

OUR BASE BALL OUTLOOK FOR 1899

Captain Reeder Reviews the Prospects and Promises a Sure Winner.

BASKET BALL SEASON EXCELLENT

Much New Material in Sight and a Good Schedule Has Been Arranged.

The base ball season of '99 is rapidly approaching. The athletic board has elected its manager for the coming year. Better judgment could not have been used in the selection. Manager Rain is known by nearly everybody in school as an excellent student and a man with sound business ability. There is no doubt that he will make the season a brilliant success. He is in perfect harmony with the athletic board, the captain and the team. The correspondence for an eastern trip has already been commenced. Manager Rain is very confident that the team will take a trip as far east as Indiana. He expects to secure games with Iowa, Ames, Knox, Illinois State, Chicago, Northwestern, Lake Forest, Notre Dame, Purdue, De Pauw, and possibly Michigan. It is also very probable that a trip to either Colorado will be taken or one into Kansas and Missouri. But all of the players are anxious to go east. The trip that Manager Pace's team took east two years ago is the talk and pride of the old men and the buoy of hope for the new. The resignation of last year's manager, together with the war excitement, the team was prevented from taking an eastern trip. But conditions are different now. The war is over. Attention is turned with more interest than ever to the sports that have made the American the greatest soldier in the world. Our reputation in the east has risen with rapid strides. The football team has been champion of the west for two years; the base ball team holds indisputably the same honor. So the only thing needed to make the season a brilliant success, and to have a championship team, is for the students and the professors to encourage the men with their enthusiasm and their money.

The material for the team this year is better than it has ever been. All but two of last year's team have returned to school. "Slad" Moore will be the catcher again this year. He was easily the best college catcher in the west last year; this year he will undoubtedly improve in his work. All of last year's pitchers are in school. Eddie Gordon, who has pitched for the last three years, will undoubtedly be our best pitcher. He pitched for the Second regiment team at Chickamauga last summer, which was the champion team of the army. Besides there will be Melford, who did most of the pitching last year; also Bliss, Rhea and Swartz.

For the infield Rhodes is back to try for first. There need be no comment of the quality of his playing. Capt. Reeder will probably play second, or possibly at short, depending on what material shows up for these positions. Cowgill is here again to try for third. He has had plenty of experience in that position and will undoubtedly play first-class ball next year.

The out field will be particularly strong. All three of last year's fielders are back. Bliss, Gordon and Rhea. Besides these old players, there is any amount of good material to choose from. Elliott and Behlaenger of the high school are both good men. Crandall and Cortlyou are spoken of as promising men. Stringer, Erwin and Kingsbury of the football team also have excellent records as base ball players. There are many other good men in school not as yet heard from who will try for the team. The prospects for a winning team could not be better. The only thing necessary is the hearty co-operation of the students and the faculty to place Nebraska in the lead in base ball as well as football.

P. T. REEDER, Captain.

BASKET BALL.

The game of basket ball, although young in the University, has already made a place for itself in the field of athletics. The game was invented by James Naismith several years ago and was for some time played exclusively by the Young Men's Christian Associations of the country. It was not long before the colleges, recognizing the merits of the game, took it up, and they have their basket ball season accompanied by championship and inter-collegiate games.

The athletic clubs are never slow in getting onto a good thing and so a little later the game was introduced by the club of the American Amateur Athletic Union. Other well known clubs soon followed suit, among them being such clubs as the Knickerbocker, the Crescent, the Penn. Wheel club, the New York and the Chicago Athletic clubs. These colleges and athletic clubs, which represent the best in athletics in America, are unanimous in their praise of the game, both

for the pleasure derived from it and for the excellent preparation afforded for spring and summer events.

Physical trainers recommend the game to athletics as the best possible indoor training for all-round work. It is a general developer, as every muscle of the body is brought into play. It also increases speed and accuracy of movement and gives endurance to the player. Last year in our own field day this was demonstrated as the men who made the most points were basket ball players and they attribute not a little of their success to the excellent training they received in the game.

This year the game has taken a stronger hold on both sexes and competition for places on the two University teams is much keener.

Wesleyan and Doane have introduced the game this year and are playing it in lieu of football, and from reports they seem to have turned all their old enthusiasm for this game over to basket ball. Dr. Hastings, port is given sparingly, and it also who was instrumental in getting the game into these schools, took immediate steps to arrange a series of meets with them. The triangular league was the result and the first of the games is to be played with Wesleyan in the gymnasium tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

The Wesleyan team will be picked from the following men Wolfe, Slater, Clark, Smith, Stevenson, Ohlson and Keck. These men are well known in athletic circles, and coupled with the fact that Mr. Pryce has coached them, we will have no easy game with them. Wesleyan intends sending down a couple of carloads of students to see that their team does not fail on account of lack of encouragement.

The University team is stronger this year than last. They have had the benefit of last year's experience and also of closer competition for places. The team has not been officially chosen and changes may occur at any time.

W. E. Andreson, the captain, is an all-around athlete, and is probably the strongest player on the team. In a scrimmage he is sure to secure the ball and is a hard man to play against. For a while he played forward and showed up well there, but finally decided to go to his old position as guard since he and his brother, R. D., play a stronger game when together.

C. M. Story, forward, plays his usual swift game and is a wonder. He has never yet been exactly located by his opponent. He is the quickest man on the team and is a good goal thrower.

M. S. Moore, center, is the tallest man in the University, when he reaches after the ball. He plays a good game and usually starts the ball in the right direction when it is put in play.

Cortlyou, Omaha's center last year, is the strongest new player. He is a phenomenal goal thrower and will make the team.

Many old men have improved over their playing of last year and new ones have done some good work for novices. Morton, Smith and Hoard have shown up well as guards. Morrison, who played on the first University team in '96, plays a vicious game and may make the team. Pillsbury is another promising player. Bloomington, Walker and Griffith are playing for forward and keep the contest warm.

This list of men is an assurance that the University will put up a strong team which ought to have the liberal support of the whole school in the game tomorrow night. Encouragement of a team means a great deal and we cannot afford to have our team beaten upon their home ground. Let every loyal student come out and let Wesleyan see what University spirit means.



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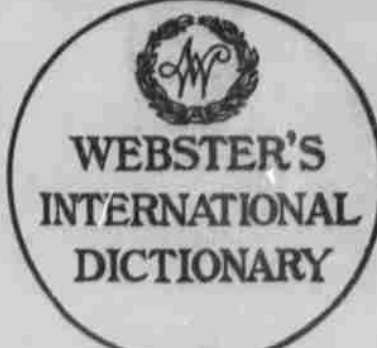
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