

PENNANT COMING TO OMAHA

Fans Sure that Keith's Colts Have the Banner Already Claimed.

STATISTICS AND AVERAGES GIVEN

Tommy Hughes Achieves a Pitching Percentage of 900 and Leads All the League Twirlers

With a team badly crippled because of the absence of a portion of the time of catcher O'Connell and second baseman (Captain) Wilson and the champions have made a creditable showing during the last week having won every game of the series with Pueblo, and are now safely in the lead in the percentage column, with but the remotest chance of being deposed during the balance of the season.

Today will be the last chance for several days to witness a professional game, as the local left wingers are to play a road game which will be broken, with the exception of today, for three days only.

While Omaha is maintaining the standard of excellent ball with which the season was started, all of the other clubs are improving decidedly and a number of the races between the other five for second money, with a fair field and no favor.

Omaha fans, as well as players, have reason for pride in the official batting and fielding averages for the thirty games up to and including June 10. W. R. Kent, one of the most enthusiastic, best informed and accurate fans in the city, has compiled statistics showing the averages of the batters who have been in six or more games.

The general club batting and fielding averages are especially interesting, as the locals head the list in fielding with a total of 1,620 chances accepted against 55 errors.

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Since Tom Sharkey has come out of his fight with "Yank" Kennedy sound in wind and limb, without a broken bone or sprained joint, his fight with Gus Rubin at Coney Island is assured. Billy Madden, manager of Rubin, refused to go further than to make a verbal agreement with Tom O'Rourke concerning the fight until he saw that Sharkey escaped from Kennedy without damage. One experience like that he had with Fitzsimmons was enough for Madden, and neither Sharkey nor Rubin will enter the ring again until their meeting of June 24.

This fight should be a spectacular affair and much to the liking of the fight-going public. From the records and merits of the two men it should be a more stirring contest than would have been seen if either of the other bouts had not been declared off. Rubin's chances against Fitzsimmons were of a most uncertain kind, and on account of the vast difference in their styles of fighting the battle was not looked upon with much favor. The difference in the

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PALAUVER OF THE PUGILISTS

Benny Yanger's Draw with Dixon Causes His Stock to Take a Big Rise—Gossip of Coming Fights.

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styles of Sharkey and McCoy was even greater than that of Fitz and Rubin. If the taste of the public were consulted in the making of matches they will take place before the end of September. The fight would be of a different order from that promised. The first two that popular opinion would bring together are Corbett and McCoy. There is not a ball in America big enough to hold the fight for a week. Corbett, however, prefers to fight only for the championship, and Jeffrey is the only man he will meet under any circumstances.

ANNUAL MEET OF WHEELMEN

Plans Are Complete for Picnics, Runs and Races—Gigantic National Century.

At the suggestion of the 1900 League of American Wheelmen meet committee the Century Club of America is arranging a grand national century to be run on the day prior to the opening of the League of American Wheelmen meet which opens at Milwaukee July 19.

The plan is to interest all those who have any intention of attending the meet and have those that will come from the east and south meet at Chicago and those from the west and northwest meet at Minneapolis and St. Paul. These latter can either take the train to a point that will be just 100 miles from Milwaukee or can make the whole distance a wheel, the pace being regulated as to leave the open road at the Chicago day of the run, on which day the Chicago party will make their ride.

Milwaukee riders in force will meet the St. Paul-Minneapolis party at Watertown and the Chicago contingent at Waukegan. These two towns being midway points of the two best centennial routes of Milwaukee. The pace of both parties will be so regulated as to bring them to Milwaukee at the same hour. Walter G. Minnemeyer of Joliet, Ill., has been appointed by President Ed J. Porter as chairman of a national committee to arrange details with those riders who care to attend the meet.

An attractive souvenir, to be given to all Century Road club members and other wheelmen who finish the run, is now being prepared at the expense of the League of American Wheelmen meet committee. There will be no entry fee charged for the run. The entertainment program for the national meet, which will be one of the features of the meet, has just been completed. The program adopted up to the present time is almost sufficient to fill all the available time of the six days of the meet will allow, but the committee in charge will add a number of other events.

The following is an outline of the general events arranged thus far: Tuesday—Opening at headquarters in St. Charles, Ill.; reception of wheelmen; issuing of badges and souvenirs; assignments to hotels; special trips about the city; receptions and concerts at clubs.

Wednesday—Runs to parks and neighboring towns; motorcycle race down Grand avenue; schooner excursion on Lake Michigan.

Thursday—Runs; boat rides on lake; afternoon and evening races at exposition; annual "smoker."

Friday—Runs; picnic at North Milwaukee; ladies' outing at Whitefish bay; afternoon and evening races at exposition.

AMONG THE WHIST PLAYERS

Omaha Players Entertain Their Colleagues at Council Bluffs—Other Contests to Follow.

