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Judgments

THE Western league race continues fast and furious. Topeka has fallen a little further behind, dropping out of the .400 class, but the other seven teams are closer together than ever. Lincoln, in seventh place at this time, has a percentage of .463, and St. Joseph, in first, .553, with Omaha second, .546. If Omaha wins half its games on this trip, as it should, it will return home with excellent chances of going down the pile for that flag. It was a little disappointing not to split even, at least, in Denver, but if ever a home team was determined to win it was Denver, after losing six out of the last eight games it had played in Omaha. Manager Arbogast seems to have made the same mistake at Denver in the second game as he made in the last game with Denver. At Denver he left Robinson in after six runs were made off him in one inning; at Omaha he left Rhodes in after a crucial one-inning pounding. All managers have their failings and this is one of Arby's. The pitchers are doing fair work, but perhaps it is well for the rest of the league that Omaha's pitching staff is not up with the rest of the team, for if it were the team would be very nearly invincible. Nothing in the league approaches comparison with our in and outfields and catching department. Our only lack of steadiness is in the box.

Red Doolin is doing a good job knocking the spit ball on the grounds of sanitation. It is not at all a far-fetched idea to say that for several young men—at least two—to squirt saliva on and handle the same ball is potential of great physical harm. But that is only one bad thing about the spit ball, and yet we don't know but it's the worst of that. Anyhow, when a pitcher who relies on his splitter, loses it, he is usually all in. Frank Chance took advanced ground some few years ago in discouraging the use of the spit ball among his pitchers. Spit ball artists are not long-lived stars. Can anyone imagine Cy Young lasting as long as he carries by depending on this sort of charm to carry him through. But it is one of those problems that are continually arising in baseball that require time for solution. It is gratifying that the Sporting News has thrown the great weight of its influence against the spitter and on the side of Manager Doolin of Philadelphia in his war upon it. The News has taken the lead in this.

Washington refuses to wake up and go to the cellar. Old Fox Griffl is sending 'em along just as if he really meant it. But it does look as if Boston also had a serious notion about a certain thing. It's a good thing to shift horns as is being done in the American league. But this is our guess, that if such a thing were possible for the Senators to win the flag—which we doubt this year—they probably would make a fierce fight in the world's series, for with a pitcher like Johnson on dress parade, any team would go an awful clip for a short time. And then there are others on that Washington slab, you know.

Omaha took three out of four games from Denver on the last two visits the Grizzlies made to Omaha. As the visitors were leaving Rourke park after the last series, the closing game of which they had won, we overheard a feminine fan on a street car cry out to the Denver men, "Oh, you got one little old game, didn't you?" And we heard captain Lindsay reply: "Yes, we're going to Denver now to take some more." We are sorry the captain is such a good prophet.

Joe McGinnity is still able to win his two games a day. He turned this old favorite trick of his for Baltimore the other day and by so doing put his team into first place in the International League. This is the same Joe who was dropped from the Giants' payroll because of indifferent work some seasons back.

Isn't Bill the Skipper the dead one, though? He just eats 'em alive at second and whales out all kinds of big 'uns at the bat. We know now it must have been his bum knee that put him off watch last year.

The St. Louis Browns have been offering Jimmy Austin in a trade to a minor league team in the east. If Jimmy is ready for the minors, may the Lord have mercy on some of those who are not.

Out of respect for Miner Brown, who is laid up with a sore knee, the Cubs beat the Giants with the might Christy hurling in the opening game in New York.

Nobody seems to worry what becomes of Jack Thomas. And only a few days ago he was a regular hero. Such is life when you can't hit.

President Ebbets of Brooklyn says he wants a completely reorganized team for 1913. Can you blame him?

Scanlon has gone back in his hitting side he was sick. Now that he is well he ought to go forward.

Brooklyn was unable to break its long losing streak till it sent Don Ragan to the mound.

The two midgets, Evers and Leach of the Cubs are going like youngsters this year.

