

TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL

Effort to Be Made to Rival Webb's Performance.

WOLFFE PLANS SEVEN TRYS

Man Who Almost Succeeded in Crossing Several Years Ago Will Attempt the Trip Once More.

NEW YORK, June 4.—A most determined effort will be made to swim the English channel this season. It is nearly thirty-five years since Captain Webb paddled across, and though many attempts have been made, not one man has succeeded. Of those who have tried it the best attempt stands to the credit of Jappy Wolffe, who came within a quarter of a mile of the shore and had to be pulled out of the water, being so exhausted that he could not make another try.

Others who have tried are Ted Heaton, of Liverpool, and Dargoloube Vei Millichevitch, who won the long distance championship of Serbia. He is a powerful man of 28 years of age. In the way of preparation he swims for one hour every day in the Danube. Holben has started to take long spins, but Wolffe has begun in real earnest. He swims over a two-mile stretch near Brighton West Pier despite the fact that the water registers as low as 45 degrees.

Starts June 30. In all Wolffe has mapped out seven different dates which he intends to try. His first assault will be on June 30, when at the break of day he will start from the French shore and he expects to reach the English side by sunset. The other dates are July 14 and 20, August 13 and 20, and September 12 and 20. These are the dates, with suitable tide, though the opinion is that June is a trifle early for such a long season in the water, and it notable the first will be the earliest of any of the attempts in the channel. There is also a report that Miss Lily Smith, a woman professional, will try, and rumors are abroad from Burgess and Wiedeman of Dover.

For some time past the experts on this side of the water have picked out L. B. Goodwin of the New York Athletic club as the man most likely to duplicate Webb's feat. He has shown that he has no equal here at long distance work and he could swim rings around Wolffe, Holben or even Webb, were he here today. As to Goodwin's stamina there need be no doubts, and his friends point to his win in the race from the Battery to Coney Island last summer, when he covered the thirteen and a half miles in something like four and a half hours. He wasted nearly an hour of this waiting for a shift of tide which would help him through the Buttermilk channel and had finally to plow into the swirls there when the favoring current did not come.

Goodwin's Work. By that time the other competitors had almost drawn level with Goodwin, but when he got into his stroke he drew away again and won as he liked. It was noteworthy that on that occasion Goodwin swam the first mile well under twenty-seven minutes, with by no means a favorable tide, and that from start to finish he did not take a bite or drink of any kind in the way of refreshment. Goodwin thinks himself that he would succeed in swimming the channel and has said he may cross and try it this year, but he is away short in weight. He thinks that a man to engage in such a long swim should have plenty of weight and all the reserve power possible to offset the chilly water and withstand the long plunge. In the height of summer the English channel water is usually about 65 degrees temperature, while in America the water is about 75 degrees. Goodwin has an opinion that he would cross from Calais to Dover in twelve hours, or in one tide. He says next winter he will collect a lot of fat and will take a crack at the channel in 1911.

