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Personnel of the Ball Team

Individual Characteristics of the Different Players.

THEIR EXCELLENT QUALITIES

The Varsity Team Is Made up of Stars—Detailed Record of Each Player—The Good and Bad Points About "Our Boys."

Our baseball team is made up from an excellent lot of men this year. All are players who have had experience either here or elsewhere, and when they are scattered over the four points of the diamond, they make a husky team.

Captain Packard is 5 ft. 7 in. tall, weighs 175 pounds, and has always played centre field. He played half back on the 'varsity' team and is the stockiest man on the team; in fact most too much so to make an active third baseman, for which position he has been practicing. His best point is a beautiful throw. As an outfielder, he covers plenty of ground and backs second so as to give the second baseman complete confidence. He is a fly hitter and seems unable to make the line drives which characterize the team. He is a hard worker, but very nervous. He is well liked and makes a good captain. He is known among the players as "Pack" or "Vivyan."

Eddie Gordon, a Lincoln boy, learned the game at Hebron. He is but 19 years old but is muscled like a Sandow. As the leading pitcher he is giving complete satisfaction. He is speedy with good curves quick and well under control. He depends much on an excellent head and is a typical college pitcher. He watches the bases very closely, and is never afraid to throw and throw hard. As a hitter he is very poor. He hits the ball little, if at all, for a home run.

Robinson, who will do part of the pitching is so well known as to need no write up. He was at Brown college last season but came to Nebraska and entered our law college. He is the strongest hitter in the college world, which record he has held for the past two seasons.

Kenagy, the regular catcher is a graduate of Doane, and is posting in the literary department in our university. He learned the game in Crete and plays with a spirit that characterizes all of his acts. As a receiver from the pitcher he cannot be beaten. His slight build compels him to use a long arm throw to the bases that is a little slow. He is a genial, modest, college man.

Moore as a catcher has proven a most valuable "dark horse." He is big and strong and is willing to admit he has much to learn about the game. He works hard and throws to bases well. He has some superfluous motions which he is learning to dispense with. He is a left handed hitter as is also Kenagy, the other catcher. He will be used in the field when not catching. Moore learned what he knows of the game at Scotia, and as might be expected his chief task was to unlearn much of what he had learned. He is a freshman and will make a strong man before he leaves college.

"Deacon" Kindler as the boys dub him is a first baseman with his merits and demerits, but happily the former largely predominate. For a six-footer he is very active. He is awkward but usually comes out of the mix-up with a clean sharp play. He is a hard line hitter which will give him the much coveted place of fourth on the batting order. He is partial to second base, but he can be used to better advantage at first. His chief weakness is unsoundness, and a slight inclination to become confused. Withal he is a valuable man, and one that would be hard to replace.

Harry Benedict, the modest little star at second base could make any college team in the United States. He has the best eye for grounders ever put in any man's head. He throws to first in a line with a beautiful short-arm throw and covers ten acres of field. He will lead off in batting for reasons best known to those who have watched him play. If any defect can be found in his work it is a slight hesitancy to take advantage of contingencies of the second.

It is in this point that Thomas Creigh at short stop excels all others. He plays with sixty-ounces of grey matter in full operation. He covers as much ground as the little second baseman and gives confidence to the whole team. For that rea-

son he would be the most missed. He is a law man with his home in Omaha. He learned the game in Casey's alley, with brick bats for balls. He too is a left-handed hitter and lines out single after single. He is an excellent base runner as well as a hitter and for that reason will just precede "Deacon" Kindler on the batting role.

"Dutch" Wells the child wonder from the Indian reservation will cover third base and the adjacent sections of soil. He is a sprinter with a big S, and is the best runner on the team. He too is a left-handed hitter. His merits will place him number two on the batting roll. He is a left handed thrower which of course, slightly handicaps a baseman.

These men are sure to make the team. The others are all good men, but because of the fact that the team has not been made up from them, it seems best not to make personal comments. Reeder, Ryans, Melford, Cowgill, Garrett, Kellogg and Green is the list from which the team will be completed.

The team as a whole is very fast in fielding the ball, especially is this true of the in-field. Five are left handed hitters, and all but two drive line hits over the in-field. Their base running with two exceptions is rather inferior to their general high standing. There is not a poor arm on the team. Success to this team of college students, who by the way are far above the average in scholarship.

BASE BALL BOUNCES.

