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JUDGMENTS

THE Rourkes' last trip abroad is their best this season. They played six games and won four, two out of three from each St. Joseph and Sioux City. They left home tied with Sioux City for the fifth place, they return in fifth place, three full games ahead of Sioux City and but one and one-half games behind St. Joe in fourth place. They should pass the Josies in the present Omaha series with them. It is worth while to note here that Omaha has taken seven out of the last nine games played with Sioux City, the team that has always been hard for us to beat. Another fact that calls for special mention here is that the team was deprived of Gus Williams' services on its late trip and as Gus had been getting his two and three long hits a day, that meanth something. Though Pick played a very fair right, he did not do much hatting. The Rourkes are now at home for a stretch of twenty-one games and, counting on them to continue the clip of the last month or so, they should be much further up the ladder when the twenty-one games are over than now. There is no gainsaying that the team is going good, as good as any and better than most, in the league. Its pitching staff, led by Dusty Rhodes, is a dangerous one for any set of batters to face. Under the quiet, heady management of Arbogast, the men have settled down to a fine line of team work. Nothing has done more to balance the team and give it effectiveness than placing Nieboff at third and Moore at second. That gives Kneaves, the hustling youngster, a finished veteran on each side of him and plugs up the holes where most of the games had been lost. Surmounting the longest train of hardships and difficulties nearly any Rourke club has ever had to face, the boys are now giving great promise. They still need one thing—a heartier and better home support. Give it to them and Pa Rourke and watch results.

The Sporting News points out the one big jobstacle to the American association's much-mooted invasion of big league territory on an independent basis. This, of course, would make the association an outlaw and it could not expect surplus players from the two majors, nor recruits from the leagues below. True. But perhaps Messrs. Tebeau and others have gone a little further than that in their calculations and perceived the possibility of breaking into the ranks of organized ball above them, setting up conditions inviting to stars in the majors. That would precipitate a real base ball war. But there is no need for it to come to this. The theory on which many people proceed is that there is room for another major league in organized ball. Will the National and American league so view it? Also, as to the idea that the outlaw league would find itself shut off from all base of supplies, which of the American league, which came into existence just that way? It manages to get enough supplies to keep soul and body together and grew into rather a robust youngster. We shall see what we shall see.

One of the sensations of the week was the Chance-Tinker case, which ended in Tinker's winning Monday's game from the Giants. One who knows of the inside of this affair, says that Tinker had come to a time when reprimand from the big boss was necessary, though it is open to debate whether the measures Chance took and revoked were wisest. They seem to have brought results and that is what the manager was after. Chance once made this remark—perhaps he has made it more than once—. "When I can't manage the team I will resign the job. We do not have internal strife on the Cubs, for the reason that I will not stand for it. The trouble-maker quits making trouble or quits the team, one or the other and that in a hurry." Mr. Murphy was right in saying that the Chance management stood for discipline and because it did the Cubs had won four pennants in five years. Lack of as efficient discipline has kept other good teams out of such honors and it will do it every time.

Fans are never boneheads, but if they were here would be a case in hand. It came off at Rourke park just before the team left home for this last trip. Kane was on second, a bunt was laid down near third. Kane rounded that corner a few seconds later and, with a pitcher up in the air and a sub catcher covering first, Jim very properly kept on going for home. He was thrown out by a few inches, but it took a perfect throw and a perfect play at the plate to get him. The subjunctive bonehead fan yelled, "Oh, you bonehead," while real ball fans cheered Kane for his heady work and daring effort, attempting the very play that Ty Cobb has been setting the country on fire with all season. Yet he was a bonehead because he failed by a fraction of a second to make it. If all spectators understood the game it would be more pleasant for the player.

Lajoie has returned to the game after a long enforced absence with a vengeance and unless Cobb gets a move on, he will be overtaken at the bat by the big Frenchman. Cobb has done mighty well, though, to bat and field and run bases with such fierce abandon all season, for he has not been entirely a well man and some of his friends have urged him to take fewer chances. But because he has not heeded the advice, largely, his team is still tugging away for the top notch.

