

BASE BALL IN FULL GLORY

Great American Game Moving Rapidly These Early Summer Days.

WESTERN MAKES REMARKABLE SHOWING

All Teams Playing Good Ball and Attendance Registers Prove Public Interest in Results is Intense.

Hitting easy.

All the teams in the Western league have had a chance now to stretch themselves and see what they can do, and the result is decidedly satisfactory. Their patrons can rest comfortably in the prospect of seeing some bang-up baseball during the season. That much is settled. It is too soon to base predictions as to the outcome of the present race, but it is sure as shooting that the winners will have to play ball all the way. Those teams that were thought to be weak have shown weakness only in such ways as may be charged solely to lack of practice. Baseball has not only started until hot weather sets in, and so improvement in every branch of the game may be expected. Omaha has made good so far in the promise of assemblage, and has turned out the strongest fielding team that ever represented the Gate City on the diamond. The pitching staff is one in every respect and gets the best of support all the way round the field. This was most forcibly shown on Tuesday during the exciting twelve-inning contest with Peoria. Twelve clean hits were made off Graham's delivery by the visitors, and yet they were able to secure a victory. Only superb fielding support could have secured that result. And, then, that bunch of sluggers Billy Hart has gathered lined out many a ball during that game that would have been hits with work of the average base ball team. Omaha's only defeat so far this season is due solely to an error of judgment on the part of the steepest players on the team, a thing not likely to occur again in a hundred games, nor to weigh so heavily if repeated in each.

Other teams in the league are coming into their stride in good shape, with the exception of St. Joseph and Keokuk, and the saintly crew run into all kinds of hard luck out west and fell far short of the showing they were expected to make. This is not at all likely to discourage them, and a quite different tale will be heard from the home series. Milwaukee, too, has played better ball than the standing table indicates, and will make matters warm for the best of them before the summer is over. Quinn seems to have gathered together a fighting bunch for Des Moines and has had some fierce tussles with his opponents so far. Denver, Kansas City and Colorado Springs have shown the staid and conservative character of the opening games and have played excellent ball up to date. Western fans are well pleased with the samples presented and look forward contentedly to a season of splendid baseball.

All over the country the games are going faster than ever. The players are up on their toes all the time everywhere and the daily reports of the games are delightful reading for those who love to follow the tabulated scores through the season. Attendance has been good everywhere save at the American association games. Columbus has had good crowds, the people here seeming to have abandoned everything for the ball game. At Toledo the Sunday crowds have been large, but the week-day attendance has been very small, one game last week being played to 300. Indianapolis will not allow Sunday ball and the week-day crowds range around 500 to 600. Louisville is like Toledo, good crowds on Sunday, but the week-day attendance is small. With payrolls ranging around \$3,500 to \$5,000 a month, the attendance will have to be much larger than this if the American association clubs weather the season through.

Omaha's present trip will bring the team against four opponents in a road team it is believed. The games are scheduled and the boys modestly talk of taking seven of them. Nine will be nearer the result if the team proves anything like as good on the road as it is at home. Manager Rourke is looking after the comfort of the team, by taking a private car to each of the cities they will be certain of necessary attention while making their jumps from place to place, and ought to be in splendid condition, barring accidents, all the time. Dudley Rieley will be turned over to Milwaukee, as Omaha's pitching staff is full without him. Stone will be recalled from Peoria and will probably supplant Carter in the infield. His batting ability will be of great assistance to Omaha, as that is the only department of the game in which the team is weak.

In a "few well chosen words" the Denver Post bids farewell to Parkie Wilson and his co-partners in the game in the following hortatory and admonitory manner: "The game yesterday, however, was the hardest one of the lot to lose and Denver will be sorely disappointed in the result. There were three runs that would positively have won the game had the team used judgment in the game. It is too soon to say anything of the possibilities of more coming in before the side was retired. It is this falling that must be overcome before Denver will be considered a champion possibility and unless the Grays can pick it up they will make a sorry showing on the trip around the circuit. Kansas City will play the game at home, where they have the people with them, than they did here, where even the umpire was against them last season, and the men use their heads in the game besides. One thing that did not find much favor with the fans was Parkie Wilson's kicking that was done by Parkie Wilson and the other players. The Grays came in to register a protest and some of them did it in no mild manner. They were going to take a walk with them as Daniel Sterns was here and they will find it out. Wilson has only one who has a right to say anything and the other players should be quiet."

