And Now Mutt is Sorry He Appealed His Case ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ By "Bud" Fisher

Judgments

SANBORN of the Chicago Tribune takes a fall out of the move in the National league to revive the attempt at secreting instead of disclosing real base ball news in the winter time, imposing a fine upon the magnate violating the rule. That is a nice thing for a man whose business depends upon sufferance and newspaper boosting to think of doing. As Sanborn suggests, it might be well for the newspapers to take them at their word just for a while and see how soon the rule would stand. Cut down the "dope" to "news" and see what a howl goes up from these magnates. Base ball is a great game, but it has become a great business largely because of the great publicity it has received. Limit the publication of a news item to as few words as it would take to tell it and cut out the boosting and the gossip and the human interest stuff and see where these chesty magnates got off. They would be running down to the newspaper offices and waiting hat in hand for an opportunity to shove their news into hands of the sporting editors. They don't want publicity, oh no, not any more than they can get; that's all. It comes in nice grace for some of those National leaguers, who, like Mr. Murphy, for instance, have been lifted out of impecunious stations in life to high seats of financial ease by the publicity that has been given their "secrets." And the funny thing is about Mr. Murphy, that he went from the sporting editor's staff of a daily newspaper to the lofty position he now holds in the world of frenzied finance, thanks to the philanthropic interest another man took in him. So the newspapers are not to have the news during the winter months, but shall open their columns to everything agoing in the summer because they must. A fine come-off. Well, now, Sanborn is right when he says, "Take 'em at their word." Make it a game of freeze-out; they'll holler.

Comiskey, reports have it, refuses to waive on George Stovall and let Cleveland shove him down to Toledo as manager. We can see where Commy is wise. He has nobody for first base as good as Stovall and could use the ex-Nap very nicely. Stovall is the victim of a very queer combination of circumstances. He went in as manager of Cleveland last season after several men had failed in that capacity and shoved the team into third place, making it promising as a contender for 1912. His reward is his discharge and the worst of it is that from the time he took hold of the management his successor, Harry Davis, had been employed. It must inspire a lot of ambition in a man to get this kind of a deal. It is much the same sort of a deal as Danny Shay was handed by Tabeau at Kansas City. Shay made a team out of the Blues and got fired for his trouble. But that is as much as could be expected from Tebau. Charley Carr assumes a big job as Danny's successor, for the fans of Kansas City are Shay fans, not Tebeau. All that Carr will be asked to do is to improve on what Shay did. Can he? Oh, it is a great thing to have these Tebeaus in the game.

Charlie Webfoot Murphy paddled on down to Boston during the week, accompanied by the rumor that he went to buy the Boston Nationals. The report says that the late Mr. Russell, owner of the team, made the dying request that the franchise be retained by his family and heirs. Let it be retained or held by anyone but Murphy, for the chief reason that for the owner of one National league club to get hold of another would be syndicate base ball, a thing that in time would prove disastrous. The belief has never quite downed that Murphy and Charley Taft own Philadelphia. Now their power should be curbed. It would better for base ball if Murphy owned nothing.

There are so many rumors of relations between President Fogel and Manager Dooin of Philadelphia that one finds it hard to know just what to believe. One report is that Fogel is done with Dooin, another that he has urged Red to sign a three-year contract, insisting that he is the only real manager on earth. One thing appears to an outsider—that Fogel would be very foolish to let Dooin do anything else than manage his team, for Dooin is doin' is that line what more than any other manager has done of late.

Tessie Alderman sends word that he will return to pitch for Topeka in the spring. Evidently selling tombstones at Lyons, Neb., does not quite satisfy his nervous temperament. There is this about it, Tessie is a corking good pitcher when he has control, though it remains to be seen whether being out a season helped him or not.

And so all that talk of Ducky Holmes having paddled back into this circuit is nothing, according to Tom Fairweather. Tom says he still owns the Sioux City team and has no notion of letting go. Good for Tom.

Pa Rourke may have a lot of secrets, but he knows they are secrets. What's the use of spoiling a good secret by making it gossip? There is plenty of time to arrange the new batting order.

Muggsy McGraw was fined in Cuba for jumping onto a native. Muggsy needn't blame the poor Cubans for what the Athletics did

RAMBLERS MEET MERCHANTS

Double-Header Foot Ball Game at Fort Omaha This Afternoon.

SOLDIERS BATTLE SHAMROCKS

All-Star City Team is Selected, with Shamrocks in the Lineup—Two Superiors and Four Parks Selected.

The South Omaha Ramblers and the Sherman Avenue Merchants will meet at Fort Omaha this afternoon, as will also the Soldiers and the Shamrocks. The first game will be for the championship of 145-pound teams.

