	5	1	.937
Knapp, Lincoln	3	27	2	.937
Meinke, St. Joseph	83	101	13	.935
Cobb, Lincoln	42	2	3	.935
Breen, Sioux City	39	4	3	.935
Justice, Omaha	78	96	12	.934
Kelley, St. Joseph	79	4	6	.933
Hughes, Wichita	78	74	11	.933
Grubb, Omaha	32	61	7	.930
Schipke, Omaha	102	103	8	.929
Pettigrew, Wichita	62	4	5	.929
Rapp, Wichita	63	92	11	.929
Congalton, Omaha	37	2	3	.929
French, Denver	34	73	9	.928
Cochran, Topeka	41	53	8	.923
Peters, Omaha	0	11	1	.917
Leonard, Des Moines	23	43	6	.915
Carney, Lincoln	33	8	4	.911
French, Topeka	67	89	17	.901
Cooney, Sioux City	68	95	18	.900
Sweet, Des Moines	1	8	1	.900
Ellis, Wichita	0	27	3	.900
King, Denver	1	8	1	.900
Hicks, Omaha	1	25	3	.897
Cochreham, Topeka	2	24	3	.897
Mathews, Denver	60	61	14	.896
Barbour, Lincoln	32	61	12	.890
Rustenhaven, Topeka	1	14	2	.882
Thomas, Wichita	0	15	2	.882
Harris, Denver	2	20	3	.880
Wolfgang, Denver	0	21	3	.875
Dowling, Lincoln	44	61	16	.875
Lakaff, Des Moines	0	7	1	.875
Fullerton, Topeka	2	18	3	.870
Burke, Wichita	35	27	10	.861
Butcher, Denver	18	24	7	.857
Applegate, Omaha	0	18	4	.818
Craig, Des Moines	17	1	4	.818
Babb, Wichita	3	6	2	.818
Tannehill, St. Joseph	0	4	1	.800
Regan, Wichita	0	7	2	.788

Pitchers' Averages.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cochreham, Topeka	8	2	.800
Johnston, St. Joseph	4	1	.800
Harris, Denver	4	1	.800
Rogge, Des Moines	7	2	.778
Boehler, St. Joseph	5	1	.715
Robinson, Omaha	4	2	.667
Wolfgang, Denver	4	2	.667
Dessau, Lincoln	5	3	.625
Smith, Lincoln	5	3	.625
Crutcher, St. Joseph	5	3	.625
Klein, Sioux City	3	2	.600
Lafferty, Des Moines	3	2	.600
Hagerman, Denver	6	4	.600
Brown, Sioux City	4	3	.572
Closman, Omaha	4	3	.572
Applegate, Omaha	4	3	.572
Durham, Wichita	4	3	.572
Ehman, Lincoln	5	4	.556
Young, Sioux City	3	3	.500
White, Sioux City	3	3	.500
Schreiber, Denver	3	3	.500
Chelette, St. Joseph	3	4	.429
Sweet, Des Moines	2	3	.400
McConneaughey, St. Joseph	2	3	.400
Hicks, Omaha	2	4	.333
Fullerton, Topeka	2	4	.333
Allen, Sioux City	2	5	.286
Reynolds, Topeka	2	5	.286
Ellis, Wichita	2	5	.286
Richardson, Topeka	1	3	.250
Rustenhaven, Topeka	1	3	.250
Scott, Wichita	1	3	.250
Faber, Des Moines	2	7	.222
Thomas, Wichita	1	4	.200
Perry, Wichita	1	4	.200

Team Work.

BATTING.

	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SH.	Av.
St. Joseph	1165	179	344	38	43	.295
Omaha	1152	178	332	44	56	.288
Sioux City	1045	153	294	37	55	.281
Denver	1168	177	307	52	64	.278
Wichita	1129	119	293	31	38	.260
Topeka	1067	137	281	39	42	.259
Lincoln	1118	119	288	51	40	.254
Des Moines	1047	129	272	30	39	.241

FIELDING.

	PO.	A.	E.	Av.
Des Moines	866	442	36	.973
Omaha	888	437	51	.963
Topeka	864	440	61	.956
St. Joseph	910	456	64	.956
Lincoln	910	432	65	.954
Denver	899	431	65	.953
Sioux City	847	439	65	.952
Wichita	892	466	83	.942

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