Talk about the hold of base ball on the heart of the average American citizen: There's Colonel W. Buchanan Keith, for example (he hasn't been called by his baptismal name in so many years that he can't remember them). Colonel Keith has a happy home, a fine horse, a good paying business and a host of friends, but he isn't happy unless he is mixed up in a ball game. He doesn't look the part, but it hasn't been so very many years since he was paid a salary for playing second base. That wasn't the goal of his ambition though. Nowhere around the diamond

could he be satisfied, save as umpire. From his earliest moments of activity down to the present his one dream, waking or sleeping, has been to call balls and strikes and pass on fouls and bases. In years gone by he had occasional opportunities to exercise his suggestions in this regard, doing service for amateur and semi-professional teams at various times. Even when he was a magnum and controlled the destinies of a team of his own, his heart still yearned for the indicator. Last summer he had a chance, but his essay at St. Joseph was unpropitious and he had to bow to the inevitable. When the springtime came again the old fever burned in his blood and the several preliminary contests over which he presided merely served to aggravate his longing. Last week he was made supernally happy by receipt of a letter from President Sexton appointing him an auxiliary umpire and asking him to be in readiness for a call at any time. So Buck's face is beaming as he whistles "Goodbye, Dolly Gray," and the Western league public will be delighted some time this season by hearing him bellow, "Wubaw," "Out," and other epithets of his craft.

After a consultation the American league magnates have decided to fight the injunctions the National is securing against the "rubber legs." It didn't take Ban Johnson long to see that if the salaries had been raised, it would be better to have the players involved in the game rather than on the bench. Lajoie and his pals, who are drawing large sums for resting, say they will not go back to the National. Should say not, nor anywhere else, as long as they can get the money for doing nothing. The players are not going to care how long it is so long as they get it, and the easier it comes the better it suits them. Right in the middle of the mess Jimmy Sheekard gave another example of his hurdling ability by jumping back from Baltimore to Brooklyn. Hanlon was hit for twenty-three safeties of assorted length, thirteen earned runs, and the game resulting for Indianapolis. This was duly noted at Kansas City.

It wasn't preconcerted probably, but it happened just right. Dale Gear and Charlie Nichols went into the box for the first time this season on the same day. Nichols pitched his team to victory in an eleven-inning contest against Denver, while Gear was hit for twenty-three safeties of assorted length, thirteen earned runs, and the game resulting for Indianapolis. This was duly noted at Kansas City.

Omaha people should remember that during the dark days when we had no league team to furnish us with our favorite sport, the Originals held their torch and kept the light burning. This aggression of semi-professional players has been a part of Omaha's base ball history and still exists to do its share toward maintaining the supremacy of the greatest of outdoor games. Its first real match of the season will be played this afternoon against the Nebraska Indians at Vinton Street park and will be a good game of ball. The Indians are a strong team and we all know what the Originals can do.

President Packard of Denver tells the Times of that circuit that Omaha will fall down on the road. Well, that may be so, but it's a cinch that up to date Omaha has won as many games away from home as Denver.

Again the question of which town on the Western league circuit had the largest attendance last season. T. J. Hickey, who was president, secretary and treasurer of the league last year, is in the Bee's authority for stating that Omaha had the largest number of paid admissions, nearly 63,000. Denver was second, with almost 10,000 fewer paid attendees than Omaha. Denver took in more money, owing to the higher price charged at the gate.

ATHLETICS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Nebraska's Progress at Base Ball Jubilantly Extolled by Student Rooters.

Never had the University of Nebraska cause to be proud of its base ball exponents as now, with one exception connected with the institution or interested in it in any way to shirk his duty in that regard. The expressions of enthusiasm and triumph that have endured at Lincoln ever since the victory of the Gophers, all through last week's games over Kansas opponents, have never been duplicated in the cause of base ball and few pigskin demonstrations have been equal. Bonfires and zig-zag marches, accompanied by constant yelling, singing and turmoil, have become so common that the appearance of a howling mob of excited students in a hotel, theater or other public place has almost ceased to attract notice now save from strangers who have not become familiar with this sort of stunt.

