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It's Easy to Be a Crab, But the Cheerful Loser is Always the More Popular

WESTERN LEAGUE TO HAVE FAST SEASON

Comparison of Teams Shows They Are Evenly Matched for the Pennant Race.

KAWS LOOK MUCH STRONGER

Dale Gear Will Again Be at Helm of the Topeka Team.

JOSIES EXPECT BANNER YEAR

Holland's St. Joseph Team Will Fight Hard for Pennant.

OMAHA WILL BE THERE, ALSO

Pa Rourke Says Local Team Will Be in Race from First Day Until the Last and Should Cop First Place.

By C. MASON YOULD.

Will the pennant race in the Western league be as close as it was last year? This question had been asked several times by prominent Omaha fans and by fans all over the circuit.

Base ball pennants, like other things, are won by teams on their merits and in no other way. The merits of a team three months before it starts playing is an uncertainty, therefore it is impossible to state just what kind of a race will be seen in the Western league this year. But there is still left that old stuff called "dope," on which many and many a pennant is won—in January.

If this said "dope" counts for anything, the 1913 pennant race is going to be a hummer and will be even better than that of last season. Every team in the Western league, with the exception of Denver, will be fully 25 per cent stronger than it was last year. Denver, however, lost some of its best men, and just what kind of a team Jimmy McGill will put in the field is unknown.

Topeka Much Stronger.

Take Topeka, for instance, the team which last year finished in the cellar position. Dale Gear will in all probability be at the helm again. Dale has the right ideas and is a good skipper, but he worked under adverse conditions last year, mostly due to the lack of support and financial backing, and he could not get his team going. This year, however, it is understood, the team will receive support and almost an unlimited amount of money to get players with.

One thing which Topeka has this year is a fine bunch of pitchers. Cochreham, Cochram, Wainwright, Reynolds and Hornsby are the stars. Reynolds is a great twirler and was drafted last season, but due to a technicality will remain with Topeka. Cochreham is another good hurler. He is the only pitcher in the league who secured a no-hit game last season.

Wichita will put an unusually strong team in the field. George Hughes will manage the bunch, as he did last season. The controversy over the ball park has been settled and the fans are arousing themselves from their slumber and reports have it that Wichita will be a strong contender for the pennant. Wichita will make a spring training trip to Geuda Springs, Kan., and Hughes says he has several deals on for star players.

Banner Year for Josies.

Judging from early indication the season is going to be a banner one in St. Joseph. For material Holland is better off this time than at any corresponding time since the Western league team was returned there. Enough of the old guard will be back to form a nucleus for a sturdy and fighting machine. There is also an abundance of new material at St. Joseph for Holland to pick from. Two of last year's stars have moved up—Gossett, a catcher, to the White Sox and Ray Powell, an outfielder, to Detroit. Holland will start the season with the following named old-timers: Chellette, Crutcher, Bell and Thomas, pitchers; Castle and Griffith, catchers; Meinke, Watson, Reilly and Westerzil, infielders; Watson, Kelly and Zwilling, outfielders.

Hughie Jones of Lincoln says he has the material to pick from that will keep his team in the race all through the season and Mullen, last year's first sacker, will lead the bunch. For pitchers he will have Fox, "Rip" Hagerman, Wolverton, Smith, Tuckey and Dessau. Mogridge, the White Sox twirler, probably will be back on the firing line. The Lincoln team will train at Sapulpa, Okl., or make a trip through Texas. Jones is not yet decided which he will try.

"Ducky" Working Hard.

At Sioux City "Ducky" Holmes is working night and day to get together a fast traveling aggregation. He will manage the team but probably will not play. He has secured Billy Davidson, the former Rourke outfielder. Sioux City will go to Tulsa, Okl., to train this year and will play several ante-season games with the other Western league teams training there.

Tom Eatmweather and Frank Isbell have not been saying much about their team, but the "Bald Eagle" told Pa Rourke that he had the finest looking lot of youngsters he has had together for years. He will take his team to Enid, Okl., for the spring training trip and he also says Jack Thomas will again be the big leader of Des Moines.

Here in Omaha the situation looks better than it has for several years. The same team which represented Omaha on the ball field last year will again do the same service this year. Rourke has every position covered with a veteran with the exception of left garden, which place he expects to fill with a new man, whom he is still angling for.

