

Embryo School Masters Who Are Also Athletes



BASE BALL TEAM OF THE PERU NORMAL SCHOOL.

JUDGMENTS

WITHOUT taking sides either way, we wish to refer briefly to the controversy arising from the recent unpleasantness at Kearney, and read a letter written The Bee by Director Nelson of the Nebraska State League. Mr. Nelson makes the statement that Kearney fans attacked him because some of them had bet and lost on the game and that there was a faction of men in that city habitually betting on the game, which constituted a source of trouble. It is pitifully true that the Kearney fans stand by Manager Murphy of the local team, who was fined by President Sievers of the league. It is not the province here to discuss the merits of the controversy, but it is our right and desire to warn the Nebraska State League and every club owner and fan against betting as a danger to be avoided. Friends of base ball cannot go together; one or the other must give way. Base ball is a sport, clean and irreproachable, as conducted for these many years and if it ever countenanced betting it would cease to be anything more than those forms of sports are which have given credit to a source of trouble. It is pitifully true that the Kearney fans or any other fans, who bet on the results of the games habitually to the extent of letting it interfere with the game and the league, really have the interest of their team, their league and their game at heart as they profess, they will stop their betting. Major Nelson, who led this battle long years ago and when they did they gained a victory large enough to shed its benefits upon the minors as well. It would be foolish, therefore, for the minors to deny themselves these advantages. In the early stages of the national game, petty gamblers, who never will play sports as they should, have sought to get hold of base ball, but they failed and have never since made a second effort. It is to be hoped that the league start the Nebraska State League was made will not be marred by such a source.

When the state board and President Hayes decided to continue athletics through the summer term at the Peru Normal school the standard since maintained by Coach Moore's pupils did not seem easily attainable. Their rank is second only to that set by the veteran variety of 1910. Peru has to date been playing against superior teams and has only lost one game of the

five played. Clements, pitcher of the team, Captain Gary, Third Baseman Parriott and Outfielder Colburn have records too well known to Nebraska college base ball to need any reproduction. They are playing in their old time form and as members around which to build a team furnish Moore with unexcelled help and hearty support. Of new material, contrary to expect-

tations, there has been an abundance and of good quality. The new men have worked hard and have demonstrated their ability to fall in where the veterans left and learn the playing system. Albin has held down the initial sack with great grace and back on second is making good. In the outfield the Schott brothers and Sims and Zink have played around Colburn in a way that made him feel at home. Zink has also

acquired himself with great credit behind the bat. The hitting of the new men has been especially strong, their clouts having won all the games thus far. Peru's prospects for next year's team are especially bright, as many of these men will be here and the coaching system of Brumage and Moore reaches toward next year's pennant with no uncertain hand. All the boys feel that they must hold the pennant.

Walter Johnson, the premier pitcher of the Washington Nationals, is rated by an expert as Hugh Jennings as the best pitcher in the American League and one of the three best in the business. There can be little doubt of the accuracy of the estimate. Johnson pitches winning ball continually, though he does not come out with as many "wins" as his credit as other pitchers, like Mordred Brown, Mathewson and stars with winning teams behind them. That is the fate of a ball player, though and Johnson takes his like a philosopher. He is not only a great pitcher, but a most valuable man on the team because of his sunny disposition and his ever readiness to work. No matter whether he has worked the day before, Manager McAleer is sure he will go in again if asked and do so cheerfully. This is what tends to lighten the burden of the manager, and what few managers meet up with. Johnson is a man that some team like the Cubs, or New York or Detroit could not land Johnson. Then he would show up much better and would be the talk of the diamond. But after all perhaps it is best he is where he is. It is the life and virtue of base ball that the season's work is so hard and the strongest and this is facilitated by the fact that good players are scattered throughout all teams.

