

ALL HATS OFF TO KANSAS CITY

Western Fanatics Hall Manning's Victory with Unfaded Delight. WONDERFUL FINISH TO THE SEASON. Championship Not Won Until the Last Man is Out in the Last Inning.

In the last inning of the last game of the season, not until the very last man in the ninth inning was out—was the championship of the Western League won last Tuesday by the Kansas City Blues.

The fight has been a struggle of five out of the eight clubs. It lasted to within three weeks of the end of the season, when any one of the quarter could have won the flag. Within the first month St. Paul was in the lead, but was speedily pushed out by Indianapolis, who held the leading position from the early part of May until July 4, when Columbus took the lead.

Indianapolis retained the lead until August 7, when Kansas City, working up from fourth place, surpassed the Hoosiers. Milwaukee had forced the Senators to fourth place by this time. The Blues held the pole until August 23, when the Brewers took it for a single day.

The close of the minor leagues is calling the attention of the fans to the fact that the big league season is rapidly drawing to a close. There are but three weeks more of play left before the curtain is rung down upon the late fall of 1898, and any one of the aggregations that hopes to be in at the killing from their point of view must be up and doing.

Of all the teams who are banded together as the "big five" Princeton has made the most showing in the preliminary work. The number of candidates is small, but the quality is not very promising.

As pretty a run as has been made this season in the race is the great sprint that the Quakers have made in the batting ranks before the curtain is rung down and they have good chances of success.

The players and managers will both welcome the ringing down of the curtain, the former because of the strain that has been put upon them by the long season and the latter because of streaks and slumps.

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Easy boulevard and Velvet avenue when the season closed the other day. A heart of a pug is being circulated on Dad Clark's, the comedian, who, in the olden days, was one of the cracks of the Omaha team.

Lizzie Arlington, a lady slab artist, who has been having quite a success on the eastern minor circuits, is trying to break into big league circuits, according to the latest reports.

The latest tables of batting averages show that out of all the hundreds of players in the big league there is not one who has yet pushed himself forward into a membership in the Society of the Batting 400.

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Opening of the Season Brings the Customary Criticisms from the Big Five of the East. The giant gridiron upon which many a toasting will be given this fall is gradually becoming warmed up in preparation for the coming of the next reigning monarch of sport—the armored gladiator of the pigskin.

Among the big five in the east the activity is already feverish, even at this early stage of the game. This condition is natural as a result of the shortening of the preliminary practice season.

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The return of Wylie G. Woodruff to Lawrence and football has created renewed interest in the game, and there will be so many candidates for each place on the Kansas team that some of the best men will succeed in getting onto the team.

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visitors will have a much harder nut to crack than the organization they pulverized from this same city during the tournament week. They have strengthened their ranks considerably, and if newspaper reports are any guide, their old reliable has "come out" in great shape.

It will be something like the play without Hamlet to send a team out to represent Omaha without the names of those stalwarts, the Brothers Vaughn, figuring on the list. This will be the first time they have not been in line since the club was formed.

Those English amateur cricketers who are visiting this country are finding the eastern game a much more difficult one to play than the Philadelphia look rather, and defeated them without difficulty.

PALAVAR OF THE PUGILISTS

Kid McCoy's Remarkable Maneuvers Lead to a Suspicion That He is Not Altogether in Earnest. Just what Kid McCoy meant the other day when he refused to meet Corbett for the purpose of changing the date and place of his meeting with the ex-champ is something that the members of the society of the stuffed mitt are trying to figure out.

Ever since he downed the Pompadour in the Carson City wilds a Jonah seems to be crowning over Bob Fitzsimmons and the champion is apparently unable to lift it. Was ever champion so unbusinesslike as this? It is not the fault of the kangaroo? With a pair of freckled mauls that wielded the sledge in the blacksmith shop he has been his way to the loftiest niche in the Queensberry temple.

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