

JUDGMENTS

PA ROURKE is as deeply imbued as any of his friends with the necessity of strengthening his team, as is shown by his signing during the week of Third Baseman Niehoff from Indianapolis and Outfielder Williams from the St. Louis Browns. It will be very strange if these two men fail to add material strength. Both have shown good before and both are young and coming. It is always difficult for a team to get back in the swing after such a long losing streak as the Rourke has had, but they have been fighting all the way and that, of itself, is a good indication. It is entirely too early to give up, especially just as we are importing new stock. It is true our pitching staff has been disappointing, very. Not one has done as well as he was expected to. Yet the pitchers alone are not to blame for the train of defeats. They have done some excellent work. Most of the games lost were by close margins, showing that Omaha's batting team was not easily beaten. When Keesley, Durbin, Rhodes and the others get down to normal condition we believe the team will very readily jump back into the thick of the fight. This must be remembered: Omaha has its hardest row to hoe prior to July 4. Most of its tough games abroad come at that period. After that the team spends most of its time at home. Its present away-fifteen games in all, is about the worst it will have this season. To be sure it has not done very well on this trip as yet, but with Niehoff and Williams to help out should come better than it went away. Niehoff was counted the best third baseman in the league when he was with Des Moines and he should be even faster now. His presence will leave Schipper free with his duties as captain and give Rourke an excellent infield utility man in the scrapper, who can work at short, second or third. This change alone gives a very bright promise to the outlook.

We are not sure but the time has come for backing up a little on the leeway and protection accorded the umpire. In the effort to prevent umpire-baiting and to insure discipline, which the game requires, base ball law and the game requires, we have unintentionally, it seems, given some ignorant and unworthy fellows the false impression that the umpire is a law unto himself, to do as he pleases, and amenable to none. That needs curbing. Some umpires in game and major leagues need curbing. A thing that happened in New York last week, which, if correctly reported, was half a dozen sport writers who saw it, ought to emphasize the need for some rational restraint upon umpires. In a game between the Cubs and Giants, the Giants needed one run to tie, two to win. It was not the ninth inning, but the eighth, and out and a man on third. There were two runners on third started for home. The pitcher whipped the ball to Kling, who touched the runner out. Umpire Brennan called him out, whereupon, the side being retired, Kling rolled the ball back into the box and started for the bench. Suddenly Brennan reversed his decision, calling the man safe. In the meantime the other runner, having come on at a gallop from second, crossed the plate, scoring two runs. That proved a victory for the Giants. Of course, after Brennan reversed his decision the Cubs were helpless, as they heard only his "safe" and even had they heard the "out" could not get back into play in time to catch the second runner. It is such work as this and that done by Kneeland which will, if not stopped, hurt base ball. Players need discipline and they get it very severely. The umpire needs discipline and should get it. Three decisions in one Omaha-Sioux City game by Kneeland were enough to cost him his job.

There should not be much argument over the play at Lincoln in the eleven-inning game which furnishes Don Delpain with his cause for protesting. The play is this: Lincoln has a runner on third and he takes a big lead for home and starts a second before the Omaha pitcher delivers the ball. The Omaha catcher steps in front of the plate receives the ball and tags the runner, who is called out by the umpire. The only question is whether or not the pitcher was in the box when he made the delivery. If he was and the catcher interfered with the batter, who was about to punt, the runner was safe; if the pitcher was not in the box when he threw the ball, the runner was out, for the batter has no right to bat at a ball delivered from any spot in the diamond except the pitcher's box. The same play has come up in the major leagues and been decided on this basis, which would seem to be the only rational way of deciding it. Of course the club in Omaha's position in the case at hand might reasonably argue that the team in the field has a right to avail itself of every facility to put a runner out, just as the team at bat has every right to score when it has a chance. But this line of argument leads only to endless confusion. The ruling we have quoted is necessary to protect the pinch play. Otherwise catchers might be stepping in front of batters on any occasion where the pinch is attempted. Now, if Omaha can show that Durbin was not in the box when he threw the ball, or if Lincoln cannot show that he was the decision should, and probably will, stand. At any rate that decision alone would not decide the game. But in the meantime this is the second contest to go against this fellow Kneeland within a week. Other teams besides Omaha will find him out if he stays in the league long enough.

If Murphy has to let go of Ruelbach and Pfeister, it would be more decent to release them outright and let them do the best they can for themselves. That is what most people thought he should have done with Steinfield, but it is not the Murphy way of doing. What are men who have helped give him four pennants, two world's flags and oodles of money, when they start down?

It is too bad that Wichita, the vaunted "Metropolis of western Kansas," cannot find time to support as good a ball team as Manager Iabel has given it. It speaks badly for a city to pass up such a chance. Iabel, we hope, will leave the town unless it comes across with patronage, but why he should go to Pueblo instead of Colorado Springs is beyond our ken.