It is not exactly an indictment of a fan to say that the average one prefers to see the home team win to seeing a bang-up good game of ball, but it is a slight reflection on his sense of fair play, when it is the home team that loses, as well as his quality of sportsmanship.

Jack Holland has eight players to sell to the majors. Why not make it the whole team, Jack and be done with it?

As soon as Lotz communicates a few of those tricks from his arm to his head he will be a top-liner.

With Tenney, Kling and Donlin, Boston surely ought to be able to pick a manager for next year.

At that rate Des Moines will scarcely be ready for the faster company when the war breaks.

Marty O'Toole must have foamed over, judging from those two beatings from the Millers.

Pick somehow does not bat as well while playing outfield as he did when at third.

Denver's lead is entirely too large for the purposes of symmetry.

Hans Wagner will be gladt to welcome his countrymen, Herr O'Toole.

Your Pa is out scouting and Arbogast and the boys are home working.

WESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES

James Kane Leading All the Sluggers in the League.

THOMASON IS A CLOSE SECOND

Demott is the Other Omaha Man Hitting Above the Three Hundred Mark—Rhodes Leads the Omaha Pitching Force.

Consistent hitting has finally placed two Omaha men at the head of the Western league sluggers. Jimmie Kane, the Rourke's doughty first sacker, is reposing peacefully at the top of the list with a batting average of .362, while Pa's star fielder, Thomason, is next in line with a batting average of .346. Kane's terrific clouting of the last three weeks has been shoving him up at a remarkable rate, jumping from tenth place to first place in that time. Not only is Kane some hitter, but also some fielder, and is near the top of the list in this branch of the game. Out of 1,058 putout and 77 assists, he has made but 24 errors, and is chalked up with a fielding average of .979. Rhodes of Omaha is the fifth best pitcher in the league and has won to date sixteen games and lost eight. Following are the averages:

Batting Averages.