The first game will commence promtly at 2 p. m., and immediately after this argument the big fellows will promenade on the gridiron.

The following officials have been secured: Wright, referee; Golden, umpire; Jack Fitzgerald, field judge, and Sexton, head linesman. With these men running the game everything will be run off smothly.

Following is the linup for the second game:

Shamrocks.			Soldiers.
Fitch	C.	C.	Zarjowski
Kelly	R.G.	L.G.	Gibbons
Crohan	L.G.	R.G.	Heineline
Kennelly	R.T.	L.T.	Jagger
Ritchie	L.T.	R.T.	Strand
Thomas	R.E.	L.E.	O'Neil
Thener	L.E.	R.E.	Calgrove
Quigley	Q.B.	Q.B.	Tomkins
Fagen	R.H.B.	R.H.B.	Wilsey
Callahan	L.H.B.	L.H.B.	Greis
Tuttle	F.B.	F.B.	Cannon

Brother Daily of the Monmouth Parks is still nursing a pair of cracked ribs he received during the Monmouth Park-Valley contest.

Lou Devine, manager of the Monmouth Park foot ball team, offered to donate fifty rocks to the Missouri Valley crew if they would play them in Omaha.

This season the Shamrocks have made a wonderful record. They have lost one game, and that one when they were in a sadly depleted condition.

Now Valley (Neb.) wants to play Missouri Valley for the championship of the Missouri valley. They'd better beat the Monmouth Parks of Omaha first.

Herewith is an "all star" Omaha eleven picked from the three best Omaha teams, the Shamrocks, Superiors and Monmouth Parks. The "all star" Omaha team:

Name.	Weight.	Position	Team.
Carlson	190	C.	Monmouth Parks.
Andrews	174	R.G.	Superiors.
Ritchie	180	L.G.	Shamrocks.
Golden	160	R.T.	Monmouth Parks.
Callahan	155	L.T.	Shamrocks.
Quigley	168	R.E.	
Manager.			Shamrocks.
Daily	150	L.E.	Monmouth Parks.
Wright	150	Q.B.	Monmouth Parks.
Williams	196	R.H.	Superiors.
Fitzgerald	160	L.H.	
Captain.			Shamrocks.
Tuttle	152	F.B.	Shamrocks.
Total weight	1,832.		

Barrett May Manage Des Moines Team

DENVER, Dec. 9.—It is reported here that "Jimmy" Barrett, who last season managed the Milwaukee American association base ball team, will manage the Des Moines Western league team in 1912 if he gets his release from Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago Americans.

Letters received here say that Tom O'Brien, the star Denver pitcher, who was sold to the Boston American team, says he is holding out for more money and has announced that he will not play next year unless his salary is substantially increased.

Young Teachers Who Play Foot Ball

Top Row—Charles Wareham, fullback; Jesse Randolph, right guard; Clark Cameron, center; Walter May, fullback; Ray Campbell, left end; G. J. Van Buren, coach. Middle Row—Lawrence Brown, right end; Ralph Essert, right halfback; Carrig, quarterback; Edward Schott, left halfback; Milton Dosset, left end. Lower Row—[illegible], right tackle; William Birkelbock, right guard; Russell Burford, center; Captain Will Randolph, left guard; Robert Randolph, left tackle.

KEARNEY STATE NORMAL FOOT BALL SQUAD.

Kearney Normals Make Good Record

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The Kearney Normal school foot ball team has closed the most successful season in its history. By the loss of the Thanksgiving game at Peru, 6 to 3, they lost their first intercollegiate contest and also the state championship.

Some exceptional men have been enlisted in the Kearney lineup and Coach G. J. Van Buren has put them in excellent condition. Carrig at quarter has kicked five field goals in as many games. Burford at center and Dryden and Randolph in the tackle positions have been the backbone of the team.

Most of the men will be back next year and another successful season is looked forward to by the coach and the students.

Following is the record of the team for the season in its intercollegiate games:

Hastings, 0; Kearney, 9.
Grand Island, 6; Kearney, 9.
Nebraska Central college, 0; Kearney, 16.
Cotner University, 10; Kearney, 27.
Peru, 6; Kearney, 3.

Comfort the Big Feature.

Charles T. Jeffery, president of the Thomas B. Jeffery company, makers of Rambler motor cars, was asked: "Now that the mechanism of the motor car has become so standardized, what is the most important thing demanded by motor car owners?" Mr. Jeffery said: "Comfort is the thing demanded by the motor car buyer of today."

INTEREST IN NEW YEAR RUN

Young Men's Christian Association, High School and Others Enter.

