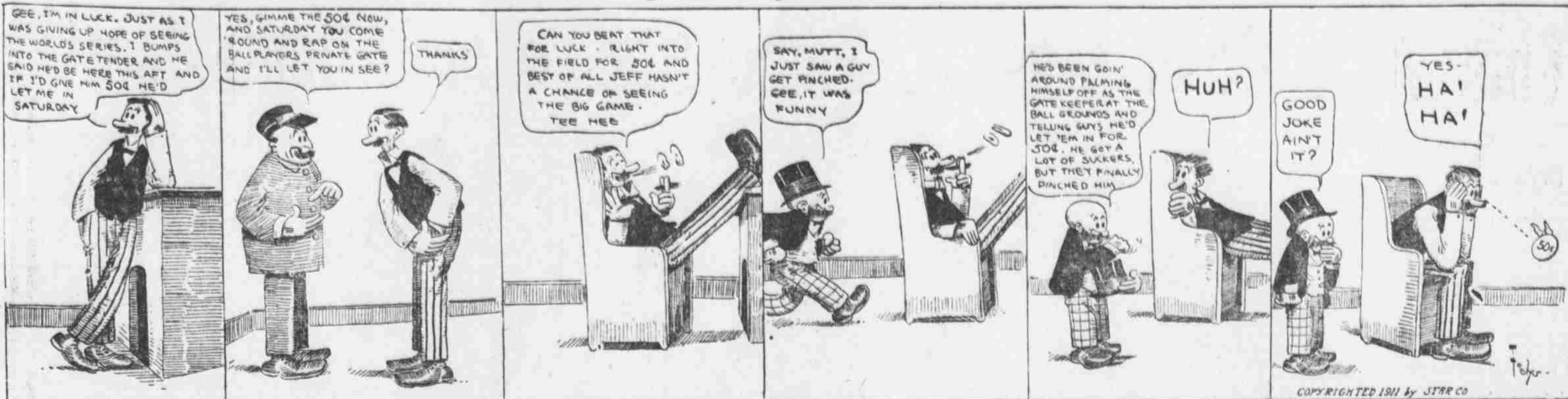


It Looks Kind of Dark for Mutt Seeing the Big Series

By "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

SIoux CITY dopsters have it that the Sioux closed the season tied with Omaha for fourth place. Our figures showed Omaha a fraction ahead of the Sioux, putting the latter in fifth place and Lincoln in sixth. Be that as it may, Omaha did very well, after such a fearful slump, to jump from sixth to fourth or tied for fourth, as it may turn out, on the last day of the season. It had to win a double-header to do it. President Bourke deserves a lot more credit and sympathy for his year's efforts than he is receiving. With the extra financial strain of the new park to begin with, he opened the season with odds against him and a team that proved utterly incapable, so that by the end of the season he had practically a completely new team. This meant the outlay of money and lots of worry and work. And Mr. Bourke is still up against the stern necessity of reorganizing his team for 1912. He has a good nucleus, but that is about all, as he recognizes. Of the team with which he opened the season he has left Agnew, a sub catcher, Rhodes, pitcher; Kane on the outfield, and Schouwer, a sub in the outfield. His three most valuable men today are Kane, Thomason and Niehoff and they are gilded. In addition to those, he will have Arbozak behind the bat, Hall, Pentress, and possibly Lotz with which to start the new season in the box and Rhodes if his arm comes back. Justice may show for a short, but he must have two outfielders and another infielder, even in case Moore hangs on. He must also have another A-1 catcher, in Thomason, Kane and Niehoff, Bourke has the class of the league in their respective positions, and good hitters. Kane is undoubtedly the most timely and valuable hitter on the circuit. For he has the bunt perfected and is there with the drive in pinches. Thomason, however, surpasses him in the batting list, coming out of the season with about 220 hits to his credit, a remarkable record. It has been a year of heavy expense to Mr. Bourke, but he is now laying his plans for next year, with even more zeal and vim than ever.