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Towne, Sioux City	74	9	31	.419
Craig, Pueblo	42	10	17	.405
Kane, Omaha	306	58	117	.382
Claire, Pueblo	229	40	77	.363
Borton, St. Joseph	174	26	61	.351
Thomason, Omaha	402	55	139	.346
Beall, Denver	287	66	97	.338
Cassidy, Denver	326	77	110	.337
Emory, Topeka	86	16	29	.337
Unglaub, Lincoln	306	57	103	.337
Smith, Lincoln	6	0	2	.333
Rickert, Topeka	291	40	129	.330
Gilmore, Denver	347	67	114	.329
Middleton, Pueblo	416	82	136	.327
Zwilling, St. Joseph	298	42	97	.324
Cobb, Lincoln	391	59	126	.322
Belden, Pueblo	331	67	106	.317
Davis, Pueblo	268	74	126	.317
Berger, Pueblo	414	86	131	.316
Barber, Sioux City	98	10	31	.316
Mattick, Des Moines	397	44	125	.315
Demott, Omaha	42	2	13	.309
Quillin, Denver	378	78	116	.306
McCormick, Lincoln	306	49	94	.307
Neighbors, Sioux City	344	48	73	.307
Jones, St. Joseph	247	45	75	.304
Koerner, Pueblo	345	59	105	.304
Shaw, Pueblo	173	23	52	.301
Powell, St. Joseph	399	72	119	.298
Wagner, Sioux City	325	58	96	.297
Andreas, Sioux City	436	76	128	.296
King, Topeka	382	45	113	.296
Schoonover, Omaha	402	49	119	.296
Jarnigan, Pueblo	51	5	15	.294
Niehoff, Omaha	282	52	83	.294
Dawson, Sioux City	85	9	25	.294
Spahr, Denver	179	16	35	.294
Shipke, Omaha	141	19	41	.291
Lloyd, Denver	431	65	125	.290
Cole, Lincoln	406	55	117	.288
Collins, Denver	35	4	10	.286
Hartman, Sioux City	387	56	109	.284
Lundon, Lincoln	352	39	71	.282
Thomas, Lincoln	377	50	106	.280
Lynch, Omaha	321	47	90	.280
Reilly, Sioux City	345	61	96	.278
Coffey, Denver	377	47	104	.276
Edmiston, Topeka	98	15	27	.276
Graham, Des Moines	328	35	90	.274
Miller, Lincoln	146	23	40	.274
Gagnier, Lincoln	370	56	101	.273
Breen, Sioux City	383	53	105	.271
Stem, Sioux City	399	59	108	.271
Pick, Omaha	284	46	77	.271
Gardner, Topeka	89	11	24	.270
Colligan, Des Moines	393	56	106	.270
Kenworthy, Denver	63	9	17	.270
Lindsay, Denver	338	59	91	.269
Kelly, St. Joseph	405	67	108	.269
Frambes, Denver	138	18	36	.266
Miller, C., Sioux City	252	30	67	.266
Hughes, Pueblo	347	46	92	.265
Ehman, Lincoln	61	12	16	.262
B. Reilly, St. Joseph	374	48	98	.262
Whitney, Topeka	412	67	107	.260
Curtis, Des Moines	436	51	110	.259
Clark, Topeka	62	6	16	.258
O'Brien, Denver	86	11	22	.256
Herche, Des Moines	56	4	14	.250
Knapp, Lincoln	56	8	14	.250
Beecher, Topeka	157	21	39	.248
Williams, Omaha	267	41	66	.247
Fitzgerald, Sioux City	61	9	15	.246
Cunnam, Lincoln	367	73	90	.246
Crutcher, St. Joseph	26	1	6	.237
Kneaves, Omaha	327	42	77	.235
Hamilton, St. Joseph	277	27	65	.235
Clemmons, Pueblo	249	23	57	.235
Dwyer, Des Moines	391	57	90	.230
Sage, Sioux City	35	3	8	.229
Agnew, Omaha	171	20	39	.228
Moore, Omaha	228	28	51	.226
Anderson, Des Moines	347	55	78	.225
Johnson, St. Joseph	49	5	11	.224
Kreps, Topeka	143	17	32	.223
McGrath, Topeka	27	4	6	.222
Schmid, Pueblo	213	23	47	.220
Chapman, Topeka	118	13	26	.220
Jackson, Pueblo	92	14	20	.217
Isbell, Pueblo	28	3	6	.214
Clark, Sioux City	47	4	10	.213
Durbin, Topeka	76	5	16	.211
Meinke, St. Joseph	346	36	73	.211
Arbogast, Omaha	106	13	22	.208
Crisp, Topeka	58	3	12	.207
Applegate, Lincoln	34	4	7	.206
Benz, Des Moines	64	6	13	.203
Bachant, Des Moines	140	16	28	.200
McGraw, Lincoln	150	14	30	.200
Gossett, St. Joseph	228	30	45	.199
Ellis, Pueblo	74	7	14	.196
Hall, Omaha	61	7	12	.197
Stratton, Lincoln	187	18	36	.193
Kores, Des Moines	390	37	75	.192
Harris, Denver	62	2	12	.191
Litowski, Des Moines	156	21	29	.186
Sherer, Sioux City	27	4	5	.185
Robinson, Omaha	49	5	6	.184
Crittenden, St. Joseph	11	1	2	.182
Fox, Lincoln	60	3	11	.183
Rhodes, Omaha	67	4	12	.179
Wilson, Sioux City	68	10	12	.176
Kinsella, Denver	35	9	6	.171
Durham, St. Joseph	71	4	12	.168
Perry, Pueblo	26	1	4	.167
Porkorney, Omaha	6	1	1	.167
Kaufman, St. Joseph	46	3	7	.152
Henson, Des Moines	81	6	12	.148
Hagerman, Denver	62	8	9	.145
Miller, W., Sioux City	50	5	7	.140
Schreiber, Denver	44	6	6	.136
Northup, Des Moines	37	4	5	.135
McKee, Des Moines	31	0	4	.129
Wolverton, Lincoln	30	1	4	.130
Buchanan, Topeka	67	5	8	.119
Routt, Pueblo	9	0	1	.110
Chellette, St. Joseph	61	6	7	.108
Weaver, Denver	10	1	1	.100
Hagerman, Lincoln	55	3	5	.091
Freeman, St. Joseph	36	2	3	.083
Giffin, St. Joseph	36	3	3	.083
Owens, Des Moines	41	1	3	.073
Burnham, St. Joseph	15	1	1	.067
Faber, Pueblo	15	0	1	.067
Donovan, Topeka	14	0	0	.000
Peaster, Pueblo	14	0	0	.000
Klepfer, Sioux City	8	0	0	.000
Olmstead, Denver	7	0	0	.000

