

SPORT OF THE LAST WEEK

Omaha's Team Makes a Decidedly Better Stand in Its Work.

NEW MEN BRACE UP THE OTHERS

Fisher's Fast Outfield Gives Hope to the Fans—Individual Records Show a Great Advance—Other Matters.

Local fans are at last in a position where they can look with some confidence toward the future, for it looks as if Omaha had a decent sort of a ball team. That is the impression given at the first home game played last Friday. Fast work, home field and out, marked that contest and there is not the slightest question that if that game is kept up it will be but a matter of a short time when the aggregation will be mounting the ladder. That there is a capacity to continue the pace has been exhibited in the last five games in which the team as now composed played together. Out of these five Omaha won three.

The weakest spot in the team from the beginning of the season was the outer garden and from all indications that weakness has been done away with. Preston, Pickering and Fleming have been putting up a game that is equal if not the superior of anything in the Western League. Not only do they all exhibit good judgment on fly balls and rake in everything that comes their way in the air, but they show that they are ball players in the manner in which they hold the ground. Unless it is the wide range of territory which he covers, there is probably nothing else that so far marks a fielder as his ability to get in front of and stop the bouncers that come out to him.

Another strength that has been added to the team by means of the outfield is in the batting line. All three of the garden men since their acquisition to the local aggregation have been landing on the ball heavily and swatting it at opportune periods. Since they had the batting order, they have had an effect upon the rest of the team as they have been landing right more frequently than ever before.

The infield has been bowling along at a fast rate for a long time now. For the last couple of weeks at least the easterners have been denouncing it as one of the fastest in the league. There is no possibility of improvement if Germany Smith can be secured for the shortstop position. Sixth ranks second to but few in the big league and it is a wonder that some of the teams there have not picked him up ere this. At the moment when he appeared to be in line for Omaha, however, another bit of hard luck for Manager Fisher appears in the attempt of Tim Hurst of the Browns to secure him. Fisher has not given up hope yet, but the Browns' urgent need for a shortstop seems likely to keep the player away from Omaha.

With Smith at short Roach could be moved to second base, and at this shorter throwing distance he would do well. Holly could be retained to play the utility roles. One of the great advantages to be found in him is that he can catch and in case that McCauley should be laid out or be relieved for any reason, Holly could ably look after the backstop work. As it is, however, the infield is not so very slow and is able to stand a comparison with any other in the league.

Now that clearing seems to be in sight it remains for the local fans to do the rest. They could hardly be blamed for not caring to see a team that did not appear to have gumption enough to play marbles, but now that President Schuman is fulfilling his promise to spare no money to get together a winner, it is left for the local fans to see to it that the aggregation does not lack the proper support, if for no other reason than that a ball team is a most excellent advertisement for a city.

And a word of praise should be given to Manager Fisher. Whatever the fans may think of him personally, there can be no doubt that he has worked hard to get up a team that would make some sort of showing in the race, and he has apparently made a success of these efforts. Of course, it may be early to rest yet, but the marks are there and they seem to promise that we will not be tailenders much longer.

The Babes will be home for a little over three weeks, in which time every team in the league will be here. After disposing of Detroit tomorrow, St. Paul will come for four successive games. The dates for the other series are as follows, all being inclusive: Indianapolis, June 11 to June 14; Milwaukee, June 16 to June 19; St. Paul, June 21 to June 23; Minneapolis, June 24 to June 26. Then the team goes north to Minneapolis and St. Paul and stops here for a series of three with Kansas City.

During the last week the team has shown speed in both fielding and batting over the preceding week. In batting the boys have set a 29.9 clip out of 111 of the week before and a fielding average of 93.2 against 90.5. The tables for the week, showing the increase or decrease individually over the week before, are as follows:

Table with columns: Player Name, G., AB., R., H., TB., AV., Inc., Dec. Rows include Fisher, Hollsworth, Preston, Eustace, Roach, Fleming, McCauley, Pickering, Lyons, Hagerman, Burnett, Daub.

