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UPSET IN BASKET BALL DOPE

Success of Crete and South High in Recent Games Surprises State Floor Fans.

SEVERAL STRONG FIVES APPEAR

Crete's victory over the strong Geneva basket ball team at Doane and South High's overwhelming defeat of Nebraska City upset the dope considerably in the state basket ball field. Coach Squires' five fought nobly, urged on by 400 wildly frantic rooters and accomplished the victory so greatly desired. At Nebraska City the sure confidence of Coach McCandless' squad was broken, Coach Patton's youths taking the game, by a score of 27 to 15.

The Geneva five under the coaching of H. H. Theison, former Nebraska all-round athlete, is to be respected. It is a question whether either Coach Mulligan's, Patton's or Greenstreet's fast quintet could outplay the country representation.

The state tournament this year will not only be one of the best in history from the standpoint of number of games played, but probably will be the hardest fought.

Fremont Winning.

Fremont's defeat of West Point Thursday evening on the Fremont floor, by a score of 35 to 13 showed the true caliber of the Dodge county aggregation. Captain Fullington, who has been sick abed for several weeks is again back with the team with another recruit, who was down in his studies. Although defeated by South High earlier in the season, the Fremont team is expected to rank among the best of first-class teams.

Fairmont kept up its winning streak by defeating the Steele City five, 27 to 18. Oakdale, a team of the same class retires into the background, having been defeated by Newman Grove, by a score of 36 to 22. Hebron arises to challenge the leadership of Minden and Fairmont in Class B division, by defeating the Nelson team, by a score of 105 to 21. Superior defeated Nelson, by a score of 12 to 8.

Norfolk fell ignominiously in its game with Sioux City more than a week ago. Coach Walker's five was able to tally but 12 points to the Indians' 58. Beatrice worked up considerable team work in its game with University Place with the result that the Queen City youths captured the long end of a 38 to 22 score. Lincoln's defeat over this team Saturday night, however, leaves comparisons as much up in the air as ever.

Local Team Successful.

A brilliant future faces Central and South High schools. Both teams have met and conquered all state opponents with good success and are sure leaders on a par with Geneva, Crete, Lincoln and Hastings. The latter quintet is composed of green material, but will probably develop into a fast combination. The close score in the Crete-Hastings game, which wound up 27 to 22, backs up this statement. Following is a summary of games last week:

Gothenberg	24	Cozard	39
West Point	22	Arlington	18
Craig	21	Bancroft	19
Geneva	10	Sutton	7
Fairmont	27	Steele City	18
Sioux City	58	Norfolk	12
Beatrice	38	University Place	22
Avoca	39	Union	21
Oakdale	70	Stanton	30
Stuart	30	Ainsworth	36
Bellevue College	30	South High	32
Newman Grove	36	Oakdale	22
Crete	24	Geneva	21
South High	27	Nebraska City	16
Fremont	35	West Point	15
Central High	27	Red Oak	13
Hebron	105	Nelson	21

WESLEYAN TAKES SECOND FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 22.—Wesleyan administered another defeat to the South Dakota five Friday evening by a score of 59 to 15. This was the second game with the South Dakota team. Thursday night's score was 51 to 22.

ALL BROOKLYN PLAYERS SIGN EXCEPT A ROOKIE

President Ebbets of Brooklyn announces that all his players are signed except Monte Priesite, the pitcher-outfielder secured from Syracuse.

PHILS SEND MATTISON BACK TO THE BUSHES

The Philadelphia National league club has released Pitcher Mattison to the Syracuse club of the New York State league.

Just an Earful

By Tad

THERE was an amateur fighter named Hickey years ago who was petrified from the shoulder blades up. He was fighting in a tournament at the New Polo club one night and was sitting in his dressing room after having won two fights in succession.

Hickey feared no one, and really thought that he was the greatest lightweight the world had ever seen.

As he sat there his manager mentioned the different boys who had entered the tourney and were yet to be dealt with. Hickey feared none of them and even offered to wager some iron men that he'd knock them out in less than three rounds each. He was lacing his shoes when someone in the back of the room knocked over a bottle of liniment. Immediately the fumes roamed around the room and got to the beaks of those present.

One of the listeners started to cough and then chirped:

"Gee, that odor is strong."

"Well," piped Hickey, without even looking up, "I hope the fathead fights me. If there's one thing I do like it's strong guys."