The experiment of games on the university campus has been tested and found successful. The little game Saturday with but ten cents admission not only paid expenses but netted a profit to the ball team. Of course a few "cheap" people sponged off the club that is working so hard to build up a winning team without begging as has always been the policy heretofore. It was noted that the students were but sparsely represented among the cheap spongers. A noticeable exception was a crowd of them seated in the west door of the electrical building. None are asked to attend these games that cannot afford the admission fee, but it is expected that they will have enough honor and self respect to stay away. A man that would steal his way into a ball game, would steal money.

The manager and captain desire to thank the band boys for their kindness in aiding in making the ball season a success. Their parade Saturday was the best advertisement any team could secure. The band boys have the true college spirit and if there were more like them in the university, this institution could climb still higher in standing.

It is a peculiar fact that every ball-player has some superstition or hobby. This extends even to college players. For instance Packard wouldn't go into a game with any hopes unless he had on a certain red stocking which he has worn for four years. Creigh is always easy if he fans out once during the first game of the season. Kindler must have a profusion of shirt outside his belt or he isn't easy. Gordon is a half-hearted pitcher until he sees a bird fly over the ball field. They all have 'em and you can't reason it out of them.

The game with Crete Saturday was not a close one, but all friends of the university went away with the knowledge that the university has a great team. The beautiful base-running of "Dutch" Wells caught the hearts of everyone. Creigh plays ball with his head with a big H. Holt, the Crete pitcher, is a good pitcher, and the way our boys batted out hit after hit, shows what Coach Robinson has done for the team.

After the stand is erected on the ball field ladies will be admitted to the first game free and if they do not make the stand appear bright with colors and smiles their rival for the affections of Captain Packard, Tom Creigh, "Dutch" Wells and the numerous other ladies' men on the team, will be there and cheer their favorite, and win his undying love. Take notice girls and all be on hand to attend to your expectant knitting.

Poor old Wesleyan couldn't stand defeat and disbanded. Shame to a coward. Where is Nebraska pluck that Wesleyan should have a crowd of students that can not stand defeat. She doesn't deserve success in athletics. The management of our team regrets that scheduled games should be cancelled, but such is the way when dealing with Wesleyan.

Dr. Beardshear, president of the Iowa state agricultural college, has been secured to deliver the annual address this year before the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.

We Win the First Victory

Baseball Team on the Home Grounds Very Strong.

"AUSTIN'S KIDS" FROM CRETE

The U. of N. shows her Admirers What They Can Expect During the Season—Good Hitting and Fielding—The Official Score.

On last Saturday afternoon, a baseball aggregation from Crete, sailing under the name of "Austin's Kids" came down to the university to see what they could do with the Nebraska team. As this was the first appearance of our team on the home grounds this season, Captain Packard was anxious to make a good impression on the crowd so he took the "Kids" into camp by the almost ridiculous score of 36 to 3.

A wire was stretched around the east side of the campus and an admission fee of ten cents was charged. The scheme worked very well and a large crowd saw the game although some few saw it from outside the wire. The band did its share in drawing a crowd in parading the streets just before the game. Early in the afternoon it was announced that the Doane team was coming down to play the university team. However, it turned out to be only "Austin's Kids", a Crete team which has no connection whatever with Doane college.

Benedict was the first man to bat. He knocked out a hot grounder, which was neatly picked up and he was thrown out at first. Thus far it seemed as if there would be a good game, but the illusion lasted no longer. Holt, the pitcher for the "Kids" was touched up for five hits and when the inning closed, Wells, Kindler, Creigh, Packard and Porter had crossed the plate, and every man on the team had been to bat.

The visitors then took their hand at the bat, but they were unable to hit the ball and they went out in one, two, three order.

In the second inning Nebraska rolled up seven more runs and then went out in the field just to rest awhile. In their half, the Kids did a little better than before and got a man around as far as third base, with no men out, but they failed to score as the next three men to bat were retired in rapid succession. However, they braced up in the field and Nebraska failed to score in the third inning. This was the only inning throughout the whole game in which our boys did not score. Crete likewise made no runs, her men being retired as fast as they came to bat. A three bagger by Benedict, and a hit each by Wells, Kindler and Reeder, netted four runs in the fourth. The visitors at last broke the ice in their turn and made their first score. C. Abbott managed to get around to third, and when Gordon dropped a high fly, he came in.

Packard's home run was the only score made by Nebraska in the fifth. For the Kids, it was the same old thing over again as they went out in rapid succession, and a neat double play by Creigh, Benedict and Kindler hastened their disposal. They scored two more runs during the game, one in the sixth and one in the last inning. Both scores were made by Fike, who in each instance drove out a home run.