We hope our young Mr. Beebe is not going to remain a 22-short.

And now comes the long hot month of August.

Lincoln seems to enjoy beating Topeka.

BIG GAMES AT FORT OMAHA

Spirit of Rivalry Will Be Noticeable Among Amateurs Today.

GIANTS TO MEET THE TRIUMPHS

Practically Every Team in Omaha is Lined Up for a Game, Some of Them Planning to Go Out Into the Jungles.

At Fort Omaha the Hanscom Parks meet the Val Blats and the Hollies meet the Workmen. Lineup, first game:

Blatz	Position	Hanscoms
Williamson	First	Cavanaugh
Charnquist	Second	Tuttala
Minkoff	Third	Wald
McCormick	Short	Collins
Fancy	Left	Morgerson
Nystrom	Center	Benon
Gillispie	Right	Hoy
Karbowaki	Catcher	Bogatts
Poley	Pitcher	Front
		Benon

Second game:

Workmen	Position	Hollies
Kovan	First	J. Daugherty
Eastman	Second	Wald
McCullough	Third	McAndrews
Kenny	Left	Hronka
Light	Right	Falcoer
Wright	Center	McCreary
Light	Catcher	Creighton
McCreary	Pitcher	Hickey
		Kelly

Two games will be played at Rourke park when the Triumphs play a doubleheader with the Kansas City Royal Giants. Russell Routt, an Omaha boy who is playing league ball, will probably lead one of the games. First game, 3 p. m.; second, 4 p. m. Lineup:

Storm	Position	Giants
Drummy	First	Turner
Graham	Second	Bingo
Tracy	Third	Ashes
Durke	Short	Norman
Dougherty	Left	Sternan
Hoehen	Center	J. Lynch
Wright	Right	Boone
Clair	Catcher	Washington
Olson	Pitcher	Boona
Probst	Pitcher	Johnson
Lawler	Pitcher	Johnson

Two good games are billed for Athletics park, Council Bluffs. The first game will be between a pair of Council Bluffs class B teams and the second contest between Luxus and Council Bluffs Merchants. The lineup:

Lucas	Position	C. B. Merchants
Hachten	First	Wahl
Happ	Second	Hodge
Smith	Third	McLean
Tracy	Short	Phillips
Denny	Left	Scanlon
Janou	Center	Goff
Danous	Right	Evers
Cunningham	Catcher	Bogatts
Dyke	Pitcher	Petersen

A couple of corking good games are predicted for Farrell park. First game Farrell Syrians against Advos, second game O. D. Kiplingers against J. S. Cross.

The lineup for first game:

Advos	Position	Farrells
McGrath	First	Strong
Hollander	Second	Kemp
Probst	Third	Stevens
Tracy	Short	Phillips
Carmony	Left	Kucera
Feltman	Center	Smith
Danous	Right	Caughan
Coe	Catcher	Ogden
Baker	Pitcher	Holland

Lineup for second game:

O. D. K.	Position	J. S. Cross
Guinane	First	Hendrick
Nelson	Second	Overman
Simon	Third	Jabosh
McGrath	Short	McDermott
Abdill	Left	McQuade
Ogden	Center	Bohan
Diener	Right	Langer
Moran	Catcher	Johnson
Fitzgerald	Pitcher	Reber
		Westman

At Plattsmouth the Baums will play. The Browns will go to Woodbine and try to take a fall out of the town team. Elmwood park is where the Independents will meet up with the Young Men's Hebrew association.

On the green at Twenty-fourth and Vinton the Stars and Stripes will shake paws with the South Side Athletic club.

At Florence park the Florence Athletics will collide with the Ramblers.

The Shamrocks from South town will sell over to the Council Bluffs Elks' park and fight the mighty Elks located there. The Elks have a dandy park, located directly opposite Lake Manawa. Large crowds are always on hand to witness their frays.

