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Omaha Western League Players on Deck and Busy with Practice for Opening Game of Season

ROURKE FAMILY HARD AT WORK

Nearly All the Members of the Tribe Now on Hand and Following the Captain's Lead.

KING COMES HOME TO PLAY

He and Rice the Last to Report and Fisher on Way.

PA PLAYS GAME FOR CHARITY

Picked Team Will Trounce Regulars at Benefit Game.

NORTH PLATTE WANTS A DATE

Exhibition Season Starts Wednesday with Two Games with Joe Cantillon's Washingtons and Others Follow Fast.

The first opportunity of the Omaha fans to see the new colts in action will be Wednesday afternoon when Joe Cantillon comes to town with the Washington American league team for two games with Pa's Colts. Cantillon thinks he has a team of winners this year although but few changes have been made in his lineup, which contains many former Western league favorites. Hughes and Johnson are both scheduled to pitch in Omaha and these two alone would draw a crowd. All Omaha fans watched with interest the fast climb made by Johnson, the wonder from the west, who went east with such a magnificent record of games won and who was looked upon to explode. He refused. Tommy Hughes was in Omaha in 1902. Then there is Skipper Bill Schipke, who won the title of "Slugger" Bill by the magnificent finish he made in Omaha three years ago. McBride and others are also well known to Omaha fans.

Pa has had two disappointments at first base. In the first place he expected Autry to come back, because of the remarkable record made by Hobby at Cincinnati last fall. Then he placed his reliance on Eberlin, but that coming star has decided to remain in school until June, before reporting. Graham was then decided upon by Pa, but along comes Buck Frank and insists that Graham is entirely too speedy a player to be put on first and now they are in earch of another first baseman. Should a new guardian for the initial sack be found it may mean that King will fight for an outfield position and that Graham will play second, or it may mean that Captain Buck intends to insist on Graham taking it easy until certain his knee is well. Time will have to tell what the lineup of Pa's Colts will be when the first league game is played a month hence.

These players will be on hand ready to suit up Wednesday:

Omaha.	Position.	Washington.
Graham	First	Freeman
Clair		
King	Second	Unglaub
Smith		
Franck	Short	McBride
Pendry	Third	Shinke
		Conroy
Fisher	Left	Ganley
Wolter	Center	Milan
Belden	Right	Clymer
Summa		
Vanslander		
Gonding	Catch	Street
La Brand	Catch	Blankenship
Chapman		
Sanders	Pitch	Johnson
Lower	Pitch	Hughes
Jahns	Pitch	Burns
Ritzman	Pitch	Witherup
Hollenbeck	Pitch	Gray
Hansen	Pitch	Brown
Rice	Pitch	Broadford

March 31 and April 1, games called 3:30 p. m.

Nearly All Are Here.

King arrived Saturday afternoon ready for action and Fisher was expected later in the day. King says he is in fine shape and don't care whether they put him on second or first, or any other old place, just so they get busy soon, as he has had a long enough rest.

Captain Franck has prevailed upon Pa Rourke to send to California for a big first baseman named Bath. The captain says he has never seen him work, but he heard so much about him that he wanted to give him a chance with the Omaha team. Bath hails from Holtville, Cal., hits left-handed and has the reputation of lining them out hard. When Captain Franck arrived in Omaha and found the first base position up in the air he immediately got Pa to send transportation for Bath to have him join the squad at once.

Rice, the college pitcher, who was tried out by Cincinnati last year, also arrived Saturday afternoon. He is a big fellow and looks to the bunch as though he might be possessed with plenty of goods.

All the players have been working hard since Thursday, the last two days under the direction of Captain Franck, and before that under Gonding. The work so far has consisted of running and batting, as the diamond is not ready for use.

A new practice game has been scheduled for April 8 between the Rourke family and a picked team for the benefit of the Child Saving Institute fund. The directors of this institution are making an effort to raise $75,000, about half of which is now raised. North Platte also wants the Rourkes to stop there for a game on the road for the opening at Denver. One game enroute is already scheduled for Grand Island.