Nor can anyone say that this extreme celebration is in exaggeration of the real thing, for this is a newly-named team. Undoubtedly Nebraska has never had one as good as a clean record of winnings over all college comers to date is certainly deserving of recognition in the most pronounced student manner. With such strong schools as the University of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Kansas university laid away, the latter twice in succession by big scores, the Cornhuskers may well begin to class themselves among the topnotchers in the middle west college teams and they are already claiming the title of champion of the West. The last year's season was the final game of the season there unless the University of Minnesota can be persuaded to give a return game in Nebraska, in which case the date will be some time after the team returns from its long trip on May 19. The variety fans, however, are not satisfied with having their favorites thus suddenly cut off from them and will do everything that can be done to bring about some more games on the home grounds.

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Lawn tennis at the university has leaped forward into marked prominence among the athletically inclined during the last week and the revival in this game bids fair to be stronger at this school than anywhere else in the state. In the first place there are now attending the university three men, and possibly four, who can easily defeat any one in Nebraska outside of it. Again, the courts are right on the campus, and so very convenient to gymnasium, showers and lockers.

The varsity tennis are in great shape and new racket and new apparatus all around have been installed. Some of the players are already exhibiting very clever work. There seems to be an unusual number of stars in school this year. There is the old standby champion, Earl Farnsworth, who has been in the last year's college. Ike Raymond and Sogger, although they are not out yet, will doubtless appear soon, and they form a powerful pair or two crack single men as well. A new light has appeared, in the person of Flyer, from Iowa. He is working for form to enter the interstate tournament at Sioux City next summer. He has a great work-out stroke and can probably best anyone in school but Farnsworth.

Many tournaments are planned for the season, and the first occurs this week. This is to determine the team to play Kansas here shortly. It seems a surety that Farnsworth, Flyer, Raymond and the places, but Peters, Teiner and Roth will be strong runners up. In addition to these local events many matches with other universities are planned. The latest proposition is to meet Minnesota and Iowa as well as Kansas.

Track events took a little jump forward last week because of a field meet, which was a sort of trial event. Some good runners are working, as was developed at this meet, and with more training it would not be surprising if they should break some of the existing records as well as smash some state figures. The most important matter in track affairs is the construction of two new cedar paths north of the gymnasium, which are just completed. One is for the broad jump, the other for the pole vault. These are a great help, as it has been impossible to get the pole spikes well into the ground for some time. Coach Booth feels that these paths are considerable of a compensation for his failure to get a cinder track.

WHEELMEN TAKE THE ROADS

Revival of Club Runs Finds Many Omaha Riders Eager to Participate.

Residents of the smaller towns in the vicinity of Omaha have been astonished at divers times during the last few days to see a swarm of wheelmen in bright colored togas, thronging a cloud of dust down the road and descend upon the municipality in its quietude. Sometimes the bikers merely whir right on down the main street and out at the other end of the town. Other places they stop, rest, eat and return on the road which led them there. Not since 1895 and 1896 have such sights as these been seen in Nebraska, and to the younger of today they are as new and as much of a novelty as they were to the boys of seven years ago, when the bicycle club and club run fever was at its height. The older however, having seen the present ones are events of which the village oracles can be seen scratching their heads and wondering "When was I seen a gang like that?" These things make it seem certain that the bicycle revival has really come to smart again, and it has. Not in many years has any crowd of wheelmen scored along the country roads till this spring, and the revival of the club runs is the surest indication of the return of the "tin horse" to popular favor.

Omaha wheelmen have already made two runs, and they have a regular schedule of them planned for Saturdays and Sundays for many months to come. The third of the series will occur today and will be to Crescent City, Ia., and return. The start will be made at 1:30 this afternoon from Seventeenth street and the party will be in the city by 10:30. The party will be there, and it is expected that many more will join the party. No one need stay away because of a fear that he would find himself entered in a scorching contest. There is no feature of race in connection with the club runs, and frequent stops are made, so that the journey is in every way a matter of pleasure and not of records and speed. In fact, the one thing that above all others makes certain the permanency of the bicycle revival is that the sport is a pleasure and not a contest. The bicycle has been dropped, and moderation will hereafter be the rule. Wheeling had a great run, and everything connected with it went to such extremes that it could not last. It choked itself with its own fierceness and is now re-established to proceed on a disinterested basis.