At its Wednesday night meeting the Omaha Whist club entertained half a dozen of its friends from Council Bluffs and the contest was in the nature of a friendly rivalry. The tournament, Council Bluffs has turned out a large number of whist players in all respects to cope with any players in this section of the west. It is probable that a contest will be arranged in the near future when representatives from both sides of the river will be invited to play a friendly match. The Elks club has been making rapid strides since its defeat by its Council Bluffs brothers last winter and believes that the score would now be more uniform.

The score on Wednesday night was as follows: NORTH AND SOUTH. Boulter and Jordan, 24-6. Burrell and Sumney, 24-6. Cain and Lederer, 24-6. Albee and Rinsch, 24-6. Hendrick and Bushman, 24-6. Mayne and Bruntson, 24-6. W. Scribner and W. Constock, 24-6.

EAST AND WEST. Anthes and Rockefeller, 24-6. Cook and Organ, 24-6. McNutt and McDowell, 24-6. Cow and Rockefeller, 24-6. Randlett and Etnyre, 24-6. White and Miller, 24-6.

To the Knickerbocker Whist club of New York belongs the honor of holding the American Whist league trophy until the next annual meeting of the league, which will take place at Niagara Falls in July. The last match was played against Albany and the result was in favor of the New York club by the score of 21 to 12. As there were no other challengers in line the Knickerbockers were unable to break the record of the season, which has been held by the club since it was first won by the club in 1892.

The golfers of the Country club are unremittent in their daily practice, while their fellow sportsmen of the Kountze Place club are equally religious in their zeal. Captain Lawrie of the latter organization is entertaining the purpose of challenging the Benson enthusiasts to a match game, four or five to the side. He intimates that he is only waiting until the more recently converted golfers have attained a form that will make them worthy opponents of the North Omaha men.

The Country club players are not in the least reluctant to accept the challenge, and point with some pride to scores of forty-seven and forty-eight for the nine holes over formalistic honors and hilly greens as an index of what their players are capable of.

In order to test their comparative merits Captain Lawrie and Arthur Jacquith made a secret excursion around the Country club's links one day last week and while their score has not been announced it is said to have been sufficient to breed dismay in the hearts of those who aspire to be their opponents. If the match were brought off those who would comprise the Kountze Place team would probably be: Lawrie, Oldfield, Shields, Lee and Ferguson. The latter two are new acquisitions of the club, but the experienced golfers are relied upon to show an advantage in the trying ordeal of match play.

Judge Shields at present has the highest score in the season tournament on the Kountze Place greens for the Lawrie medal

and despite the fact that he is obliged to rely entirely upon his left arm, has established an enviable reputation as a driver and an accurate golfer in general. Captain Lawrie has entranced his competitors in the club, but is naturally ineligible for the medal hung up by himself. The Country club is not ready to announce who would uphold its honor in case of an encounter, but promises that under no circumstances should Taylor, whose attack had been wholly occupied in getting the members into good form, the club will give a good account of itself, either individually or collectively.

In speaking of the distressing accident which occurred on the links of the Country club last week Captain Lawrie, who was the victor, remarked upon the carelessness of young players when working in groups or in pairs. "One rarely hears of an accident in the older clubs," he said, "because the players are careful to advance together, no roller ever proceeding ahead when the other is on a line with himself. This rule is always in force in large clubs and the infrequency of accidents is undoubtedly to be attributed to this precaution."

"On our own links in Kountze Place," continued Mr. Lawrie, "we have had a number of accidents, although happily none of them have resulted seriously. A number of players carry bruises in various parts of their body. Of course, the balls are of solid gutta percha, the size of a dollar and almost as hard. When they are projected from the lead end of a club with sufficient force to make a hole in the turf, it must be realized that they have the force of a bullet. They are very proper missiles to keep out of line of and they come altogether too fast to dodge."

Willard Butler, who was struck on the temple on Monday with a ball from the club of Arthur Jacquith, again in the Country club links again on Friday when the worse for the occurrence. It was feared for several days that there was an injury to the brain which might end seriously. Butler was unconscious for twenty-four hours, with his head somewhat swollen. The danger of concussion passed, however, and the young athlete rapidly regained his normal health.

Among the women players there are many who prefer the Kountze Place links to the Country club through its more scientific, but none the less satisfactory. Those of them who are not ambitious for athletic distinction and have not molded their past lives with that end in view find the long walk around the eighty-two acres of the greens a somewhat tedious performance. Then they are of the opinion that the holes are at a distressing distance apart. The drive to the very first is not intolerable, but when it comes to the 375-yard pull before the second is reached there are some few complaints. The best players among the men usually cover the distance with a long drive of perhaps 175 yards, two more of probably 100 each, with one more for the approach, but the members of the fair sex pursue a more devious and lingering path and frequently consume eight or ten strokes. The Kountze Place tract on the contrary is more like unto a stroll in the front yard and the more gentle players show no sign of diminished interest.