Fielding Averages.

	PO.	A.	E.	Pct.
Klepfer, Sioux City	6	12	0	1.000
Sherer, Sioux City	6	1	0	1.000
Olmstead, Denver	2	5	0	1.000
Kinsella, Denver	4	44	0	1.000
O'Brien, Denver	81	10	0	1.000
Smith, Lincoln	1	6	0	1.000
Routt, Pueblo	3	4	0	1.000
Porkorney, Omaha	14	0	0	1.000
Hickman, Topeka	3	6	0	1.000
Berger, Topeka	0	1	0	1.000
Clemmons, Pueblo	326	109	12	.998
Towne, Sioux City	97	12	1	.998
Spahr, Denver	234	47	3	.989
Stratton, Lincoln	277	76	4	.989
Lindsay, Denver	948	82	11	.989
Jones, "Tex," St. Joseph	548	45	7	.988
Chapman, Topeka	157	39	2	.988
Stem, Sioux City	860	69	11	.986
Owens, Des Moines	4	22	3	.986
Dawson, Sioux City	118	18	2	.985
Borton, St. Joseph	429	33	7	.984
Thomas, Lincoln	305	71	19	.983
Chellette, St. Joseph	3	54	1	.982
Kane, Omaha	1039	72	24	.979
Whitney, Topeka	1020	63	23	.979
Zwilling, St. Joseph	157	21	4	.978
Belden, Pueblo	176	10	4	.978
Applegate, Lincoln	8	35	1	.977
Kaufman, St. Joseph	6	38	1	.977
Dwyer, Des Moines	967	69	25	.976
McGraw, Lincoln	253	40	8	.975
Arbogast, Omaha	209	51	7	.973
Cassidy, Denver	137	9	4	.973
Koerner, Pueblo	306	81	10	.973
Litowski, Des Moines	248	77	9	.972
Lynch, Omaha	213	36	7	.972
Miller, C., Sioux City	355	100	13	.972
Gossett, St. Joseph	367	129	14	.972
Isbell, Pueblo	66	7	2	.971
Schreiber, Denver	7	26	1	.971
Freeman, St. Joseph	4	31	1	.971
Knapp, Lincoln	6	62	2	.970
Beall, Denver	219	10	7	.969
Davis, Pueblo	139	14	6	.969
Anderson, Des Moines	140	5	5	.966
Barber, Sioux City	22	65	3	.966
Shaw, Pueblo	266	71	11	.966
Kenworthy, Denver	19	30	1	.965
Neighbors, Sioux City	77	5	3	.963
Middleton, Pueblo	224	19	9	.962
Breen, Sioux City	172	9	7	.962
Frambes, Denver	279	94	12	.962
Claire, Pueblo	140	219	10	.960
Cole, Lincoln	307	15	9	.959
Gilmore, Denver	172	9	8	.958
Unglaub, Lincoln	240	264	19	.956
Lloyd, Denver	267	221	22	.956
Mattick, Des Moines	219	27	11	.955
Harris, Denver	7	58	3	.954
Gagnier, Lincoln	224	209	24	.954
Curtis, Des Moines	188	8	9	.954
Craig, Pueblo	20	1	1	.955
Demott, Omaha	5	38	3	.955
Reilly, St. Joseph	286	356	28	.952
Kelly, St. Joseph	131	18	8	.952
Durbin, Topeka	13	87	5	.952
Gardner, Topeka	40	3	2	.951
Benz, Des Moines	6	46	3	.951
Burnham, St. Joseph	2	19	1	.950
Andreas, Sioux City	356	287	29	.950
