

BASE BALL GOSSIP OF WEEK

Omaha's Onward Course Seems to Run Uncommonly Smooth.

TEAM DOING REMARKABLY GOOD WORK

Promise of Early Spring Redeemed on Diamond in Such Substantial Manner as to Challenge Administration of All.

They all look alike.

Since June 19 Omaha has met and vanquished every team in the Western league, but Des Moines, Milwaukee and Peoria have had a double dose, and Kansas City is here now for its second time at the medicine trough. All these teams look alike to Omaha. From June 24 to July 18, over three weeks of steady playing, the Omaha team has lost two games, one to Denver and one to Milwaukee. In this time it has played every team in the league but the one mentioned. Some of the critics call it luck and some call it umpire and the home knuckers have gone into secret session to determine just what it is. To some thousands of numbers, it looks like nothing but plain and fancy ball playing by the best team in the league. Veterans guard every point around the diamond, and each is putting up a magnificent article of ball. The outfield is fast and reliable, and the batteries cannot be improved on in the Western circuit. And the whole bunch is working like one man under the competent direction of Captain Stewart. Not a record player or a shirk on the team. This is what was wanted for Omaha. Team work, games that are fast and reliable, and an eagerness to take advantage of every opportunity. On the Omaha bench there is no quarreling, and among the members there is no knocking. Every other town in the league has a better team than Omaha, according to the outside critics, but the standing table is the best possible answer to these. One of the malcontent says that Omaha has won more close-corse games than any team in the league. You'll notice also that Omaha has won them. Omaha has likewise won more shut-out games than any team in the league, and has played the last half of the ninth inning. Just keep these facts in mind when making up your "dope" on the Western league base ball situation. It won't hurt our feelings very much if Omaha doesn't win the pennant, for we know it will take a mighty strong team to head off the Rourke family.

According to E. J. Langan, the Philadelphia correspondent of the Sporting News, the following is the record of shut-out games played up till June 30. Since the table was compiled Omaha has added three more to the list, all won:

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If the foregoing statistics tell no tale of Omaha's superiority as a ball playing machine, here are some that will: Ten Omaha players, barring the pitchers, have been at bat 2,116 times and made 553 hits, a team batting average of .260. In the Pittsburgh team, which leads the National league, 2,140 times at bat produced only 692 hits, an average for the team of .321. Omaha is hitting .261, and batting fairly well. If the list isn't full of 300 hitters. In fielding, the work of the team is quite as satisfactory. The players of the Omaha team from top to bottom are credited with 3,141 chances and charged with 169 errors, a fielding average of .973. The fielding of the Pittsburgh team is .972, that of the Boston team .960, that of Brooklyn, .942. Omaha is batting as hard

as the three leading National league teams and fielding better, and yet the knuckers keep saying "It's luck," and insist that Omaha isn't playing ball. The statistics up to Friday are:

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According to the Denver Times, when President Packard of Denver was finally apprised of the decision of President Sexton in the Wilson case, he temporarily looked over his glasses and talked like one of his players addressing the umpire. He said that he would pay the fine; that he would not allow Parke Wilson to pay the fine; that he would disband his team before he would submit; that the whole proceeding was merely with a view to hamper Denver in the league, and wound up by laying all the blame on Omaha. Mr. Packard was wired by The Bee, asking him if the interview in the Times was correct. He answered "No," it is not at all probable that as good a business man as Mr. Packard would lose his head over the situation. The most regrettable feature of the whole affair lies in the fact that at the St. Joseph meeting Mr. Packard was one of the chief advocates of a more rigid enforcement of discipline. He admitted that his team was the head and front of the disturbers in the league, and complained of his inability to control the players. At that time he wrote a letter to Parke Wilson cautioning him to hold a closer rein on his squad of unruly youngsters. Wilson's private answer to Packard was a threat to jump to California. Having bluffed his president, Wilson undertook to bluff the league. At Milwaukee, the first place Denver forfeited one of the games into a riot, forfeiting one and rendering the other two disagreeable by continued kicking and wrangling. At Omaha the performance went on, finally culminating in the disgraceful assault on the umpire by Manager Wilson. Mr. Packard has very likely done what he could to make his players behave, and is no doubt not to blame, but this is no excuse for their rowdy conduct, and does not exonerate them. He could not foresee that his manager would be the first one to fall under the penalty, but as matters turned out that way, Wilson will have to kiss the rod. The Western league is in no danger of being disrupted over the matter.

