

Right Now is the Magnate's Time; the Players Will Soon Have the Field

STIFF SCHEDULE FOR NEBRASKANS

Gridiron Battles Next Fall Will Be as Hard Fought as Those of Last Season.

STIEHM IGNORES WOLVERINES

Overtures Not Made to Either Michigan or Minnesota Teams.

CONFLICT BOTHERS MANAGERS

Both Ames and Missouri Clamoring for Game on Same Date.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE PLANNED

Nebraska is Again Forced to Go North to Meet Gophers, but They Are Always Drawing Cards Against That Team.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Nebraska's tentative foot ball schedule, as announced by All Year Coach "Jumbo" Stiehm, provides for practically as stiff a season as in 1911, when the Cornhuskers were forced to face the hardest series of games in their history. Under the proposed arrangement Nebraska will have four big games coming on consecutive Saturdays.

The announcement of the Michigan schedule Thursday night does not settle the doubt concerning a game with the Wolverines next season. While many of the alumni were pulling for another game with the Wolverines, Coach Stiehm would not yield a point in his negotiations with either Michigan or Minnesota. While the press dispatches state that Nebraska was left off the Michigan schedule, as a matter of fact, the Cornhuskers were never applicants for a place on the list. Formal negotiations were never entered into and the cry which went up from Michigan men immediately following the game with the Cornhuskers greatly disgusted a large number of the followers of the scarlet and the cream.

Another conflict which is causing considerable trouble to the Cornhusker management in arranging the schedule is the application of both Missouri and Ames for the same date or for a game on November 2. The management is equally desirous of scheduling a game with each school and it is feared that the one turned down for this particular date cannot be secured later in the season.

The Tentative Schedule. Following is the tentative foot ball schedule as arranged by Coach Stiehm: October 5—Practice game, probably with Peru or Hastings. October 13—Kansas Aggies at Lincoln. October 19—Minnesota at Minneapolis. October 26—Missouri at Columbia. November 2—Ames at Lincoln. November 9—Kansas at Lincoln or practice game. November 16—Practice game or Kansas at Lincoln. November 23—Wisconsin at Lincoln or Texas at Austin.

Under the tentative schedule only two of the eight games may be played away from the home grounds, with a possibility of the third also on foreign grounds. Nebraska is again forced to go north to meet the Gophers, but as the Cornhuskers are always a good drawing card and the trip is financially a strong attraction to the management it receives the heartiest approval.

Manager Earl O. Eager left Tuesday for Chicago to attend to closing up the details of the Minnesota-Nebraska game and also to confer with the Wisconsin authorities. The Cornhuskers are exceedingly anxious to bring the Badgers to Lincoln. There is but one game for the closing of the season which would attract an exceptionally large crowd to Lincoln and that is either with the Badgers or Wolverines.

Stiehm was optimistic over the arrangements with the Wisconsin authorities and thought that the game with his alma mater was assured.

On the other hand, Nebraskaans refuse to accept the report emanating from Ann Arbor that Michigan wants one of the Cornhuskers' money next season. On the other hand, it is positively stated on excellent authority that the Nebraska management can have the choice of two dates—a game on November 2 or the closing game of the year. If the November 2 date was accepted the game would be played in Lincoln, but if the Cornhuskers closed the season with the Wolverines the game must be played in Ann Arbor. Either place it would prove a tremendous drawing card and financially attractive to both teams, although it is conceded that a bigger crowd could be secured in Lincoln with Michigan as the attraction than in Ann Arbor with the Cornhuskers as the opponents of the Wolverines.

Headquarters May Go South. Even should the negotiations with Michigan and Wisconsin's managements fall through the Huskers will not be without a big game to close the season. The Texas university team, which made a remarkable record on the gridiron and was accounted one of the strongest teams in the south, has written to the management asking for a date, preferably the closing game to be played in the south.