Twelve wheelmen took the first run of the season, which was to Fort Crook, a pleasant little jaunt. This was on April 20 and the bikers arrived in time to see the base ball game between the Fort Crook and Bellevue teams. The road was found to be in good condition and men in the party who had not been on a club run in five years could not but notice the great difference in ease and comfort of riding that resulted from the later improvements to bicycles, such as the cushion frames, coaster brakes and spring handle bars, unknown a few years ago.

The next Sunday, April 27, another run was taken, this time to Millard. Nineteen wheelmen participated and they formed a most unusual spectacle, as to see so many riders on the road together is something that has not occurred in Nebraska for so long that it looks new. Single riders, true, with their devotion to the wheel unshaken by the desertion perpetrated by the party, have gone on doing their little century runs and regular trips, and maybe even some pairs, but their name is not legion, and it is doubtless safe to say that half a dozen wheelmen in a bunch have not cut up the dust along a country road around here for five years at the least. Those who took part in the last run were: John Dye, Emil Fleischer, Guy Brown, Louis Fleischer, Roy Lewis, Ed Jackson, Jay Lewis, Free Bradford, Walter Bell, Clarence Southman, George Brown, Homer Fisher, J. Fairbrother, Albert Weber, Willie Sprague, J. B. Callahan, A. H. Edson, Scott Johnson and A. B. Benson. They found the road good save for one rough mile.

Delivered the Goods. Baltimore American: "Tut! Tut!" I say to the gamin who has sold me a 4 o'clock extra at 9 a. m. "Tut! Tut!" and again "Tut! Tut!" Here the gamin looks at me in childish innocence and inquires what is eating me. "You assure the public," I explain, "that the paper contains an account of the great jail delivery, yet where are the headlines that go with the story?" Again the happy smile of childhood floods his face, as he shows me the two-line item reading as follows: "Wrench & Hammer yesterday delivered to the city of Bobstown the new jail that was ordered last fall." Merrily saying that I am dippy, the youth hurries down the thoroughfare.

RULES FOR PLAYING GOLF

Country Club Adopts Revised Code for Summer Season.

FOUR TOURNEYS ANNOUNCED FOR MONTH

Players Will Be Kept Busy During May with Match Play and Different Trophies and Honors.

Previous to the annual formal opening of the Omaha Country club yesterday two communications of importance were mailed to each member of the organization. The first was a circular letter, comprising an invitation to the opening, a recount of the improvements that have been made in house and grounds, and a statement of the several tournaments determined upon by the tournament committee for the month of May, and, finally, the statement that the Country club team will be chosen from the scores turned in during these contests. In this circular it was also announced that the house, tournament and present committees had all adopted new rules, owing to the changed conditions, and members were urged to familiarize themselves with the text at once. It is the book containing these new regulations which forms the second communication. The pamphlet is a neat affair in green covers, small, compact and well arranged. Players will be required to read the rules before each tournament in order to avoid dispute and discussion and to facilitate play, and are also requested to carry the books with them during play in order that any difference of opinion may be readily settled.

Of these two announcements the one of most immediate interest to the golfer is that of the May matches. The first of these was the one of yesterday, a handicap match for men over the eighteen-hole course, medal play. No entrance fee was required and the prizes were the Cartan cup for the best handicap score and the trophy for the trophy for the best score. The other six tournaments to come are: May 7-Ladies' handicap 18-hole play. Tournament begins promptly at 2:30 p. m. Entries close at 12:30 p. m. May 14-Handicap match for men against bogey. Match play over 18-hole course. Entrance fee, one ball. Winner takes 40 per cent of the prize, 20 per cent of the man 10 per cent of the entrance fee and the best score made against bogey (not counting handicap) receives 30 per cent of the entrance fee. Play begins at 2:30 p. m. and entries will close on Saturday, May 12. May 21-Open. May 28-Preliminary in the Douglas county championship. Sufficient players will be played to reduce the players to eight in number. Play commences at 2:30 p. m. and entries will close on Friday, May 23, at 9 a. m. Drawings will be posted on the bulletin board before the play begins. Open to all residents of Douglas county and all members of the club. Match play will be on the bulletin board before the play begins. The 9-hole course, going twice around said course to make a match. The second round of the tournament will be played on or before May 29. May 30-Semi-finals in Douglas county championship. Sufficient players will be played to reduce the players to eight in number. Play commences at 2:30 p. m. Entries close at 12:30 p. m. Entrance fee required. Prizes to be selected by the tournament committee. May 31-Finals in Douglas county championship, consisting of 36 holes, four times around the course. Match play. Entrance fee, one ball. Prizes to be selected by the tournament committee. Play commences promptly at 2:30 p. m.

