

Jeff Has a Peculiar Way of Figuring Profit

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Judgments

THE opening of the new season was auspicious all along the line in the Western league, especially so in Omaha, where Rourke park was filled with some 7,500 fans, and the home team started off with an interesting victory. In just a word, we assume to say, without offering any final advice, that Omaha seems to have a very good ball team this year. Young Grubb at third, while manifestly suffering somewhat from nervousness in the opening game, appears promising. He is long, rangy and hard-working. He, of course, has a doubly difficult task—he has to fill the place vacated by Bert Niehoff, the premier third baseman in the league, and fill as well as the fans who criticized Bert in his day—now think Bert filled it. We hope he does both. Applegate certainly gave a good account of himself. For the first game on a raw day both teams showed well. Ducky Holmes evidently has another good fighting army. Congalton, the other new man to Omaha—in the Rourke field lineup, was there with his head, hands and bat, and we predict without fear or greatly to the advantage of the team. We might voice Ducky Holmes' judgment of Omaha as at least our hopes—"That is the team Sioux City has to beat for the pennant." We have not seen the other seven, so reserve our final judgment.

President Navin's ultimatum to Ty Cobb is good enough to rank as an epic. It is incisive, without being bitter, trenchant without being caustic. It sizes up the case about as briefly and justly as anything could and strikes the keynote to the whole situation. Ty Cobb, according to Mr. Navin's version and the common view, has had the sweet-head so bad as to become utterly defiant of all rules and regulations governing other ball players. By his very attitude, he became an outlaw without formally refusing to report for duty. It is high time an example were made of him. Mr. Navin is right—Cobb is the creature, not the creator, of base ball, and therefore smaller, not larger, than the game. He must, if he returns to base ball, hold himself subservient, not superior, to it and its laws. Cobb is a great player, but not a great man, or he would not have allowed his greatness as a player to spoil him, as he has. But there are and should be other great players, and should Cobb drop out, which would be regrettable, the game would proceed just as well without him, for it has survived the loss of its greatest stars. It is one of the fortunes of base ball that its most luminous lights can, in the nature of things, shine but for a brief time. The Kellys, Amsons, Comiskey, Lathams, Clarksons, Wards, Carutherses, Bushonges, Ewings and stars of all days, come and go, but the game does not—it stays and grows stronger and better in spite of the passing procession of its constellation of brilliancy. Before ever Cobb is how permitted to return to the game, he must be made to bow to the law he has defied, or the law, not Cobb, is whipped. The public is more than magnanimous with Cobb, even its meed of praise and estimate of his rank. Mr. Navin generously accords him the distinction of being the greatest player. Possibly he is, if it is possible to make such comparisons as will determine such greatness, but by no sort of reckoning may he be classed as the most valuable player to a team, unless it be his financial drawing power at the gates. On mere playing, though, as McGraw once proved, it is impossible for an outfielder, though he take 300 chances a year, to be of greater value to his team than, for instance, a Wagner at short, taking 300 chances. Of course Cobb's superior base running and hitting must yet be considered, but even then, with Wagner something of a batter and able now and then to run a base, his supremacy is wanting. Wagner at short is knocking down liners, cutting off hits, tagging out runners and cutting a lot to win games which it is not possible for an outfielder to do, and many beside Wagner are doing it. So, without denying any credit that belongs to Cobb, we venture to say he has been given a good deal that does not belong to him, and now we see the effect it has had on him. If Cobb returns, will it not be wise to let up for a while on the Cobb-hobia?

Ban Johnson's ordinary wisdom and fairness must be considered in any ruling he makes, yet it seems to us he errs in refusing to yield to the demand for a revision of the rules that will permit a player a hearing before instead of after suspension or other penalty. It might be argued that to grant such hearing would tie up proceedings and delay the game too much. But so long as courts of justice proceed on the theory—rather, so long as this government rests upon the principle, that every man accused of wrongdoing is entitled to a full, fair hearing before being adjudged guilty, it seems that signs of base ball can afford to defer to the rule. It ties up things to throw players out of games, without hearings, too, and tends to discredit, in a sense, respect for the court. We doubt not that in time President Johnson will find himself compelled to back up on this stand he has taken, unwisely, we think.

AMATEURS ARE WARMING UP

Some Good Hot Diamond Contests Are to Be Played Today.