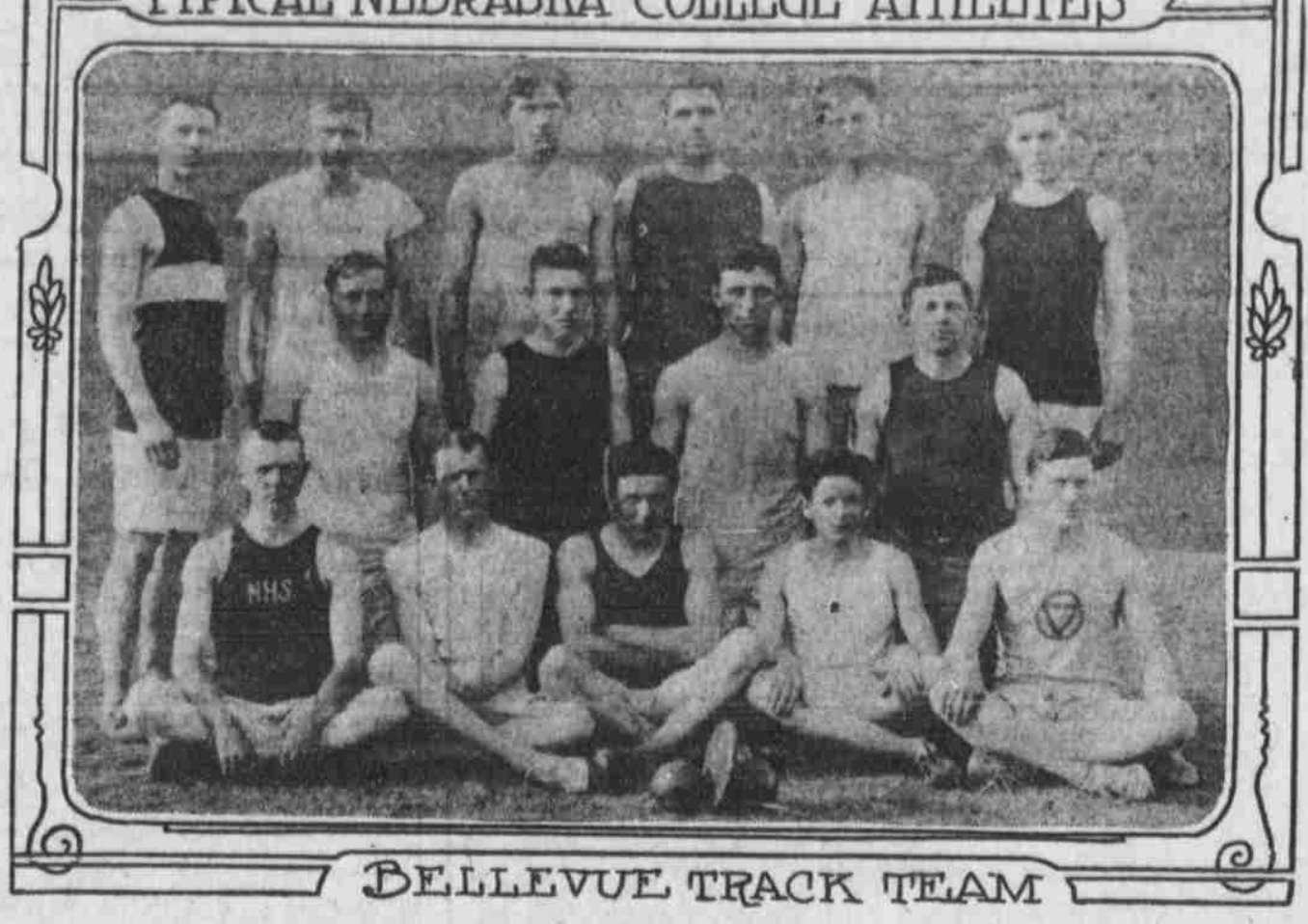
STUDENT RULES FOR BASE BALL

East Does Not Permit College Men to Play National Game. NEW YORK, June 4.—The pernicious approach of the summer base ball season is being heralded in the land by the various actions and rules which are being adopted by the various associations and colleges. The summer ball is legislated against in this section. Summer ball is approved and permitted in other institutions. Some colleges, like Penn. State, permit certain features of the subject and prohibit others. Summer ball is winked at, sneered at and surrendered to. Recently the Association of New England colleges for conference on athletics passed a resolution declaring that a purely amateur basis should be accepted in all college athletics and that "playing on summer base ball teams, as the term is ordinarily understood, is hostile to such a standard. The 'Williams Record' comments editorially on the action in part as follows: "It is of interest to notice that the Association of New England Colleges for Conference on Athletics is still divided, and to all appearances, firmly so, in regard to the inadvisability of summer base ball to the attainment of a purely amateur basis for college athletics. The recommendation of the association is hostile to such a standard. It provides that, while rules can be laid down, they will be different conditions. It is the aim of the separate colleges to work as rapidly as possible to eliminate summer base ball and secure a purely amateur rule. Reference to the communication columns of the Record during the year of 1908 will show that the sentiment of the faculty body and of a good part of the faculty was decidedly in favor of the playing of summer base ball by members of the varsity team. Whether the undergraduate body has remained as firm in its convictions of the justifiability of summer base ball as the association has in its antagonism of it is a question which we would answer, were we asked, in the affirmative.

TO FLY AROUND LONG ISLAND

Competitive Flights Being Arranged Near New York City. NEW YORK, June 4.—Almost similar to the flights across the English channel, Long Island will be the scene of a competition across the sound. A number of the devotees of the sport frequent Huntington Bay, and some of them have come together and raised a fund for the purchase of a gold cup, which will be presented to the first amateur aviator who successfully flies from Mineola to the Connecticut shore, a distance of about thirty miles. The aviator will be allowed to make one descent at Huntington Bay, but he must complete the flight in twelve hours. Clifford B. Harmon is the only amateur in the vicinity just now and he expects to win the cup. The recent work he has been doing is with this prospect in view. He may make the attempt about the middle of June. It is rumored that H. S. Harkness, a California millionaire, will bring a 10-horse-power monoplane from France, and that he may make an attempt to cross the sound while H. A. Coffey of Plainfield, N. J., is said to be flying with his Wright machine, and he also may be a factor.