GOLD MEDALS FOR SPEEDY MEN

Organization Having Best Team to Receive Prize and Stars of Race to Be Honored—Course is Three Miles.

Considerable interest is being taken by local sport followers in the New Year's cross country run which will be given under the auspices of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association.

The run will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and will start and end at the association building. The course extends over the Omaha business district and covers about three miles. The management expects to have several automobiles conduct the officials around the course and to pick up any runners who drop out of the race from exhaustion.

A handsome silver loving cup will be given the organization having five men who finish the run with the lowest score and individual medals also will be awarded. The winner of the run will receive a solid gold medal, the second to finish will be given a gold filled medal, and the third, one of sterling silver. To the next seven men, bronze medals will be awarded.

Age Limit Seventeen.

No person under 17 years of age will be allowed to run and each contestant must present himself at the association building for medical examination before 10 o'clock the morning of the run. Only amateur entries will be accepted. Entries will close on Saturday, December 30.

Entries already have begun to pour in and it is expected at least one hundred contestants will make the run. The Omaha Young Men's Christian association has entered the following: Frank O'Connor, Harry Sackett, Fred Hemingway, H. C. Lewis, Fred Gearhardt, W. J. Provasnik, [illegible] Shaw, Dwight Bowers, Ray Talbot, and R. V. McDermand.

The Baracal class of the Immanueal Baptist church will enter Lucian Lehr, Byron Eaton, Gus Swanson, Leonard Everett and R. W. Ogden. Other Baraca classes in the city are also planning to enter teams.

The cross country squad of the Omaha high school expects to enter a fast team. The following will be the high school entries: Lynn Sackett, captain of the squad, Halleck Rouse, Charles Robel, Coleman Gordon, John Lewis and Finley Jenkins.

William C. Bryant of 62 North Forty-first avenue, will run unattached. Several other local amateurs are planning to enter.

Entry blanks may be obtained at the association building or at the Bee office.

CALEDONIANS TO MEET SWEDES AT MILLER PARK

The Caledonians and Swedish soccer teams are scheduled to clash at Miller park this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Considerable interest centers on this game, since soccer is returning to favor in Omaha and because the teams are well matched.

TALK BASKET BALL LEAGUE

Amateurs Considering the Formation of Local Organization.

TO PLAY FOR NINE WEEKS

It is Not Decided Whether There Will Be a Six or Eight-Club League—Meeting Set for This Week.

An amateur basket ball league to embrace six of the best known athletic clubs in Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs is being formed, and a series of eighteen games to cover a period of nine weeks beginning the first week in January is under way. The teams which will comprise this league are the Shamrocks, the Dietz club, the Monmouth Parks, Omaha Young Men's Christian association, Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association and the South Omaha Young Men's Christian association.

There is still some doubt about the Omaha and Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association teams joining the league, but there are at least four other clubs which desire to get into the league at the present who are now being considered. It may be possible that an eight-team league will be the result of the number of clubs who wish to put teams in the field and enter the league. It is understood that the Shamrocks have already decided upon a team which will represent them in the league. The Dietz club will in all probability complete the roster of their team within the next few days. The Monmouth Parks claim to have several old-timers and sharps who are anxious to get into action, and from all reports this club ought to put a team out which will put up a struggle with the best. These representatives will hold a meeting the latter part of this week and elect officers for the league. Several merchants in the city have offered to contribute to a fund to run the league on a high class basis. Old-timers at basket ball have been seen on the subject and have promised to put forth their combined efforts in making the organization a permanent one.

Professionals Barred.

There will be no restrictions as to who shall play on the various teams aside from the professional viewpoint. The teams are to be composed of amateur talent only and there will be no protest made against high school and college players, providing that they have not engaged in professional playing in any line of sport. It is the intention of the founders of the league to have nothing but amateur teams in the league. Intercollegiate rules will be observed in all games.

A regular body of referees will be appointed whose duty it will be to referee all games. The officials will have a regular schedule to fulfill similar to that of the umpiring system used in base ball. The officials will be selected by the captains of the various teams who will meet immediately after the captains have been chosen in all clubs. There are in the city of Omaha material for some whirlwind basket ball teams and it is believed that the various clubs will scour the city in the hopes of getting lines on some cracks.

The league will open with the first week in January and run for nine weeks, two games being played each week, providing the league is composed of but six teams. Should it be decided upon at the meeting this week to have an eight-team league it is probable that the season will cover about ten weeks. The secretaries of each club have been requested to bring in at the meeting this week the names of the players from whom they will pick a team. Each team will have six regular players with two reserves.