LAST LAP OF ENDURANCE TEST

Member of Signal Corps Just Finishing 1,800 Mile Walk.

MOLINE, Ala., March 27.—On the last lap of a 1,800 mile walk, an endurance test under the direction of the United States army, T. R. Deckrow, a member of Company A, Signal corps, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Sheridan, and one of five who started from Sault Saint Marie, Mich., dragged himself into Mobile last night. Deckrow and four other members of the corps left Sault Saint Marie for Gulfport, Miss., a distance of 1,800 miles, to be covered in ninety days. "I have worn out eight pairs of army shoes since I began the test," said Deckrow, displaying a pair of easy walkers. "I am dead tired and it was all I could do to reach this city."

Deckrow left for Gulfport today.

Deckrow left Sault Saint Marie on January 1, and has five days in which to walk the 178 miles to Gulfport.

BELLEVUE MEN GET OUT DOORS

Base Ball and Track Team Candidates Are Numerous.

Indoor base ball work is now a thing of the past at Bellevue. Spring practice has now started on the diamond, the men working a couple of hours each afternoon when the weather permits. While the squad is somewhat short in the matter of old men here, there are many newcomers of experience and promise. Altogether some twenty-five or thirty men are at work under Captain Cassidy, two or three for every position.

Cassidy has played two years here as shoristop, doing splendid individual playing as well as good team work, and should prove an efficient captain.

The pitching staff is good. It surpasses the usual staff and should go a long way toward winning a pennant this spring.

The schedule, as arranged by Manager Jones, is as follows:

April 10—Bellevue against School for the Deaf, at Bellevue.
April 16—Bellevue against Tabor, at Tabor.
April 17—Bellevue against Amity, at Amity.
April 22—Bellevue against Creighton, at Bellevue.
April 24—Bellevue against Omaha Western League, at Omaha.
April 29—Bellevue against Fort Crook, at Fort Crook.
May 1—Bellevue against Cotner, at Bellevue.
May 8—Bellevue against Wesleyan, at Bellevue.
May 10—Bellevue against Peru, at Bellevue.
May 11—Bellevue against Doane, at Crete.
May 12—Bellevue against Cotner, at Cotner.
May 13—Bellevue against Wesleyan, at Wesleyan.
May 14—Bellevue against Peru, at Peru.
May 15—Bellevue against Nebraska City, at Nebraska City.
May 21—Bellevue against School for the Deaf, at Omaha.
May 22—Bellevue against Doane, at Bellevue.
May 29—Bellevue against Creighton, at Vinton Street park.
June 5—Bellevue against Tabor, at Bellevue.

Indications are that the season will be successful for the squad contains more promising individuals than ever before. There are men of special abilities and all-around men, who can enter several events, and there is no question but that the material is at hand for a winning team if rightly handled. Moreover, definite recognition is being given the track men, as has not been the case before.

There are but two events for which no really promising material has already appeared. These are the hurdles and the broad jump. Men will possibly develop who can compete in these events, but have not done so yet. In the high jump several men are being tried. These are Primrose, Enfield, Brandet and others. No one has been tried out for the hurdles as yet, but Churchill and Sinsel have been spoken of as possible competitors. In the weight events there are a score of good men—Barry, Primrose, Enfield, Curtis, Rice, Bonderson and others. In the state meet last spring Primrose won the discus throw and he is back in the field this year with even better form, and certainly more strength. Curtis is a close second to Primrose. In the shot put Curtis is leading Bellevue competitors. As yet Enfield has practiced little and his strength in the shot put is not definitely known. Besides these two, Rice and Bonderson should do well. Barry is the only one who has made an especially good showing in the hammer throw and will probably represent Bellevue in that event. In the high jump Sinsel and Jenks are thus far leading, with Sinsel a little ahead. Enfield, however, who has only lately come out, may win from them both. In the sprints Racely probably has the honors. Mohr has been a close competitor always, but is not now working much for the track, being interested in base ball. Racely now has the ribbons for second place in both the 100 and 200-yard dashes in last year's state meet. Primrose is a good 440 and 880-yard man. Ohman will perhaps go in for the mile. If he does he will probably win out. In the pole vault Captain Templin is proficient, as are also Sinsel and Brandt. It is likely that Brandt will be worth more to the team, however, in the runs and broad jump and may give his attention to them.

