

HARD LUCK AND ITS REWARD

Accidents to Nebraska Foot Ball Players Bring Out Discoveries.

NECESSITY COMPEL THEIR DEVELOPMENT

Coach Booth Finds Himself with Lots of Good Players When He Was Almost Ready to Despair.

A strange marvel has been wrought this fall at the University of Nebraska. Reverses and adversity which the foot ball team have suffered, instead of working to its harm, have in the end accomplished much good that might have been accomplished and unknown throughout the season but for this very agency. That events which were at the time of their occurrence real misfortunes should thus work to the weal of the team in the end seems hard to believe, but it is none the less true and this is how it happened.

In the first place, Coach Booth found himself at the beginning of the season with a hardy horde of men, mostly those of last year's team, on which to start work for the representatives of this season, and he was justly elated. It seemed certain that from such a beginning he could evolve a team that would excel the champions of last season as much as they had surpassed the men of '99.

Secondly, it happened that "Stubby" Crandall, the star little halfback, developed very early in the practice season an unusual and fatal tendency to get hurt. Almost every down found him laid out and he was taking time all the time. Crandall had worked on a railroad in Kansas all summer and was as hard as a man could be very well get. Moreover, his health was excellent, as was attested by the marvelous crop of bushy, black whiskers the boy wore when he came back from the graders' camp. So it was due to no lack of fitness on Crandall's part that he was knocked out so often. He was in perfect shape, but just seemed to get in the way of every stray foot and sharp elbow and heavy knee that was around. Either his head was cut open or his nose broken or one of the joints necessary to his running gear strained about twice each afternoon until it began to look as if a fatality was pursuing "Stubby."

Back Field Material to Burn.

That was what first led Coach Booth to worrying about backs and to looking for others in addition to the substitutes he already had. If Crandall was to take his bum luck on into the big games with him it was plain that some more first-class backs would be necessary. So Booth wanted some high-grade players and called for them.

Pronto! What a rally there was around that signal of distress. Out came Williams, captain and halfback in '98; next was Shedd, captain and fullback in '97; here also was Pillsbury, fullback last year; last was Bell, a most promising substitute half, who is growing heavier and stronger each year.

With that sudden influx of back field material, Coach Booth found himself standing suddenly in a new light, with all limitations swept away. He could now have two or even three substitutes for backs. What an outlook it was! Halfbacks and fullbacks galore and steady little quarter-back Drain to manipulate them all, one set after the other. For Drain never gets hurt and when he begins a game it is always a clinch that he will carry the team for the last play as well as the first.

So with Drain, Crandall, Bender, Bell, Kingsbury, Shedd, Pillsbury and Williams for his back field the mind of Coach Ballington Booth was set utterly at rest concerning that department of his team, as far as personnel was concerned. All that was needed was coaching, and most of the bunch already knew the game almost as well as Booth himself, anyway.

Trouble in the Line.

However, Dame Adversity was not content to leave things long in this beatific state. Booth was considerably worried about his line, anyway, especially toward the center part. In Johnson and Ryan he had two good substitutes for backs, but on the second eleven had put Voss in good shape to take Koehler's place at center at any time on short notice. But there it stopped. For neither guard nor tackle was any new man showing up with any promise at all, nor the old substitutes, either.

This was indeed a predicament. It seemed certain that no big game, such as the one pending with Minnesota, could be played with the same set of guards and tackles throughout, at least no well ordered coach would dare to go into the contest with the supposition that such would be the case.

And right then, to crown it all, Ringer, the guard of two years' experience on the first team, was laid out with a knee twisted clear out of joint. It was a touch felt in a vital spot, apparently, and Booth was downcast. But that accident did the same thing for his line that Crandall's divers escapades did for the back field. There was only one thing to do, and that was to put in some of the most promising substitutes from the second eleven. Maloney, a 250-pound man, with some experience, was given the guard.

Here came another surprise. Maloney had not been working very hard or satisfactorily on the second team. As soon as he took the place on the varsity he opened up like a whirlwind. It was marvelous the way that man developed as a star line-man. He seemed to be letting out a lot of latent power, strength, trickiness and all-around cleverness that he had kept back till then.