TYPICAL NEBRASKA COLLEGE ATHLETES



BELLEVUE TRACK TEAM

Sermon to Base Ball Fans By a Methodist Divine

Dr. Fletcher, M. Sisson of Nebraska City Says Game of Base Ball is Typical of Life.

Before the largest crowd assembled in the First Methodist church in Nebraska City for years, Dr. Fletcher M. Sisson, the pastor, preached a sermon to the base ball team and fans. The large auditorium of the church was crowded long before the hour for service arrived and it was necessary to put in extra seats in the rear, but soon these were filled and the spacious balcony was thrown open to the eager public, says the Nebraska City Press.

The sidewalks had been painted announcing the services and all day was the leading topic of conversation on the streets. Dr. Sisson has built up a great reputation during the two years that he has been associated with the First Methodist church in this city, a reputation as an orator and a preacher of wonderful force and ability. The doctor took for his text the words found in 1 Cor. 9: 24, "So run that ye may obtain." Dr. Sisson stated that all through history every nation had its national sport. Base ball is ours. Dr. Sisson characterized the game as the cleanest, most manly, open sport in existence. The first reason for the popularity of the game is because it promoted democracy; all classes, the rich and the poor, the man and the boy, the society belle and the washer woman, all meet on a common plane of equality. Scores are the important thing in base ball, as they are in life. In fact the game of base ball is typical of life. The captain is an important element in base ball, it is his duty to whip the team into line and teach them systematic team play. It is he that must plan and direct in order that the team may be successful and obtain the scores that win. It is thus with life. We must recognize the leaders in all our enterprises and play the game all the time following the leader's direction if we expect to score at the plate in the end. The other positions came in for consideration at the hands of the doctor, but he stated the umpire was the most important position of all. It was he who decided all things, he who had control of all the affairs of the game. He offered Christ as the umpire in life and the Bible as the rule book, stating that the pennant to be won at the close of the season was immortality of the soul. There were many fine analogies running all through the sermon.

The address made a profound impression upon the large audience who listened in rapt attention to the comment on the street yesterday was "That was a great sermon." Many people attended who had not been inside of a church for years. One thing especially noticeable was the fact that Nibs cigar store and lunch room closed its doors and hung out the sign "Done to Church." The entire base ball team attended en masse and one remarkable thing was that all the hymns without looking in the song books, which speaks well for their early training to say the least. Nebraska City is especially fortunate in possessing a minister who has such an influence as Dr. Sisson.

LINCOLN MONDAY FOR FOUR DAYS

Pa Bourke and His Crew Return for Another Week's Stay. Don Despain's bunch of ball tossers will appear at the Vinton park Monday for a four days' engagement with the Hourkes, the opening day also being Indian day. Cobb has joined the team in right field since the Prohibitionists were first in Omaha, and Hagerman has also been annexed. The Hourkes have also taken on a new pitcher since last at home. The lineup: Omaha: Lincoln: Kane, First; Thomas, Second; Fox, Graham, Third; Wiedensaul, Short; Corridon, Left; Davis, Right; Spolten, Right; Jones, Catcher; Welch, Right; Cobb, Right; Goding, Catcher; Catoh, Right; Sullivan, Right; Jones, Pitcher; Jones, Parthing; Sanders, Moller, Pitcher; McGrath, Catcher; O'Leary, Pitcher; Fox, Hagerman.

SOUTH OMAHA BOWLING MARKS

Individual and team averages in Summer League. The following are the individual and team averages of the South Omaha Summer Bowling league at the close of the second week: Standing of the teams: Jetter's Gold Tops, 5 0 0 3,112 1,992; Martin's Tigers, 4 5 1 2,978 1,822; Kentucky Colts, 4 5 1 2,952 1,822; The O'Learys, 4 5 1 2,944 1,806; Greens Brothers, 4 3 3 2,942 1,609; N. E. Carters, 4 3 3 2,856 1,544; Steellings, 0 8 2 2,708 1,400; Postoffice, 0 0 8 2,475 1,000. Individual averages: Name, A. Name, P. Name, P. Chad, 18; McNally, 15; Mann, 15; Briggs, 15; Corridon, 15; Clark, 15; Wintner, 15; Volstedt, 15; Tanner, 15; Beck, 15; Bennett, 15; Chase, 15; Hester, 15; Hamilton, 15; May, 15; Kennedy, 15; Spear, 15; Talbot, 15.