Miller, Lincoln	77	9	4	.949
Dundon, Lincoln	129	182	16	.948
Rickert, Topeka	173	17	10	.948
Miller, W., Sioux City	9	66	4	.947
Williams, Omaha	59	4	3	.946
Meinke, St. Joseph	341	327	38	.943
King, Topeka	248	62	18	.942
Wagner, Sioux City	172	14	11	.941
McCormick, Lincoln	127	12	11	.940
Thomason, Omaha	355	11	23	.940
Hagerman, H. K., Denver	9	41	3	.940
Graham, Des Moines	232	250	30	.940
Hughes, Pueblo	263	254	34	.939
Emory, Topeka	41	68	6	.938
Krepe, Topeka	109	124	15	.938
Rhodes, Omaha	2	45	4	.936
Wolverton, Lincoln	7	60	5	.936
Weaver, Denver	11	4	1	.934
Bachant, Des Moines	155	60	14	.934
Northup, Des Moines	5	33	2	.934
Hall, Omaha	6	66	5	.932
Crisp, Topeka	69	19	6	.932
Durham, St. Joseph	13	67	5	.931
Coffey, Denver	217	299	36	.930
Ellis, Pueblo	11	60	5	.930
Clark, Sioux City	3	39	3	.929
Henson, Des Moines	11	81	6	.927
Agnew, Omaha	186	63	18	.927
Quillin, Denver	113	185	22	.926
Cockman, Lincoln	83	252	25	.925
Schoonover, Omaha	162	18	24	.923
Jarnigan, Pueblo	7	22	3	.923
Herche, Des Moines	5	47	4	.923
Crutcher, St. Joseph	1	25	2	.923
Berger, Pueblo	207	400	47	.921
Fitzgerald, Sioux City	29	1	2	.920
Schmid, Pueblo	7	122	17	.919
Buchanan, Topeka	7	28	4	.911
Crittenden, St. Joseph	15	4	2	.910
Powell, St. Joseph	192	22	20	.901
Hamilton, St. Joseph	92	178	25	.967
Cobb, Lincoln	140	21	15	.967
Clark, Topeka	6	38	6	.905
Fox, Lincoln	7	74	8	.951
Hartman, Sioux City	160	273	42	.923
Patton, Des Moines	13	6	2	.900
Kneaves, Omaha	165	286	48	.896
Edmiston, Topeka	50	83	14	.896
Ehman, Denver	10	27	6	.894
Schipke, Omaha	52	60	12	.890
McKee, Des Moines	1	27	3	.893
Wilson, Sioux City	2	35	4	.892
Reilly, Sioux City	7	93	12	.890
Koren, Des Moines	144	218	40	.889
Moore, Omaha	146	156	36	.883
Colligan, Des Moines	205	261	57	.882
Robinson, Omaha	4	37	5	.879
McGrath, Topeka	3	39	6	.875
Jackson, Pueblo	12	58	8	.878
Niehoff, Omaha	202	229	61	.871
Beecher, Topeka	61	82	11	.862
Giffin, St. Joseph	6	7	1	.857
Hagerman, Lincoln	8	48	8	.857
Johnson, St. Joseph	2	37	6	.850
Pick, Omaha	90	116	24	.839
Fugate, Topeka	8	48	10	.821
Perry, Pueblo	5	11	3	.813
Sage, Sioux City	1	14	3	.800
Peaster, Pueblo	0	11	3	.727
Donovan, Topeka	1	4	2	.600
Faber, Pueblo	0	9	4	.562
Blair, Topeka	2	1	1	.333