It takes a rather unusual plea for dopsters to compare Mathewson to the disparagement of Cy Young, when Young has pitched twenty-two seasons and Mathewson only twelve. Figures show Matty has a better record, slightly, for the first ten years of his career, but what will Matty have at the end of twenty-two years, or will he last that long? Who can tell? He is a grand pitcher, but thus far base ball has none so grand as the man, who for twenty-one seasons maintained an average of .33 games won. To compare these men, or any other man with old Denton Young, let's wait until he has pitched some many seasons. Matty weathered some this year, though, it is true, he recovered himself.

Regardless of how the world's series comes out, 1912 is bound to invite a tremendous interest. Fans will be eager to know, not only whether Cubs or Giants can come back, but whether both can come back and how the Athletics, with age creeping into their ranks, will fare. Chance will have to make some changes in his machine to restore it to pennant form, though it must be said it was as near pennant this year, broken and bruised, as any of the rest of them could stand. The fight they made under the circumstances will stand out as one of the pluckiest in base ball history and the big feature of the National league 1912 season.

We venture to say that under proper management Lincoln should have finished the season in second place, that is, if that team is susceptible to proper management. Knowing a disposition or two in the ranks, we would hesitate to criticize Omaha, or any manager too severely. Every man who has yet attempted to handle these players has come out at the same end. We do not wonder that Don Despain is sick of his job. The idea of a team with the material that one had finishing sixth is preposterous.

The Cubs need Jimmy Austin at third. He is a born Cub, anyway. With his marvelous speed and fielding and improved hitting he would fill the gap to a nicety.

Brother Dave has already begun to throw in the cobs for the winter. Gooding is here and will act as chief stoker.

Artie Hoffman needs to step up or he will lose his place at the front of the procession.

Jim Kane is 100 per cent better ball player than when we got him from Pittsburgh.

Here's a compliment for Nebraska: The Minneapolis Journal says the Cornhuskers every fall turn out an eleven that could defeat six of the eight western conference teams.

The Cornhuskers have surely started out the season at a rapid clip by running up two big scores. What they can do against the bigger teams is now the question.

Soccer foot ball is being given a good start in Omaha to combat the Rugby game.

GOSSIP OF THE GRIDIRON

Local Teams Have Many Hot Debates Scheduled for Today.

MOST TEAMS STRENGTHENED  
Dietz Team to Play the Monmouth Parks Today—Several Other Teams Make Trips Out of Town for Games.

The leather egg game has captured the Omaha sporting world. The attendance at Dietz park on last Sunday will verify this fact. This afternoon at the Florence base ball park, which is located on Fourth and Farnam streets, Florence, the Dietz foot ball squad and the Monmouth Parks will hit for their first encounter of the season. Last Sunday the Dietz demonstrated their ability when they downed the soldiers from Fort Omaha and today's game will find them with oceans of confidence. Smith, the Dietz right end, was the only man injured last Sunday, he getting a rib cracked. He will probably be in the lineup today. In the Monmouth Park-West End Tiger duel, the Parks took the long end by a 23 to 0 score. The West Ends are a Council Bluffs team. The Parks will be slightly outbeaten today, but they expect to make up the deficiency in weight by fleetness of foot. Anyway a fast game will be the outcome.

The lineup:  
DIETZ: ... MONMOUTH PARKS: ...

The Excelsiors will pack up their trunks and depart for Missouri Valley this morning, where they will try to slip the Valleyites a package labeled defeat. Already the Missouri Valley plow followers have tossed two of our local aggregations in the gutter, so it is a cinch the Excelsiors will have to ramble some if they want to cap the chicken. The Hanscom Parks and Belmonts are two of our Omaha squads that met their Waterloo at Missouri Valley.

On the Shamrocks' bulletin the nothing-doing sign reads supreme. Manager Callahan has scouted the woods thoroughly for a game without results and he wishes to announce that his squad is ready to meet all comers. Call him over South 15th.