Nebraska contented herself with one run in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Then came the eighth inning. Fearing that Austin's Kids were not sufficiently impressed by our superior ball playing, "Robb's Kids" lit onto the pitcher and pounded out basehits and two and three baggers till they got tired. When the smoke cleared away they had piled up thirteen tallies, to which they added two more in the last inning, making a grand total of 36 runs. Following is the score:

CRETE.		Ab.	R.	Bh.	Sb.	Pc.	A.	E.
R. Abbott	1	4	0	0	0	12	0	0
A. Shephard	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Miller	0	4	0	1	0	4	0	4
C. Abbott	c	4	1	0	0	2	1	1
Fike	s.s.	4	2	2	0	2	4	3
H. Shephard	cf	3	0	1	0	2	1	1
Goodwin	3	4	0	0	0	2	1	5
Leffel	r	4	0	0	1	2	0	1
Holt	p	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
Totals		34	6	6	1	27	2	8
U. of N.		Ab.	R.	Bh.	Sb.	Pc.	A.	E.
Benedict	2	5	6	4	5	2	3	1
Wells	cf	8	6	4	5	2	0	0
Kindler	1	6	4	4	2	1	0	2
Creigh	s.s.	8	5	6	1	2	5	2
Packard	3	7	6	2	3	4	5	0
Porter	r	4	2	1	1	1	0	0
Melford	r	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Reeder	1	7	1	4	0	0	0	0
Gordon	p	6	2	1	3	1	2	1
Kenagy	c	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Moore	c	4	1	1	1	1	0	0
Totals		60	36	28	23	27	16	6

Score by Innings

U. of N. 6 7 0 4 1 1 3 13 2-36
 Crete 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1-3

Summary—Bases on balls, by Holt, 8, by Gordon, 0; Bases on hit pitched ball, by Holt 1; Struck out by Holt 3, Gordon 1; Passed balls Miller 4, Moore 1; Double plays Crete 1 U. of N., 1.

NOTES ON THE GAME.

Our boys showed that they could not only field the ball, but that they could bat as well. They made 28 hits off of Holts' delivery. If they ever get another chance at him, however, they will make it an even fifty.

In the seventh inning Moore relieved Kenagy and Porter gave way to Melford, in order to let all the men enjoy the fun.

It was worth the price of admission just to see Wells run those bases. He stole third twice while the catcher was throwing the ball back to the pitcher.

The boys could easily have added ten runs to the total score. After the seventh inning, Robinson ordered them not to steal any bases or run on past balls. The batters were also instructed to hunt the ball and the Kids were informed that the ball was going to be bunted but yet the runs piled up as fast by bunting as by making long hits.

Creigh led in the batting with three singles, two doubles and a three bagger. Benedict was a close second with two singles and two three baggers. Reeder also showed up well making four safe hits.

Creigh has a neat little scheme which he works when there is a man on second base. He slowly edges around until he is between the runner and the base. Then by a process of thought transmission, Gordon knows exactly when Tom is ready, suddenly turns and throws the ball to him and Tom gently but firmly jabs it in the runner's ribs. The scheme worked perfectly in two instances during the game.

The Crete boys were afraid to try to steal any bases with Kenagy behind the bat. They did not fare any better when Moore put on the mask. They had only one stolen base to their credit while our boys had 23.

Abbott was the only one of the "Kids" who played any sort of a leading game and Fike did all the batting for them. The batter made two home runs and a base hit.

Gordon held the visitors down to six hits during the entire nine innings.

FRESHMEN 25—SOPHOMORES 17.

The Juniors and freshmen met on the campus in a game of baseball yesterday afternoon, to play a schedule game in the inter-class league series. The freshmen came away victorious after a game that was at all times interesting, from the fact that no matter what lead either club had, it was always a possible thing that one inning could change it. During the first two innings, it looked as if the Juniors were going to have an easy time of it, as ten tallies had been piled up to their credit. But here the freshmen had resources. Gordon, the regular pitcher for the first eleven, was substituted for Garrett, and for the next seven innings, the batting averages of the Juniors were considerably lessened. In spite of this, the Juniors yet had a good chance of keeping the lead, but they went to pieces in the seventh inning, and the freshmen made ten runs during the interim. A couple of wild throws, a home run drive by Waterman, and failure to recover a grounder, were the elements which resulted in such a disastrous combination.