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The unofficial averages of the members of the team, including those who were dropped during the last week, are as follows, together with increase or decrease:

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The eastern trip of the western teams was completed last Thursday and the gross results were as follows:

runs, a little over six hits and three and one-third errors to the game.

In the big league, the western trip of the eastern teams ended about a week ago. The results were as follows:

Wm. Runs. Hits. Errors. West 22 295 547 129 East 18 243 558 149

In the Western League Indianapolis goes upon its western trip with a good substantial lead in the race, but it is somewhat questionable whether it is big enough to withstand the assaults that are bound to be made upon it upon foreign grounds.

In the big league there are but few minor changes in line-up from what it was a week ago. Cincinnati has gone east with a nice percentage to her credit and has started out in a way that gives promise that she will not part with it very easily.

The matter of attendance at base ball games is becoming a question that is sorely pressing the managers. Kansas City is the only one of the several minor leagues who have gone to the wall and here last week the Western association made a general cut in salaries to keep its head above water.

BLATHER OF THE PUGILISTS

Jimmy Barry's Go with Casper Leon and What It May Eventually Lead To.

Jimmy Barry, who is almost without doubt the premier bantam weight of this country, came within an ace of finishing Casper Leon last Monday night in Chicago, although the fight was declared a draw. The critics who were in attendance were generally agreed that if the bout had lasted a half dozen rounds longer, the Italian would have been out as he was very tired at the windup.

The main event in New York tomorrow night is a twenty-round go between Eddie Santry and George Dixon at 125 pounds. Santry was the third choice for the bout. Joe Bernstein was to have met the colored boxer in the first place, but this match was declared off on account of some hitch about the weights.

It is reported that another match has been arranged between George Lavigne and Joe Walcott. It is questionable, though, whether such a bout will be a money maker as the two pugns have been against each other too often.

Outside the light classes there is but little excitement in pugilistic circles. The heavyweights have not been loose during the last few weeks. The principal event among the heavier classes will occur on a week from tomorrow night, when Tom O'Rourke will pull off a bout in New York with Tommy Ryan and Tommy West.

Jack O'Donnell, a boxer of San Francisco, who is at present in the city, has not the highest opinion of the abilities of Jeffries, who is generally looked upon as the newest star in the heavy-weight firmament. He has shown the big boy box and has not gained therefrom any impression of the shiftness with which he is credited.

chance for a match will have an entertainment on the cooperative part at Washington hall tomorrow night. It is promised that while nothing of a character to offend the city officials will be allowed everybody who attends will be given the worth of his money. There are five bouts down on the program, one of them at eight rounds and the other three at six.

READY FOR THE BOAT RACE

Cornell, Yale and Harvard Will Transfer Their Wrengle to the Water.

After nine months of almost incessant intercollegiate debate the great boat race between Cornell, Yale and Harvard has finally been arranged. It will be rowed over the four miles' course at New London, Conn., and will undoubtedly be the most exciting Cornell men will be there with no little confidence in the ability of their crew to repeat the winnings of previous years.

Several parties of fishermen were down at Langdon during last week. Tom Brennan, Frank Chitenden, Pat McGraw and Mike Murphy came back from Lake Onawa with a pretty fair catch. The crew was a little too chilly for good fishing.

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The freshman race among the first year oarsmen of Cornell, Yale and Harvard will be rowed over the two-mile course at New London on June 24, two days after the big varsity race.

DEVOTEES OF ROD AND GUN

Indian Squad Outlines Its Program for a Shoot During the Month of August.

The next shooting of any importance to be held in this city will occur in the third week of August next, when the "Indian Squad," which has gained some notoriety in shooting circles, will give its second annual tournament.

The program provides for four days of shooting, on each of which ten events will be held. The entrance fee for the tournament will be \$2.50 and there will be \$20 added to each purse. The money will be divided into first, second, third, fourth and fifth in the ratio of 30, 20, 15 and 10 per cent.