The Spaldings will travel to Papillion to annex another victory to their long list.

Down at Fort Crook the Goldstroms and Steinbergs will clash in what is predicted to be a gruelling battle.

At Armour park the Polish Athletic club and the D. J. Geurdons will lock horns and the Armour will also play somebody. The Armour didn't have a same up till last night, but they hope to rattle something up today.

Jacob Isaacson got slightly peeved last week because his tribe, the Dundee Woolen Mills, wouldn't obey his instructions to the letter, and as a consequence he resigned. Things have not been going very well for the clothier outfit for some time, and if a change for the better don't put in an appearance in the very immediate future they will go to the wall.

Manager Koehler of the Luxus team has now completed arrangements for the trip to be taken by the Luxus team in August. They have games scheduled for the first two weeks and the trip will probably be extended one week more. They will play some of the fastest professional teams in northwestern Nebraska and southeast South Dakota.

Adams, who has done good work for the Oakland team this season, will accompany the Luxus and assist Dyke, Denny and Melady in pitching. Hoye will also accompany the team and help out Danze behind the bat.

Schedule to date:

Aug. 4-Blair	Aug. 12-Wayne
Aug. 6-West Point	Aug. 13-(Open)
Aug. 6-Beemer	Aug. 13-Butte
Aug. 6-Winnetka	Aug. 13-Butte
Aug. 8-Madison	Aug. 14-Dallas
Aug. 8-St. Edward	Aug. 17-(Open)

Key to the Situation—Chicago Advertising.

COACHES SEEKING BIG MEN

Two Hundred Pounds at a Premium for the Gridiron Teams.

MANY TACKLES ARE NEEDED

Last Year's Conditions Are Reversed and the Coaches Now All Want to Strengthen Their Defensive Game.

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Honus Loses His Dog

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CHICAGO, July 27.—Honus Wagner's dog is dead, and the great shortstop of the Pittsburgh ball team is heart-broken. For the last two years Wagner has cared for but two things—base ball and his dog, Jason Weatherbee.

Wagner received the news in this city that Jason was dead, poisoned by some person who cared little for base ball or dogs. The great Hans wanted to leave immediately for Pittsburgh to bury his dog and prepare the poisoner for the undertaker, and it took all the authority that Fred Clarke, the manager of the Pittsburgh team, could bring to bear to induce Wagner to wait until the club returned to Pittsburgh.

Wagner has one of the most peculiar personalities in base ball. He has made few friends, preferring to stay by him-

W. D. Clarke Foresaw Downfall of the Vets in Golfing Circles

Last winter while W. D. Clarke, the Field club golf professional, mended broken brassies in his shop at the club grounds he predicted that this season would mark a change in local golf circles; that the youngsters were coming to the fore and that the veterans would have to stand back and watch their records broken.

Clarke was right. Now he is regarded as a prophet and his advice is always accepted.

Sam Reynolds, 21 years old, of the Field club started out by taking the state championship at the Country club while such "vets" as E. H. Sprague, Frank Hale, Dr. H. C. Sumney and others were eliminated. In the final match for the president's silver trophy cup, Phelps, by the way, has a low rating of one stroke in the national standing of golfers, while Chambers is rated at six strokes western.

A few weeks later Will Chambers, another of the younger class at the Field club, negotiated the Field club course in a low mark of seventy-two strokes, thereby setting a record. On July 19 of the western golf tournament at Denver Chambers again forged to the front and trimmed Mason Phelps, former western champion, in the final match for the president's silver trophy cup. Phelps, by the way, has a low rating of one stroke in the national standing of golfers, while Chambers is rated at six strokes western.



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self, but the dog has been his constant companion, and Jason never was absent from the Pittsburgh bench when the Pirates were playing at home. Frequently Wagner took Jason on the road with him. One of the familiar sights around Carnegie, Pa., where Wagner lives, was the big shortstop riding in his automobile with his dog.