TWO GAMES AT FORT OMAHA

Advo and A. O. U. W. Will Play First, While Alamitos and Jabes Cross Teams Will Line Up for Second Bout.

By FRANK QUIGLEY.
It has only been a couple of weeks since the old bell pealed forth its melodious tune announcing the fact that the curtain was due to rise. Since the curfew tinkled all the boys have been working overtime getting into condition for the hard battles that will soon have to be jerked off. All the debates that have been served to date have been extraordinarily reliable to the fans. At least from present indications they must have proved very appetizing because they have failed to have their hammers on the job. With such a good start and an occasional injection of pepper, ginger and other similar stimulants, the local horsehide heavies ought to beat it up the avenue of Success at a merry clip.

About the latest bunch to be enrolled in local base ball circles is the Omaha Eagles. They will be under the personal direction of C. W. Britt. In years gone by he was a stellar base ball flinger. He knows the game from A to Z, and his knowledge in this respect ought to go a long way towards pushing the Eagles to the pinnacle of fame. Of course, they are not figuring very strong on landing near the top perch this term, but, at that, they fully intend to make the big noises acquainted with the fact that they are on the map. The team will be composed exclusively of Eagles. Gents desiring a trout can get in communication with Colonel Britt over Douglas 3549 or Douglas 3551.

Game at Fort Omaha.

On the greensward at Uncle Sam's parade grounds, or rather Fort Omaha, a quartet of local congregations will gather this afternoon for the supreme purpose of doing their utmost to ward each other. The teams that will start the fireworks are the Advo and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. They will begin their brawl at approximately one and a half rings. As they are going to plunge their loose silver pieces on the outcome of said duel, something sensational and phenomenal is anticipated. Baker will shoot 'em over for the food dispensers, but at this writing it remains a mystery who will come 'em for the lodge geese. Immediately after the aforementioned argument is history the Alamitos and the Jabes Cross children will buck up against each other. So far the Cross boys have been surprising all the wisecracks, and if they land the bacon today all will have to doff their sky pieces to them in recognition of their remarkable work.

The Alamitos are full of confidence and are not worrying about walking off with the cream cakes, but the best have been known to be on the wrong track.

Lineup for first game:

ADVO.		A. O. U. W.	
McGrath	First	W. Quigley	Welch
Probst	Second	McAndrew	Short
Minkus	Third	Shelton	Center
Hollander	Left	Elliot	Right
Feltman	Center	Preika	Catch
Carmony	Right	McCreeary	Catch
Baker	Pitch	Hansen	Pitch
Feltman	Pitch	Hansen	Pitch
Coe, H.	Catch	C. Coe	Catch

Lineup for second contest:

ALAMITOS.		JABES CROSS.	
Krigger	First	McCullough	First
Minkus	Second	Tompkins	Second
Dougherty	Third	Grossman	Third
Woodruff	Left	Zaroso	Left
Murray	Center	Langer	Center
Bohan	Right	Overman	Right
Morarty	Pitch	Harris	Pitch
Adams	Pitch	Meehan	Pitch
Cavanaugh	Catch	Erickson	Catch

As it was a matter of impossibility to get the field at a suitable today the grand opening that the organization had planned on had to be called off until next Sunday.

Two Games at Luxus Park.

Two classy jamborees are looked for out at Luxus park this afternoon, when the Chris Lyle and the Emil Hansens enter the base ball arena as the curtain raises and the Shamrocks and the Luxus aggregations will appear in the final act. The Hansen troupe is a new outfit which little will be known about until after their squabble with the Lyles.

The Shamrock-Lexus tangle will undoubtedly be a warm affair. Already both squads have shown their chivers and are raving about what is going to happen this day. The lineup:

LUXUS.		SHAMROCKS.	
Dougherty	First	Graves	First
Vanous	Second	Kennedy	Second
Tracey	Third	W. Collins	Third
Hachten	Left	Clark	Left
Denny	Center	Mayfield	Center
Denny	Right	Dadura	Right
Dane	Catch	Yost	Catch
Dyck	Pitch	Mason	Pitch
Fox	Pitch	Fletcher	Pitch

Out at Florence park two combats of unusual interest will be jerked off this afternoon. All four teams belong to the

Birdie Cree is Starring for Chance



Birdie Cree has been showing up so well that the season of 1913 is expected to be his best in base ball. The little fellow is batting the ball hard and covering a wide area of ground in pulling down long

hits. He will constitute a large part of the solid material on which Manager Frank Chance hopes to build a winning machine for the followers of the New York Yankees.

class "B" army, but you can put it down in your old pipe that they will deliver some base ball junk worth the price and then some. The first row will be between the Florence Athletics and the Vectors and the second contest will be the Sol-Phils against the Ramblers. According to the dope these four aggregations will put on a pair of wrangles that will make your blood rise above par.

