

MOBILES

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JUDGMENTS

RULES to regulate the giving of a base on balls purposely to a good batter, and such like interference with the strategy of the game, are not likely to bring forth and good results very expediting to the home team, and to the home fans as well, to see some get a little better supposedly walked at a time when a nice slam to the outfield means victory, but that is part of the game. The visiting pitcher has a right to use any honorable effort to win the game, and if he can succeed in getting four wide ones at a critical moment, with the object of bringing up a poor batter, it is within his province to do so, and he should not be molested. The rule that requires the catcher to stand in a certain prescribed territory to receive the ball is a guaranty that the ball will be pitched close enough to the plate to be hit, if the batter really wants to take a try at it, and doesn't insist that the ball come along "in the groove." Just how the game will be improved by circumscribing the pitcher in this regard is not apparent. Especially is this so at a time when spitting is losing its vogue and the batters seem to be gaining on the pitcher. If more hitting is wanted, the managers might take a leaf from the book of the present Pueblo team. Its members seem to care as little for a base on balls, but simply cut loose at everything sent along. And they connect often enough at that to make the average pitcher tired and to keep all the opposing fielders busy. Their position in the race is not due to lack of hitting ability, but rather to its misapplication, and to bonhead ball playing in other directions.

While not a great deal is being said about it, the magnates are not losing sight of the possible changes in the base ball map next year. It is practically conceded now that the American association will have a team on the North Side in Chicago, and the only uncertainty is as to the other changes that will be made. Some of the optimists cling to the view that St. Paul will be transferred to Chicago, and that this will end the transportation, but the hope is that the move will go much farther than that. The jealousies that exist in the National league are of a sort that seem to invite invasion, while the Han Johnstons are not any too well knit together for the purpose of repelling the uplanders who are framing up the deal. It is going to be worth while to watch, at any rate.

The younger crop of tennis players in Omaha is making its presence felt, and the games played give evidence that the local men are going to keep the game alive. Potter, Kohn and Martin are players of such promise as warrants the expectation that in days not very far away an Omaha name will be carved on a mid-west cup. Potter was well up in the tournament last year, and those who recall his match with Batherwick will remember that he made that veteran go to his best strokes in order to win. His work this season has been consistent and he will be heard from in the big event next month.

The Giants are going to miss Christy Mathewson a whole lot just now. His broken finger is about the first piece of luck the Cubs have encountered this season, for they will not have to face him on the Polo grounds, and this increases their chance for winning the series very much. And the Giants will have to start the western trip without him, which also means the loss of needed games. In the meantime Pittsburgh is simply sailing along, refusing to lose and neglecting to show any sign of losing. The Cubs have ample time to nose them out yet, but must do it by beating them the rest of the season.

The determination of the directors of the Kansas City Union Depot company to accept the city ordinance and go ahead with the new Union depot at a cost of \$20,000,000, may have had something to do with Cousin George Tebeau's determination not to sell his holdings there. He controls a large chunk of the land where the new depot will be planted.

Ebbetts of Brooklyn complains that umpire give his team the word of all decisions. This proves that Mr. Ebbetts is merely human, like the rest of us. Did you ever see a time when the home team didn't get the worst of it from the ump? Any old time the umpire satisfies the crowd he is going bad.

Jeff says he will post a forfeit and go into training to meet Jack. But Jeff is still rounding up the loose coin along the one-night stands, and this may be the reason for his statement. It's better than an even bet that Jeff and Jack will never face each other in a ring.

It's a gentleman's game," all right. But the fuss that is made each evening when it comes to fixing the day's scores reminds one of the finish of a heat at a country "house" trot. A close slant at the performers will put a different angle on the perfect score proposition.

Whatever may be said in the future about Paul Hines' triple play, it is no doubt will ever be cast on Neil Ball's stunt. Too many people saw that wonderful piece of work. It can only be done in one way and that was the way Ball pulled it off.

Potato bugs were destroying a York county farmer's crops. Along came an overflow, and let some carp into the potato patch. The carp ate the bugs; now, if somebody will only destroy the carp the work will be perfect.

Brother Joe has sent Nick Albrock along to Brother Mike. And right after Nick had beaten the White Sox. Ain't it awful sometimes?

Johnny's King's various ultimatum from Kansas City lead to the belief that the Kelly pool game isn't paying as big as it had.

Having got Lang's goat at last, let us hope Pa Bourke puts the darned thing in a good strong pen.

It's got to that point where navy leader in other league can pass up a game. Omaha is surely making good

EDMUNDSON BATTING LEADER

Pitcher Has Average of .500 on Strength of Two Games Only.

FOUR BOURKES IN UPPER CLASS

Fisher, Welch and King Hitting .500, with Hollenbeck and Schipke Near Coveted Plaque—Standings of Players to Date.

Omaha again has the leading hitter in the Western league as far as percentages go for Edmundson now has a batting average of .500, making the fourth Omaha man in the 30 class. Fisher, Welch and King are still batting among the select few. Hollenbeck has an average of .294 and Bill Schipke comes next with .285.

Omaha's clever right-hander Den-Edmundson, who beat Omaha Thursday, is the leading pitcher in the league as far as averages go, and Lang, beaten by Omaha Friday, is second. Lower, Sanders and Keeley have about the same record.

Spencer of Pueblo has stolen one more base than Red Fisher, while Pendry leads in sacrifice hits by a margin of six. Records of the league are as follows:

Batting Averages.	AB.	R.	H.	AV.
Edmundson, Omaha	106	26	62	.500
Miller, Pueblo	106	26	62	.500
Smith, Sioux City	106	26	62	.500
Mertens, Des Moines	106	26	62	.500
Edmundson, Sioux City	106	26	62	.500
Spencer, Pueblo	106	26	62	.500
Holmes, Sioux City	106	26	62	.500
Fisher, Omaha	106	26	62	.500
Jones, Denver	106	26	62	.500
Towne, Sioux City	106	26	62	.500
Clark, Pueblo	106	26	62	.500
Holmes, Sioux City	106	26	62	.500
King, Omaha	106	26	62	.500
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