May 7 the team will meet Doane college at Crete. May 29 it will compete in the state meet at Wesleyan.

WATER BASKET BALL NEW SPORT

Western Swimming Circles Have Taken Up the Aquatic Game.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Water basket ball, a new form of aquatic sport, is meeting with considerable popularity in western swimming circles. The game is the invention of Walter Sullivan, the former champion underwater swimmer and now instructor at the Illinois Athletic club. It resembles basket ball in many ways. At each end of the playing area, size of which is optional, is suspended five feet above the water line an eighteen-inch basket and points are scored by throwing a tightly inflated rubber ball, thirty inches in circumference, inside them. A goal made from the field counts two and one from a free trial. Five men constitute a team and the game is divided into two halves of eight minutes each, with five minutes' intermission between halves.

The teams are lined up as in basket ball, the guards near their own goal, the forwards beneath their opponents' and the centers in the middle of the pool, where the ball is put in play. Carrying the ball on or under the water is strictly forbidden, but it may be dribbled between the arms provided the hands do not touch it. To handle it the player must stop and then it can only be held with the hands, it being a fowl to help with any other part of the body. No tackling or ducking is allowed. One may block an opponent, but not lay hands on him. A foul of any kind is penalized by giving a free throw to the other side from the fifteen-foot line, but unnecessarily rough work may be penalized by suspension from the game for a given period, length to suit the gravity of the offence. The Illinois Athletic club swimmers intend to give exhibitions of the game during their coming eastern trip and hope to arouse sufficient interest to have the game adopted.

Peru Makes Great Record.

The Peru Normal basket ball team has gone through the season with a remarkable record, having lost but one game this season. The team was defeated by the semi-professional team from Dallas, Ore. Games have been won from the stiffest teams in this section of the state. Among those whom the normals have defeated are Shenandoah, Wesleyan, Cotner and others. By these wins the team claims the title of intercollegiate champions, having won the intercollegiate pennant. Several efforts have been made for a game with the University of Nebraska team, but without success.

Young Schoolmasters Who Are Also Athletes

Standing—Prof. Schever, Lee, Beck. Kneeling—Galliwick, Swanson, Stevens. Reclining—Wrightmous, Schott.
BASKET BALL TEAM OF PERU NORMAL SCHOOL.

RACING DATES ARE FIXED

American Henley to be Run On Schuykill River in May.

TWELVE EVENTS ON THE CARD

Only Amateurs in Good Standing Will be Permitted to Race and These May Not Double Up in Different Events.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—The seventh annual regatta of the American Rowing association (American Henley) will be held on the Schuykill river here on Saturday, May 22, the events being twelve in number, as follows:

First single sculls for the Farragut challenge cup.
Second single sculls.
First double sculls for the Schuylkill challenge cup.
First four sculls, centipedes.
First pair-oared shells.
First four-oared shells for the Puritan challenge cup.
Second four-oared shells.
First eight-oared shells for the Steward's challenge cup.
Second eight-oared shells.
Junior collegiate eight-oared shells for the New England challenge cup.
Interscholastic eight-oared shells for the Franklin challenge cup.
Second eight-sculls, octopedes.

All races are one mile 550 yards straight away.