Nebraska will again meet the leaders in the Missouri valley conference, with Ames, Kansas and Missouri on the schedule. Both the Ames and Kansas games will be played in Lincoln, while Missouri is to be met in Columbia. The Aggies and Jayhawkers are both excellent attractions for Lincoln and the management should reap rich returns from both games. The game at Columbia is according to the agreement entered into last season when the Huskers resumed foot ball relations with the Tigers. Columbia is noted for a foot ball town and Stiehm has his weather eye open in scheduling a game there.

WESTERN LEAGUE MEN TO MEET AT DES MOINES

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 27.—These Western League officials will meet in Des Moines tomorrow for a conference. They are: Joseph Despain, Lincoln; Holland, St. Joseph; Despain, Lincoln; Borker, Omaha, and Fairweather and Telford, Des Moines. They will be opening the schedule meeting next month at Denver.

Hawkeye Girls Who Go in for College Sport



Champion Girls' Hockey Team of the University of Iowa. It is the Team Representing the Junior Class of the School and Has Defeated All Other Classes in the Annual Clash for the School Title. Those in the Picture, Reading from Left to Right Are: Mildred Sykes, Frieda Kurtz, Helen Beer, Ruby Kessel, Elizabeth Nutting, Elsie Willigus, Mabel Smith, Rose Broderick, Anna Petteck, Fannie Walker and Johanna Busse.

SCHOOL PRIZES ARE HERE

Beautiful Trophies Are to Be Presented This Week.

THREE PENNANTS AWARDED

Silver Loving Cup Donated by Charles Harding One of the Finest Sport Trophies Ever Given Here.

All of the grade school athletic trophies which will be presented this week to the schools which made the best showing in the recent series of athletic contests held under the direction of Raymond L. Carna, local supervisor of grade school sports, have been received.

The handsome silver loving cup, the gift of Charles Harding of the Harding Creamery company, is one of the finest sport trophies that has been seen in Omaha for some time. It is elaborately engraved and when mounted on a pedestal stands about 24 inches high.

Three pennants will be awarded, one to each school that made the best showing in each of the three classes which were in vogue under the scale of competition of the athletic youngsters. The first class banner is a blue and white one with gold embroidered letters. It measures 24 1/2 inches. The other two are similar in the first, except that the second class is a red and white one and the third class done in purple and white.

The first-class pennant is the personal gift of James Richardson of the board of education. The second banner was donated by C. W. Wilhelm and the third by Casper E. Yost.

Soldiers at Ft. Omaha Improve in Bowling

Some good scores were made by the soldier bowlers at Fort Omaha during the last week, Sergeant Andrew Clark, the athletic officer at the post, running up a high individual average of 182.

The rivalry among the enlisted men is very keen especially among the six first men teams, which comprise the Fort Omaha league, and, considering the fact that the soldiers have been bowling but a few weeks, their work is most creditable. It is the intention of the soldiers to enter a five-man team in one of the downtown leagues before the end of the season.

HOLDREGE WINS FROM HASTINGS AT BASKET BALL

HOLDREGE, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—By a whirlwind finish, the Holdrege High school basket ball team last evening defeated the Hastings High school five, 27 to 24, in the high school gymnasium. The Hastings boys maintained the lead throughout the first half of the contest, the score of which was 17 to 14, and looked like winners. In the second half the local lack, however, played a much speedier game and kept the ball near their own goal most of the time. Though a disputed point was placed to the credit of the visitors at the close of the game, the home team still held the lead by one point. Superintendent C. M. Barr of Hastings and S. M. Dunlap of Holdrege served as referees and umpire, alternating in the positions.

Fred Bradford to Manage the Storz Triumphs This Year

The Storz Triumphs, conceded to be the leading local amateur team last season, has reorganized and under the management of Fred Bradford, who is well known to all the followers of base ball since the days of the Nonpareils, will start the coming season with what looks to be an exceedingly strong lineup.

Any weakness that may develop during the spring games will be strengthened as quickly as possible, it being up to the new manager, to give the brewery a ball team second to none outside of the professional ranks.