The Benson fans will have their first opportunity to witness Sunday foot ball afforded them this afternoon, when the Swifts, a South Omaha bunch, hook up with the Defenders, a clever Omaha crew. Said game will be pulled off at Benson park, which is opposite Krug park. The Benson management has gone to considerable expense getting its park in condition for the leather egg machine, and expects to be rewarded by having some classy foot ball on its bill of fare.

Battle of Fort Omaha.  
The Soldiers will line up against the Superiors this afternoon at Fort Omaha promptly at 2 p. m. Manager Beverly expects a victory, but he says it will be a tussle worth seeing. Following is the lineup:

SUPERIORS: ... SOLDIERS: ...

Over at Woodbine, Ia., the Belmonts will endeavor to trounce the huskies located there. They will be up against a starry deal in this country town because the Woodbines average about 185 pounds and are there with the roughness.

Gridiron Notes.  
Corporal Clerk is now the cheese of the foot ball game at Fort Omaha.

On Thanksgiving day, the Monmouth Parks will battle with Valley.

For mixes with the Defenders call Harney 128 and equal for General Sawtelle.

Four of the stars of Waterloo's famous 1910 crew are fastened to the Valley herd.

Maley, Neb., would like to shake paws with some Omaha squad on election day.

Manager Beverly of the Superiors says his team is going to top the championship this season.

When the heavy foot ball crowd at Fort Omaha rounds into shape it will be hard shaking to down them.

For some unknown reason the Shamrocks missed the boat headed for Woodbine, Ia., last Sunday.

A large crowd will undoubtedly be on hand to witness the Dietz-Monmouth Park mix this afternoon.

Youngsters Who Are Showing Up Well



Top Row, Left to Right—Gideon, right end; Millard, right end; Peterson, right guard; Rector, fullback; Lindell, substitute tackle or guard; Munneke, left half; Coach; Ebber, Smith, Middle Row, Left to Right—Carlson, right tackle; Selby, quarterback; De Lamare, substitute quarterback and left half; Bittinger, substitute right half; Smith, left end. Sitting, Left to Right—Moser, right guard; Baldrige, center; Bowman (captain), right half; Balmain, left guard; Rachman, left tackle; Crocker, left end.

Since the Omaha high school eleven has begun the season some sort of a line on the team may be gained and the weak and strong places of the line and the back field singled out. This much is evident, the team will have to make a strong brace, and that soon if it expects to uphold the winning reputation of the school. The team has not mastered all the principles of the game by any means. In the Norfolk game, Omaha was especially weak in tackling and most of the players were averse to leaving their feet and tackling low. The ends have not begun to master the intricacies of the forward pass and several plays of this nature were broken up several times in practice this week by the second team. Omaha demonstrated its ability in team work play in the Norfolk game in the first three minutes of play, but it did not last after this; it was too short lived, and it is this problem that is confronting Coach Burnett, to impress upon the lads the importance of team work in the game, and to drill the line and the back field to play together as one man all the time. All of the lads are consistent and earnest in their work, and if they will only cooperate with Coach Burnett and develop their team work play in practice this week, and carry out their developments in the game with West High school at Des Moines next Friday, the high school will have a winning team this year, but if they do not, the results of the games this season will depend upon the work of star individual players rather than upon the work of the team as a whole. In a nutshell, Omaha has the material, the ability, the grit, and a good coach, and has only to develop in team work to make a successful team.

HIGHS ARE WEAK IN SPOTS

Coach is Now Able to Get a Line on Players in Foot Ball Squad.

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Coach Feels that He Must Impress Upon the Lads the Importance of Team Work, Lacking in Norfolk Game.

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CAPTAIN OF THE OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL FOOT BALL TEAM.



DAVE BOWMAN.

Baldrige is at Center.