Disaster Follows Discovery.

Well, the result was that Coach Booth breathed easy once more, for although Ringer was out for the season, apparently, he had found a man to fill the gap satisfactorily. But he had no sooner heaved that sigh of relief than Maloney went under from exactly the same cause as his predecessor, a knee wrenched out of its socket joint.

"Ballington" Booth, coach, was by this time frantic. Two good men ruined for the season and when they were so terribly scarce, too. But there was no use in flunking at that late stage of the game, so Booth plunged into the big grip of extra men at random and pulled out one who looked the part. He was big and tall and heavy and looked strong. It was all true, too, for it was "Giant" Tobin from the Lincoln High school, the man who came up as a high school senior and threw the hammer yards farther than any university man could cast it.

Tobin is built like a Hercules, though still a little lean and rangy because of his youth. When he was given the prize promotion to the varsity he worked just as hard as Maloney and the result was as good. So Booth finally had a guard, though no line substitutes were available.

The next catastrophe of this woful list was when Center Koehler, in a little practice game with the scrubs, received a bruise that put him away off the field. It was shortly announced that he could play no more this season, another black eye to the team's hopes, but in the substitute department, for that brought in Voss as a regular, when he had been looked upon as a certain remedy in case of need.

Sunshine at Last.

And now comes the last chapter of this record of troubles. That is that the latest recruit, the "Giant" Ringer, is that not only Ringer, but Maloney and Koehler as well, can go back in the game. The meaning of this cannot be overestimated. It is not only that she now has on the reserve list three fine substitute line-men, Maloney, Tobin and Voss. It is chiefly that these three have now had the grand experience of at least a week and a half apiece on the first team as regulars. By that they have attained an efficiency and a knowledge of team work and system with the first eleven that they could get in no other way. They are now real substitutes, and that means they are as good as the men whose places they will take in time of need. Also, when they come from these positions will be theirs for good.

HUNTERS FIND THE GAME WILD

Shooting is Good in Nebraska, but the Birds are Hard to Bring Down.

Since the welcome claxon call of "open season" was first sounded on October 1 Omaha sportsmen have been hieing in intermittent but numerous squads and pairs and tries to the shooting places most favored in this state. Chickens and ducks have been the game chiefly pursued this fall, quail being out of the question for two years yet.

Nebraska shooting grounds in the west and north are still as prolific in their supply of game as in years gone by, though the number of hunters seems to increase each season. Neither is it true that it is now necessary to go a little farther from the cities than it was two years ago. The birds are there in the old places.

However, hunters this year have invariably found the game wilder than usual at the opening of the season. This leads to a belief that there was a lot of shooting done before the law was out and it must have been an unusual amount. This year unusually strong and early this year. Birds are now, they say, so active on the wing that it is hard to get good chances. They break up and get away with surprising rapidity for young ones.

However, it is possible to get them yet, and just as many of them as the law will let you carry. This is proven by the recent trip taken by J. G. Hart and George Nicholson, two Omaha sportsmen, and its results. These men took a week off and went away up in Brown county, leaving the railroad at Alnsworth. From there they drove thirty miles across country to Springfield and found themselves in the very thick of the shooting. They came back last Wednesday with fifty ducks and fifty prairie chickens, all the law will allow of either.

When suffering from racking cough, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. The soreness will be relieved and a warm, grateful feeling and healing of the parts affected will be experienced.

GOLFERS SEE THEIR FINISH

October Will End the Season of Active Play on the Links.

LOCAL SEASON TO HAVE A LIVELY END

Competition for the Douglas County Cup, the Women's Cup and the Foye Cup Are Attracting Much Attention.

October marks the last of the golf season. With the coming of Halloween on the links with the best ends are gathered together and strapped away for the winter in caddy bags, old balls are collected by the score and sent back either for remodelling or exchanged and keys to lockers will be laid away till April comes around again.