Jason's final official appearance was in the last games the Pirates played at home with the St. Louis club on Decoration day. Wagner was put out of the contest at that time for objecting to a decision of the umpire. As Wagner was leaving the field Jason dashed out from the bench, much after the manner of an irate, protesting manager, and tried to attack the umpire. Hans always declared that the dog understood the ins and outs of big league base ball.

Oarsmen Prepare Fete for the Illinois River in August

PEORIA, Ill., July 27.—Literature announcing the program and various statistics of the fortieth annual championship regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, which will be held on August 2 and 10 on the Illinois river at Peoria, Ill., has been issued by Fred R. Fortmeyer, secretary of the executive committee.

The itinerary of the week of sports for there will be various other important aquatic events decided in the four days prior to the stellar fixtures—forms the most complete and imposing schedule of events that have ever before been attempted. The Peoria Regatta association will be sponsor and host of the visiting delegations this year.

All races scheduled are open to members of any amateur club in the world. They will be rowed on Lake Peoria, an inlet of the Illinois river, on a mile and a quarter straightaway course. The free-for-all eight-oared shell race will be rowed on Friday, August 2.

The national events, which will be in competition on Friday and Saturday, will be the following: Quarter-mile dash, senior single sculls; single scull shells, intermediate; association senior single sculls, double shells, intermediate; double scull shells, senior; quadruple scull shells, senior; four-oared shells, intermediate; four-oared shells, senior; eight-oared shells, intermediate, and eight-oared shells, senior.

Commencing on Monday, the six-junior events of the Central States Amateur Rowing association will be held. Besides these there will be swimming and tub races. On Tuesday, the half dozen senior events of the same association will be decided, with canoe racing as a side line.

On Wednesday the Southwestern Amateur Rowing association will hold its six junior events, with the senior events on Thursday. Water polo, water base ball and other features will be innovative as extra attractions.

It is expected that some of the oarsmen will be on the ground next week to commence practice and training on Lake Peoria. The body of water is practically still, it is understood, with a scarcely perceptible current. Training quarters and hotel accommodations have been amply arranged for by the Peoria Regatta association.

The challenge cups and plate offered by the national association will be sent to Peoria and kept on exhibition at the Jefferson hotel. The gold medals will be given to all winners, as usual. A silken banner will also be presented to winning clubs.

Aquatic Carnival Planned for August

The Rod and Gun club will hold its annual Venetian carnival about August 16, when a program of aquatic features and an illuminated water craft procession along the lake front will be provided for the members and visitors.

On the water sports program will be motor boat races, canoe tilting contests, swimming races, yacht races and a men and women's rowboat race. A marathon swimming race from the club dock on the south side of the lake to the lake house on the north bank and return will also be held.

A water polo game of five innings has been scheduled to take place early in the evening. The carnival will wind up with a brilliant display of fireworks following the aquatic program in the evening.

Byron Harte, secretary of the club, will have charge of the general arrangements of the affair and several sub-committees will be appointed. It is planned to have the bungalows along the lake front decorated with Japanese lanterns.

American Amateur Far in the Lead in Open Golf Games

NEW YORK, July 27.—There is never the same interest shown in the open golf championship of the United States as there is in the "open" in the British Isles. On this side of the water the amateur is far and away the leading tournament, and the professionals themselves do not display the keenness for the open that is to be expected.

It looks, however, as if this year the open will be more popular. Buffalo is a fairly central place for the championship. It will undoubtedly attract the professionals from the Chicago district, St. Louis and other golf centres of the Middle West, as well as those from the East, so that as far as the number of entries goes the coming championship should be one of the best on record.

There are several reasons to account for the seeming diffidence of the professionals in the national open title tournament. The professional on this side of the water have not nearly so much time to give to competition as their brethren on the other side, the leaders there being allowed the greatest latitude in leaving their home clubs to travel about; the distance to be traveled in this country to get to the national and to other big open tournaments are ever so much greater; there are more beginners in fessation; for lessons and rounds of golf.