The "first" races are open to amateurs in good standing; all "second" races are open to amateurs in good standing, but no crew entering a "second" race shall contain members (a) more than one half of whom are also entered for the same regatta, or (b) more than one-half of whom have rowed in a crew winning the same race, or the corresponding "first" race at any previous regatta of this association. (Under this rule a sculler may not enter in both the single scull races at the same regatta. Any individual may row in a second race irrespective of his "senior," "intermediate" or "junior" rating in other rowing organizations. If his crew wins in a second race of this association, he would probably be considered a "senior" oarsman, or sculler, in other regattas. Otherwise his rating is not affected.

The interscholastic eight-oared shell race is open to amateur crews in good standing, all of whose members are bona fide members of preparatory schools or schools of equivalent grade and all of whom are under the age of 21 years. The junior college eight-oared shell race is open to crews from colleges or universities, none of whose members has rowed in a four-mile intercollegiate eight-oared race and none of whose members has a seat in a varsity eight at the date of this regatta.

Entries will be accepted only from those who take part in sport for pleasure or recreation, and who shall not have directly or indirectly received any money benefit from engaging in or by reason of connection with sports or athletic exercises. Any entry may be refused or returned up to the time of starting a race for any cause deemed sufficient by the managing stewards without the assignment of a reason therefor.

THOUSAND-DOLLAR BOWLING BET

Side Bet Throws Interest Into the Feature Bowling Event.

NEW YORK, March 27.—One of the special features of the National Bowling tournament which will be held in Madison Square Garden from May 24 to June 12 will be a match between Jimmy Smith, champion of Greater New York, and Dave Woodbury, the Chicago title holder, for $1,000 a side. Articles of agreement were signed by President Cordes while the latter was on his trip west, from which he has just returned. The match will consist of best eight out of fifteen games, the alleys in the garden being brand new and giving neither contestant any advantage over the other.

Trinity of Cyclones.

Autry, Austin and Ragan all are certainly setting a rapid pace in their respective big league berths thus far. If they keep up their present licks there won't be any question of their permanency. Ragan has been surprising even his Omaha friends by his work in the training quarters of the Reds.

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GENEVA FIVE DOES GREAT WORK

Basketballers Lose But One Game Out of Thirteen.

The Geneva basket ball team has made a record this season of which any team might well be proud, losing but one game out of thirteen, as follows:

Geneva	40	39	Wilber
Geneva	43	18	Shickley
Geneva	41	18	Beaver Crossing
Geneva	36	17	Shickley
Geneva	29	28	Crete
Geneva	22	27	Friend
Geneva	32	23	Crete
Geneva	42	20	Beaver Crossing
Geneva	48	18	Fairmont
Geneva	46	16	Fairmont
Geneva	55	2	Friend
Geneva	39	7	Aurora
Geneva	34	31	Wilber

Geneva challenged both Omaha and Lincoln, but could not get a game with either. A state challenge was then issued and Wilbur was the only team to accept. The game was played on neutral ground at Crete last week and Geneva won, 34 to 31. The players on the Geneva team are: Baroch, captain; Curtiss, Hill, Roscoe, Earl and Fellows.

MOTOR CAR ACCOMPANIES WESTON

Regal Joins the Walker at Utica for Trip to the Coast.

A Regal car has made the run from Detroit to Utica to accompany Edward Payson Weston on his journey across the continent. In this and in his former walk the automobile played an important part in assisting Mr. Weston, lighting the way at night with powerful searchlights, making it possible for him to maintain his fast schedule of four miles an hour over unknown and at this time of the year, rough and muddy roads. He is also supplied with hot coffee and tea by an ingenious heating arrangement which is attached to the exhaust pipe of the motor and an accurate record of his speed and the distance covered is always at hand by refering to the speedometer with which the car is equipped.

ANOTHER TIRE REPRESENTED

Continental Will Be Sold Hereafter by Louk.