Byron McKibben forgot himself and his position at Colorado Springs on Wednesday and refused to leave the grounds, when ordered off by Umpire Cole. When Cole gave the game to Colorado Springs, McKibben and Pitcher McFadden assaulted the umpire. President Sexton acted very promptly in this case, suspending both McKibben and McFadden pending investigation. It is quite probable that both will be severely punished. McFadden is fond of this sort of thing apparently, for he undertook to assault Umpire Cole at St. Joseph during the last Omaha series and was only prevented by Omaha players from carrying out his intentions. Rowdy ball will not pay in the Western or any other league, and the sooner managers and players agree to this the better it will be for the game.

"Lest we forget," here is a bit of recent history of the Western league, recited for the benefit of a number of writers around the circuit and who have kept up a perpetual hammering at Omaha since the coming of the season: If it hadn't been for Omaha and W. A. Rourke there would be no Western league in existence. President Thomas J. Hickey of the American association came to Omaha with full power to act for his association, with the intention of inducing Rourke to take a franchise in the American to sell his franchise to the American or to install an American team here and precipitate the same sort of fight

that has raged in Milwaukee and Kansas City. Mr. Rourke declined to accept a franchise in the American. Hickey then offered him \$5,000 in cash for his franchise in the Western, which Rourke declined. Frank Bandle of Omaha, who was to have had the controlling interest and management of the American team here in case Rourke sold out, refused to enter a fight, because he is a loyal supporter of the sport and would do nothing that might militate against its success. Mr. Buell of Detroit, Wis., who would have joined with Bandle in backing the Omaha team, went to Kansas City with Dale Gear and the best team in the Western league was saved to the circuit by the action of the two Messrs. Rourke and Bandle. If Omaha had gone out the Western league circuit would have fallen to pieces. If the magnificent support Omaha has given the league this season had been divided between two teams or the attendance here had suffered, it has in Kansas City and Milwaukee. The Western league would have ended weeks ago. There are some facts the newly fledged base ball writers of the Western ought to keep in mind.

President Sexton's course in imposing a heavy penalty on Parke Wilson for his rowdy reaction during the Milwaukee riot, applauded by all lovers of base ball. It is an evidence that Mr. Sexton not only has the good of the game at heart, but has also the courage to enforce discipline and punish offenders. He kept the Western league on the sport depends on its being conducted along orderly lines, and so far as his authority goes it will be his aim to require of players that they behave at all times. Mr. Sexton has had a very trying time since he took hold of the reins of the Western. He found a staff of umpires already chosen by the late James W. Whitfield, one that looked good, and felt in duty bound to give them a trial. Of these Moran still at work, and the other two quit to go to playing again and Cox resigned to accept a position in the Eastern league. Mr. Moran's work was the best Omaha has seen in years, but at Denver he was unmercifully roasted by press and players alike. Latham and thirty-five are sired by his own stallion.

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OMAHA MAN'S FAST HORSES

Fine String of Harness Racers on John D. O'raughton's Farm.

HAS TWENTY-CANDIDATES FOR THE LIST

Put on Twenty-Two Last Year and Expects to Nearly Equal that Record During the Present Season.

In 1921 Ashland Wilkes, the 19-year-old stallion, record 2:15, which leads the stable of John D. O'raughton of Omaha, Kentucky, led all the American stud by placing twenty-two horses in the list for the season. That was a wide margin, as that record any other stallion came but Mr. Creighton was proud about it. He did not save over those extra four or five eligibles till this season, so as to be certain of a leading number again. Instead, he let all the likely ones go in then, and in 1922 has started in afresh to get out another big string. Present prospects are that he will succeed and he expects to fully a score this season. This will be plenty to assure him the top line again, according to the reports from rival stables. Thus far Mr. Creighton can already count them almost up to a dozen that are sure winners, while there are others are past the eight mark yet, even on the most generous interpretation of the theory of probabilities.

The Orchard Park stock farm is the name of Mr. Creighton's place in Kentucky. It is located on the edge of Lexington, practically in the city. Since his return from there Mr. Creighton has been watching with a keen eye the new and better stock and it is coming with flattering details. The stable is a large one this season. Bert Long, the trainer, has fully forty horses under his care on track and in stable. All but a half dozen of these are Creighton's stock, and thirty-five are sired by his own stallion.