Olympic Golf Team Trophy Competition to Be Held in August

An Olympic team trophy competition open to golf associations all over the world will be held at the Chicago Golf club links at Wheaton, Ill., on Saturday, August 21, the Saturday preceding the amateur championship tournament of the United States Golf association.

Each team must be made up of four players and competition will be for thirty-six holes, medal play, total medal scores of each team to count. The association whose team has the lowest total score will have the custody of the trophy until the next annual competition, and each member of the winning team will be awarded a medal.

Charles E. Willard, secretary of the Western Golf association at Chicago, has charge of the entry list.

No definite arrangements have yet been made by the Nebraska Golf association to send a team to enter the event. If as many as four local golfers attend the national tournament at Wheaton it is probable that the Nebraska association will be represented.

Omaha Golfers Go to Transmississippi

The date for the annual Transmississippi golf tournament has been set for August 12 to 17. Play will be held over the eighteen-hole course at the Minakanda Country club at Minneapolis.

Many Omaha golfers are planning to attend the tournament and it is definitely assured that there will be at least twenty local entries. Coming as it does about the middle of the month, Omaha enthusiasts of the game say there are more chances of getting away from business for a few days.

W. N. Chambers, Sam Reynolds, Dr. H. C. Sumney, W. J. Foye, Albert Cahill, John Redick, E. H. Sprague and E. A. Nordstrom will be among the premier Omaha entries.

Sport Gossip for the Various Fans

The Sunday afternoon yacht races for the Edholm trophy cup at the Rod and Gun club at Carter lake are drawing good sized crowds. Races will continue, weather permitting, every Sunday until the middle of September.

R. L. Welker, a graduate of Hastings college, will continue this year as assistant physical director of the Omaha "V" association. J. T. Maxwell will return from Estes park in September and assume his duties as physical director of the Omaha Athletic club. E. Reed of the Omaha High school is still scouting about for an all year athletic coach for the coming school year and expects to land one within the next four weeks.

L. L. Toulton, athletic director of the Kansas City Central High school, who was considered a likely candidate for the position, failed to agree on terms.

There is still some doubt as to when the annual city junior racquet tournament will be held. The Field club tennis committee usually has charge of the meet but up to date no arrangements have been made. Last year the tourney was held the latter part of August at the Field club courts. The entry list of forty-five youngsters, 17 years old and under.

The Field club city tennis tournament, the Rod and Gun club series and the Happy Hollow invitation meet have all been held. In a couple of weeks the Dixie club will come to the fore with the Omaha interclub tourney. Frank Spellman has charge of the entries and has announced a trophy list, including silver cups for the singles champion and doubles winners.

Negro Pitcher's Great Game. A negro pitcher in Moultrie, Ga., recently pitched a no-hit game in which not a single runner was allowed to reach first base.

Canoists to Cruise Down the Missouri

The Rod and Gun club's river cruise to St. Joseph in canoe will start on Saturday afternoon, August 17, from a point in the Missouri river near the end of the East Omaha car line. Byron Harte, secretary of the club, who has charge of the arrangements, expects at least twelve canoes to make the trip, each to have two passengers.

It is planned to make the trip to Jonestown in seven days, pitching camp along the river banks each night. If tentative plans with the Lotus club of St. Joseph go through, either the Omaha yacht, Manawa, or the Priestilla will be shipped down and entered in the Lotus club races at Lake Country the week of August 17.

The canoeists will return to Omaha by rail.

Foye Will Show That He Can "Come Back"

Just to show that he can "come back" W. J. Foye of the Country club, former state golf champion, will enter the coming Transmississippi golf tournament at the Minakanda club, Minneapolis.

Foye has remained out of the limelight so far this season. He did not enter the Nebraska state tournament at the Country club nor the Western golf meet at the Denver Country club.

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