The players were: freshmen, Morse, c.; Ryan 2nd b.; Reeder c. f.; Gordon, p.; and s.s.; Garrett, p. and s.s.; Waterman, 1st b.; Collett, 2nd b.; Pearce r. f.; Kehnsky, c. Juniors; Pearson 3rd b.; Meliza, s. s.; Kindler c.; Wilkinson r. f.; C. C. Morrison, c. f.; Ed. Morrison 2nd b.; Hitchman, 1st b.; Hyde l. f. Porter PITCHER. Platz substituted Reeder at centre field for the freshman, and Prescott, Hitchman for the Juniors, who had to go to class.

Score by Innings:
 Freshmen 0 6 1 2 0 3 0 0 3-25
 Juniors 7 3 1 2 0 1 0 0 3-17

Place acted as umpire.

WINNERS ARE RECOGNIZED.

The winners of the indoor contest, are to receive tablets similar to those of last year's winners. Dr. Clark has just arranged for the carving of the tablets, which are to be of wood and contain the event, and the record with the name of the winner.

Arrangements are being made to have a fat and slim man's base ball game to be played in the near future. The project is being pushed by good representative men who represent both sides, Harry Platz and John Ledwith are the promoters.

Arbor Day was Fittingly Observed

Not Allowed to Pass Unnoticed, as Formerly.

FOREST DEVASTATION EVILS

The Significance of the Day Properly Brought to Attention by an Appropriate address—Professor Card's Pleasing Talk.

Arbor day was fittingly observed in the university by an illustrated lecture on horticulture by Professor Card yesterday morning following chapel exercises.

The professor first gave a short talk on the value of preserving our forests and the progress which had already been made in that direction. Arbor day, he said, ought to be honored, not only because it had its birth in this state, but also on account of the benefits which the whole country will realize from it. The planting of a few trees on a specified date is a small thing in itself, and indeed, Arbor day is not the best possible day which could be set aside for this purpose. But it has aroused a general interest in trees and forestry. And especially is this true for the present year. President Cleveland recently set aside as forest reserves, immense tracts of land covering a territory three-fourths as large as that of Nebraska. Of course this act met with some opposition. Doubtless some were opposed to it simply because President Cleveland made the order. Others perhaps opposed it honestly because it interfered with their occupation. It would probably interfere with the sheep herders whose sheep spoil the ground for forest reproduction by tramping it down and destroying young shoots of trees.

This act of President Cleveland is only one of the many movements this year in connection with forestry. New York has just appropriated a million dollars for the preservation of forests on the Adirondacks. Other states have been pursuing the same course. Pennsylvania had passed legislation in regard to forest fires, which are one of the chief causes of the destruction of forests. According to the provisions of the law just passed, any able bodied citizens in Pennsylvania may be called upon to aid in extinguishing forest fires. Maine, Washington and other states have all passed laws looking to the same end.

The professor expressed the hope that something in the same line might be done in our own state. It is believed that our sand hills which are comparatively useless for farming could easily be made into a timber region. If this were done and the returns of the enterprise turned over to the state university, this institution would have no more experience with hard times.

One of the evils of forest devastation is the denuding of forests at the sources of our great rivers and thereby greatly augmenting floods. While trees are standing, they retain the water around them, in their immediate vicinity, but if the ground is stripped bare there is nothing to restrain the water, following heavy rains, from running off and adding its share to the rising river. It is safe to say that the extent of the present river floods could have been lessened by one fourth, had it not been for the devastation of forests around the sources of the rivers.

Professor Card then showed several stereoscopic views which were very interesting. Many of the well known American trees were pictured on the canvas. Forest scenes were well illustrated by showing the great waste of timber in lumber camps and also by forest fires. Views from many private residences were shown demonstrating the superiority of the natural beauties of trees and bushes over the art of the landscape gardener.

FIELD DAY CONTESTANTS.

The evening gymnasium class is now showing signs of producing some strong contestants for the field day exercises. The men realize that the time is short before the contest, and are hard at work training. Among those who are training are Hancock, Pepon, Hansen, Herbert, Andreason, Warner, Wilson, Lourie, and Jones. As the weather has been wet the class has been unable to do outdoor practice as yet.

Besides the above mentioned names, there are other men who are training privately outside of the class. Martz is keeping up the shot-throwing, and Brothers his sprinting. Those who will enter this year are men who are after the records, and are getting into good shape. By May 7, and better by May 15, the men will be in excellent condition.