Comparing the teams they are about on the same level. At present they look evenly matched, but what the outcome of the 1913 season will be remains to be seen, but it rests assured that there will be some fast playing.

Pa in to Stay.

Mike Donlin's answer to the story that he would do another Patti because transferred to Philadelphia is to send in his signed contract to Manager Dooin with a prediction that "we will be a contender for the pennant."

Danes Who Hold Supremacy at Tugging on a Rope

Tug-of-war team of Danish Brotherhood, lodge No. 195, which has won the championship over all teams of the brotherhood in Omaha. It will pull with the Danish Brotherhood Council Bluffs Team No. 10 on the 9th of February. These husky boys are willing to meet any and all teams who like to test their prowess by pulling on a rope. From left to right, the back row in the cut is Anchorman Chris Peterson, R. Rasmussen, Anton Jensen, Hans Albertson. The front row from left to right is M. Christensen, Captain Emil L. Tolabod and Nels Larson.

GETS BACK ON THE BALL MAP

Real Good Schedule Arranged for University of Nebraska.

IOWA ON LIST FOR IOWA CITY

Ames, Kansas and Kansas Aggies Prominent in the Bookings of Tenement Dwellers for Spring Contests.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The most extensive base ball schedule since the summer base ball rule in the Missouri valley conference put that popular branch of sport on the blink at the Cornhusker institution has been prepared by Coach Stiehm and Manager Guy E. Reed. It calls for both an eastern and southern trip with games at home intermixed. The schedule is not complete yet and before Coach Stiehm finally settles on all of the dates there will be between sixteen and twenty games for the tenement dwellers.

Stiehm has mapped his schedule in accordance with his plans to give base ball a thorough tryout at Nebraska. If the students properly support it the sport will be placed on an equal par with foot ball, basket ball and track, but if it is found that the undergraduate body does not care for base ball, then Stiehm will probably drop it altogether, for he does not care to devote so much attention to a department where only nine students are interested.

Well Suported in Past.

Before the summer base ball rule made it almost a farce, base ball was one of the best drawing features of the University of Nebraska athletics. It always netted a nice surplus for the athletic board treasury and with foot ball and basket ball proved to be the best bet so far as finances was concerned.

The eastern trip will start on the 20th of May and beginning with Highland Park the Dwellers will visit Grinnell, Ia., and Ames for a series of games.

Following is the schedule in full given out by Coach Stiehm, subject to such changes as he may see fit to make in adding more games:

April 18—Kansas Aggies at Manhattan.
April 19—Kansas Aggies at Manhattan.
May 2—Kearney Normal at Lincoln.
May 9—Kansas University at Lincoln.
May 20—Highland Park at Des Moines.
May 21—Grinnell at Grinnell.
May 22—Iowa at Iowa City.
May 23—Ames at Ames.
May 24—Ames at Ames.

Other Games Likely.

Coach Stiehm has also arranged for a large number of other games to be played by the Dwellers if the dates can be settled upon. The Nebraska mentor has heard from St. Mary's college, Kansas; Doane college, Tarkio university, Nebraska Indians, the University of California, Wesleyan university, South Dakota university, Simpson college and Westminster college, asking for base ball dates. It is quite likely that some of these schools will be accommodated.

Missouri also asked for a date to be played at Columbia, but Stiehm is not inclined to take a trip that far south with his base ball team.

May Cut In on Track.

Base ball threatens to seriously cut in on the track work during the spring. Stiehm will have his entire time taken up with the training of the spring foot ball squad, while the base ball squad will be placed in charge of a member of the Lincoln base ball club of the Western league. Reed will be in charge of the track candidates and already reports the case of Art May, the star Cornhusker pitcher last year, who is also a good base ball player. May prefers base ball to track work, and thus far has refused to report with the track candidates, declaring that he would rather play base ball.

This week has marked the appearance of candidates for the track squad and

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Bankers Too Fast For Walnut Hill

The Merchants National Bank basket ball team of the Commercial league defeated the Walnut Hill Methodist team Friday evening, 28 to 18. Fellers and Adams were the stars on the Walnut Hill team, but the clever team work of the bankers and the basket tossing by Hansen and Fixa outclassed them. The Lineup:

WALNUT HILL.		MERCHANTS.
Adams	C.	C. Weyerman
Fellows	R.F.	L.F. Fixa
Dowling	L.F.	R.F. Hansen
Hoffman	R.G.	R.G. Carew
Geyer (C)	L.G.	L.G. Boden

Substitutes: Dineen for Merchants. Goals: Hansen, 3; Fixa, 6; Boden, 3; Weyerman, 2; Adams, 3; Fellows, 3; Hoffman, 1; Dowling, 2. Free throws: Hansen, 2; Geyer, 2.