HOOSIER PITCHER WINS DUEL

Hardgrove's Men Beat Millers Four to Two at Home.

FIRST INNING SETTLES THE GAME

St. Paul-Kansas Toledo with Three Runs—Blanks City Whips Columbus—Milwaukee-Louisville Game Off.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 4.—Indianapolis was a pitcher's battle between Hardgrove and Hughes today, defeating Minneapolis, 4 to 2. The locals won the game in the first inning, when a base on balls, two hits and two errors scored three runs. Score: INDIANAPOLIS, MINNEAPOLIS, AB.H.O.A.E. DeLanty, 3 0 0 0; McCormick, 4 1 0 0 0; Lewis, 3 1 1 4; Galtier, 3 0 0 2 0; Chadron, 3 1 2 3; Ferris, 3 1 1 2 0; Carr, 3 0 0 1 1; Oswald, 4 1 0 0 0; Murch, 3 0 0 1 1; Williams, 2 0 4 1 0 1 1; Bowman, 3 3 0 0 0; Hill, 3 0 0 0 0; Milligan, 2 0 1 1 0; Spiering, 4 1 4 0 0; Spenser, 1 0 0 0 0; Smith, 4 1 1 0 0; Hardgrove, 2 2 1 1 0; Hughes, 2 0 0 4 1. Totals, 4 3 7 11. Totals, 3 1 1 0 0. Indianapolis, 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 4; Minneapolis, 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 2. Two-base hit: Williams. Three-base hit: Lewis. Struck out: By Hardgrove, 5; by Hughes, 6. Stolen base: Ferris. Sacrifice hits: Chadron, Spenser. Bases on balls: Off Hardgrove, 2; off Hughes, 3. Time: 1:55. Umpires: Cusack and Owens.

FAST AUTO TIME AT BUFFALO

Several of the Best Known Drivers in the World to Compete. BUFFALO, N. Y., June 4.—Sensational contests are expected at the automobile race meet to be held at the Fort Erie track, this city, on June 30 and 31. Several of the best known drivers in the country have signed contracts to compete and it is believed that the best of the powerful cars from the Indianapolis Speedway races will be entered.

Fred J. Wagner is to be official starter at this meet, and he is quoted with the opinion that the last year's events at Fort Erie will be eclipsed next week. His presence insures a smooth set of contests. A hundred-mile race is the feature event of the meet, which is to be held under the auspices of the track owners and local interests. Among the probable drivers are Tom Kincaid in a National car and Bob Burman and Louis Chevrolet in Buicks. The Buffalo people are making every effort to secure Barney Oldfield with his Benz. Endicott may drive his Cole and there is a remote possibility that Ralph de Palma will leave his Fiat at Fort Erie. George Robertson may also be secured.

Favorites Win at Orange.

ORANGE, N. J., June 4.—Favorites won in the second round of the New Jersey golf W. D. Bremner and Montclair were among championship today at the Essex County Country club. Jerome D. Travis, Max Bear, the winners.

PERU BALL PLAYER WHO GOES TO CLEVELAND

Ward McDowell, of the Peru Normal school base ball team, who has delighted Peru base ball fans this season by his easy and spectacular as well as careful playing has received a very flattering offer from the Cleveland American league base ball team, which he has accepted. He left Wednesday morning for Cleveland and will begin work at once. McDowell has done very exceptional work in the batting line and at right field this year and is making a big jump from a college amateur team to one of the best teams in the country. McDowell is a strong student and was graduated with the seniors Tuesday. He is popular with the students and has a splendid disposition.

Standing of the Teams

Table with columns for WEST LEAGUE, AMER. ASSN., and MINK LEAGUE. Lists teams and their records (W, L, Pct).

WITH SOUTH OMAHA BOWLERS

Table showing bowling scores for various teams and individuals, including Vollandt, Lepinski, Briggs, Chadd, Mann, N. E. Carters, Green's Boosters, Kentucky Colts, O'Learys, and Postoffice.