Have you noticed that The Bee prints the box scores of the Nebraska State League, making box scores of five leagues—more than any other paper west of the Mississippi river?

It gets on a man's nerves to read certain ball scores, those involving the St. Louis Browns, for instance.

Shotton, who went dead in Omaha, is playing his head off at St. Louis.

The eighth inning seems to be our Jonah.

Jimmy Austin continues a .300 hitter.

WESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES

Sioux City Leads in Nearly All Branches of the Game.

NEIGHBORS THE BEST BATTER

Cole of Lincoln Has Had a Decided Slump During the Last Week—King Best Omaha Regular with the Willow.

The third week of base ball in the Western league shows a decided change over that of the first two. In the batting column Neighbors holds first place with a percentage of 284 for sixty-six times at bat. Cole of Lincoln, who held first place last week with a percentage of .250 has dropped to the middle of the column with .257. Sioux City is leading in nearly every branch of the game, being first in batting, stolen bases and sacrifice hits, but fifth in fielding. Barber of Sioux City heads the fielding list with six victories and no defeats. Kaufman of St. Joseph is tied with Barber, but has pitched only four games.

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, AB, R, H, E, Pct. Lists batting averages for various players from Rucker to Wagner.

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ROURKE AWAY FOR WEEK

Pa is Still Trying to Strengthen Up His Family.

TWO NEW PLAYERS ARE ADDED

Rourke is Still on the Lookout for a Pitching Staff—Lots in Good Form.

But one more week away from home and the Rourke will come back to Omaha to play a series of six games. They will then leave for two days and return for two more games at home.

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, AB, R, H, E, Pct. Lists team statistics for various teams.

Pitchers' Records.

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists pitching records for various players.

Team Work.

Table with columns: Team Name, Won, Lost, Pct. Lists team work statistics for various teams.

Merry Harvesting of Auto Speeders

Police Motorcycle Squad Gaily Brings In Six to Answer for Infrafracting the Ordinances.

The speeder bug stung six in police court Saturday morning. Defendants of high and low degree answered to charges of violating the speed ordinances and each and every one was fined \$5 and costs by Judge Crawford.

OLD WORLD BOXERS ARE COMING

Five Are Headed This Way for the Tournament.

NEW YORK, May 14.—Five amateur boxers from the old world are heading for New York with the intention of taking part in the international tournament to be held at Madison Square garden on the 19th and 20th under the auspices of the Eastman Athletic club. It is said that two of them are wealthy Englishmen. The whole five are not from England, there being some Frenchmen and Irishmen, and all are said to be very clever with the mitts.

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Canoe Regatta to Open the Omaha Rod and Gun Club Season

Flower Parade in Canoes and All Sorts of Sports to Mark the Opening.

The Rod and Gun club will hold the most brilliant opening of its career May 20. A flower canoe regatta, races between canoes, sailboats and motor boats, a trap shoot, tennis and base ball will make up the day's program. In the evening a vaudeville show with a comedy wrestling match and a strong man will precede the dance, and arrangements have been made to open the cafe on that day, so that dinners can be served.

On Monday, May 22, the Rourke will have an off day, which is given them for travel. The team, however, will arrive home on the 23d and take a much needed rest. With half of the present trip over, the Rourke have been playing a loose sort of ball, due probably to the inability of the pitcher to get together on team work.

The new men have been acquired for the field. Car Niehoff, the heavy hitting third sacker who was seen with the Des Moines aggregation last year, and who went to Pittsburgh and later to Indianapolis, will join the Rourke at Topeka tomorrow morning.

On Tuesday morning Gus Williams, a former fourth Omaha boy and recently of the Monmouth team of the Central association, is the other player acquired by Pa Rourke. This youngster was a sensation in the Central association last year, and will be seen in the right garden when the team appears at home.

With these two new men it is thought that the team will be strengthened about 50 per cent. Manager Schipper, who has a bum knee, will be able to get out of the game in favor of Niehoff. This move will make Kneaves' position much easier for him, what the change in the outfield will be is still undecided.

The Omaha fans have not given up hope and attribute the numerous losses on the trip to an early season slump. It is predicted by those who know that Omaha will pick up on the second wing of the present trip and come back home with a place in the first division. Rourke is doing everything possible to bring the boys together and get them started again. He has given all the youngsters who have been on the sick list all the freedom they needed, but has not had enough men to substitute in their places and unsatisfactory changes in the line up have been the result.

All the pitchers on the team have taken a slump with the exception of Lots, who appears to be right this year, and at the present time is the mainstay of the pitching staff. He pitched a remarkable game at home against Sioux City and held them to two hits and no runs in six innings, after Rhodes had been batted for four hits and five runs in three innings. Thursday he made a great showing against the Lincoln team, and it was his pitching that won the game. He, however, weakened in the eighth inning after holding the team to two scores and one hit.

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