

ROURKE ASPIRE TO THIRD

Omaha's Base Ball Team May Close the Season in This Position.

RIVALS WEAKENED BY LOSS OF MEN

Speculation as to the Future of the Western League—Manager Rourke Opposed to Expansion for Business Reasons.

Omaha has a chance to finish in third place. Denver and St. Joseph, the only teams in the way, have been greatly weakened during the last week by the departure of players for the coast and there is no reason to think that either can maintain its place in the standing. The Rourke team is as strong as they have been at any time during the season and barring their inability to bat form as good a team as there is in the league.

Some question exists as to the future of the Western league. Only two of its present members are in position to say certainly that they will be in it next year. Denver and Colorado Springs are almost certainly to be dropped owing to their location. Kansas City and Minneapolis have not supported the game this season and profess to be looking for a bigger league next year. St. Paul is wobbly and Des Moines is nearly dead, the patrons being out of humor with both the team and its owner. This leaves only Omaha and St. Joseph as prosperous and contented with things as they are.

FOOT BALL SQUAD IN CAMP

Nebraska Candidates Are Trying Out in the Open Air at South Bend.

The foot ball squad of the University of Nebraska has been in camp for the last week at South Bend, where preliminary practice has been for the coming season. The idea of training in camp so early is a new one for western universities. It seemed necessary for the varsity because several important games come early in the season. Nebraska is putting forth every effort to defeat Minnesota October 12. The making of the team will not be definitely determined before the Minnesota game, or perhaps later. The majority of the old men are already in training at the camp. Prominent old men who will try for the team are Brew, Captain Westover, Grandall, Kortright, Kowler, Bender, Ringer, Stringer and Kingsbury. They make a strong nucleus around which to build a foundation team.

The rains of the last few days has greatly interfered with good work. So far, the time has been spent practicing punting, passing, blocking and cross-country running for endurance. One of the best features of the life in camp is the excellent training table which the management has provided. The men all show marked improvement and by the opening of the season will be in the best of condition. The coach, who has arrived in camp, has been putting his best efforts to make the team a winner. Camp consists of a mess-tent and four sleeping tents on the hills north of the bank of the Platte. Good water is secured at the spring at the state fish hatcheries, but a few rods from camp. It is an ideal location for a training camp. Aside from the advantages gained from early training, the boys are deriving much enjoyment from their life out of doors. It is sincerely hoped that this is one of the features of university life that has come to stay. It is unfortunate that the pleasure of the first camping expedition has been dampened by the weather.

Judging from the record Nebraska made last year, it is safe to predict that it will have a championship team this season. It is expected that several new men will make good showing before the season is over. Lehmer of Omaha and Sheild of Lincoln are promising men already in sight. Several others will appear as soon as the camp is broken up.

The finances of the team are in better shape than ever before. As this has been one of the greatest handicaps to the success of the team in former years, it is hoped that the student body will give it even better support than it did last year. THOS. F. GODFREY, P. & T. A.

THE USELESSNESS OF IT ALL

Chicago Tribune. "Come," said Adam, after the edict of expulsion had been promulgated. "We must be getting out of here. Now, Adam," expostulated Eve, "what is the use of your talking to me? Haven't you seen what those scientific stabs out at Denver have been saying about us? We're simply myths. We don't exist. I wish you'd go and chase yourself. You give me the megrims." And Eve sat down on a mythical log and looked her negligent hair with her imaginary fingers.

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SHOOTING SEASON BEGINS

Game Promises to Be Plentiful for Nebraska Sportsmen.

FIRST OMAHA PARTY STARTS FOR FIELD

Late Opening of Prairie Chicken Season Secures Measure of Immunity to Birds—Annual Tournament of Dupont Gun Club.

There is evidence of renewed life in Nebraska sportsmen and within two weeks many will have visited the lakes and fields of the state in search of the game which is now lawful to kill. Since September 1 ducks and waterfowl have been legally declared ready to shoot, but for several reasons Nebraska sportsmen have not gone into the field.

The first party of Omahans to start to the field consisted of General John C. Bates, Captain James M. Erwin, Major Hammer, all of the United States army, and Arthur Guion. They left for Fort Niobrara Friday and will spend several days on the river and the lakes in that neighborhood.