JOHNSTONE SIGNS WITH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—President Chivington of the American association announced today that he had signed E. Johnstone, for many years a National league umpire. Johnstone resigned from the National league at the end of last season because of difference with President Lynch.

Thorpe Will Not Reveal Names of Other Players

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—"Jim" Thorpe, the Indian athletic marvel, signed a contract this afternoon calling for his services with the New York National league base ball club during the season of 1913. In so doing he stepped forever from the ranks of amateur athletics, a sequence to his recent confession that he had played professional ball several years ago and was not entitled to the amateur honors accorded him at the Olympic games.

Thorpe said today that he prefers to pitch with the Giants, but it is thought probable that McGraw will work him in the outfield.

Thorpe has decided not to involve the names of the college men who he said played professional ball with him some years back. He had promised to give these names to Secretary Sullivan of the Amateur Athletic union, but since turning professional, he explained today, he had no desire to meddle in amateur affairs.

Burley Hotel Burned.

BURLEY, Idaho, Feb. 1.—The Burley hotel was burned to the ground today, causing a loss of $75,000. The hotel was filled with guests, but all escaped.

Thorpe's Trophies on Way Back to Europe

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A miniature viking ship and a bust of the king of Sweden—trophies of James Thorpe's prowess on the Olympic field—went back to Stockholm today on the American liner New York. They were consigned to Christian Helstrom, secretary of the Olympic committee, at Stockholm, by James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic union.

Thorpe returned them to the union after his recent confession of professionalism.

WEST POINT SPEED ASSOCIATION ELECTS

WEST POINT, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The West Point Speed association at its annual stockholders meeting elected the following board of managers: W. T. S. Neligh, C. Schinstock, James C. Elliott, M. J. Schmitt, John Tharp, J. M. Krause, F. D. Hunker, H. H. Howarth and Herman Koch. This board elected officers for the year as follows: President, W. T. S. Neligh; vice president, F. D. Hunker; treasurer, J. C. Elliott; secretary, J. C. Hansen. Great enthusiasm was displayed at the meeting for the 1913 race meet.

Foot Ball Conditions at the University of Nebraska

Change in Methods Must Come if Success is Ever Attained

By CLYDE E. ELLIOTT.

Foot ball at the University of Nebraska demands urgent action to reform the coaching system. There may be some difference of opinion as to how the alteration should be brought about, but no one is in doubt as to the immediate need for some new arrangement of drilling the elevens so that success will be more of a certainty than it has been during recent falls.

In this column it last week was suggested that Coach Ewald Stiehm be given four or five assistant coaches and that an advisory board of five members be appointed to give helpful suggestions to the coaches. Probably there are better plans for giving Cornhusker teams the efficiency which they should possess, the material and the opportunities considered. But whether it be this plan or that, there is an undeniable need for immediate reform.

The Cornhuskers lack in efficiency, a fault which is the direct result of the one-man coaching plan. They will continue to be kept from advancing as rapidly as their material would permit until Stiehm is given new men to help him erect a fighting machine.

Defeat Is Certain.

Nebraska is certain of being licked by Minnesota next fall, under the present system. No matter that the game is to be played in Lincoln, the Cornhuskers, handicapped by the faults in their play that cannot be eradicated early in the season with only one man to teach the men, will lose. The Gophers are smoothed down to rapid, precise, powerful play when they meet the Cornhuskers. They are rushed into the season against fairly strong elevens, and then come up to the Nebraska contest shaped to play one of the finest games of their season. They win, and they win because they are put into smooth scoring form by a crew of coaches who study the game, who know it thoroughly and who can teach the young men on the field how to play it—how to meet the Nebraska plays and how to take advantage of all slips in the one-man machine that are evident every fall. Unless the coaching system at Nebraska is to be changed before next fall, Cornhusker students may put down a Minnesota victory over their team right now. Coach Stiehm, handicapped by lack of assistants, cannot beat Coach Williams, ramparted by several men who are as excellent gridiron teachers as the country possesses.

Plans Slow in Forming.