Pitchers' Records.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Smith, Lincoln	4	0	1.000
O'Brien, Denver	19	5	.792
Crutcher, St. Joseph	6	2	.750
Routt, Pueblo	3	1	.750
Kenworthy, Denver	3	1	.750
Wolverton, Lincoln	11	4	.733
Applegate, Lincoln	11	5	.688
Hagerman, H. K., Denver	13	6	.684
Hickman, Topeka	2	1	.667
Rhodes, Omaha	16	8	.652
Buchanan, Topeka	11	6	.647
Schreiber, Denver	3	3	.643
Jackson, Pueblo	19	11	.633
Miller, Walter, Sioux City	8	6	.615
Ehman, Lincoln	11	7	.611
Chellette, St. Joseph	14	9	.609
Peaster, Pueblo	3	2	.600
Harris, Denver	10	7	.588
Hall, Omaha	11	8	.579
Robinson, Omaha	8	6	.571
Kaufman, St. Joseph	8	6	.571
Barber, Sioux City	14	11	.560
Clark, Topeka	10	8	.556
Demott, Omaha	5	4	.556
Jarnigan, Pueblo	6	5	.545
Benz, Des Moines	10	8	.526
Wilson, Sioux City	12	12	.500
Fugate, Topeka	10	10	.500
Durham, St. Joseph	10	10	.500
Hagerman, Lincoln	8	8	.500
Knapp, Lincoln	8	8	.500
Klusella, Denver	6	6	.500
Beecher, Topeka	4	4	.500
Burnham, St. Joseph	4	4	.500
Perry, Pueblo	3	3	.500
Klepfer, Sioux City	1	1	.500
Griffin, St. Joseph	1	1	.500
Johnson, St. Joseph	8	9	.470
Ellis, Pueblo	8	9	.470
Freeman, St. Joseph	7	8	.467
Henson, Des Moines	11	13	.458
Durbin, Topeka	10	13	.455
Fox, Lincoln	8	11	.421
Olmstead, Denver	2	3	.400
Faber, Pueblo	2	3	.400
Patton, Des Moines	2	3	.400
Clark, Sioux City	6	9	.375
Harper, Sioux City	1	2	.333
McGrath, Topeka	3	8	.273
Sage, Sioux City	2	6	.250
Farthing, Lincoln	2	6	.250
Lotz, Omaha	1	3	.250
Northup, Des Moines	1	3	.200
Herche, Des Moines	3	14	.176
McKee, Des Moines	1	5	.167
Owens, Des Moines	2	10	.167
Donovan, Topeka	0	3	.000
Mitchell, Des Moines	0	2	.000
Maple, Pueblo	0	1	.000

Team Work.

Batting: Pueblo, .291; Denver, .287; Sioux City, .274; Lincoln, .261; Omaha, .259; St. Joseph, .250; Topeka, .237; Des Moines, .218.

Sacrifice hits: Sioux City, 170; Denver, 164; Lincoln, 138; Pueblo, 127; Omaha, 123; St. Joseph, 100; Topeka, 95; Des Moines, 79.

Fielding: Denver, .964; Lincoln, .961; St. Joseph, .954; Pueblo, .950; Topeka, .946; Des Moines, .943; Omaha, .938; Sioux City, .902.

Stolen bases: Lincoln, 231; St. Joseph, 221; Omaha, 220; Denver, 202; Sioux City, 157; Des Moines, 141; Topeka, 111; Pueblo, 82.

Hold Beach Races at Old Orchard, Me.

Promoters Believe that Game Can Be Successfully Played in North as it is in South.

BOSTON, Aug. 12.—Racing automobiles over a beach has come to be regarded as a southern fixture. World's records have been made at the well known Ormond-Daytona beach on the Florida coast, and last winter a meet was held very successfully on the Atlantic-Pablo strip near Jacksonville. If the plans of some New England business men go through, however, this form of motor racing will not be confined to the south.