Behind the bat will be seen last season's favorite, Walter Hachten, and possibly Harry Williams should he decide to remain in Omaha. On the slab George Probst and possibly Wes Baker; Wally Drummy, easily the best first baseman of late years; George Dougherty and "Dusty" Hall, a tossup for second; Durkee on third and McLain short. That the outfield will be well cared for with Art Fenion and Harry Welch, two of the hardest hitters that ever donned a Western league uniform, and Jimmy Melady, the south side wonder, is a foregone conclusion.

ROLLER WOULD LIKE TO WRESTLE JACK JOHNSON

Dr. B. F. Roller, the heavyweight wrestler, is looking for a little easy coin and sends the following letter, which explains itself, to the Sporting Editor of The Bee:

"I see by The Bee that Johnson has offered to wrestle Gutch in Salt Lake City for \$20,000. Please say for me that I'll wrestle both of them for half that amount and guarantee to throw one of them or not take a cent, sincerely, 'DR. B. F. ROLLER'."

CAPTAIN OF THE IOWA BASKET BALL TEAM



HARRY SCHMIDT.

HOLMES RECEIVER OF CLUB Nebraska Speed Association is to Meet Here Feb. 6

Ducky Has Been Named to Take Charge of Lincoln Team. IN EFFECT NEXT TUESDAY

President Despain Says He Expects to Get Money to Pay Off Mortgages from Charles Comiskey.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 27.—William (Ducky) Holmes, former manager of the Lincoln and Sioux City Western League baseball clubs, was appointed receiver of the Lincoln baseball club by District Judge Stewart this afternoon.

The appointment goes into effect next Tuesday at 1 o'clock. President Despain has announced that he hoped to be able to pay off the mortgages, on which George Truman had sued for a receivership, by that time. He expects to secure the money from Charles Comiskey through the agency of President Norris O'Neill of the Western League. If he fails in this effort, Holmes will take charge of the club and run it under order of the court.

Swedish Athletes Are to Be Awarded Prizes Won Before

Local Swedish athletes who were winners in the outdoor field meet held at Elmwood park last September, will be awarded prizes at the third anniversary celebration of the Svenska Athletic club which will be held at Fraternity hall this afternoon.

The award of prizes, which consist of three silver trophy cups, gold, silver and bronze medals, and ribbons, will be made by Gunner Carlsson, secretary of the club. A short program of speeches by several prominent Omaha Swedes will be given previous to the award of prizes. A banquet will be held following the presentation ceremony.

Drummers Secure an Eastern Player

Gus Soffel, who played with the Hartford club of the Connecticut league last season, has been secured to play second base for the Drummers this season. He goes to that team with a good record and well recommended. He is a good fielder and likewise a great batter, and he will be relied upon next year to bring in many runners with his trusty club.

BASKET BALL TO BE PLAYED BETWEEN H. S. CLASSES

A series of inter-class basket ball games will be scheduled by C. E. Reed, athletic director at the Omaha High school, tomorrow, when a meeting of the class team captains will be held to decide on the dates of the contests.

There is considerable rivalry among the class fives and all the games promise to be hard fought and well attended. They will be pulled off as preliminaries to the regular Tri-City league series.

The following are captains of the class teams: Seniors, Finley Jenkins; Juniors, Carl Stora; Sophomores, Earl Clark; Freshmen, Arthur Rousner.

TIRE FILLER COMPANY IS TO LOCATE IN OMAHA

R. H. Bloomer of Council Bluffs has invented an automobile tire filler which prolongs the life of the expensive tires and which prevents punctures and blow-outs. Mr. Bloomer says his filler will not melt, burn or crystallize as most tire fillers do and he believes that he has an article that will prove to be a success. He has established an agency in the Board of Trade building and he will place his invention on the market at once.

Nebraska Speed Association is to Meet Here Feb. 6

Secretary N. J. Honin of the Nebraska Speed association has sent out notices calling for a meeting of the association at the Henshaw hotel February 6. The meeting is called for the purpose of arranging dates, classes, purses and the election of officers.