That is what is supposed to occur, and throughout the country the golf season ends formally with October. But wherever the state of the weather permits the game is played right along up to Christmas if possible. It is probable that Omaha will afford such opportunities in the way of climate and those in the city who are devoted to the game will not abandon it till compelled to.

Such a thing as winter golf exists, but it has never become popular. This game is played the same as the other, except that red balls are used, these being plainly visible on the snow. The trouble is that they do not always stay on top of the snow so that they may be seen, and this one feature absolutely kills any chance of winter golf becoming a general favorite as a sport. A low rolling ball is all right, for it will generally remain on the surface. So is a real high one, for it will plump straight down and stay buried in the snow where it falls. But it is the liners that cause the annoyance. Such a ball will enter the snow when it strikes the ground and glide along out of sight from twenty to 100 feet. Look for it at the place it went in or trying to find it at all is like hunting down a gopher, except that the latter leaves a much plainer trail along which to dig.

Country Club Links Busy.

At the Country club golfers are making the best of the last month. Crowds of them are out each day and October is thickly strewn with cup contests. Chief among these is the semi-annual tournament for the Douglas county cup, a trophy installed by the Omaha Golf club two years ago.

This cup is played for each June and October. Leroy Austin was the first winner, in June, 1900. The first day of that same month W. J. Foye began to play. By the next competition in October he had progressed so rapidly that he was able to win the contest. Last June he took it again. He needs but this victory to make the trophy his for good and all.

The first round of this tournament was played yesterday, with a good showing of entries. Foye passed through the contest successfully, as usual, and his friends have him booked for a third and last winning of the Douglas county championship and the cup appended thereto. The pairs list in the race will play off their various matches down to the finals at any time agreed between the couples. During the two weeks. Then on Saturday, October 26, the final round will be played, the victor being champion till next June.

All rounds till the last are eighteen holes, but the finals are for thirty-six. Match play rules the contest. The name of the winner of each tournament as it comes is inscribed on the cup, this being continued till some man finds his name there three times in a row, when he lifts the prize.

What the Women Are After.

The Omaha women's cup, a feminine honor corresponding to the Douglas county cup for men, was also played for this month. Handicap medal play rules this contest and Mrs. Charles E. Kountze won with a net score of 101, her handicap being fourteen strokes. Had Miss Gertrude Kountze, who was scratch, played in the form she showed two weeks ago when she won the Foye cup monthly contest, with an actual score of ninety-eight, she would have been an easy winner over Mrs. Kountze.

One other contest remains to be played, and that is the regular monthly Foye cup competition for women. This will be held next Wednesday afternoon—eighteen holes medal handicap play. Miss Kountze is the favorite for first place, but the heavy handicaps which are registered against her make her chances very uncertain. She must be on her best game to win.

Most of the talk and interest at the club, however, among both men and women centers in the Douglas county competition. The close and exciting match by which Foye wrested the victory from R. R. Kimball in the final June over thirty-six holes is still remembered by the big crowd that composed the gallery on that occasion, and though the same man is popularly placed to win, everyone realizes that it will be no walkaway and most people think that the finish will be as strenuous as the last one.

People are hoping that the warm weather will hold until after the end of this play. Cold days would put all the contestants

more or less of their game, and by causing high scores would mar considerably the golf in the chief event of the season. A man with cold hands who is compelled to bundle himself up in a coat to keep warm cannot show the golf he is capable of when he is loosely dressed and the weather is comfortable.

Greens in Poor Condition.

Besides, there is already one very serious handicap at the Country club links, and that is the miserable condition of the greens. Grub worms getting to work late in the season after the heaviest of the grass had died out have literally honeycombed the entire surface of these once smooth patches. The worms throw up the dirt in loose piles, like a sewer ditch just filled, and these little humps are fatal to putting. The only way to do reasonable surface work is to brush down smooth the entire surface of the ground all along the line of your put. Even that precaution does not entirely eliminate the danger.

Then the holes themselves have been in bad condition for weeks past, although it is thought that they will be moved again and properly set before the remaining rounds of the tournament are played. A hole should be absolutely clear cut, with the ground on all sides approaching it perfectly level, and an abrupt drop at right angles from this plane into the hole. There should be no protruding edges and the hole should be just four inches across, no more.