The proposition is to make Old Orchard, Me., the "northern Ormond." Plans are being made to hold a three-day race meet on the beach there during the latter part of this month. The business men of Old Orchard are behind the scheme and believe they can make a go of it. They are arranging a program and a prize list that will appeal, it is said, to all the prominent drivers.

The beach is admittedly a hard, fast stretch, and for three miles there is nothing which will prevent a car from traveling at its height of speed. While it is not expected that any records like those created at Daytona and Ormond can be established on the Maine beach, there is no question but what some speed work can be attempted with safety to the driver and spectators.

The date of the meeting will be so arranged as not to interfere in any way with the Elgin meet on August 25 and 26. In fact, the intention is to make the date follow close upon the big western meet in order to permit the drivers therein to come east and participate in this event.

WELLS OUT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

English Lightweight Hopes to Wrest Laurels from Wolgast.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Matt Wells, the English fighter, is likely to be given a chance to win the lightweight championship of the world.

After a great deal of dickering it has been practically arranged to have the English lightweight champion meet the winner of the battle at Milwaukee on September 15 between Ad Wolgast and Packey McFarland. Wells will have to make 122 pounds at 4 o'clock for the fight. This, however, should not be difficult for Wells, who has repeatedly stated that he can make that poundage.

It will be remembered that Wells had an opportunity to meet McFarland at Milwaukee at the end of this month before the Badger club. The fight, however, was dropped owing to the stubbornness of either Wells or his manager, George McDonald.

Veterans at Tennis Meet

Jack Bailey — Geo. H. Wright

John T. Bailey of Albion, Old., official referee, and George H. Wright of Boston, Mass., two of the veteran tennis men of the United States, attended the national clay court tennis tournament this year, and both declared it to be one of the finest tourneys of the country.

George Wright, who publishes the Wright & Ditson tennis guide, is one of the oldest and best informed tennis men of the country. He has given up playing the game, but follows it closely, by attending tournaments and the name Wright is still in tennis results, for Beals Wright, the famous easterner, is his son.

Jack Bailey, former newspaper man, and now a business man of Oklahoma, loves tennis more than any man in the country. He admits that he is neglecting business to come up to Omaha and act as referee, but he made the promise to do it last winter, and in addition he holds a warm spot in his heart for Omaha because of the tennis spirit shown here and the tennis men. Omaha is always equally glad to see him return, with or without a tennis tournament—preferably with.

BIG GAMES OF THE AMATEURS

All the Local Lots to Be Again Occupied This Afternoon.

STORZ PLAY AT THE BLUFFS

Tournaments in Nearby Towns Are Taking Many of the Amateur Players from Omaha to Strengthen Other Teams.

This afternoon the people of the neighboring Iowa village across the river will be allowed for the second time this year to behold the Omaha Storz Triumphs mix affairs. In their last bout the Storz swamped the Bluffs boys, but it would be a tough proposition to attempt a prediction of the turnout of this event. On last Sabbath the Merchants defeated the Rowing association, their only rival for the championship, in a sharp and decisive battle. Their pitching staff is composed of Hall of Tabor and Sennett of Underwood, Ia., and is reputed to be the strongest staff around here. The Storz Triumphs showed their gameness, anyway, last Sabbath, when they bucked Falls City. Bruggeman will be on the mound for the beer advertisers. He has pitched a number of games for the Storz and Deitz and every one a victory. Lineup:

Storz Triumphs.	Position.	Merchants.
Eastman	Left	Gilson
Wesch	Center	Evers
Kucera	Right	Scanlon
Durkee	Third	Minkus
Durkee	Second	Hodge
Hall	Short	Kelly
McLean	First	Wahl
Drummy	Catcher	Duff
Hatchen	Pitcher	Hall
Bruggeman	Pitcher	Bennett
Probst		

Games at Fort Omaha.