SALARY CUTS WILL BENEFIT

Excessive Contracts of Such Players as Cobb and Speaker Cause Dissension.

RELATIVE WORTH OF TY COOB

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 22.—When one comes to consider the big salaries that are paid by Organized Base Ball to certain star players, there would seem to be considerable ground for the belief that in many cases these leading lights of the major leagues are paid greatly in excess of their real value to a team.

Even the rank and file of the ball players themselves, grumbling and chafing over the acknowledged fact that a certain privileges few are drawing down the lion's share, are disposed to resent the payment of these big sums of money.

The large salary paid to Ty Cobb in recent years has frequently been the cause of dissatisfaction in the Tiger fold. The big salary granted Tris Speaker when he finally came to terms with the Boston Red Sox club nearly two years ago gave the players and fans alike considerable to talk about.

No one is supposed to know just what the salary paid the leading star of the Detroit team really is. Some figure it to be $18,000 per year. Others claim that the Georgia Peach does not draw down as much as Speaker has been paid.

But in spite of all the jealous discussion. Ty Cobb is the greatest center fielder that the game has ever known. Cobb annually leads the batsmen of the country, while the Georgia star has no real rival among the outer gardeners of either league, a fact that the much-touted Bennis Kauff, lately of the Federals, will have to acknowledge without delay when the signing of the peace compact admits him to the coveted fold.

Card at the Gate.

So many times has Cobb's all-around worth been demonstrated that it is hardly necessary for anyone to enter into any extended discussion of his preeminence in almost every department. He leads in batting and base running, he is acknowledged the cleverest general and the quickest thinker in either big league. He is a power on both offense and defense, and a star whichever way you want to take him, and, above all else, his peculiar personality, his temperamental disposition, which is liable to lead him at any time to "start something," generally helps to swell the gate and bring his salary back many times during the season to the Detroit club.

With Speaker it is somewhat different. Speaker never plays to the gallery, and perhaps he is not the same big attraction at the gate; yet it is a matter of common knowledge that a few seasons ago when there was talk of a trade between the Boston and Detroit clubs, with Speaker being swapped for Cobb, the obstinacy of Jim McAleer was the only thing that blocked the deal.

On a base ball club it is the general belief that Speaker is a far more valuable man. He doesn't hit quite as consistently as does Cobb, nor does he score so many runs or steal quite as many bases. Yet year after year Speaker comes through in his regular Texan style, and this year's fielding averages, compiled a few weeks ago by the American league, show quite unmistakably why Speaks is the best outfielder of them all.

Goes After Everything.

In these official averages it will be seen that Speaker, though ranking No. 10 in the list of American league outfielders, has nevertheless accepted more chances than any fielder in either of the big organizations. Four of the American outfielders eclipse him in the number of assists, while just one in the National organization has thrown out a greater number at home or on the bases.

Speaker played during the last season just 150 games, six less than did Ty Cobb, yet he accepted just fifty more chances than did the Georgian, made eight less errors and had but one less assist.

The fact that Cobb pegged out one man more shows that base runners elected to risk Cobb's wing much oftener than they did that of Speaker. Tris' average was just .25 better than that of the Detroit star.

The fact that Speaker was able to accept more putouts than any of his rivals was due in a great measure to the uncanny way he plays his position and his ability to run back for long drives. Playing well in behind shortstop he is usually able to gather in many a line drive that would be a safe hit with the ordinary outfielder in center. Again, he shifts his position on almost every batsman, and time after time ambitious batsmen have retired for the night without mentioning Speaker in their prayers. It is too bad that there is no column available which could show the way in which Speaker has cut down the number of long distance drives during the last season and held them to single base hits.

Charley Herzog Called Bruin Out Without Even Shot

This is the yarn they tell on Charles Herzog, manager of the Reds:

Herzog and some friends went hunting recently. The friends rounded up a bear and chased him in the direction of Herzog, who had gone in quest of a deer.

Herzog heard the yells of his companions and turned around to find the bear charging at him. Herzog lifted his trusty gatling gun to his shoulder and was about to fire when the bear suddenly changed its course, ran to the right and dove into a clump of underbrush.