Immediately after the go with Santry, Tom O'Rourke is starting up accepting the challenge of Ben Jordan, the English champion featherweight, in behalf of Dixon. This scrap would practically be a fight for the championship of the world, as the Englishman is considered about the best that ever was in his class across the pond.

The fish protective association, now that it has started in its work of well doing in connection with Cut Off lake, is looking for a boom in membership and consequent subscriptions to carry on the work farther. There are no fixed dues, but every fisherman is invited to contribute his little mite toward helping the good cause.

brought back a big mass of bass, crappie, channel cat and well-eyed sike with him, but he announced that the fishing will not be in its prime for a couple of weeks. The cause of this is that the river broke into the lake and has made the water so muddy that fish will not bite good.

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WITH HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Prospects for the Trotting Meet This Month Are Very Bright Just at Present.

Every day the prospects of a big lot of horses in attendance at the light harness meet to be given by the Omaha Fair and Speed association the last of this month and the first of next are growing brighter. The entries do not close until the night of June 11, but they are already coming in by the hundreds.

Frank Parmelee will attend the state tournament of the Illinois State Sportsman's association, which commences at Peoria next Tuesday.

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The track is getting into better condition daily. Last week one of Al Patrick's horses worked out a mile in something over 2:13. That is a remarkable record for the present time of the year.

There seems to be little doubt that the Fair and Speed association touched a popular chord when it decided to hold a running meet on the fair grounds track during the summer. Omaha people as a rule are amateur sportsmen and they are anxious to see the jumpers.

The death of the bay gelding, Gunette, 2:05 in Chicago last week nips in the bud all the extensive plans his owner, James A. Murphy, had marked out for him. He was matched to go against John R. Gentry for \$10,000.

The horsemen, A. H. and D. H. Morris, have come out with a sweeping challenge to thoroughbred owners of the country. They offer to run the Friar against any 3-year-old, Bowling Brook against any 3-year-old, Filigrane against any 2-year-old colt and Prestidigitator against any 2-year-old filly.

CHESS.

This column is in receipt of the volumes "The Hastings Chess Tournament," by Horace P. Chessire, and "Chess Openings," by E. Frechborough and Rev. C. E. Ranken, selected by C. L. Owen, secretary of the Nebraska Chess association, as prizes in the current chess tournament.

The American chess players are having rather the better of the contest being held by correspondence with the Canadians under the auspices of the Pillsbury association.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

OMAHA, May 31.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Will you next Sunday's Bee decide who won the bet according to the decision in last Sunday's Bee? A. S. bet that the penitentiary had always been run by the state; J. W. C. bet that it had not; who wins? Also, is a stakeholder justified in giving up money to the winner against protest by the loser if there are grounds for protest?—J. W. C.

ANS.—J. W. C. wins; the penitentiary was run by Dorgan with only nominal state supervision. A stakeholder is not justified in giving the stakes against protest by the loser, although there must be reason for the protest. A protest without grounds is no protest.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 31.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: What is the right way to pronounce "Schley"? Is it Schlay or Schli?—E. F. M.

ANS.—The latter is the correct pronunciation. A week or so ago The Bee answered a similar query that the other was the right pronunciation. Authority for this was found in the Century Dictionary of Names, but Benjamin J. Smith, managing editor of the dictionary, has stated that the assertion that Switzerland was divided into two countries, one part of it being a republic while the other was controlled by the German government and owned by it.—Fred E. Kumpfle.

ANS.—All of Switzerland has been a republic since the treaty of Westphalia at the conclusion of the thirty years war in 1648, when it was declared independent of the German empire.

EDMONTON, S. D., May 27.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Is there now upon the statute book of the state of Connecticut a law forbidding any person within said state to travel more than three

quarters of a mile on Sunday?—John Sturges.

ANS.—Give it up. It is hardly likely that they are such duffers as to be in the effects of it.

The University of Zurich has conferred the degree of Ph. D. upon Prof. Mary A. Wilcox of the zoology department of Wesleyan college. Miss Wilcox has been studying abroad for the last two years, and has won the highest honors.

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