The circular modestly requests every member of the club to enter all handicaps and to have them ready for all contests and matches shall be arranged by the tournament committee and will be posted on the bulletin board before the play begins. In selecting members for the club the tournament committee will use its own discretion, selecting such persons as in the committee's opinion are best qualified to represent the club. Persons playing in tournaments have at all times the right to withdraw from the tournament, and on days when tournaments or contests are in progress, members of the club are requested to make way at once for those members who are playing in the tournament. Persons desiring to play the nine holes which are to be played in tournaments are requested to play such play as they provided they do not in any manner interfere with members playing the eighteen holes. In crossing the green to the nineteenth tee, such persons are requested to be on the green before the golfer coming from, or who are about to come from the twelfth green, the same applies to the crossing of the green to the seventeenth tee. Members playing the eighteen-hole course always have the right of way over the nine-hole course in a tournament. Handicaps shall be arranged by the tournament committee. Persons desiring to play in tournaments are requested to play such play as they provided they do not in any manner interfere with members playing the eighteen holes. In crossing the green to the nineteenth tee, such persons are requested to be on the green before the golfer coming from, or who are about to come from the twelfth green, the same applies to the crossing of the green to the seventeenth tee. Members playing the eighteen-hole course always have the right of way over the nine-hole course in a tournament.

Ward M. Burgess is chairman of the house committee, W. A. Redick and E. P. Peck being the other two members. The new course rules established by the committee contain many novel features. LOCAL HORSE NEWS OF WEEK Some Gossip of Interest to Omaha Owners and Drivers from Track and Stable. Pat McAvoy has a string of well bred horses under training at the local track and some of them are quite fast. Mr. McAvoy is an old western trainer with a reputation for his horses and his general was in the employ of the great Blitter Root farm in Montana. A recent arrival at the stable is Ed Waterman's 5-year-old stallion by Charles Caffrey, dam Maggie Harold, by Harold. The stallion is just from his winter quarters in Council Bluffs and is looking fine. An extremely fast green pacer is The Kid, owned by Tom Dennison. The Kid has a 4-year-old trial of 2:10, and is now 8 years old. The Kid was not handled for speed until late in June of his 4-year-old form, but came to his speed quickly and was started in the Cobden, N. Y., meeting, where he was otherwise ordered shall apply to all years. At Albany, N. Y., the month following, he drove Frank Rysdyk out two heats in 2:13 and 2:24. He is very fast this spring and is entered in the slow classes, but if he starts right he will not stay there long. Another horse owned by Tom Dennison, and in charge of Pat McAvoy, is the 4-year-old green strotter, Lucky Jim, by George Bancroft, dam Republican Girl. Mr. McAvoy has two of his own by Prussia, a son of Prigdal. One of them is a 3-year-old trotting mare, dam Lottie, by Mascot, John Norcott's black stallion, Black Strath 2:53, sired by Mr. McAvoy's hands. Mr. McAvoy also has Gould McCaffrey's mare, Rose, and Ed Gould's mare, a 5-year-old pacer, Pepita.

G. S. Caskey has purchased from Joseph McGuire of Benson the standard bred stallion Perando 3:10. He is a 5-year-old trotter, by Attorney General, son of Patrouage, sire of Alix, 3:05; dam Artellias, by Monte Lyle 1:56; granddam Stella, by Chick Tramp, granddam Logan. Mr. Clif-

Coaxing an Appetite

At this season of the year when Nature is making a supreme effort to purge the system of the impurities and poisons that have collected during the winter months a vigorous and healthy appetite is needed to sustain the body while this purifying process is going on, but this much desired helpmate is sometimes lacking, for even the best regulated appetite is apt to go wrong now and become unreliable and fickle, and has to be humored and coaxed to bring it back to that condition where all food is relished and eating becomes a pleasure. A hungry appetite does not have to be feasted and feted, nor tempted with dainty viands and delicacies. The plainest fare will satisfy its cravings, while a sickly and defective appetite will turn with loathing and disgust from the most sumptuous banquet.