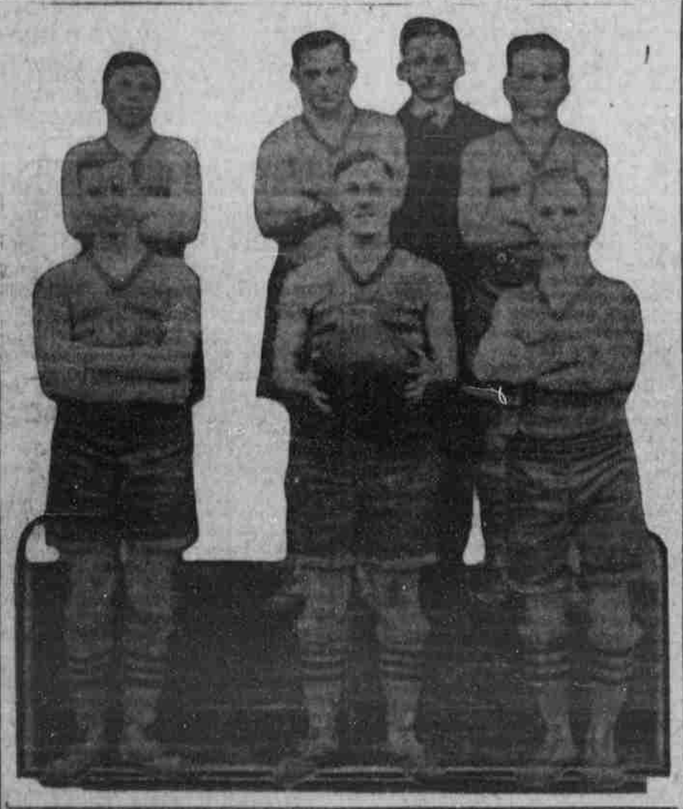
"Shoot him, Charlie—shot him; put it on him," yelled Herzog's companions.

"What's the use of putting it on him," answered Herzog, dropping his gun. "He's out anyway. He ran out of the line."

EKLUND THROWS MYRE FOR IOWA CHAMPIONSHIP

WATERLOO, Ia., Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Clarence Eklund defeated Helmar Myre of Forest City in straight falls of one hour and four minutes and seven minutes. The match was for the light heavyweight championship of Iowa, and a $200 purse. Eklund was the aggressor all the way.

GENEVA'S FAST HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL FIVE
Lower row, left to right: B. Koehler, J. Koehler (captain), Camp. Upper row: Otis, Ashton, Thiesen (coach), Martin.



HOW JIM SCOTT WAS FOUND

Came to Ham Patterson by Mistake and Insisted on Showing Ham How to Pitch.

MADE GOOD RIGHT OFF THE BAT

Hamilton Patterson, manager of the Vernon Tigers, tells an interesting story of how he landed Pitcher Jim Scott in Jim's busher days.

It was in 1907, when Patterson was managing Oskaloosa in the old Iowa State league. He was short of players and he wired to somebody in Chicago to send him on a catcher. By some mixup Jim Scott was the man sent in answer to the call for help.

Scott reported for work. Patterson ordered him into a mask and protector and told him to get out and get busy in the game.

"Never heard of a pitcher wearing a mask and protector," was Scott's somewhat startled reply.

"I sent for a catcher; ain't you one?" asked Pat.

"Nope. I'm a pitcher," replied Jim.

"For the love of Mike," yelled Patterson, throwing up his hands. "And I already have eleven pitchers. Very careless of them to send you down here."

"Well, I'm here," said Scott, "and I have to eat. I don't care how many pitchers you have, I think I can make my salt for you."

Not only did Patterson like his talk, but he figured that Jim might be up against it for something to eat. So he took him along with the club when it went over to Ottumwa for a game.

"Gim'me that ball," insisted Scott just before the combat started, ignoring the eleven other pitchers who were primed up to work.

Pat gave him the ball and never had reason to regret it. Scott simply threw it past the opposing batters, fanning the first eight to face him. The ninth man got a lucky single and Patterson yanked Scott.

"What's the matter; what are you taking me out for?" inquired Jim, somewhat grieved.

"Take you out for?" replied Patterson with his droll humor, "Didn't they get a hit off you?"

Jim, hanging his head in shame, admitted that they had.

The exact purpose for which Patterson removed him from the game was to sign him, he fearing that some scout might be present in disguise and beat him to it.

Having no contract or other stationery, Patterson ripped off a piece of wrapping paper and had Scott scribble on this an agreement to play with Oskaloosa. This agreement was as binding as though recorded in marble and brass. He was drafted that fall by the Wichita club, which sent him to the White Sox the following fall.

