



THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

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JUDGMENTS

THE National commission put its foot down on the proposition of two all-star teams from the two major leagues playing post-season games over the country under the management of Tex Rickard, ostensibly on the ground that such an arrangement would interfere with the world's series. Of course it would, since many of the players would be drafted from the Cubs and Athletics, the teams which will, undoubtedly contend for the world's honors, but there is another reason why the commission very properly refused to sanction this deal, and that is that it does not propose to compromise base ball in any such way. Tex Rickard is, no doubt, a very nice gentleman and a successful prize fight promoter, but Texas cannot become a promoter in the base ball business, not with the approval of organized ball. He will have to get his money from the people in some other way. There is a wide difference between base ball and pugilism and it is fairly well defined in this very situation. Base ball is a game adapted to the best there is in the citizenship of the United States, and the men who make up this great national sport must not be permitted to engage in the high-prize business, even out of season. It is necessary for the authorities of base ball to recognize ethics to this extent. Major league players are well paid and do not need to snatch at every chance to make a few extra dollars. Furthermore, their employers are entitled to some property right in them, and it is not adequately safeguarded where men put in the entire year playing ball.

Comiskey was one of six magnates to bid for Dave Devil Dick Altizer in the draft snatch-bag, but Cincinnati got him. The old Roman saw his mistake in letting Altizer go to Minneapolis, where he has been a big factor in winning the American association pennant, and it is too bad he could not have been the one to get him away from Canton. It is a fine tribute to a player when six major league clubs throw the draft after him. The Cubs as well as the White Sox wanted him.

The number of minors drafted by the majors this year, 115, is the greatest ever and goes to show the keen competition both National and American league team owners are engaged in for new material. Undoubtedly, as usual, many men have been drafted, who, when the test comes, will fall, but they must all go through the hopper one way or another. Omaha suffered—we say suffered advisedly—to the extent of one player, Riggert, who goes to Boston Americans. It is a loss to Omaha to have to part with a man of Riggert's caliber for the meagre sum of \$1,500, which is the draft price to Class A teams. He is undoubtedly the find of the season by Pa. Rourke and one of the most promising youngsters the old scout has ever scared out of the bushes. It is a pity Omaha cannot keep him for at least another year, by which time, barring accidents, he ought to be a very valuable man. But it is the same old story. Jimmy Austin was taken from Omaha under the draft rule when he should have brought at the very least \$4,000. Schoonover, another one of Pa's finds in Kansas, was drafted by the Giants, but as the number had been reached, he was among those disallowed. Does anybody wonder why the Cubs are likely to make the Cubs some trouble, though if the Nationals are in condition they probably will win the battle. In the first place, Chicago has the best working base ball machine in the country and the best, in the minds of many experts, that ever was organized. This year the Athletics have done good team work, but it is one year against half a dozen with the Cubs. It was largely the lack of team work that caused Mack's men to fall down and let the Tigers win the American league flag. They also lacked nerve, a thing the Cubs possess in abundance.

It is now practically certain that the world's series will be played between the Cubs and Athletics, as the champions of the National and American leagues respectively. The two teams ought to put up an excellent fight for the final honor. The Cubs will have to whip around into normal condition before meeting this test, but they probably will be able to do that. The series ought to be fully as hard-fought as was that last year between the Cubs and Tigers. The Athletics are stronger in the box than the Tigers were, and the composition of the best staff pitched in either league and these stars are likely to make the Cubs some trouble, though if the Nationals are in condition they probably will win the battle. In the first place, Chicago has the best working base ball machine in the country and the best, in the minds of many experts, that ever was organized. This year the Athletics have done good team work, but it is one year against half a dozen with the Cubs. It was largely the lack of team work that caused Mack's men to fall down and let the Tigers win the American league flag. They also lacked nerve, a thing the Cubs possess in abundance.

The playing rules are in need of some definite interpretation by the unions this winter. The old hidden ball trick has caused great trouble. The other, when the Cardinals played the trick on the Cubs at St. Louis a few days before that and the Cubs made a batter out of a ball. Hank O'Day gave them the laugh and said the pitcher could stand in the box all summer so long as he made no motion to deliver the ball. There ought to be some specific ruling on this, for it is aggravating to have confusion coming up so frequently.

Art Fenton has been transferred again. This time to Atlanta. There are two or three other teams Art has not played on.

Pittsburg is making a poor finish after that grand streak of winning.

The race is between Pirates and Giants for second place.