Various methods are adopted to coax back the lost appetite. The Liver is prodded with pills and the Stomach drenched with cheap tonics and bitters, but these only produce a morbid or variable appetite; ravenous one day and sickening at the bare thought of food the next.

S. S. S. is the ideal Spring Tonic and coaxes an appetite when nothing else can.

GEORGIA'S GOVERNOR.

STATE OF GEORGIA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Atlanta, May 8, 1899.

I have used S. S. S., and can recommend it as unquestionably a good blood purifier, and I am sure the best tonic I ever used. For many years my digestion was bad, but the occasional use of a bottle of S. S. S. has entirely cured me of this malady, and I now eat with perfect impunity anything set before me.

A. D. CANDLER.

There are any defects or weak spots in the constitution they are apt to develop as warm weather comes on, and diseases that have lain dormant all Winter come to the surface. To prevent this S. S. S. should be begun at once, so that the germs and seeds of disease may be destroyed, and the poisons and acids in the blood antidoted and neutralized while in a torpid or inactive state, then with strong, healthy blood and a free and active circulation the machinery of life moves on with vigor and regularity, and not only a good appetite is assured, but sound digestion and refreshing sleep. S. S. S. is the best remedy for that "fagged out and semi-invalid condition" so common at this season of the year, and the benefits derived from its use are real and permanent. In S. S. S. Nature has provided the best blood purifier and safest tonic. It contains no minerals whatever, but is guaranteed purely vegetable. Write our physicians for any information or medical advice wanted; this will cost you nothing. Book on blood and skin diseases mailed free.

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The Bee for All News

their final three games and totals were footed for all entries. These have not yet been published and the ten teams who lasted through finished with the following scores:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Huntington and Lehman (5:12), Zarp and Emery (5:07), Hartley and F. Conrad (5:07), etc.

It will be seen from this tabulation that Huntington and Lehman take first money, \$25, with high total. Zarp and Emery took second, \$15, and Hartley and F. Conrad third, \$5.

Hartley distinguished himself further by winning the individual total score trophy, a handsome gold medal of appropriate bowling design. It consists of a scroll plate pin, with sample room for inscription, from which depends two gold tenths crossed at the middle and having attached to their lower ends a gold bowling ball, with two jewels set in to represent the finger holes. The whole thing is most elaborate and of excellent design and beautiful finish.

For only those four places were there prizes, but others of the bowlers achieved different honors. Zarp rolled the highest individual score for a single series of play, making 636 which, by the way, is a very high score, showing an average of 212 per game. Zarp and O'Brien meanwhile are a tie for first individual single game honors, both having thrown 236 during the tourney. Zarp and Emery took high team score for one series of three games with 1137.

It is probable that very nearly all of the men who competed in this tournament will wish to enter the next one. Because of the fact that two men of different teams left the city, only ten pairs finished, so this leaves room for four more bowlers, even if the last few games were to be played that the tourney will be begun during the third week of May, if not sooner.

Bowlers are now anticipating with considerable interest the series of games to be played between the German and American teams. This can be understood when the personnel of the quintets is noted. It reads:

Table with 2 columns: Team and Members. Includes AMERICAN (Emery, Denman, Smith, Clarkson, Huntington) and GERMAN (A. Krup, Kneisslin, Zart, Kolls, Huntington).

Here are ten of the best score of bowlers in the Omaha Bowling league, as their records for the season just concluded show. There were nineteen names in the roll of honor this year, meaning that all of them averaged 1664 pins, or better a game for the long eight months of season of play. Every one of these ten are in that list nineteen and six of them are in the first ten.

Another remarkable thing regarding the respective merits of these two teams comes to light upon investigation. That is that the average number of pins per man per game for each team, computed from the average they made in the league play just ended, is practically the same, the Germans being a fraction of one pin higher than the Americans. It is not probable that the bowlers were aware of this fact when they formed their past season teams, but lucky chance brought things about so that the teams are exactly matched on previous record, and this would seem to promise close contests if form and class count for anything in bowling.