

Tom Fairweather Whipping Sioux City Club Into Condition for League Race

Fate of Packer Team Now Up to Patronage

Outlook Good for Real Ball Nine—Infield Should Rank High.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. IOUX CITY, IA., April 6.—Now that Sioux City has escaped being wiped off the map by the flood waters of the Missouri river, baseball fans are making preparations to prevent Sioux City from being effaced from the Western league baseball map.

With the Western league itself in possession of the Sioux City franchise and Tom Fairweather, veteran manager, directing activities, formation of a club is under way at spring training quarters at Duncan, Okl.

From all indications Sioux City is to have a real class A ball club. That is, Sioux City will have that kind of a club if the fans want it. Baseball is an established institution. Whether or not it is to be an established institution in Sioux City depends upon the patronage the game receives here this year.

The nucleus about which Tom Fairweather found it necessary to build a club was little short of laughable when measured by numbers. He found on taking the club over that he had only Frank Metz, Wray Query and Eddie Palmer, just enough for a game of one-sided ball. For nothing daunted, he started in and by purchase and having suspensions lifted he is getting results.

Good-Looking Infield.
For the infield, Fairweather has a good looking bunch of players. At first will be the veteran Metz, familiarly known to fans as "Hippo." Eddie Palmer, a league veteran, will officiate at second base and Julie Moe, a graduate of the University of Illinois, who played with Toledo in the American association last year, will take care of the third sack. For shortstop Fairweather has a line on a man who will be the class of the league if he can be landed.

In the outfield, Eddie Moore comes from Oklahoma City. Then there is Joe Robinson, who played part of last season in Sioux City, and Brockaw, a Pacific coast player, who played sensational baseball with Sioux City several years ago. One of the best prospects in this department is outfielder Hall, who has been signed. He played last year with the Rockford club of the Three-I league, where in 139 games he made 167 base hits, good for a total of 256 bases and an average of .339. He is a left-hand hitter.

Backstopping work will be taken care of by Wray Query and a first-class man from a double A league.

Promising hurlers.
For pitching duty, Manager Fairweather has lined up some promising looking material. Among the veterans are Cy Williams, Bugs Grover and Art Rasmussen, all of whom are well known to Western league fans. Among the recruits is "Red" Crahan, a Sioux City sandlot player, who has good prospects. Barham, who was given a try-out with the Packers several years ago, also is being given a tryout.

John Maple, a brother of Rolla Maple, who was considered one of the best pitchers in the Western league a few years ago, has joined the squad. He has been pitching fast semi-pro baseball at Casper, Wyo.

Another promising recruit is Pitcher Gaugler, who was obtained from Detroit. He is a right-hander and one of the youngest players in the league, being only 20 years old.

Mr. Fairweather believes that a mediocre team in which harmony prevails will get farther than a team of stars rent by discord. In line with this belief, he sold McGinnis to the Sacramento team because the player was coming grudgingly to Sioux City. His home is in Sacramento and he wished to play there.

Reds Return Home
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Says "Bugs" Baer: TRAINING TRIP COSTS FORTUNE

\$50,000 Is Low Estimate of Expenditure to Get League Team in Shape.

ON the marble doormat over the porch of the Union station in Washington are these few irritating syllables:

"He who would seek the wealth of the Indies must take the wealth of the Indies with him."

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In order to bring home the bacon you've got to start out with a corn-fed hog. And you've got to feed him corn on the trip.

All this costs plenty of plunder. And the wealth of the Indies in baseball means the pro rata valuation of the minor league players. If you wonder why big town teams pay \$100,000 for recognized stars, just get out a borrowed pencil and pour some ink into your statistics.

The Giants annual spring trip to the baseball Indies costs them \$50,000. They are away two months, with the league limit of regulars and rookies chewing their heads off on expensive menus.

Pullmans, hotels, meals, trainers, scouts and coaches all cost them plenty. In addition to this are uniforms, baseballs and doctors. There is much muscular and stomach ailment on a spring training trip and the hospital bills run high.

Fifty thousand dollars is a low estimate. But if they develop one ball player on this trip, the Giants will be repaid.

The finding of Frisch more than balanced the 1920 trip. He would bring in an enormous price in the open market.

