

SPORTING GOSSIP OF WEEK

University of Nebraska Affairs Take on Unusual Interest.

BOOTH'S LEAVING STARTS THE POLITICIANS

New Coach Must Be a Man Who Can Put a Winning Team on Field for Next Fall.

Howling has again struck its natural and healthy note after the excitement of last week, occasioned by the visit of the Gunthers of Chicago. The regular work seemed a little tame after the close matches played with the champions, but the visit has done an immense amount of good, as it has shown the boys what can be done by a little practice. Of course, some of the players are not from the best of this country or any other country can produce, and still they had to fight for their laurels against the teams which had been picked and against men not used to playing together. Wood of the Gunthers is one of the best individual players in the country and his small undecorated back was in evidence throughout the contests. As seen from the table printed herewith, practically the whole number of the champions lay in the number of strikes they made. The first ball seldom went wrong, and while it did not always hit the strike spot, it was always near enough to leave a better chance for a spare. Omaha had to wait for twenty-four more spare chances, and at that made but three more errors than did the Gunthers. The Gunthers made twenty-six more strikes and were extremely lucky in bunching them. Three of the Gunthers and two of the Omaha men rolled errorless games. P. Stolke, ordinarily a crack player, made as many errors in three series as the three top error men of Omaha combined. It is always a good thing for any game to give the players a chance to see the best there is and undoubtedly the game received a good boost by the visit of the Gunthers to this city.

OMAHA NO. 2

Table with columns: Sika, Sps., Er's, P.C. for players like Cochran, Frush, Foreman, Anderson, etc.

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GUNTHERS

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Gunthers totals

Omaha totals

Nebraska has accepted the advances made by Kansas for a renewal of athletic relations with that institution after a break of two years. This break was occasioned by a protest made by the Jayhawkers over the slighting of Bender in the crack baseball. The thing that made Kansas more than any other is that Bender won the foot ball game which was played against Kansas just after the protest was filed, by a seventy-yard run. Kansas has now signified its willingness to let bygones go and to again resume the relations which had existed for some time prior to the break. Under the terms of the compact the Jayhawkers will send a basketball team to Lincoln this winter and in the fall will send the foot ball team to Lincoln for a game. An effort was also made by Kansas to include in the agreement, but this did not meet with much favor from Nebraska unless Missouri would agree to play the foot ball game between the two colleges at Lincoln. Missouri has taken such a back seat of late that sufficient crowds could not be drawn at Columbia to warrant the expense of the Cornhuskers going there for a game.

Whatever may be the ultimate outcome of the meetings of the rules committees, it is certain that many lengthy discussions will be held before any final decision is reached. The old rules committee is thought to be in favor of leaving the game practically as it is, while many of the new members, acting on the advice and instructions from the colleges which they represent, are in favor of radical changes. These differences of opinion will cause many arguments before a final settlement is reached. Much has been written about the proposed changes, and all we westerners can do now is to wait and see what the rules committee shall act. Players do not say the game is too rough and spectators do not make the same claim, and it is hard to show the 40,000 who turned out to see the Yale-Harvard game where it is to be improved. Still the advocates of the more open game undoubtedly have their way and some changes will be made. The open game of Chicago won from the heavier Michigan team and this is the strongest argument in favor of the game.

Some of the basketball teams in the City league race have been a trifle slow in organizing and interest both in and out of the City league has not been as keen up to date as it should have been. As a consequence of these delays in organizing teams some of the games scheduled have not been played, and the season, which the schedule may be caught up and, once going, games will be played as arranged. The games played thus far, the High school beat Boyles, 47 to 17; the Bennetts beat Thurston Rifles, 25 to 17, and the High school team beat the Thurston Rifles, 25 to 20. The Omaha Commercial college was one of the teams delaying the game, but that team was organized Wednesday night. H. B. Boyles, proprietor of Boyles college, has reorganized his team and will take the management upon himself in the hope of improving the standard of the team. As a consequence of this change the game scheduled last week for this team was postponed and the game with the Bennett team will be played later. The lineup of the teams is not all complete, but those which have been handed in are: Bennetts, Gray, Griffith, Hanson, Swain and Dunham, Thurstone, Nordwell, Williams, Churchill, Dunham and Baur; Crescent, W. Frankfort, H. Frankfort, Wilson, Pjerson and Wessex; High school, Clark, Hall, Webster, Neavies, Burnett and Thomas.

The New York Nationals have signed a new catcher, M. W. Fitzgerald is his name and he played last year in an independent league at Sharon, Pa. He weighs 185 pounds and is said to be a good thrower and likely hitter. None of the members of last year's team has signed so far, none having been asked to do so as yet. Word has been received from Mathewson, who is wintering at his home in Lewisburg, Pa., that he has removed the plaster cast from his left wrist, which he hurt last summer, and that the wrist is as strong as ever. Secretary Charles Roy, of New York is trying to arrange an exhibition with Prince. A Central league between him and a lot of drunken sailors when they come to the plate.

The Cincinnati Base ball club will not have the services of the Indian pitcher, Charles Roy, for next season. A telegram has been received from Major Mercer of Carlisle as follows: "Charles Roy is now

away on leave at the White Earth reservation, in Minnesota. He returns here to school March 1. He informed me that he does not intend pitching professional ball for at least two years." Neither will the club get Flaherty, the Pittsburgh pitcher. President Herrmann has waived claim, despite the fact that he tried to secure him last summer. Flaherty will probably be transferred to a minor league.

George C. Edwards, Harry Real Torrey and A. W. Whitney, the three professors on the athletic committee of the University of California, have issued a statement setting forth their reasons for desiring a change in foot ball conditions on the Pacific coast. This report, which is preliminary to any action that the committee from Stanford and California may take toward the remodeling of the game, will be printed in the University Chronicle in a few days. Meanwhile the report has been issued in advance form for publication in the daily papers. Among other things the professors say:

A Slugging, kneeling, neck twisting, putting a good man out of the contest by vicious attacks, evading when attacks are made, nothing to the success of the play then in progress, cannot be too severely censured and punished. Such a course is not only removal from the contest, but disqualification for the season or permanently from foot ball. The game has become a vocation, followed a short period each season by players and bleachers. The large sums made each year have made large expenses possible, which the players are not entitled upon the ground that it has become a money maker, requiring an administrative staff. The management naturally looks to the spectators, who must be built and they must be filled. It must, therefore, insist upon the quality of the game, regardless of the number of men engaged, or its claims merely as an amateur sport. Business precedences are not to be considered. We are forced to the admission that foot ball, fifteen years ago free air, is now bought and sold for a price.

Your committee does not believe in the employment of foreign coaches. The college occupies the position of hiring an aide to win the game, a thing which is decidedly un-American. Some of the modifications which we would suggest are: (1) The game should be played in its original form, and if more modifications are to be made, would be: Require that at least seven minutes be allowed for the change of line of scrimmage. Diminish the time of each half to thirty minutes. Establish fifteen minutes as the maximum time for time to be taken out for the benefit of each team. Return to the old bar cleats

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