Reports from the northwest are to the effect that the hatch of ducks is not as large in this state as in former years. This is attributed to the drought of last summer, which dried up many of the smaller lakes and ponds, causing the ducks to seek other quarters. There are, however, still sufficient birds to keep the hunters interested until the migratory ducks arrive. From present indications these birds will be in the waters of the state from one to two weeks earlier than last year. People from around Cut Off lake and other places are already seen a few birds flying south, but it will be over a week before enough make their appearance to warrant the attention of the sportsmen.

Violations of Game Law.

Complaints still come in of the violation of the new game law by the farmers and pot hunters. One of the members of the Omaha Gun club who was in the northwest to look to the enforcement of the present law said: "The sportsmen of the state are doing all in their power to enforce this law, but there is one class of people whom we do not care to trouble, and that is the farmer who only kills the birds to use on his table. We do not know that the birds are better food at this season than they will be in October and we also know that not one of us would fail to shoot what we wanted to eat were we living in the field. Of course the men who do this take chances of prosecution if they are caught in the act, but little trouble will be taken to make cases against them. The people we are after are the pot hunters and in every county where game abounds we are exercising great care to prosecute all cases of this character. Many arrests have been made and the law will be strictly enforced." Sportsmen at this time are requested to be careful about securing license to hunt in counties of the state outside of the one in which they reside. The enforcement of the law against pot-hunters has caused several of these people to seek vengeance against the legitimate sportsman and if any means can be found to annoy them it will be done. These licenses can be secured from the county clerk of the county in which they are to be used upon the payment of a fee of \$1. They are good for twelve months and to provide against their transfer a brief description of the holder is given.

According to reports received from the western part of the state, the shooting will be plentiful this fall, but hunters do not expect to kill many birds of this kind on account of the late opening of the season. Right now is the proper time to hunt prairie chickens. They are not as strong as they were in the two weeks and by that time also they will have flocked. Now they are in smaller bunches, each brood keeping to itself. When they have flocked one shot is all a hunter may get in a field and that shot will probably drive all of the birds out of sight.

Interest of local hunters and trap shooters in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa centers in the annual tournament of the Dupont Gun club, which will be held at the Omaha Gun club grounds September 22, 26 and 27. In addition to the target events there will be a live bird handicap, which will probably bring out some of the best shots in the west. This will be the first live bird shot of the season and there will be considerable money in the pot for the winner, as the entrance fee, including birds, is \$10. There will be money for every five entries. The Rose system to govern a large number of pigeons will be on hand for match events and the cost of birds will be 20 cents each.

The target events will be held on three days, ten events each day. Five dollars is added on each event and the entrance fees are \$10 for five events and \$2 for twenty-five events. The Sargeant system and interstate association rules will be observed, while flyer targets. In the fifteen-bird events the money will be divided 25, 20, 15 and 10 per cent; in the twenty-five bird events, 30, 25, 20, 15 and 10 per cent.

FINAL YACHT RACE FOR CUP

One Contest Remains Before Manawwa Sailboats Go Into Winter Quarters.

Although the Manawwa season is closed and the street cars are running to that resort only one hour only, the remains one yacht race yet to be sailed on the lake. This is the final race for the Jacquem cup. This cup was offered by the donor to be contested for by all yachts on the lake under satisfactory handicaps. In the races thus far sailed Adovder has been best of it and will in all probability capture the cup in the final race. No date has been fixed for this race, but it will probably be held some time after the close of the Omaha carnival.

BRITISH CRICKETERS ARRIVE

They Will Teach the Yankees How to Play the Famous English Game.

On last Friday the famous team of English cricket players managed by R. J. T. Bosanquet arrived in New York City to play a series of matches in this country. This event in sporting circles has been long talked of and has been success awaited for weeks past with more than usual interest by the athletic fraternity in general. A committee representing the Associated Cricket clubs of Philadelphia met the visitors at the dock where the Red Star liner Havertford drew in, and conducted them with great escort to their quarters in the Quaker City, where several games will be played. Representatives of the Metropolitan District Cricket association and the New York Cricket association were also among those comprising the reception committee. Several changes were made in the English team just before leaving England. It now has the following personnel: R. J. T. Bosanquet, P. F. Warner, R. E. Moore, R.