Naturally, students and alumni are slow to form a plan for helping their school. The students, most of them young, stand in awe of the men who conduct athletics at a college, and they let things run along until a wreck makes a change imperative. Most faculty men interested in athletics are too busy with other matters to give their time to studying out a new system to help their teams achieve success. It takes hammering from the outside to get the rush inside to stir around.

In getting better foot ball at Nebraska Coach Stiehm must have the assistance of the alumni. For several years conditions at Nebraska have been against the coach. No one has done anything to help out, and these same conditions still remain, but they must be removed before Nebraska can emerge from its rut of mediocre foot ball. It is mediocre foot ball, too, and some of it—like that of one or two games last fall is "rotten" foot ball, as the man on the bleachers would describe it. The fault today is not Stiehm's: it is that of the board which controls athletics. The average college professor has been forced to look upon salaries from the restricted point of view. He cannot come to realize that an athletic instructor should be given a salary which is much higher than that paid an instructor in the school. It may be that the coach should not be paid more than the professor, but that question cannot be considered when rival schools are paying their coaches big salaries and getting the best men of the country. If Nebraska intends to keep in the class of Minnesota, Ames or Kansas, it must meet these institutions in the matter of salaries. Coach Stiehm draws fair pay for a year's work. No faculty man will complain that Stiehm is paid too much.

Must Have Good Men.

But the assistants—the kind that Stiehm should have—cannot be hired for miserable salaries. They must be given what may seem high prices for their services. It is not a question of whether the salaries are too high, but of whether Nebraska is going to send its teams into competition with other schools equally prepared to do battle—prepared by coaches who are the equals of the opposing instructors. If the Cornhusker governing board wishes to continue to fetter the eleven by refusing it the proper coaches, then Nebraska must continue to suffer losses when it meets a foe who has been given the advantage of proper drilling and instruction.

And while the folly of this policy is being continued Nebraska must go without some of the best foot ball material in this part of the country. Certain persons have been asking why one should be yelling for a better coaching system. "Why not get more high school boys to attend the university?" they have questioned. "Don't worry about the coaching system, get more material."

Getting high school youngsters to go

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DRAFT SCHEDULE THIS MONTH

Western League Magnates to Gather at Chicago on February 15.

ROURKES TO OPEN AT HOME

Pa Rourke Will Make Fight to Land the Opening Day in Omaha, and Little Opposition is Expected.

For the express purpose of adopting a schedule for the season of 1913 the Western league magnates will gather in Chicago on February 15. All important business which has accumulated during the last year will be transacted at this important meeting.

As to the schedule for the coming season there is little doubt but what the home-game affair will again be adopted. Some of the clubs are favoring the four-trip schedule, but it is hardly probable that it will get by. The majority of the managers and owners of Western league teams have had enough of the four-trip schedule and when it was in vogue lost money.

On the four-trip schedule each team makes four swings around the circuit, playing three games at each stay. The idea of playing but three games on each stay is a good one and appeals to the fans, but the extra mileage and the extra hotel expense overcomes the larger crowds by a wide margin. The fans do not get tired of seeing its team play three games, where one team is bound to get the big end of the series. But on the three-trip schedule the fans must see four games with one team, which is not always relished, as there is a good chance for an even break.

Omaha Opens at Home.

However, the matter is a trivial one and one which will not burden the fans to any great extent. The question of where the teams will open is one which is of much importance at the present time. Omaha has opened at home for the last two seasons, and Rourke is again hoping to get the opening day here this year. There will be little or no opposition to this, as Omaha is considered to be one of the best towns in the circuit for an opening, as record-breaking crowds always turn out on the's day and the following days of the series and the visiting magnates go home well laden down with Omaha gold.

Other matters of business to be transacted at the meeting this month will be of little consequence in comparison with the schedule, and harmony is expected to be the watchword of the Western league meeting in Chicago.

COACH FRANK H. SEXTON TO STAY WITH HARVARD

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—One of the coaching problems at Harvard has been settled by the engagement of Frank H. Sexton as base ball coach. He has received the raise of salary demanded, and the new contract is for three years. The clearing of the situation in base ball leaves only the foot ball and track squad matter to be settled, for there are no indications that Haughton or Shrubb is thinking of taking hold again. There is much satisfaction over the engagement of Sexton, who, in the two seasons he has been in charge, has developed strong teams, although fortune did not rest with the Crimson in the Yale series of last year.