C. F. Louk has taken the agency in Omaha for the Continental tire. At present the Goodyear, handled by the Powell Supply company; the Firestone, handled by the Central Tire and Rubber company, are the only tires represented here.

The Diamond people of Akron have made some effort to establish an agency in Omaha, since the Karbach company gave up the agency, but so far they have not settled upon a representative.

The Goodrich, the Hartford, the Morgan & Wright tires are all sold here, but one store who has permanent active agencies are doing the business.

Have you the automobile fever? Somewise ones who feel the disease coming on them watch for a bargain in a car that has been used.

Under the "Automobile" heading on the want ad page you will find attractive offers of cars of all kinds. Take an afternoon off and see what these machines are.

Among them are a number of "snaps"—probably just what you want. Of course, if saving a few hundred means nothing to you, don't bother about it. If you want to save money, however, investigate these machines. A used machine is a pretty good scheme for your first auto. Have you read the want ads—yet—today?

BOWLING FINISH IN SIGHT

Hot Fight in Commercial League Keeps the Interest Going.

BIRMINGHAM RANGERS LEAD

Winners at the Pittsburg Tournament Have Received Their Pay Checks and Keep Them for Souvenirs.

As the teams round into the stretch of the Commercial league race, things look good for the Birmingham Range company. They now have a nice lead over the Brodegaards, but a loss of two out of three games the coming week will put them back to a tie, and then a post-season series will have to be rolled to decide the pennant winners.

The Brodegaards certainly finished the season with a vigor seldom seen. Two records were broken, team total of 2,592, and single game of 1,142, besides Captain Voss had to outdo all others, and incidentally rolled an average of 190 and two-fifth pins per man for the three games. The team rolled an average of 196 and one-half pins per game per man.

Friday night's game between the Moloneys and the Union Pacifics wound up the Association league race with the Moloney boys taking everything in sight excepting the three high games which the Dresher team captured in the last series. The Moloneys tried mighty hard for it in their last game and only missed by nine pins. An unfortunate error by Jim Lyons in the last frame caused their downfall. The Three-Man league has developed some very good bowling material and by next season they will be fast enough for any league. Monday night the new Mid-Summer league will be started with the following teams: Cudahys, Rudiner, captain; Peoples Store, Bengale, captain; Omaha Nationals, Eidson, captain; Signal Corps, Strider, captain; West Sides, Yonsen, captain; Paxton & Vierling, Mitchell, captain; Union Pacifics, Coleman, captain and Merchants National, Templin, captain.

All players who got in on the money in the tournament held at Pittsburg have received their checks, while not as large as they would like to have them, they all seem to be proud of them. These got in on the money in the doubles: Neale and Hand, Huntington and Fritscher; in singles, G. O. Francisco and Dad Huntington.

Commercial League.

Name.	G.	W.	L.	P.C.	Pins.
Birmingham Range Co.	78	56	22	.718	69,653
Brodegaard Crowns	81	67	24	.704	71,241
Omaha Bicycle Co.	78	50	28	.641	68,672
Luxus	78	46	32	.590	67,711
Chabot Shoe Co.	78	42	36	.538	66,901
Postoffice	78	34	44	.436	65,398
Dreibus Candy Co.	78	30	46	.400	62,563
Cole-CeKenna Co.	78	28	50	.359	63,620
Kelley & Heyden	78	23	55	.295	64,273
Hussie Acorns	72	21	51	.292	56,690

Individual averages:

Names.	Games.	Av.	Names.	Games.	Av.
Walenz	15	188	F. Nielsen	66	173
Zarp	78	184	Penner	4	173
Hull	75	185	Grotte	72	171
Seaman	27	184	Bryan	73	171
Boord	66	183	Brunke	48	170
Carman	81	182	Baehr	69	170
Drinkwater	78	182	Petersen	50	169
Keyt	75	181	Bengele	63	168
Martin	75	181	Palmer	24	168
A. Johnson	9	181	Krug	47	168
Balzer	39	181	Gernandt	45	167
Camp	73	177	Hough	45	165
Fagerberg	78	177	Wiley	57	164
Godenschwager	21	177	Weymueller	46	163
Ehomas	63	177	Sifford	13	163
C. Primeau	77	176	Scott	42	163
Shultz	75	176	McKee	39	162
Cain	58	176	R. Patterson	57	161
Stapenhorst	78	176	Gustovesen	63	161
Voss	81	176	Vaughn	66	161
Foley	72	175	W. Nelson	54	161
Sutton	73	175	Collins	54	160
Hinrichs	63	175	Bowers	21	160
Solomon	66	175	Coffey	60	160
Jennings	73	174	Traynor	78	158
Kains	51	174	E. Johnson	71	156
Nelson	66	174	Lahees	15	155
Bozelin	67	174	Lough	48	155
H. Primeau	54	174	J. Nelson	42	147

Omaha League.

Name.	G.	W.	L.	P.C.	Pins.
Metz Bros.	72	56	16	.778	63,480
Triumphs	69	47	22	.681	60,909
Chancellors	69	38	31	.551	60,076
Falstaffs	75	40	35	.533	64,334
Jetters	75	34	41	.453	62,190
Onimods	66	28	38	.424	56,963
Gate City	69	23	46	.333	58,424
Sampecks	69	16	53	.232	56,475

Individual averages:

Names.	Games.	Av.	Names.	Games.	Av.
Neale	62	191	West	66	173
Blakeney	54	187	Tracy	60	173
Berger	75	186	Walenz	18	172
Hand	12	186	Sprague	18	172
C. J. Francisco	66	181	Lehmann	18	172
Cochran	54	181	W. G. Goff	63	171
Gierde	69	180	Gressleaf	66	171
Denman	63	180	Rudiger	9	170
G. O. Francisco	57	180	Forsythe	34	168
Scott	63	179	Orrell	48	168
Coughlin	60	179	Ohmsorg	41	167
Fritscher	67	179	Chandler	66	167

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SPRING FOOT BALL AT IOWA CITY

Squad Will Report for Practice Three Times a Week.

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 27.—(Special.)—Spring foot ball will start at the University of Iowa as soon as the grounds become dry enough next week to allow the squad to begin operations on Iowa field. Coach John G. Griffith is planning to have the men report three times a week and, perhaps, on every day.

Forward passing, punting and practice in starting the backs will be the program at first. The foot ball players are enthusiastic over the plans, and are arranging their studies and other athletic work so as to report regularly when the practice is started.

Last week's weather aided in getting Iowa field in shape for the athletic teams. The weight men started in early in the week to work outside, and on Thursday Coach "Chick" Kirk took his base ball squad out on the diamond for the initial workout outside this year.

The indoor track meet yesterday between the freshmen and varsity attracted much interest among the students and one of the largest crowds that ever filled the armory attended.

The report made to the Board in Control of Athletics at its meeting this week showed that the basket ball season lost exactly $30.

AUTOS PREPARE FOR RACE EAST

Eight-Hour Race Booked for Maryland and Pennsylvania.

BALTIMORE, March 27.—The Automobile club of Maryland is contemplating a one-day road run through this state and Pennsylvania. It is the intention of the committee in charge to hold the event some time in May and a tentative route has already been announced. According to the present plan the contestants will leave Baltimore early in the morning. From there they will go to Ridgeville and thence to Frederick, a forty-eight-mile run over very ordinary roads. The cars will then pass through Lewistown, Catoctin, Thurmont, Emmetsburg and Gettysburg, the latter named place being eighty-one miles from the Monumental City. The roads are good as far as Emmitsburg, but the going to Gettysburg is decidedly rough. The return to Baltimore will be made by way of Littlestown, Westminster and thence along the valley road, making in all a route of about 115 miles.