To consider the team as a whole, the line as it now stands averages 188 pounds, and the back field in the neighborhood of 140 pounds. Baldrige, on the left-Nebrauka eleven last year, will again hold down his position at center, and his 220 pounds will prove a solid nucleus for the line. Balmain, Peterson and Moser are good men for guard positions and average about 160 pounds. Burnett has not yet decided on their positions, but they will all be retained as regulars on the team this season. "Old" Carlson at right tackle is playing his first year on the team. Rachman, weight 170, who played sub-center and guard on the team last year, will hold down the other tackle. There are four good men for the end positions, two of them, Gideon and Millard, playing on last year's first squad. Crocker and Smith, the other two, have shown up well in practice and both took part in the Norfolk game. The team needs at least four ends and the above will be retained for the season.

Shelby Shows Up Well.

Selby at quarterback has shown up well considering the fact that he is not a veteran at that position and in the lightest man on the team. He still has several points of the game to master, but with the rest of the team working with him he should develop into the logical one for the quarter position. "Eggs" De Lamare was given a tryout at quarter in practice last week and showed up well. Coach Burnett will play him at quarter and sub half this season. Dave Bowman, captain, will be seen at right half and has the headiness commensurate with the position. He still has several points of the game to master, but with the rest of the team working with him he should develop into the logical one for the quarter position. "Eggs" De Lamare was given a tryout at quarter in practice last week and showed up well. Coach Burnett will play him at quarter and sub half this season.

Lucky Biffers.

"What's Biffers biffing about?" "You know he hates to travel? Well, last year he promised his wife he would take her for a trip to Mexico." "And the insurance broke out?" "Exactly. Then he promised to take her to the Mediterranean trip." "And the war has broken out?" "Sure. Say, come on over and get a clear out of him."—Cleveland Plaindealer.

PENDULUM IS SWINGING BACK

Yale Returns to Graduate Coaching in Base Ball and Rowing.

HIGH AVERAGE IS MAINTAINED  
Similar Changes Have Been Made from Year to Year, Although They Do Not Always Attract Attention.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The return of Yale to graduate coaching in both base ball and rowing is not without precedent in the history of college athletics, for in almost every institution similar changes are made from year to year, although they do not always attract so much attention as has been the case with the new plans instituted at New Haven. It seems that in some colleges professional coaching is good for just a certain number of years and then when the pendulum begins to swing back and the teams fall a little lower in quality year by year there is talk of reverting to graduate coaching. Then the same course of events follows itself out. The graduate coaches have success for a time and then their teams too begin to show a falling off and once more it is time for the professional. The one good feature of all this, however, is that the quality of the teams in any one institution is usually maintained at a pretty high average. Instances can be cited from Columbia's rowing record. Under Walter Peet, '88, Columbia won the first intercollegiate regatta, but several years of graduate coaching after that one victory failed to be productive of results. Then Ned Hanlan was appointed coach and Columbia's crew once more loomed up as formidable. Hanlan, too, had his day; the pendulum swung back to graduate coaching, the choice going to Jasper Goodwin of the Columbia Henley four.

Goodwin, however, was never really successful, and again a change was made to the ranks of the professionals and now John Rice is holding down the job with all kinds of success. Of course the history of rowing at Cornell is not the record of a series of changes such as has been the case at Columbia, chiefly because Courtney from the first day he set foot on Ithaca ground was successful. From the way Rice is shaping at Columbia there won't be many more changes at Columbia either. All of this is not said with the idea of disparaging Yale's new policy. It is rather with the intention of pointing out that where graduate coaching fails there is always a decided tendency to rush off into the professional world, and where the "pro" has no success the diametrically opposite is true. After all, there is not much difference between the two, for the sole object of having a coach is to instruct men in the arts of a particular branch of sport with the idea of emerging victorious at the end of the season not too far in the background.

Yet if John Kennedy had turned out a winning crew last June or if Billy Lush's base ball nine had won the championship there is little doubt that both would still be holding down their old jobs in New Haven. When we begin to believe that we're entitled to a rebate on our reformation we're getting ready to flop again. The "good fellow," says heavy excess baggage charges on a reputation that he has to live down to.

GAMES MORE INTERESTING

New Rules Work Pleasing Changes in Game of Foot Ball.