Armour park is where the Brodegar and the Packerville gents that represent Armour & Co. will cut up this afternoon. This will be the first of offense for the Armour pets, and as the Crowns look pretty sweet this term they will be up against a starchy proposition. Yesterday the semi-pro Storz Triumphs left the joint for a burg up the tracks named after the gent that made it possible for many to trot around in this country. If you don't follow me—well, Columbia, Neb., is the village, "Jaw" Golding, one of the local products, is the "cheese" of the Discoverers. The Storz were booked for two games at Columbia. One was played yesterday and the other will come off today. Of course, no one wishes the 192 boys any hard luck, but at that it would tickle many a palate if the Storz marched home with a pair.

Hot Gossip Among Fans.

To date, Bob Koran has failed to attach his name to any of the local games. For permission to lounge on the Dietz club diamond call Webster 674 and bark for Cox.

You would think that Luxus tribe were all soaked up, the way they slide around the bases.

From appearances it looks as though prucha is firmly rooted to the Storz Triumphs.

The Townsends and the Council Bluffs Imperials will clash this afternoon at Dietz park.

James Regan is the manager of the Hells. You can commune with him over South 488, South 500 or South 522.

An old spinner and bum ball tosser at somewhat similar. One is a bum hug and the other a humberg.

Gus Boix has resigned as manager of the Woodbine, Ia., team. J. P. Lacy will hold the reins this season.

Fred Daugherty is a brick of a shortstop and Harry Sage is a brick-layer. Here is hoping Harry never lays him.

For games with the Dundee Woolen Mills, address Tom Dinesen 2222 or bark to Isaacson over Douglas 2122.

Chris Lyle, the lumberger of an outfit with his appellation, says his colts will be stepping high before many moons roll by.

Those Jabes Cross dudes are humming along as they may shuffle among the headlines if they are not watched like a hawk.

It wouldn't be advisable for anybody to make a prediction as to what squad will walk off with the cream cakes this season.

Today the Hectors will play the Fontanelle team at Fontanelle park. Lane and Hook will do the tossing for the Hectors.

When the final statistics are sewn together this fall, the Ancient Order of United Workmen team won't be left in the shade.

The four best amateur teams will be given permission this week to arrange a

CARTER LAKE CLUB HUMMER

All to Be in Readiness for the Opening on Decoration Day.

CLUB HAS THOUSAND MEMBERS

Meeting to Be Held at the Home May 27—Preparations Are Made at the Lake for All Sorts of Sports.

With every thing in shipshape form, new buildings erected, club house remodelled and beach in perfect order, the Carter Lake club will open its season for the summer on May 29 with a membership of over 1000.

On May 1 a meeting of all the members of the club will be held at the Home hotel, when reports will be made by all the officers and chairmen of the various committees. President Frank L. Weaver has his report all prepared and it will be the most interesting one of the lot.

According to Mr. Weaver the sewerage system is already being installed, going over the entire grounds to the river, where it empties. Water will be supplied to the forty-two cottages now in course of construction and the club house from an artesian well, which is being sunk at the present time. This water will be used in the bathhouses, also.

The old pavilion has been remodelled into a club house which will compare favorably with any of the club houses of the other pleasure clubs in Omaha. The upper floor will be used for a dining room, the lower floor for a lounge. The lower floor has been made into lounging rooms for men and women and huge fireplaces have been built. Tables will be placed on the porches, which will extend around the entire building. Persons so desiring may be able to eat their meals in the open air. One of the largest dancing halls in this part of the country is being built. The hall will accommodate 300 couples without crowding.

A bath house with over 60 steel lockers has been erected on the lake shore. The building is built in two compartments, one for women and the other for men. The platform leads to the hard, white, sandy beach, which has been graded so as to make it possible for children to wade in the water without fear of going over their heads due to "step-off."

A canoe house, facing north and south, is now being built. This house will take care of 2,000 canoes. A canal about twenty feet wide and 100 feet long has been dredged from the canoe house to the lake.