The time allowed will probably be between seven and eight hours. An interesting feature will be included in the run, a hill climb being held at one place on the route.

KETCHEL TO MEET JOHNSON

New Aspirant Has Entered the Championship Field.

NEW YORK, March 27.—With everybody conceding that Stanley Ketchel could give Jack Johnson a very strong argument for the title, the Jeffries stock seems to have taken a sudden slump. Before the Montana battering ram figured prominently as a possible conqueror of the black champion, Jeff had the field all to himself. He was looked upon as the only white man with the power to bring the title back to the Caucasian race. On the strength of this he signed his present juicy vaudeville contract. Partly through his excellent showing and training and partly through the energetic boosting done by Willus Britt, Ketchel has grabbed part of the limelight originally focused upon Jeff. The followers of the fighting game have a native desire for action. An unnecessary amount of stalling gets on their nerves. They are also unfortunately fickle. Their sympathies always go to the man who is trying to give them a run. So if Jeff expects to make a success of the remaining weeks of his theatrical engagement, he will do well to declare himself.

OMAHANS TURN DOWN OUTLAWS

Local Men Deserve Credit for Rejecting the Tempter.

Those Omaha players who resisted the temptation of the outlaw league deserve the commendation, not only of President Rourke, but of every lover and follower of organized base ball. From a monetary standpoint the offers were tempting, but the men to whom they were made could look far enough into the future to determine for themselves that no temporary financial gain was to be weighed against the advantages offered them by standing by organized ball. The outlaw is an expedient at best. He has no standing and he has no future as compared with that of the player in one of the National association leagues. Young players with as great promise as those of Omaha before whom these luring bates were set are wise indeed to stick to the old guard, but, nevertheless, the fact remains that these men deserve credit for having the courage to say "No" under such circumstances, and their example should be followed by others. At least Welch and King have been so tempted and have turned their backs upon the temptors.

THREE POINTS FOR FIELD GOAL

Foot Ball Rules Committee Reduces Importance of Kicker.

NEW YORK, March 27.—An important change in the foot ball rules was made by the intercollegiate foot ball rules committee, which completed its session at the Murray hotel today, in the reduction of points for a goal rom the field from four to three.

The object of this change, it is said, was to prevent two goals from the field counting more than a hard-won touchdown and goal. Commenting on this change, members of the committee said it would reduce the importance on teams of star field goal kickers and make it harder for a mediocre team with a good kicker to beat a better allround team without a star kicker.

Another change of importance was designed to prevent confusion in inflicting penalties, when two penalties had been incurred by one team for the same play, by giving the offended team the option of saying which penalty should be imposed.

DuBois Defeats Richards.

COZAD, Neb., March 27.—(Special.)—In a wrestling match here last night between Du Bois of Denver and Rickards of Schuyler, Neb., Du Bois proved to be the best man by winning two falls out of three. Rickards is by far the larger and stronger man of the two and played a pretty rough game, but the cleverness of Du Bois was too much for him. The next match in Cozad will be Tuesday night, between Westerfall of Schuyler and Bain of Cozad.

FOX'S PUPILS ARE WEAK SLUGGERS

Practice Game with Wesleyan Shows Up Many Poor Spots in Cornhusker Team.

LACK OF BATTING ABILITY SHOWN

Methodist Pitcher Has Sport with State School Artists.

SOUTHERN TRIP NEAR AT HAND

Coach Will Rub Off Rough Edges Before Start.

OMAHA OR NOTHING FOR AGGIES

Manager Eager Will Leave Iowa School Off Schedule Unless It Consents to Metropolis Game.

LINCOLN, March 27.—(Special.)—The first week of outdoor practice at the state university brought a great improvement in the playing form of Coach "Billy" Fox's base ball youngsters. During this period only one day produced weather that marred the workout and then the Cornhuskers laid off in order to give the elements full sway. On the whole, though, the conditions for the diamond play have been much better than were expected for this month and the collegians intend to make the most of them while they last.