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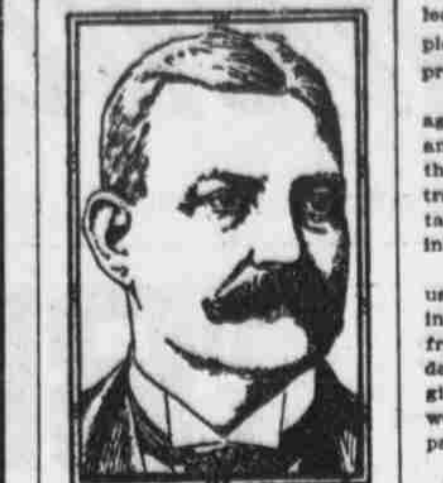
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On August 11 there will begin on the courts of the Omaha Field club probably the biggest tennis tournament ever held in Nebraska. More than 100 players will be entered since the plans for the affair indicate that it will outrival by long odds anything of the kind west of Chicago. A competent committee of six men is handling the preliminary arrangements, which are already covered by a distinct committee, made up of this Frank M. Blush, manager for R. G. Druin, Omaha, is chairman and he has plunged into the work with a vim that has won the hearts of his new friends at the Field club, of which he has been a prominent athletic member since coming here from Lincoln a year ago.

"There are several unusual features of this tournament," said Mr. Blush in discussing it, "that should be especially noted. If anyone wonders how we dare expect to give the biggest tennis tournament west of Chicago these facts will answer him and explain our grounds for anticipating a grand success. In the first place the prizes will simply outclass any that have ever been offered in this portion of the west. Three hundred dollars will be offered in prizes, and also a cup costing \$25. Winners in the doubles will be given challenge cups, costing \$5, which will be won twice in succession become the personal property of the players. In addition to that the winner in singles will be given two more cups, costing \$25 each. The second prize will be silver trophies costing \$15 each.

Handsome Consolation Prizes. To make the competition still broader we have determined to offer handsome consolation prizes in both singles and doubles. For these consolation events only those players who were defeated in the first round of the tournaments will be qualified to enter. It is expected that this feature will be a strong card, as many players who feel themselves outclassed by some of the entries will be willing to play and win a consolation prize. The consolation events will especially to many local players, young or inexperienced perhaps, who would not care to enter in flat competition with stars from abroad or from home.

Recommendations for Players. We want tennis men all over the country to know that the conditions for the game here are very different from those of five and ten years ago. We are no longer playing on cramped courts three or four in number, in the heart of the city behind high board fences. Now, we are in the country, practically, have room galore and six grand clay courts. Instead of a shanty in which to change your shoes we have a \$12,000 club house, with all the latest facilities for the convenience and comfort of athletic men. Bowling alleys, dancing pavilion and an eighteen-hole golf course are among the attractions.

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Even with the unsatisfactory conditions that existed at the time of the tournaments of '95 and '96 the easterners came here all right and isn't it reasonable to suppose that now that the conditions are so quick and in greatly increased numbers our tournament comes at a good time to catch the players on the circuit. Just before our affair come the tournaments at Chicago and Minneapolis, and it is reasonable to expect the leading men from these two cities, as well as from St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, Lawrence, Atchison, Des Moines, Denver and other towns.

Committees in Charge. We have gone at this tournament in a businesslike way. There is a general tournament committee, comprising G. C. McIntyre, F. H. Hill, H. Dooley, E. J. Neville, C. H. Young and myself. This body has general supervision of the affair. Then each separate phase of the tournament is covered by a distinct committee, made up of different members of the tournament committee, as follows: "Advertising, F. J. Hill, C. H. Young, H. Dooley; prizes, G. C. McIntyre, F. J. Hill, C. H. Young; entertainment, H. Dooley, G. C. McIntyre, S. S. Caldwell; grounds, C. H. Young; substitution, Young, Blush, Dooley, Neville, Hill, McIntyre.

"Our tournament will be held under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis association and will be played under its rules. All matches will be best two out of three advantage sets except the finale, which will be best three in five. Entrance fee in the singles will be \$2 in all the doubles, \$3 a play. All entries must be made by 10 o'clock in the evening of Saturday, August 9. Play will begin the following Monday at 9:30 a. m. and will continue each day thereafter at 9:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Any contestant not present when his name is called will be defaulted. "John Wilcox Batten has been selected as official referee of all contests. The regulation ball adopted by the National Lawn Tennis association will be used, the club furnishing the balls. Privileges of the Omaha Field club will be extended all contestants. Letters of inquiry and entries should be addressed to F. M. Blush, First National bank building, Omaha."

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