Lea-ue Meeting Called.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—President Lynch of the National league today sent notice to the club presidents that the re-convened session of the league's annual meeting would be held in this city on February 11. The annual schedule meeting of the league will be held here on the same date. An hour before the time for the league's session, the board of directors will meet.

ATHLETES TRAIN FOR INDOOR MEET

Boys at the Y. M. C. A. Preparing for the Big Annual Indoor Track Event.

MUCH INTEREST EXHIBITED

Entries Coming to J. T. Maxwell, Physical Director.

LARGER COLLEGES INQUIRE

Many of the Institutions and High Schools Get Blanks.

CORNHUSKERS ARE BACKWARD

No Word Has as Yet Been Received from the University of Nebraska—Stagg May Enter Squad.

Active training for the second annual open indoor athletic meet of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association, to be held at the Auditorium April 4 and 5, has begun and the "Y" athletes swear that this year they will win the meet if condition and hard work will do it.

Entries are beginning to come in for the big meet and J. T. Maxwell, physical director of the association, is constantly sending out circulars and letters trying to arouse more interest in the meet than is being shown at present. Among the schools and colleges which have sent in their entry lists are the Peru Normal, Kearney Normal, Nebraska, Omaha university, Bellevue, Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Fremont, Wesleyan, Council Bluffs and South Omaha High schools.

Since the larger colleges and universities of the west have commenced to inquire about the big meet the high schools and athletic associations of Kansas and Missouri have taken an interest and last week Mr. Maxwell was busy answering letters from the various institutions.

Among the local boys who are training for the meet and who expect to get away with their various events are: Dennis Ryan, one and two-mile events; Ralph Ludwig, the old high school star, half-mile; H. J. Deems, quarter-mile and half-mile; Fred Amberson, former University of Nebraska star, one-half, one and two-mile; Paul Anthes, high jump and half-mile; Fred Paulson, sprints and pole vault; F. L. Wilson, shot put; Alfred Kennedy, jr., mile.

In the gymnastic events John Sigler, John Farnberg, Emmet Ireland and P. Brix, encouraged by the excellent showing they made against the Bohemian Turners last year, are practicing hard and expect to make good in the horse, parallel bar and horizontal bar.

As yet no word has been heard from the University of Nebraska, but Mr. Maxwell is confident that the big fellows will be on hand and will make equally as good a showing as they did last year. With Nebraska, Chicago, Iowa and another university represented the attraction would be well worth coming miles to see. It is expected that Chicago university will be represented, as Mr. Maxwell recently received a letter from Coach A. A. Stagg asking about the conditions under which teams must enter.

Wyoming Athletic Club Will Exhibit Physical Stamina

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Because of Governor Carey's stand toward prize fights and boxing exhibitions a twenty-round scrap between Mike Malone and Pete Jensen scheduled for February 3 is advertised by the Wyoming Athletic club as "an exhibition of physical stamina."

The public is informed that the exhibition will consist of twenty three-minute periods with a six-period preliminary. Ring terms are studiously avoided. Since Governor Carey put a stop to the fight game in May, 1911, pugs have steered clear of Wyoming. Local authorities refuse to interfere with arrangements for the mill.

DINEEN WINS PRIZE GIVEN TO UMPIRES

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—President Ban Johnson of the American league, last night mailed to William Dineen, the umpire, a check for $200, as winner of the prize offered last spring for the umpire, who could show the least time average for games during the season. It was not generally known that Johnson had made such an offer until he announced the award.

Deneen umpired in 153 games, the average time of the contests being 1:55:00. Frank O'Loughlin, who officiated in 143 games was second with a time average of 1:57. The remaining six umpires had exactly the same average, their time being 1:58.

STUBBORNLY FOUGHT GAMES PLAYED IN CHESS TOURNEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Unusually stubborn games marked the ninth round of the American chess masters' tournament, two of the most important remaining unfinished at adjournament tonight. Jose R. Capablanca of Havana scored his ninth straight victory at the expense of L. B. Zapoleon of Washington, after twenty-seven moves. Jaffe and Morrison drew their game after sixty-four moves. The game between Marshall and Whitaker was adjourned. Chajes and Janowski played the most complicated game of the day, which also was adjourned.

Lodge Pole Defeats Sidney.

LODGE POLE, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Sidney Indians played the Lodge Pole High school basket ball team here Wednesday evening. The Lodge Pole boys were in the lead at every stage of the game and the final score was 20 to 14.

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