Nebraska towns which are not members of the association are requested to file their application with the secretary before the date of the meeting. The old members of the association are: Wymore, Auburn, Columbus, Hastings and Nebraska City. These in addition to the present members are invited to be present at the meeting.

O'NEILL NAMES KNAPP ON HIS UMPIRE STAFF

Ward has been received from Louisville, Ky., the home of Louis W. Knapp, who umpired the latter half of the 1911 season in the Western league, that he has been appointed by President O'Neill to again handle an indicator in this league this season. Knapp was one of the near good umpires in the league last season and it is thought by many that he will make good this year. He was inexperienced last year, but everybody agreed that he had the makings of a real live umpire. He is a fearless young fellow and would not take anything from any of the players or managers either. This was evidenced when he slapped Bob Unglaub's face at Sioux City when the latter got personal in his remarks.

ST. PAUL'S PRIDE AS HE REALLY APPEARS.



Mike Gibbons, the wonderful young St. Paul welterweight, who battled Jack Dennis in New York on Monday night (January 22).

BASE BALL MINUS PAY SAFE

Conference Allows Amateurs to Compete in Unorganized Games.

FORGIVE SMALL SINS OF PAST

Representatives of Big Eight at Closing Meeting Decide Michigan Will Still Be Kept Out in Cold.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Students of the western conference universities hereafter may play summer base ball with teams not under the national agreement or members of "outlaw" leagues, provided they do not receive directly or indirectly, salary or gifts for their services. This was decided today at a conference of representatives of the big schools.

Students may procure, before the close of the 1912 college year, association for past minor violations of strict amateur rules, upon application to their faculties. It was decided.

The conference also decided: "Flagrant" infractions of the rules such as participation in professional base ball games or engaging in athletics under assumed names, will not be condoned.

No other athletic contests than the base ball specified, may be engaged in, where a price of any sort is offered, regardless of its disposition.

A committee consisting of Prof. T. F. Moran of Purdue and Prof. T. A. Goodenough of Illinois will recommend action on the Ohio State university's petition for admission into the conference.

Michigan will remain a stranger to the "Big Eight."

A majority instead of a two-thirds vote hereafter will decide questions of policy in the conference.

Intersectional athletics will be permitted again after a year's suspension. Students may represent other organizations than their universities in purely amateur events without procuring permission. They may not, however, represent an athletic club.

These changes in the athletic code must be approved by the universities represented. A protest within sixty days may open the question for decision at a future meeting.

The meeting of the "Big Eight" delegates closed tonight.

Des Moines Owners Get Park This Week

Frank Label and Tom Fairweather spent busy days last week as residents of the Chicago White Sox next spring. They are, Borker, James, Kelly and Powell. Secretary Grabner of the Sox made a visit recently to St. Joseph and had a talk with Borton and Jonea. Borton held out for some time before signing. He would not come to terms with the White Sox until Grabner made his trip to St. Joseph.

Four St. Joe Men Go with White Sox

Four of the 1911 St. Joseph players will train with the Chicago White Sox next spring. They are, Borker, James, Kelly and Powell. Secretary Grabner of the Sox made a visit recently to St. Joseph and had a talk with Borton and Jonea. Borton held out for some time before signing. He would not come to terms with the White Sox until Grabner made his trip to St. Joseph.

Wichita Fans Active. Those Wichita fans are some hustlers and they must be given credit for it, too. Of the \$25,000 fund they started to raise a week ago over \$20,000 is now subscribed. On the list are two subscribers for \$200, eight for \$100 and thirty-six for \$50. Two women are down for subscribers, each for \$20.

PA ROURKE GETS SIX CONTRACTS

Signed Papers from Youngsters Are Coming Back to Management Slow But Sure.

TERMS SATISFY THE PLAYERS

Letters Accompanying Contracts Say Salary is All Right.

MUCH EXPECTED OF JUSTICE

New Shortstop Comes Well Recommended for that Position.