At the Country club, however, the holes have been left so long in the same places that all around each one a little space is hollowed out in the ground like a circle, making a big pit with a real hole in the middle of it. Any ball coming within a foot of the hole will then be turned in toward it by this depression. But that does not make it easier to hole out. Instead it is far more difficult, for the tin rim of the cup stands up to the former height of the surface of the ground. This now being worn down leaves the tin edge protruding as much as half an inch in places, and to roll a ball in from such a side is almost impossible. If the ball comes slow it hits the rim and goes off at a tangent or bounces back. If it comes fast it bounces over and rims off the opposite side.

Even where the tin is well sunk, a hole with such slanting approaches is difficult to make, for if the ball is putted with just the right force to hole out on a level it gets to the edge of this big outside hole and is given a run down it, this gathering impetus that carries it across and into the hole. It is a matter of most difficult judgment and largely, too, of luck, to hole out with any degree of accuracy and steadiness.

WINTER EXERCISES FOR WOMEN

Fair Ones Anxious to Keep in Form for the Sake of Physical Proportions.

Omaha women are now casting about for some suitable form of athletic pastime which will keep them healthy and entertained as well during the winter. "Those who have been playing golf all the summer and fall are loth to give up their regular daily exercise, for they know how persistently good and full of spirits they feel as long as it lasts, and they also know what lassitude, weariness and general inefficiency will result from a falling back once more into habits of muscular stagnation.

There are many forms of recreation to which the feminine sex might turn for winter pastime, but most of them have their drawbacks as a regular diet. The women might take to walking, but this is often inconvenient and disagreeable, and on many of the colder and stormy days it is practically impossible. Again, they might bow, but that fascinating sport, too, presents difficulties in the way of fulfillment of a daily round with the arbor vitae balls, for bowling alleys are not handy to every home.

What the women have wanted is something of a non-committal which will not necessitate either the donning of striped gowns nor the braving of the gully terrors of a cold winter day. They have longed for a "home exerciser" and in this extremity they have adopted the regular gymnasium system.

As a consequence there is a gymnasium epidemic in Omaha just now. In different homes it is making itself felt with different degrees of intensity. Some women and their complete gymnasium in some kind of an exerciser. Others go into it further and have the clubs, bells, rings and other paraphernalia of a well-ordered institution of the kind. This takes room, and in many homes at this time rooms in basements or top floors or secluded portions of the house are being cleared and prepared for the gymnasium.

One Omaha woman has even gone so far as to put in a shower bath, and this person's favorite mode of exercise happens to be punching the bag. She has a fine bag working on a steel disk and has developed considerable skill, so that she dazes her less intimate friends with the performance with divers fancy elbow, wrist and head blows and a back-hand tattoo that cannot be suppressed.

This woman says that by the exclusive use of this bag and her cold shower every morning she will keep down her weight and maintain her complexion at its very best and that she will, in addition, keep her flesh hard and firm and will lend to her skin the clearest transparency.

These are the motives which actuate most women who intend to take regular winter exercise, and those, also, are their ambitions. The strongest of all, probably, the one involving corporeity, for that is most to be feared. Perfect proportions are what they want, and though these cannot be attained by all, an approximation is very desirable.

Women who are correctly proportioned, whose features of face and figure are symmetrical, who are the correct weight and breadth for their height, are rare, but it is interesting just the same to know what these relative proportions should be. The length of the head down the face should measure one-seventh that of the entire body. The face should be divided into three portions of equal length, one reaching from the root of the hair to the eyes, the next down to the tip of the nose and the last to the end of the chin. Then the distance between the eyes should be the length of one eye. The distance from the inner angle of the eye to the dividing line of the lips should measure from two and one-quarter to two and one-half inches.