Gradually during the last few days the Cornhuskers have been getting the stiffness and soreness out of their legs and arms until now they are in much better shape than they were at the same time last spring. As their muscles have yielded to the training on the diamond the university candidates have pushed into the work with an increased vigor and interest that gives promise of putting them into first-class winning form before they start on their southern trip into Kansas and Missouri.

This week witnessed the initial game of the spring, a meeting taking place with the Wesleyan Methodists at University Place. While the Cornhuskers bagged the contest, they had only a small edge on the suburbanities and were lucky to get away with the long end of the score. It was just the meeting the scarlet and cream representatives needed, for it afforded Coach Fox an opportunity of picking out the defects in his aggregation. There were some there, too, as had been expected, and "Billy" will try to remove them before the southern journey is begun.

Stick Work Is Bad.

The most apparent weakness in the play of the Cornhuskers was the work at the bat. About the only thing the bunch were able to hit with any certainty was the air or the catcher. This may have been due to the extraordinary twirling that was done by Farthing, who held down the slab job for the Methodists. He had plenty of speed and great control and retired thirteen of the eighteen Nebraska batters who faced him without giving them a chance to approach first sack. But even against Farthing the Cornhuskers should have pegged the ball more frequently. Some of them tried to hit balls that would not have puzzled a high school lad. They banged at anything that looked good when it was yet several feet in front of the plate. Practically all of the men who faced Farthing showed poor batting judgment.

Coach Fox chose to work out only a few of his pupils against the Methodists and used only ten players during the game. These were stationed as follows: Catcher, Carroll; first base, Sturtzenegger; second base, Greenslit; shortstop, Metcalfe; third base, Captain Beltzer; left field, Mattison; center field, "Pip" Cooke; right field, Clarke; pitchers, Mathers and Olmstead. This will not be the permanent personnel of the nine, although a majority of the men who appeared in this line-up will be on the regular varsity. The meeting with the Methodists, indeed, showed Coach Fox a few places where he probably would immediately have to flash the recall signal.

Mattison Slated for Bench.

Mattison, who cavorted in left garden on that day, is likely to be the first youngster to get the message of retirement unless he can show more goods than he had on his person Tuesday. He was shy of mental action in his section of the field when a neat fly went sailing his way and allowed it to drop several feet in his rear when a little better judgment would have permitted him to have bagged it. At the bat he put himself on record as a vaudeville artist and took his trio of strikes in each of the three times that he faced the pitcher.

At the initial bag Sturtzenegger made a disappointing showing and covered himself with a suspicion of doubt which he will have to remove before the fans will be convinced that he is the logical man for first. Coach Fox, however, believes Tuesday was an off day for Sturtzenegger and says the youngster will get into the running within a short time. The young sophomore recruit has the natural agility for a first-class player and ought to prove a redoubtable man for the first sack before the season is fairly advanced.

An abundance of catchers that placed Sturtzenegger at first also switched Greenslit to second base. He performed there in proved style and appeared to have the goods to make that station a permanent berth for him. His proclivity for slugging the ball also is a great point in favor of keeping him in the regular Cornhusker lineup. Though he did not punish the sphere to any great extent in the game with the Methodists, he is known to have a good batting eye and will get it to working before many days have rolled around.

Metcalfe Good for Job.

Youngster Metcalfe was allowed to parade along shortstop, eagerly waiting for a ball to come his way. None were routed to him, however, and he did not have an opportunity to show his real caliber in the infield. His work in practice at Antelope this week has marked him as a strong addition to the nine and with an even break of luck—both in his studies and in his stick work—he will probably get a contract for the season.

Captain Beltzer was on the third sack Thursday and covered himself with glory. He is playing classy ball and undoubtedly is one of the strongest college players in the Missouri valley this spring. He plays his position like a major leaguer and is agile enough to move in the best of western league company. His pegging needs a little