STAR PLAYERS FOR INFIELD

Four of the Best Infielders in Minor League Base Ball Will Grace the Omaha Lineup This Season, Says Rourke.

Pa Rourke has received the signed contracts of six of his numerous players for the 1912 season. A letter accompanied each contract, in which the writer stated he was entirely satisfied with the terms named in the contract. Those whose contracts have been received by Pa are: Robinson, pitcher; Wanner, second baseman; Scanlon, infielder; Arbogast, catcher; Coyle, outfielder, and Campfield, catcher. There is little danger of holdouts this season, an every player, with the exception of one, has sent Pa word that the contract had been received and the terms stated satisfactory. These letters which have been received has caused Bill Rourke to wear an unusually wide smile for the last few days and he asserts that nothing can now stop him from landing his bunch of youngsters at the top of the list next fall. Pa is optimistic over the way his base ball matters are rounding out and is now busy at work getting up a schedule which he will submit at the schedule meeting which will be held in Denver February 7.

All Positions Strong.

Every position in the field for next season is about settled upon by Pa and he is loud in his praise of the infield, which, he asserts, will be the best he has had in several years. From present indications the infield will look something like this: First base, Jimmy Kane; second base, Johnny Wanner; third base, Bert Niehoff; shortstop, Phil Justice, Arbogast and Campfield will do all the catching this summer.

Had Pa had a good infield last season there is little doubt but he would have been fighting for the top place all season. Between Joe Kneaves and Charlie Pick thirty-seven games were lost. No one would have kicked on these two men but for the fact that their work was far inferior to class A ball playing. Pick would invariably throw a game away by leaving the ball away from Jimmy Kane's head at first base. At any crucial stage of the game, when an error by an Omaha player would mean the loss of the game, Joe Kneaves would drop an easy grounder or else in his anxiety to get it to first he would throw it into the bleachers.

This year the story will be a great deal different. Wanner and Justice have played together and know each other's playing like a book. They are said to be heady players and critics all over the country are high in their praise of the two infielders, and an eager watch will be kept on them by the big league scouts this season.

Kane at First. Jimmy Kane needs no boosting. His work here is well known. Previous to coming to Omaha he was with Pittsburgh. Outside of base ball Kane is known to be one of the greatest basket ball players in the east. He played the best base ball of his career last season with Omaha, when he was easily considered the best first baseman in the league. He is a great hitter and can either bat them out or lay them down. He is fast and when at bat he is fighting the ball and keeping the infield guessing. He has improved greatly in his fielding, and if he is not picked up by one of the big league next season, base ball is a funny game.

Justice is a new man to Omaha base ball fans and he was purchased outright from the Cleveland club by Pa Rourke a few weeks ago. He was drafted last fall from Fort Wayne of the Central league by the Cleveland club. He is a bustling fighting little short fellow and was the cause of so many big league scouts visiting the Fort Wayne park last season. George Huff, a well known big league scout says that Pa Rourke has picked a whizwind, and a wonder in this club. He is said to be the best shortstop that was ever turned out of the Central league.

Wanner Well Recommended. Johnny Wanner comes to Omaha well recommended by a long list of great playing at second base in four different leagues. Wanner was not in the game last season having contracted malarial fever while playing with the Memphis team of the Southern association in 1910. He, however, has entirely recovered and it is predicted by critics that he will put in the best year of his career as a professional player next season. Wanner has been in the game about five years. In 1907 Wanner led the Three-I league second basemen while playing with Rock Island. He finished the season with a fielding average of .996. In 1908 he played with Joplin in the Southern association. That year he also led the second basemen and fielded .965. In 1909, his best year, he played with Hartford of the Connecticut league and led the second basemen for the year. His fielding average for that year was .978.

Bertie Niehoff, next year's third baseman came from the lots of Denver first into Western league base ball, having played three years with Des Moines from which he was purchased by Pittsburgh and from there by the Omaha club. He has averaged around the 300-mark ever since breaking into the league. He accepts and takes more chances than any other third baseman in the league. He is a great base runner and was the star

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