Here is an item from Indianapolis in the Sporting News which we desire to print without comment:

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 23.—(Special Correspondent.) The devil chorus is busy at Washington Park. Most of the fans are armed with great big hammers and axes and the players come in for their share of abuse. Manager Carr comes in for most of the knocks, and the fans have been very insulting. If the men who vent their spleen in this way were as well educated as a cricket as a condition as he, they would be in bed with a trained nurse waiting on them. Carr has been forced to reply to the fans and the doctor has advised him to get out of the game, but he refuses to leave the team when it is so badly in need of his services.

The knackers are also hard on the trail of his money. He has been forced to reply to the fans and the doctor has advised him to get out of the game, but he refuses to leave the team when it is so badly in need of his services.

Manager Carr has always been noted as a great finisher and it may be that he will lead the team into a fine finish in the first division. At least, we hope so.

Falder Jones, the old White Sox manager, is anxious to get back in base ball and he may reappear as a manager or manager. Cleveland has out the report that he is to be engaged as manager of that team. Certainly Cleveland could use him to good advantage, but before the story gets strong it may be better to include the report that Jones is to be allowed to buy a share in the club, for he has said that his purpose in getting back is to own a team or in part, and he would have been back long ago with the Sox except that Comiskey did not care to sell his interest. Cleveland is now the property of one man, the deal being made last week, and it is probable Jones can buy in. With the material Cleveland has it ought not be hard to whip it into a winning club and if any man can do it that man is Falder Jones. Any man who could win with those nondescript Sox can do most anything.

It seems certain now that without some remarkable upsetting of conditions Detroit cannot come back for another pennant. But it is nothing to the disparagement of Hugh Jennings. He started right in the business of winning pennants when he took hold of the team and that is for all one year is nothing to his discredit. For that matter he is still fighting.

Schlipke is back in the game, broken finger and all. That is, he has tried to help out by hitting in left field. It is hoped King will be in the game before the week is over and that by the time the team returns from its western trip August 11 it will be in much better form.

They all get theirs. The same day that Wichita banged out leg runs in one inning off Omaha, they started right in the business of winning pennants when he took hold of the team and that is for all one year is nothing to his discredit. For that matter he is still fighting.

It is good for the league that Denver has a winning ball team. It is one of the best base ball towns in the west, deserves a good team and we are glad it has one. Good teams and good towns are mighty good things to keep together.

Farmer Burns proposes to get up a team to play Frank Gotch's Humboldt club, and they would draw some crowd.

The virtue of base ball is that the tail-enders can once in a while beat the leaders. Denver or Sioux City, which? We hope Denver.

WESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES

King still leads, but Cannot Get Into the 300 Class.

MOHARTY HEADS THE FIELDERS

Pa's Pitchers Are Not Forgetting to the Front Very Rapidly, and in Team Work Omaha Takes Sixth Place.

Omaha still falls to show one man in the 300 list as a hitter. Towne and Fenlon of Sioux City lead the batters. King of Omaha still holds an average of .280, while McGraw and Corridon stand at .22 and .201, respectively.

In fielding, Moharty of Omaha, holds a perfect score, with Schmeberg of Des Moines and Manske of St. Joseph.

McGrath of Lincoln leads the pitchers, with a percentage of .708. Keesley of Omaha has won eleven games to McGrath's ten, but he has also lost eleven, and stands twenty-fifth on the list, with a percentage of .500.

In team work, Sioux City has a good lead, having a percentage of .307. Omaha is sixth, with .250. For fielding, Wichita has the top place, with .566. Omaha falls in behind Lincoln and Denver, having an average of .344. On stolen bases Omaha is second, following Denver, the latter having 213 to Omaha's 178. In sacrifice hits Denver also leads the Rourke team, 172 to 157. Corridon leads the base stealers, with forty-four thefts to his credit. Kansas has stolen bases twenty-four times. In sacrifice hitting Corridon is second, with twenty-nine.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Player	AB.	R.	H.	AV.
Towne, Sioux City	73	14	39	.566
Fenlon, Sioux City	61	13	30	.500
King, Omaha	129	36	36	.280
McAleer, Denver	129	24	37	.287
Mills, Sioux City	127	29	36	.283
McGrath, Lincoln	127	29	36	.283
Quinn, Sioux City	127	29	36	.283
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