The contest for the Lawrie medal in the Kountze Place club is progressing and each week the secretary receives scores better than those of the preceding contests. The stake and the records are furnishing just the needed stimulus which Captain Lawrie contends will be sufficient to bring the best players out in all respects creditable. Judge Shields at present is slightly in the lead for the men, while his wife has an advantage among players of her sex. The scores for last week are given below. The women covering a course of eighteen holes, the men covering nine holes. Mrs. Shields, 67; Mrs. Stevenson, 68; Mrs. Lawrie, 75; Mrs. Crowley, 77; Judge Shields, 55; Mr. Oldfield, 105; Mr. Jacquith, 108; Mr. Lewis, 111. The high score for the week and the record for the year is held by the wife of the river by the name of Captain Lawrie in thirty-nine holes.

His second round in the eighteen-hole course was covered in 45, a total of 82, twelve lower than the best mark among the cup hunters.

OMAHA BEATS KANSAS CITY

Missouri Cricketers Not in Same Class with Nebraskans—Next Match with Chicago.

The visit of the Omaha team to Kansas City resulted, as predicted, in the visitors carrying off the honors. The visitors were in a game of great excitement and excellent cricket provided them, but competent critics were disappointed that the Omaha men did not pile up at least 100 more runs against the indifferent bowling of their opponents. The two Omaha bowlers, though not up to usual form, and they have to thank the excellent fielding of their men for making the fine record they did. To get through a match without a single bre being scored is an unusual sight on an Omaha score sheet, thanks to the good and very excellent bowling of the Cardinal and the very excellent stopping of the cent. Moore, this new record was made. In the latter player and the West Indian, Doolley, the Omaha club has found two recruits who are likely to develop into players of the first class in original style, and George Vaughan, when thoroughly set and apparently in for a century score, made the usual mistake of treating the net over dangerous bowling with too much indifference, and as a consequence lost his wicket and Tom Moore, who took his runs in good style, but the rest of the team, perhaps thinking their opponents were getting too much of a good thing, didn't pretend to trouble the bowlers much.

Omaha has such a string of bowlers of equal merit that the second innings of the Kansas men was but a repetition of the first, only more so. That the home club, with the new material at its command, will make a good showing in the coming tournament in Chicago goes without saying, and there is no reason why our boys should not beat their previous excellent record.

BOYS TAKE TRAMPING TOUR

Two Parties of Pedestrians Explore Iowa and Nebraska, Spending the Night in Burns.

The junior members of the Young Men's Christian association have gone on a novel tramping tour and have been absent during most of the week. The young athletes design the experience to serve in putting them in the best of physical condition after a long winter of school. A party of about a dozen of the younger boys, from 10 to 12 years old, in charge of Secretary W. H. Overton of the Y. M. C. A. at South Omaha, has directed its steps toward Red Oak, Ia. The trip into Iowa was made by train, but the return will be accomplished on foot on foot. The country is now at its best as regards green fields and leafy woods and the party has reported excellent progress and plenty to eat.

Another party made up of about the same number, under the direction of Physical Director Barnes, made the trip to Schuyler, Neb., about seventy miles, and is now headed for home, sleeping in barns and undergoing all manner of rough, but delightful experiences. The outing while car-

ried on at a minimum expense has all the elements of a well rounded vacation. The next athletic event which will occur under the charge of the Young Men's Christian association will be the Fourth of July festival at the Ames Avenue park. A large number of prizes have been collected for the different features and the program as already published will be completed with several additions. The athletic afternoon has been put on a paying basis, the least auspicious of the lot, the road race from Blair, bringing into the association's coffers about \$70.

CHESS CLUB WITHOUT A HOME

Douglas County Association May Form Union with the Omaha Whist Club.

Owing to the recession of the Merchants' hotel from its former quarters, the Douglas County chess association found itself last week without where to lie its head. The tables and equipment are at present in storage waiting to be removed to a new habitation. The club at its meeting on Thursday night considered an offer from the Omaha Whist club of a portion of its quarters in The Bee building. The terms were considered advantageous and the only question affecting the settlement is whether a sufficient number of chess enthusiasts can be interested. A minimum membership of twenty will be necessary and anyone feeling an interest in the reorganized and enlarged club is requested to communicate with President George E. Barker or Secretary George H. Ruchman.

An interesting game in the international tournament at Paris was that in which Marshall the Brooklyn champion, won from Mortimer. Marshall took full advantage of the weak pawn position of his opponent and was finally able to corner the latter's bishop. Lasker's win against Moises is also an interesting bit of chess play. The scores were as follows:

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Questions and Answers. ST. PAUL, Neb. June 12.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Can you give me the address of some good aeronaut? Our city proposes to celebrate the Fourth of July in an extravagant manner and I want a balloon ascension and the committee in charge requested me to write you for the address of a good article.

GEORGE E. LEAN. Ans.—Address S. B. Hendricks, Stockton, Kan.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. June 14.—To the Sporting Editor of the Bee: Runer in a game between third baseman and catcher, being crawled well towards home plate before the ball is passed to the catcher; the runner endeavors to return to the third base, but the way is blocked by the third baseman who is occupying the line, but without the ball a collision between the base runner and third baseman follows, during which the catcher touches the base runner. How should the umpire declare—out or safe on third?

D. P. WILCOX. Ans.—If the umpire called it other than out he would probably be mobbed. The base runner is clearly out.

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