At Fort Omaha one of the best double bills of the season will be put on this afternoon. In the first encounter the Brodegaard Crowns will battle with the R. E. Long Plumbing outfit. These two teams have been anxious to meet each other, but the out-of-town dates that were scheduled were the interposing rocks, so today will mark their first meeting. The plumbers will have Nelson on the mound to represent them and the jewelers will have to have their eyes peeled very sharply if they wish to dent the home plate. Immediately after the first encounter the Holly Red Sox and the Hanscom Parks will bury themselves in the heat and excitement of a terrible conflict. Animosity exists between these two teams and they are very hostile when questions of ability arise. This afternoon's battle will settle for the season the superiority of one or the other. Big John Hickey will dash the sphere for the Omaha boys, while Eddie Bogatis will pitch for the Sheely Merchants. Last Sunday Eddie Bogatis pitched for the Townsends against the Hollys, but he was poorly supported.

Townsends at South Omaha.

After returning from the Randolph tournament, the Townsend Gun company brigade will journey down to South Omaha where they will play the Shamrocks in the second game of a scheduled double header. Dyck or Lewis will probably pitch for the Townsends, while Smith or Mason will be on deck for the South Omaha merchants. At their last meeting the gunners were not as strong as they are now and so the Shamrocks won easily. Now the Townsends are going good and are well prepared to contend their ability with any team.

Game on Creighton Field.

The Steinbergs of South Omaha will meet the Athletics on the Creighton ground this afternoon at twenty-sixth and California. Lineups:

Steinbergs.		Athletics.
Clements	Short	McCary
Kelly	Center	Conroy
Heffinger	Left	Greene
Ludwig	Third	Hornback
Kasper	Right	Pittsworth
Finerty	First	Dineen
Clements	Catcher	Monsky
Altman	Pitcher	Vernon
Devine	Pitcher	

Who Are the Champs

In reality just which team can be called the champions of Omaha is a mighty serious and much argued question. Of course the Storz Triumphs seem to be the cream of the city yet it is stated as a general rule that before a team can claim any superiority over another team they must have beaten them twice. Last year the peerless Farrell Syrups defeated every good team in the city at least twice and they were respected as the undisputed champions. Now the Storz have not done this; on the contrary they canceled a game with the Townsend Gun company, the only team that ever beat them; but the Storz claim it was a practice game while others contend there are no practice games among amateurs. The Triumphs have not as yet played the Americans, a team which has beaten every team in Omaha, some of them twice and some by very decisive scores. This much is certain that the Triumphs and Americans must clash before either team can claim the championship. As to the answer of George L. Kennedy published in this paper last Sunday in regard to the Storz challenge, he ought not to have a word to say. On July 3, the Triumphs played and beat the Shamrocks on their own grounds, at Duffy park though the crowd that attended the fracas, as well as the Shamrock players did everything to annoy the visitors. Several times umpire St. Clair had to stop the game in order to quell the mob and prevent them acting unruly towards the visitors.

If George Kennedy wishes a game with the brewery outfit, they will cancel any date for him or will play him every evening in the week. Willard Quigley tried to give him September 3 or 4 at Vinton street park, but Mr. Kennedy would not accept.

At Benson Park.

At Benson Eagles park the Benson team will endeavor, if possible, to win a game this afternoon. They will have a bout with the Baum Irons. In every way the Iron men are a good match for the Eagles. Of late the Benson boys firing line has been out of order. Pitchers Dyck and Murray have been knocked out of the box several times and so Chris Lyck will have Big Ed McCreary in the box. He has a wonderful arm and ought to let the Baums down with but a few safeties. The following is the lineup:

Benson Eagles.		Baum Iron Co.
Kemp	First	Keilie
Gibbs	Second	Kelley
Zeuf	Third	Perry
Ostranic	Short	Yelrick
Horan	Left	Crawford
Murray	Center	Wappl
Prefhe	Right	Noon
Winters	Pitch	Parriffh
McCreary	Pitch	
Bellfus	Catch	Adams

Bankers.		Omaha Grain Ex.
Knox	Left	Clark
Sweeney	Center	Bowlan
Litton	Right	Watt
Pickett	Third	Ward
Worthington	Short	Horn
Sigler	Second	H