BRANDEIS TOSSERS CLASS OF TRI-CITY

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the future. Should each side win a game a final match will be pulled off on a neutral floor.

The Walter G. Clarks are the latest to sign up a home game with an outside five. February 4, the Clarks will play Doane college at the local gym. Doane plays the University of Omaha the previous night. Manager Gants of the Clarks is also in touch with the Genoa Indians which he expects to bring here.

With Teams and Players.

Becktold, center of the Townsends, is laid up with a case of scarlet fever.

No league preliminaries will precede the match Friday between the Beatrice and Omaha High schools.

Although living in Malvern, Ia., Paul Ohman journeys to Omaha to participate at center for the Clarks.

Klepser, forward on the Clarks, has again found his eye. Klepser rung up six baskets against the Brandeis Thursday evening.

Alleging the M. E. Smiths used an ineligible tosser against them Saturday evening, the Townsend Tigers protested the match.

New printed schedules for the season are being given out by the Young Men's Christian association. In all it calls for 141 league contests.

Charlesworth, official arbiter in the amateur leagues, refereed the game between the University of Omaha and Cotner Thursday evening.

The First Christians dropped their third straight against the St. Mary's last Tuesday. For the last two seasons the Christians were winners of the Church league championship.

The Creighton Laws brought out a new tosser last week in their match with the Omaha High School Reserves. Schaw is the new player and performs at the right forward position.

Instead of charging admission to all Tri-City games, as was proposed, there will only be charges for six contests. The proceeds will be used to meet the expenses of the loop.

The two Commercial league games between the Creighton Laws and the High School of Commerce and the Joe Smiths and Omaha National Banks on the University of Omaha court were postponed last Wednesday in order to allow the University of Omaha team to use the court for practice.

No Peace with Umps.

Christy Mathewson quotes Manager McGraw as saying: "There won't be any peace if Tener doesn't change some of the umpires he had working last season.

Nebraska Trounces Drake Five in Fast Game at Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska trounced Drake soundly here last night, 41 to 21, in the first game between these two Missouri valley conference teams. The Drake five played better ball in the first half, which ended 16 to 9, owing to the failure of the Huskers to locate baskets, but in the second period Nebraska got to going and simply smothered the visitors. The team play of the Huskers was brilliant in the second half.

Rutherford was the Nebraska star and shot eight baskets, while Thiesen also played brilliantly. Smith was the star for Drake, with two field goals and six more points from free throws.

The lineup:

NEBRASKA.		DRAKE.	
Campbell	R.F.	L.F.	Smith
Rutherford	L.F.	R.F.	King
Shields	C.	C.	Bressers
Hugg	R.G.	L.G.	Warnock
J. Gardiner	L.G.	R.G.	Irwin

Substitutes: Thiesen for Campbell, Nelson for Shields, Riddell for Nelson, C. Gardiner for J. Gardiner, Hartman for Rutherford, Hawley for Irwin, Blackburn for Warnock, Berringer for Smith, Smith for Bressers. Goals from field: Rutherford (8), Thiesen (3), Campbell (2), Nelson, Hartman, C. Gardiner, Smith (2), Hawley. Free throws: Campbell (6), Hugg (3), Thiesen, Smith (6).

Crete is Victor Over Geneva Five

CRETE, Neb., Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Crete High school basket ball team defeated the Geneva five here today, 24 to 21.

Geneva led the play throughout, securing a good lead in the middle of the first half and maintaining it until the last few minutes. Splendid teamwork, kept constantly on the run, brought about a superior class of floor play. Seymore Martin, diminutive forward on the Geneva quintet, along with Hurb Ashton, massive recruit of the 1913 state championship team, were stellar actors for the visiting five.

Just as it seemed that Geneva would win the game by an easy margin the three Frundell brothers stepped into the breach, and, aided by the faultless teamwork and rush play of Bill Ellis and Oden Kacer, forward and guard of the local team, shot a series of six baskets that were nothing short of sensational.

Geneva failed in its faultless team play and the pause meant the game.