MIDDIES MAY RACE AT THE HUDSON THIS YEAR

This is the Statement Given Out, Unless There is a Change in Policy.

ANNAPOLIS, June 4.—Unless there is a change in the present policy of the Navy department, no crew of midshipmen will be seen on the Hudson in the intercollegiate regatta for some years to come. All hope of the sending an eight to Poughkeepsie during the time that Captain Bowyer, U. S. N., is superintendent of the academy has been abandoned, although at this time a year ago the rowing authorities at Annapolis felt more or less confident that at least one navy eight would row in the coming regatta. Captain Bowyer is not opposed to rowing or to the midshipmen entering in as many intercollegiate regattas as may be practicable. On the contrary he is a warm advocate of the sport and has encouraged it on every ship which he has commanded. The only reason why he declines to recommend to the Navy department that the midshipmen be allowed to send a crew to Poughkeepsie is because doing so would seriously interfere with their work. If the intercollegiate regatta took place before June the superintendent would gladly recommend that the navy be represented. The situation, as Captain Bowyer explained it, is that if the middies were allowed to row on the Hudson it would mean the loss of at least three weeks of a month of their annual cruise—too serious a loss of practical instruction to be countenanced. "I was surprised to see how little time the midshipmen had actually been at sea during the previous cruise," said Captain Bowyer, "when I looked into that question after taking charge here. Now, I believe that practically all the time of the cruise should be spent at sea and not in the harbors of the different ports along the Atlantic coast. I believe this is necessary

to the proper and thorough training of the midshipmen in their future duties. "Consequently I planned a cruise abroad for this summer—one that would carry out my ideas—and submitted it to the Navy department." The department has approved Captain Bowyer's plan, and the result is that the practice squadron this summer will touch European ports and be actually at sea longer than any other for some years past. Consequently, if a navy crew was sent to Poughkeepsie, the members of it would have to join the squadron at some port in Europe after the race, staying at the academy or Poughkeepsie during the intervening time. "I am a believer in rowing," continued Captain Bowyer, "and if it did not interfere with their duties I would be glad to see the midshipmen row in the intercollegiate regatta. It is a great sport, and especially suitable for young naval officers."

NORTHWESTERN HAS NEW GYM

Big Structure for College Athletics Model of Design.

CHICAGO, June 4.—The new gymnasium of Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill., one of the suburbs of Chicago, is not only the most complete in the world, but is a building that marks a departure in gymnasium construction as well. It is a building but 230 feet long by 120 feet wide, constructed of steel, stone and brick, a great part of the interior being finished in marble. From an athletic viewpoint, the main feature is the great indoor playing field and track, which takes up two-thirds of the building. It is an enclosure, 215 feet long by 120 feet wide, with a floor composed of black loam and clay. During the football season the teams line up in practice games in the gymnasium and the scrimmages are as hard as those played on the regular gridiron. The running track measures ten laps to the mile. A clever idea of the vastness of this indoor field may be gained from the athletic director's statement that it can accommodate four

GOSSIP OF MINK LEAGUE

Seventeen-Year-Old Boy Pitches Seventeen-Inning Shutout Game.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 4.—(Special)—Umpire Lundberg, of the Mink league, because of his unsatisfactory decisions at several of the games, has been released.

The Eika of this city have formed a base ball team and they are captained by George Thomas. They will play their first game Monday afternoon and have accepted the challenge of the Eika team of Council Bluffs and will play a game with them in the near future. Captain Thomas has some excellent amateur players in his team and all are members of the lodge here.

Robert McCabe, the pitcher for Falls City, who pitched a seventeen inning game here Friday afternoon, in which not a single score was made and the game was called on account of darkness, was born and reared in Arkansas. He is only 17 years of age. The catcher for the Falls City team, Thomas Fotel, is a Falls City boy and plays only for the love of the game, his father being quite wealthy. Toledo league team has offered \$1,000 for his release, but he says if sold he will quite the game of ball, as he has no desire to become a professional. Miller, who pitched the same game for the Nebraska City team, is 21 years of age, and came here from Iowa, where he played with a minor league last year, and the catcher, Mr. Waller, came here from Fort Crook, Omaha, where he has been playing with that team for several years. All four of the men were very game and quite fresh, when the game was called on account of darkness and are naturally proud of their work. Captain Weller is in charge of the Nebraska City team and has brought it up to its high standard.



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