A woman of 5 feet should weigh 110 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 1 inch should weigh 125 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 2 inches should weigh 140 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 3 inches should weigh 155 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 4 inches should weigh 170 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 5 inches should weigh 185 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 6 inches should weigh 200 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 7 inches should weigh 215 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 8 inches should weigh 230 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 9 inches should weigh 245 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 10 inches should weigh 260 pounds.

A woman of 5 feet 11 inches should weigh 275 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet should weigh 290 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 1 inch should weigh 305 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 2 inches should weigh 320 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 3 inches should weigh 335 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 4 inches should weigh 350 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 5 inches should weigh 365 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 6 inches should weigh 380 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 7 inches should weigh 395 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 8 inches should weigh 410 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 9 inches should weigh 425 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 10 inches should weigh 440 pounds.

A woman of 6 feet 11 inches should weigh 455 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet should weigh 470 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 1 inch should weigh 485 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 2 inches should weigh 500 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 3 inches should weigh 515 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 4 inches should weigh 530 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 5 inches should weigh 545 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 6 inches should weigh 560 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 7 inches should weigh 575 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 8 inches should weigh 590 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 9 inches should weigh 605 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 10 inches should weigh 620 pounds.

A woman of 7 feet 11 inches should weigh 635 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet should weigh 650 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 1 inch should weigh 665 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 2 inches should weigh 680 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 3 inches should weigh 695 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 4 inches should weigh 710 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 5 inches should weigh 725 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 6 inches should weigh 740 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 7 inches should weigh 755 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 8 inches should weigh 770 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 9 inches should weigh 785 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 10 inches should weigh 800 pounds.

A woman of 8 feet 11 inches should weigh 815 pounds.

WAR ON PINS RAGES FIERCELY AMONG THE OMAHA FRATERNITY.

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Tempis is once more the favorite. None of the fascinations of the many other bowling pastimes finds the favor that the standard game is shown. The neat and pretty points of cocked hat, the great difficulties in pinning, the lesser exertion of dicky-pin—none suffice to lure the bowler from the royal game itself.

This sentiment is greatly enhanced by the existence of the Omaha Bowling league, an organization in which there is the keenest rivalry between the different clubs, thus promoting the most strenuous endeavor. The schedule of twenty-eight games for each of the eight clubs is now well under way, and the progress being made in the league standing will be the absorbing topic around the alleys now till it all ends in April and the championship has been lost and won.

Four games were played this week, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. For the opening game the Germans defeated the Gate City on the Gate City alleys by only forty-five pins. It was a close match, and the Germans did not win till the last round, the opponents leading in the first two. Staphenhorst of the Germans made a 204 and the best total of either side, 575. For the Gate City's Hartley made 202 and the best score of his team, 536, while F. Conrad rolled 206 in the first frame and Charles Seaman 200 in the second.

High Team Scoring.

Tuesday night the Clarksons and Krug Parks met at the same alleys. This former winning team with a big margin of 258 pins. Inches was easily the star of the game and of the whole week's play in the league, with a total of 847 pins. He made 245 in the first round, 217 in the second and 187 in the third. That is an average of 215-2-3 for ten frames, and this fine work lifted the score of his Clarksons team very high. Ambassador of the same team made a 210. For the Krug Parks Benje made high man, with a 218 and a total of 538.

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rolled a 200 and scored the best total of his team with 520.

On Thursday night the St. Charles team met the Nationals at Clark's alleys. The St. Charles team quite won by 319 pins. Schneider of the victors took the total high score with 554, and was the only man to break into the 200 list, he rolling 206. Amannson was high for the losers with 464. The St. Charles team took the three rounds straight.

Question of Percentages

Although each night's play of three rounds counts as one game on an alley the percentage standing of the teams is reckoned from a different basis. In that calculation each of the three rounds of an evening's play counts as a game, so that for percentage purposes the teams will each play eighty-four games instead of twenty-four. In that way a team might be beaten in the total from the three rounds, but still score the better percentage of the two, for it might win two rounds and then lose one so badly as to be beaten in the total. Calculated from this basis of each round a game the team standings at the end of the first week are:

W.	L.	P. C.	
Clarksons	3	0	1.000
Omahas	3	0	1.000
St. Charles			