O. Schwartzkopf, M. J. Mitchell, and A. Priestly of Yorkshire; E. M. Dawson, I. M. Hollins, I. V. Parker and W. E. Harrison of Oxford; E. R. Wilson and T. R. Johnson of Cambridge.

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the cricketers will play a match against the Philadelphia players on the grounds of the Philadelphia Cricket club at Wissahickon Heights. September 20, 21 and 22 comes the principal match of the tour, one against the opening club grounds at Manheim. Next comes the New York match, to be played against a team picked from all players in that city on the grounds of the Knickerbocker Athletic club at Bayonne, September 25 and 26. The final match takes the visitors back to Philadelphia, where they play at the Merion Cricket club at Havertford against a picked Quaker team.

MANY NEW BOWLING CLUBS

Straight Rollers of Omaha Prepare for the Opening of the Fall Season.

The bowling season proper will open in Omaha October 1. The City league and the Commercial league, which include in their membership nearly all the top-liners of the two Omahas, have decided upon this date as an appropriate one, and thenceforth until spring match games between the straight rollers will be of frequent occurrence at the various alleys.

There is not a great deal of significance in the phrase, "opening of the bowling season," this fall, because in one sense or form the season has been "open" all summer. Through a cold weather game, both of the Omaha alleys have been working overtime. There was seldom a moment from 9 o'clock in the morning until 12 at night that the musical clatter of the pins could not be heard, so it is not likely that the opening of the season will result in the game being any more generally played. It will, however, bring to the front the semi-professionals and result in the lines being drawn between clubs and leagues instead of between individual amateurs.

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GOLF IS ON THE BOOM

Many New Clubs Will Come Into Existence Within the Next Year.

POPULARITY SPREADS OVER THE STATE From a Comparatively Small Beginning, the Game Spreads Until Now It Prevails All Over Nebraska.

A few hundred enthusiastic golfers have given the game such an impetus in Nebraska that the year 1902 promises to bring many additional clubs into existence. September finds the golfing season at its height. Lincoln and Omaha players are making the best of the few remaining weeks of weather during which the courses will be free from winter's touch and the lesser clubs in other parts of the state have enthusiasm entirely out of proportion with their size.

Columbus, Beatrice, York and Plattsmouth are among the towns which have golf courses under consideration and will probably celebrate the advent of 1902 by laying out grounds and organizing clubs. At York a few lovers of the Scottish game have been teeing around over the prairies for several years and have finally succeeded in interesting enough people in the game to make a permanent course a thing of the near future.

Beatrice also has a number of enthusiasts who have been dreaming of a golf club for years and now feel that such an organization is within reach. Plattsmouth and Columbus have the fever in such a severe form that it is not likely that another season will slip by without bringing relief in the way of well-equipped golf courses.

All Holdrege Plays Golf. Of the smaller organizations in the state the Holdrege club is probably the most successful. The grounds are admirable and a house has been secured which is adequate. Everybody in Holdrege plays golf and plays it well. The town is a golf mad. Representatives of the Holdrege club have captured the scalp of the crack players of the Lincoln and Hastings clubs. The golf links in Holdrege are located midway between the east and west portions of the town and are so favorably located that athletically inclined citizens spend all their leisure time in golfing.

Hastings has a fine course and the members of its club recently voted to erect a new house which will surpass the buildings of all the other clubs in the state. The Hastings club has a large and enthusiastic membership. It has had a comfortable club house for some time, but the remarkable growth of the organization demanded that additional accommodations be provided.

There are many excellent golf players at Leavitt and a club has been organized there which promises to become a formidable rival of other Nebraska clubs. During the present year the Lincoln club has made improvements in its links and now has a very superior course.

Next year will find the two Omaha golf courses in much better condition than they are at present and promises to bring a golf revival. The turf on the Omaha Amateur Athletic association's course is being looked after with great care and an additional year's growth will put it in excellent condition.

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