Five clay tennis courts will be finished before the season opens, and next year this club will compete with the others in landing tournaments. These courts are situated directly in front of the pavilion. East of the tennis courts four bowling alleys will be installed, and may be increased to eight if the members desire this sort of sport. Just east of the bowling alleys is a fine roller skating rink.

The trap-shooting grounds are also east of the bowling alleys and new traps have been installed. The grounds face east and will be the best in Nebraska.

The lake is higher than it has been in years, and Mr. Weaver declares the aquatic sports will be the feature of the season and many meets will be held with the various other clubs.

CREIGHTON NINE LOOKS GOOD

Manager Daily Lines Up Team that Promises to Do Some Playing.

NUMBER OF GAMES SCHEDULED

Starring Trip Through the Dakotas is Planned After Some Local Battles Are Fought on Nearby Grounds.

The first week of hard practice at Creighton university has shown that the varsity base ball team will be strong in every department, with the possible exception of the pitcher's box. In this department there are about a half dozen candidates, but Madden is the only one who has had much experience. However, Madden will leave to join the Fremont team in the State league in May, and his going will probably leave the varsity in a hole.

Gaffney, who pitched at St. Ambrose, while touted as being good, is as yet untried Metz, who played at Sioux City last year, is still very young for varsity base ball, but has the making of a good twirler. He may develop into a reliable man this year, but has not been given much of a chance as yet. McGuire, who won honors in amateur base ball last year, is not yet in good condition, and is being worked in the outfield. Bushman, who joined the squad last week, may develop, as he is regarded as one of the best pitchers in the interclass league, now playing games at the arts college.

Behind the bat is the strong point. Miller and Pass, both old hands, are hitting the ball hard for so early in the year. Both have the build, speed and the throwing power for the ideal catchers.

Infield is fast and shifty. At third is Jimmie Kelly, one of the best third basemen in these parts. At short, are McKee and Kane, both fast fielders. McKee is somewhat older and a bit surer of his fielding. Kane is like a whirlwind, but is more erratic.

At second, Gandy has the edge on Vandiver to date, because the latter, a medical student, has been taking examinations. Rossum will hold down first base. Wilber Holbrook has proven a sensation in the outfield. He is but a midget, but is a natural hitter and has a great arm. He will make some of the older players hustle for their positions. The other outfielders are Howard, Dalley, English and McGowan.

Manager Dalley has called off the trip which was planned through the State league section. None of the State league managements would offer more than a percentage of the gate receipts, at which Dalley balked. A trip through South and North Dakota is now being planned instead.

Several more games have been added to the schedule. Tarkio college of Tarkio, Mo., will be played in Omaha May 29 while Cotner will also play here May 19. Another game has been scheduled with the University of Omaha for May 17.

Omaha High school will be played next Saturday. The game was postponed from April 12.

CREIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL GETS INTO HAND BALL

Interest in hand ball among the high school students of the Creighton college of arts has led to the formation of a second junior league, made up of one man teams. Thirty-five of the boys have joined the organization, and the games are being played on the clay courts west of the old concrete courts. Each member

Australian Tennis Champions to Play Here This Summer

Omaha tennis enthusiasts are to be given a real treat this summer when the Australian tennis team will play at the Omaha Field club. Announcement that these "sharps" would come to this city and exhibit their skill was made by Ralph Rainey, in charge of tennis at the field club, Saturday.

The foreigners will meet the best of the local talent, which will mean that Harry Koch, Conrad Young, Spike Kennedy and a few others will stand up and try to solve the delivery of the antipodeans.

The following players will come to Omaha: A. B. Jones, present champion of New South Wales; S. D. Doust, who has been playing in England for the last two years; and Horace Rice, ex-champion of New South Wales. They will play both singles and doubles teams in Omaha.

The exact date on which the foreigners will show in Omaha has not been decided. Word is expected almost any time from San Francisco announcing the date. An admission fee will be charged to watch these men play, the proceeds ever and above expenses to be turned over to the Australians in order to help defray their expenses.

OMAHA CRICKETERS TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

The annual meeting of the Omaha Cricket club will be held next Friday evening at Jacobs Hall, 1718 Dodge street. Members and new cricketers are especially invited to be present. The officers will be elected for the ensuing season. The grounds at Miller park are being put in excellent shape, and the prospects are good for the best season of cricket in this city's history.

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