If Claude Jonnard or some other young pitcher comes through, that item will wipe off the expenses of the 1923 trip.

We don't include O'Connell and Bentley in this, because they each set McGraw back the tag of a training excursion.

This is a low estimate, because it

Golf Facts

By INNIS BROWN.

Q. Where a player's ball stops in a rather long grass in the rough, is he allowed, according to the rules, to make a practice swing that may help him to find out how much resistance the grass will exert? In case he is not what would the penalty be?

A. A player may take one or more practice swings in the rough without penalty but he is supposed to be at least a club's length from the ball in doing so.

Q. What is the proper procedure in a case of this kind? Two players drive into the rough, the balls apparently landing close together. Both balls are found all right and one player plays. The second player before playing sees that the ball which he is preparing to play is not his own. The other then discovers that it is his ball. What is to be done in such a case and does the player who had played a stroke with a wrong ball suffer any penalty?

A. To get things clear let's call them A and B, being the one who played. There is no penalty, and B can drop another ball as near as he can determine to where his ball lay, when A played it. If B goes ahead and plays it with the ball thus repositioned, he is penalized. If he does not, he is not. If a player in a match play to play a hole is finished before play on the hole is finished, he is not penalized.

A. There is no rule requiring the reporting of a penalty, unless of course the opponent asks the number of strokes played, in which case any penalty strokes incurred must be included in the total given. But it is one of the accepted principles of etiquette of the game that principles of etiquette be reported as soon as they are incurred.

(Send in your questions to Innis Brown. If an immediate answer is desired, enclose stamped self-addressed envelope.)
A Tip for the Round.
Miss Cecil Letich says: The "chirp" points to be remembered when attempting the push shot are: Stand close to the ball in front of it; look at the back of the ball; grip the club firmly with both hands; take the club back with a straight and upright swing; allow the shoulders to turn slightly in advance of the club head at the beginning of the down swing; keep the wrists stiff and the arms straight at the moment of impact.
(Monday—Sandy Head on "Hurrying the Swing.")

is unofficial. None of the Giant officials were consulted. McGraw, never talks salaries or expenses. If he did figure out the spring trip it would probably run much higher in the thousands.

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Practice Volleying Against Brick Wall, Says Champ

Vincent Richards Offers Advice to Beginners in Tennis—Watch Star Players.

This is the fourth of a series of instructive tennis articles written by Vincent Richards exclusively for Universal Service—Editor's Note.

By VINCENT RICHARDS, National Tennis Doubles Champion, Universal Service Staff Correspondent.
Ever since the time that the California comet, Maurice McLoughlin, flashed across the tennis horizon, the critics have been laying stress upon the importance of volleying in the game of lawn tennis.

Let us for a moment consider just what the art of volleying really is. As a matter of fact, it is nothing more than taking the ball in the air while one is standing in midcourt. But it is, to my way of thinking, the one department of the tennis game that cannot be acquired by seeking the advice of a professional teacher.

I attribute any ability that I may possess in volleying to the fact that when I was first starting to play the game of tennis I used to practice very often against a brick wall. Naturally, I was forced to take the ball in the air, which no doubt accounts for the fact that I have some ability in this line.

To the thousands of young players

who will start tennis for the first time this spring, I could offer no better advice than to suggest that they find a brick wall and practice volleying against it.

Always remember to volley with a stiff wrist and delay your stroke to the last possible fraction of a second. In this way you will keep your opponent guessing until the very last moment. Never hurry your volleying and above all only go in to the net position for a volley when you have the proper opening. It is ridiculous for a young player to keep continually rushing in to the net.

If the juniors who are anxious to improve their volleying will watch stars play when they are executing a difficult shot in this department and then go home and practice what they have seen against a brick wall, I am sure they will improve their volley game.

Meet Stars Saturday.
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, April 6.—The best bowlers in Nebraska will assemble here, starting Saturday, for the annual state tournament.

The Nourse Oils of Omaha won the title in 1922. E. Sciple, K. Sciple, W. Learn, Al Wartchow and Gus Toman formed this team. O. A. Olson has taken Toman's place and otherwise it will be made up of the same men. Learn and Wartchow captured the doubles title with Al Krug, Omaha.

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