We may land in that first division yet. Who knows?

Denver has disappointed us again.

St. Louis City with no strings.

WESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES

Sioux City Sluggers Are Going at a Rapid Gait.

CORRIDON IS STILL STEALING

Fenton Leads the League with an Average of .301 for 573 Times He Has Been at Bat This Season.

Sioux City has an undoubted claim on the batting leadership of the Western league with nine men batting above the .300 mark, and a club average of .305. The entire league has only twenty-one players batting over .300. King leads the locals at bat, with an average of .307, and the home club is sixth, at .290.

Omaha is third on the sacrifice list, with 216, fourth in base stealing, with 224, and fifth in club fielding, with an average of .94. Corridon still bears the responsibility for what little the Rourkes have in the way of sacrifices and steals. He leads the league in sacrifices, with forty-one, and is second in stealing, with fifty. McGrath of Lincoln leads the pitching staff at .752. Rhodes is high man for Omaha, at .515, Keeley has .509, and the other Rourke twirlers are spread out between .600 and .300. Emsley, the new pitcher secured by Topeka from the Kansas State league, is at the bottom of the list, although in the few games he has played so far he has had little opportunity to show what he can do. Lincoln and Sioux City each have four men pitching above .600.

Riggert leads the Rourkes in fielding, and holds twelfth place in the league. On fifty-two chances he has errored only once and has a percentage of .981.

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, AB, R, H, AV. Lists batting averages for various players across teams like Fenton, Miller, Beall, etc.

Fielding Records.

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, AB, R, H, AV. Lists fielding records for various players across teams like Schneberg, Clemmberg, Barber, etc.

PITCHERS' RECORDS.

The records of pitchers who have got results in five or more games are as follows:

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists pitching records for various players across teams like McGrath, Fox, Hammond, etc.

Team Records.

Table with columns: Team Name, Batting Average, Pitching Average, Fielding Average. Lists team statistics for various teams like Sioux City, Denver, Omaha, etc.

Stolen Bases.

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, Stolen Bases. Lists stolen bases for various players across teams like Lincoln, Omaha, etc.

TOO MUCH FOOT BALL REFORM

Expert Says Save the Old Game as it Is.

GOOD TEAMS ARE IMPOSSIBLE

No Standard of Efficiency Can Be Maintained, Says Burton Brown—Game Is Naturally a Rough One.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Mr. Burton B. Brown says: It must have required a lot of other for the operation on foot ball that the rules committee performed. The experts have "reformed" the game to meet a public demand for reform. Now it is 'up to the public' to decide what sort of a game it has received from the operating table.

Some of the most stirring contests in the history of foot ball were played years ago under the old rules. Serious injuries were few. Then, the experimental period began, and the game has been on an unsteady foundation ever since.

Real American foot ball is a game for big, strong men, and when it becomes a sport in which little men can indulge, it is no longer American foot ball, but merely a hedge podge affair for athletes who are not quite good enough to make their marks in departments of college sport for which they are better suited physically.

MOTOR BOAT ENTRIES DROP OUT

Owners Advise Officials They Cannot Try Niagara Race.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 3.—As the time for the power boat race through the Niagara whirlpool rapids draws near the entry list begins to dwindle. The race is set for September 17. Out of twenty possible entries more than half have advised the committee in charge that they cannot prepare for the race this year and suggest postponing it until next season.

The committee will meet here on September 7, when official announcement will be made as to whether there will be enough starters to comply with the conditions.

Of course, if the American public should proclaim in a loud voice that American foot ball is too strenuous a sport, it would be possible to get a substitute. If a substitute is required, why not introduce it outright and stop torturing the old game which has been the standby of the universities for years?

We might take that Canadian game which proved such a disappointment to New Yorkers last fall when two visiting teams tried to show us that we did not know anything about foot ball. I, for one, do not

Large advertisement for Buick cars. Features the slogan 'BUICK' and 'All the World Loves a Winner'. Includes an image of a Buick car and a driver. Text describes the car's features: 'The Driver, the Car, the Cup', 'Perfectly Simple—Simply Perfect', 'Maxwell, the Great Economy Car, \$1575'. Lists agents for Lincoln, Omaha, and Sioux City.

Lincoln: H. E. Sidles, Gen. Mgr. Omaha: Lee Huff, Manager. Sioux City: S. G. Douglas, Mgr. United Motor Omaha Co., LEWIS DOTY, Manager.