Central Leading in Racing Tests of City Schools

Running tests held in the grade school last week proved the most popular and easiest to pass of any of the tests yet held. R. L. Carns, superintendent of athletics, is well pleased with the showing made by the youngsters.

Central leads all other schools in results already in with a total of 115 lads who have passed the tests. Park and Saratoga are tied with 106 each. The results from Lothrop and Kellom, the other leading schools, are not in.

The tests last week were conducted by J. T. Maxwell, R. L. Welker and Russell Flower of the Young Men's Christian association, and George Sutherland and James Richardson of the Board of Education.

To pass the test in the first class the boy had to sprint 200 yards in 28 seconds or better. Very few boys were able to negotiate this run in the required time except at the Central school, where five broke the tape on time. The requirements in the other two classes were made on a forty-yard sprint. In the second class the required time was 6½ seconds and a large number were successful in making the distance in this time. The third class called for the forty yards in 7 seconds.

Following are the results by schools of the tests already tabulated:

First					plix—
Second					
Third					
Total					
Entered					
Total					
Passed					
Central	5	30	90	120	115
Park	4	25	77	115	106
Saratoga	2	20	84	114	106
Franklin	2	10	77	104	85
Mason	1	18	58	83	77
Castellar	0	7	55	75	65
Windsor	2	8	49	79	58
Walnut Hill	0	12	42	65	56
Pacific	2	8	32	48	45
E. Rosewater	3	3	28	43	36

RECTOR WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PLAY WITH H. S. FIVE

Virgil Rector, Omaha High school's star all round athlete, will not be able to play basket ball this season on account of parental objections and it will be hard to find another forward who can fill his place.

Rector would have been kept out of the game nevertheless, as he is still suffering from the effects of a badly sprained ankle, which was injured in scrimmage practice during the foot ball season. Although his ankle was still weak Rector played in the Wendell Phillips game on Thanksgiving day with his right foot and ankle swathed in bandages. He was not handicapped in the kicking department, however, as he boots with his left foot.

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Plays Through Every Game

Wayne Selby, Omaha High's little quarterback, made a novel, if not a substantial record this season by playing through every game. This record is an interesting one and will go down in the annals of the gridiron sport at the high school as a rare occurrence.

Usually the pilot man is injured or is replaced by someone else during the season. But Selby has played the quarter position in every game, nine in all. This means that he has been the field general for thirty-six quarters. Allowing 12½ minutes as an average quarter, Selby has piloted the team for 450 minutes or 27,000 seconds.

Allowing that ninety plays are used by one team in an ordinary game, Selby called off 810 plays this season. When one considers that each play must follow the other in logical succession and that a bad break or a costly fumble means a probable score for the opposite side, Selby's record of holding his own in every game is all the more a remarkable one. This was his first year as a regular and although inexperienced and at the same time the lightest man on the team, he was able to make a good showing. He starred in field generalship especially in the Sioux City game on October 14, and his ability to use the right play at the right time was largely responsible for Omaha's victory.

Selby will be back again next year and on account of his showing this season has earned himself a place on the 1912 eleven. He is the son of W. L. Selby, 1808 Davenport street.

Omaha Uni Coach a Winner

A. W. (Gus) Miller, who has been engaged to coach the basket ball team at the University of Omaha, is one of the best known, and recognized as one of the best basket ball coaches in this part of the country. Last year Miller coached the squad, and though it was the first team put out by the institution, it was a winner, having as good a claim to the state championship as any other college five. Prior to this time he coached the team at the Young Men's Christian association, and was the first coach that Morningside college ever had. Every team that he has handled has made an enviable record.

Gus is perhaps the oldest exponent of the floor game in Omaha. He was a member of the first basket ball team representing Omaha. He played right forward on this team for several years until he moved to Sioux City. Here he organized, and was captain of the Sioux City Giants, a team that for a number of years was one of the best known quintets in the United States. During the World's fair at St. Louis the Giants entered a tourney at that city and won second place in the contest for the championship of the United States.

Miller took active charge of the work Tuesday, when he called all candidates for the team together. About twenty boys responded and a few more indicated that they will come out for practice next week.

Of last year's team the only ones in school are Jerome, who played center, and Parish and Salisbury, guards. The others are all new men.

To stimulate an interest in the game the different classes are playing a series of games. Monday the Juniors play the Sophomores, and on Thursday the Freshmen play the winners.

Omaha will have a hard schedule this season, meeting some of the best teams in this section. Games will be played with Cotner, Doane, Nebraska Wesleyan, Hastings, Creighton, Peru, Kearney, Dana, Tabor and possibly Morningside and the University of South Dakota.

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