EAST AND WEST WILL CLASH  
This Season There is a Wealth of Games Scheduled that Will Attract Much Attention.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Under the new rules almost every foot ball game is interesting, the smaller colleges being just as capable that are worth while. This season there is a wealth of games on the schedule which will attract some of the largest crowds in history.

Looking down the schedule a foot ball "fan" will find several games to be played on each Saturday of the season which will be worth while witnessing. There will be more clashes between the east and the west, and one or two of the minor colleges have sprouted to such an extent that they will attract a great deal of attention in the games which they will play against some of the big eleven. Intests which were only of passing interest a few seasons back.

Brown university is a very good example of improvement which demands attention. The Providence collegians will play the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard and Yale again this year, as has been the usual custom. Brown's heavy eleven and the presence of the all-American quarterback on the team will give them additional prestige. Carlisle is another which seems to have an improved eleven. From now on the games become more interesting as the season progresses. Believers in figures will have plenty of food for thought in the games of October 21. At West Point the army will tackle Yale, while at Annapolis the navy will play against Princeton. In both cases the visiting team will meet a few weeks later, and the two home teams will battle at Franklin Field on November 25 against one another. Perhaps the most hotly contested game of that Saturday will be the meeting in Philadelphia between the University of Pennsylvania and Brown. The Harvard-Amherst and the Dartmouth-Williams games will attract considerable interest.

Good Test for Bulldogs.

If Colgate continues its good playing the games which the eleven will play against Yale on October 28 will give the Bulldogs a good test before the big games of November. Other games on the last Saturday of the month of importance are: Cornell vs. University of Pittsburgh at Ithaca; Harvard vs. Brown at Cambridge; Dartmouth vs. University of Vermont at Hanover, and the University of Pennsylvania vs. Pennsylvania State at Philadelphia.

November has always been known as the most interesting foot ball period of the season and as usual there is country wide interest in almost all of the games in which members of the "Big Six" will enter. On the first Saturday of the month, November 4, Harvard will play Princeton at Princeton. This is also the day on which the University of Pennsylvania plays the University of Syracuse at Syracuse, and Chicago and Minnesota clash.

November 11 is a "pipkin" for the foot ball "fan." He can choose any member of the "Big Six" and he is certain that there will be a game of exceptional merit. Here are the most important games of the day: Cornell vs. Michigan at Ithaca; Harvard vs. Carlisle at Cambridge; Princeton vs. Dartmouth at Princeton; University of Pennsylvania vs. Lafayette at Philadelphia, and Yale vs. Brown at New Haven.

Princeton's final game of the season will be played against Yale at New Haven on November 18. Cornell will travel to Chicago to play against Colgate University on the same day. Other games are: Harvard vs. Dartmouth at Cambridge; University of Pennsylvania vs. Michigan at Ann Arbor; Carlisle at Syracuse; Pennsylvania State at Annapolis; Brown vs. Vermont at Providence; Amherst vs. Williams at Williamstown, and Army vs. Colgate at West Point.

Yale and Harvard complete their schedules when they meet on November 25 at Cambridge. The famous Army-Navy game will also be played then at Philadelphia. Thanksgiving day will practically conclude the season all over the country. The most important game of this day will be the meeting at Philadelphia between Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania. Brown plays Carlisle at Providence on that date.

Amateurs Wrestle at Nebraska City. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Oct. 14.—(Special.)—One of the biggest wrestling matches held in this city in years occurred at Eagle hall last evening, lasting two hours and thirty minutes, between Joseph Feitshauer, a cattle buyer, and J. Edgar Allen, a young grocery clerk. Feitshauer was regarded as Allent could throw him and a goodly sized purse was staked on the result. Over 300 men witnessed the match. The referee was Otto Franklin and the men neither rested nor took water in all of the time, but the clock was striking the midnight hour when Allen forced the shoulders of the big cattle man onto the mat and won the match. Now Feitshauer wants to wager \$500 that Allen cannot put his shoulders to the mat three times out of five and things are being arranged for the match. This is the first time that either of the men has appeared before the public and they have only been training for ten days.