

ALL CLAIMING THE PENNANT

Eight Teams in the Western League are to Be Champions.

OMAHA'S CHANCES ARE NOT THE WORST

Indianapolis, St. Paul and Columbus Start Off with a Rush—How the Home Team Looks After a Trial.

Some sort of opinion of the merits of most of the pennant chasers in the Western League has already been formed by a big majority of the fans, and followers of the different teams. As a result of the half-week's work there are at least five winners picked already, and the other three are not at all willing to admit that they are not just as much of a chance as the rest.

Indianapolis is starting out, however, at a clip which promises that she will be right on the heels of the other four. The matter of fact, though, Detroit was admittedly not in first-class condition, and then, too, the Hoosiers had them on their home grounds, and this is a factor which is not to be stronger than it has shown. It was thought, too, that it had a pitching force, which was of very fair caliber, and no other conclusion was reached but that it must be admitted, Omaha are all of the opinion that their teams are not in the best of shape yet and are firmly convinced that they will be able to give any aspirants for the flag a hot argument.

McCauley is to be backstop and will do the rest of the team's work. Like all the rest of the team, he has had to do a lot of work to limber him up, but he also satisfied the fans as to his ability as shown in the game of the 19th. He played a grand game, and was retained as substitute, but he was posted to participate in any great number of games.

It looks something like a scene in the old baseball days of the city back in the end of the '80's and the beginning of the '90's when the grandstand during the games of last week. The old fans were few exceptions, who hollered the roof off of what is now the University park grounds. They gave signs that their old-time enthusiasm has not evaporated in the years that have elapsed. In view of the fact that time has not worked its usual work, but has fever to the proper pitch yet, the attendance at the games have been good. Today Friday had to bring out a mighty crowd, which was the largest in the city since the whole of the feminine sex with escorts will be admitted free. Last Friday there was a grandstand in the grandstand and the crowd seemed to find a deal of enjoyment in the game.

Not the least enjoyable part of attendance at the games is the fact that the field has been completely put in shape, but when they are finished they will be the best in this city. The grounds have not only been put in shape, but they are also in a large and grand that it is not better than any other in the city. The field is in the best condition, because enough time has not been given to work it. By the time the Babe returns from their trip to St. Paul, the field will be in first-class shape. The rains that preceded the opening games also set back the work, but the diamond will be in excellent condition. The field is in the best condition, because enough time has not been given to work it.

The fans will be given but a glimpse of the Babe in these opening games of the season. The series with St. Paul ends with the Babe in the box, and the Babe will be at home for nearly a month. The Babe will go from here to Minneapolis, where they play on April 29 and 30 and then to St. Paul, where they play on May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. From this it will be noticed that the only two teams they meet in the first four series is St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The complete list of the players signed by the other Western League clubs is furnished as follows: St. Paul, manager; Speer, catcher; Harty, pitcher; Taylor, Taylor, pitcher; Stafford, first base; St. Paul, manager; Speer, catcher; Harty, pitcher; Taylor, Taylor, pitcher; Stafford, first base; St. Paul, manager; Speer, catcher; Harty, pitcher; Taylor, Taylor, pitcher; Stafford, first base.

Weren taken by Indianapolis and Brooklyn respectively.

They rank below Pettiniger, who was a victor in 1907, and Miller's 632.

Catcher Clemons has been appointed captain of the St. Louis team.

The Western association will open the season on next Thursday.

It is said that Comiskey will drop Old Toney before he returns to St. Paul.

The tallies, loaded with letter carriers and the base ball friends of Buck Keith, were quite a feature of the parade.

Manager Manning has released Hoover, Perry, Howard and Pitcher Watts to St. Joseph.

It is announced that President Johnson has been given the authority to raise any member's salary \$25 a month at his discretion.

Bug Holliday, whom Cincinnati was talking of farming out to Indianapolis, has shown such speed in the field and has given symptoms of high caliber.

He is now a fixture with the Reds, and will be a feature of the team.

Grand Rapids is getting together a good team for the Western association and promises to make the season a success.

"Omaha please make a little note of this in your hat," declares a local paper.

Shortstop Allen of Indianapolis is playing the same style of game that he did with the Boston team last fall, when he did so much to bring the pennant to that city.

His hitting is as good as it ever was and he is hitting in good form.

Uncle Sam's employ in the postoffice contemplate forming a league in which New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston are to have teams.

According to the plan laid out the teams are to play two games against each other, one on each home ground.

Chicago has five left-handed batters this season, two more than last year.

Those who will face the pitcher from the off-side of the plate are Everett, Thornion, Friend, and the Detroit pitcher, who is a right-handed thrower.

According to a member of the Pittsburgh team, Manager Workins of the 1907 or George Smith of the Brooklyn has declined by Manager Barrie, and for the present, at least, Smith will remain with the Trojans.

Wattins did not want Smith for his team, but that he was trying to secure him for the Omaha team of the Western League.

SOME GENERAL SPORTING GOSSIP.

Henley Committee Excludes Young Ten Eyck from Competition.

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Henry Hutcheson, the English professional.

Waters holds the world's amateur record of 30.3 seconds.

Adolph Strecker beat the world's record on the single target at San Francisco, making 581 rings in twenty shots.

Jack Gaudaur, the world's professional champion sculler, is matched to row Robert Johnson, the amateur, in a relay race of \$2,000. The race will be rowed at Burrard Inlet, Vancouver, this summer.

The southern trip of the base ball line of the University of Nebraska has been finally arranged.

The team will leave Lincoln Friday morning, April 25, and will play at Kansas State Agricultural college in the afternoon. Saturday morning, April 30, a game with St. Mary's is scheduled and Washburn college, Topeka, will be played on the afternoon of the 1st of May.

The team will remain in Topeka until Sunday noon, when it will go to Emporia, playing there Monday, May 2. The Nebraska boys will be accompanied by a large contingent of fans.

Interest in boating at the University of Wisconsin is increasing at an encouraging pace, and although the rate of increase of enthusiastic supporters is slower than some of the kindred sports it is universally conceded that the sport is being taken up by those whose sympathies are enlisted usually loyal to their adopted sport, and in consequence the boating enthusiasts are being introduced at Wisconsin in 1902 when two eight-oared gigs were purchased.

In 1904 Chicago was the scene of a regatta in which Capt. Pabst of Milwaukee and a coach were captured in the person of a Cornell man, Mr. Marston, who coached the first shell club in the United States.

The race rowed between Wisconsin and Yale freshmen was won by Wisconsin. In 1897 Wisconsin met and was defeated by the Yale crew in a regatta at Cornell.

The Wisconsin supporters expressed themselves as pleased with the showing, and hoped to see the crew again compete with the Trojans in the future.

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