Geneva came back strong but only two minutes of the game remained. Seymore Martin of the Geneva team established a record. Out of thirteen chances the lithe forward caged eleven free throws. Ben and John Koehler of the visiting quintet were also stellar performers. The lineup:

CRETE.		GENEVA.	
Frundell	R.F.	L.F.	Martin
Kacer	L.F.	R.F.	B. Koehler
Clar. Frundell	C.	C.	Ashton
Les Frundell	R.G.	L.G.	Otis
Ellis	L.G.	R.G.	Koehler

Field goals: Les Frundell (3), Len Frundell (4), Kacer (2), Martin (3), Ben Koehler, John Koehler. Free throws: Clarence Frundell (6), Martin (11). Fouls: Crete, 13; Geneva, 11. Score: Crete, 24; Geneva, 21. Referee, Jones of Beatrice. Timepecker, Kilpatrick of Beatrice. Scorer, Lee of Omaha. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

Millers Strengthen Washington Club

The Minneapolis club of the American association has released two pitchers to Washington in Bentley and Humphries. Bentley finished the year with the Millers, but Humphries has never been seen in Minneapolis, having been drafted from the Virginia league at the close of the season.

President Mike Cantillon explains the shift with the statement that Griffith is shy on left-handers and wants to try out the men for the Washington club. He has agreed to send the Millers another first-class pitcher for the men taken.

RAY FISHER IS NOW AN INSTRUCTOR IN HURLING

It is now Ray Fisher, professor of the science of pitching. The Yankee twirler has been engaged by the Young Men's Christian Association college of Springfield, Mass., to give a course of instruction in the art of twirling as part of the department of athletics of the institution.

DARCY WILL STAY AT HOME

Australian Pug Will Not Be Permitted to Invade America Because of Military Law.

M'GOORTY IS GETTING HEAVY

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—A letter just received from "Snowy" Baker, the Australian boxing promoter, states that Les Darcy is unlikely to leave Australia for a tour of the United States until after the European war.

In part the letter follows:

"No Australian boxers are likely to leave their country unless they are departing for the war in Europe. There is now in Australia a military law forbidding the departure of Australian men of military age, except under special passports."

This makes it appear that the report circulated immediately after Darcy defeated McGoorty for the second time to the effect that Darcy would make immediate arrangements to tour this country and engage in a series of at least three bouts for which he asked a guarantee of $30,000 was without foundation.

In another part of his letter Baker asserts that even before "Jack" Kearns so loudly announced that he (Kearns) would manage Darcy on his tour of this country it had been decided that Darcy would not leave Australia. Hence it seems that the invasion of Darcy has been indefinitely postponed and that the looked for meeting between "Mike" Gibbons and Darcy will not take place for some time unless Gibbons decides to go to Australia.

This letter was written prior to the Darcy-McGoorty bout, and in discussing the ringside weight—160 pounds—which the fighters agreed to make, he states, "To make this weight it will be necessary for 'Eddie' to shed a little muscle."

No Longer Middleweight.

If it be true that McGoorty has to "shed muscle" when making 160 pounds ringside then it is also true that McGoorty can no longer fight as a middleweight and be strong. Whenever a fighter grows so heavy that he has to "shed muscle" to make a stipulated weight then that fighter should devote all of his attention to a heavier division in boxing.

"Shedding muscle" means what is more commonly known as "drying out." For hours before weighing in time boxers who are trying to make a weight that is too low for them are compelled to go without liquids or food. They gargle with water but are not permitted to swallow any. Usually they will agree to such weight only when they can weigh in from four to six hours before a bout. This gives them time after weighing in in which to take some nourishment and thus regain some strength before entering the ring.

If McGoorty had to "shed muscle" and enter the ring immediately after weighing in, which was the case, it is small wonder that Darcy was able to stop him. This does not detract from Darcy's ability as a boxer and a fighter, but in justice to McGoorty attention must be drawn the fact that McGoorty could not have been strong under such conditions.

How Robby Picks His Pitchers With Help from Ebbets

Charley Herzog, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, is the author of this. He told it during a fanning bee of magnates, players and scribes at the recent peace session at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

Charley Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn club, has a telephone between his private box and the bench, and Herzog avers that the following is typical of what happens ten minutes before every home game.

Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling.

Manager Wilbert Robison answers the phone.

"Robison talking. Yes, Mr. Ebbets, this is Robison.

"Who am I going to pitch today? Well, I had planned to use Smith. The Reds are none too good against a southpaw, you know.

"Coombs? No, I had not intended to use him.

"You see, Coombs pitched Tuesday and finished a game for Rucker yesterday.

"Yes, I know, but Smith has not pitched since Sunday and he needs to be worked every fourth day to be good.

"All right, Charley, Jack (in an aside to Coombs), get busy and warm up. You are going to pitch today."