Parhaps Mutt Thought He Couldn't Stand Temptation



Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

four, lost six and tied one game. We should like to have seen even better results, but in the pennant race we are at this still clutching onto second place. The team left home in second place and at the end of Friday's game in Topeka was tied with St. Joseph for second place. With one more game in Topeka and four in Lincoln before reaching home, the outlook is not bad, but good. Denver, somewhat strengthened since it played here, by the return of Leftfielder Gilmore, and with the advantage of being at home, has leaped into first place. It found easy prey in both Stoux City and St. Joseph, as well as Omaha, but the fight is still on. Fz Rourke is just getting his teeth set. That may be gleaned from the blue envelopes he has been dispensing. Since the team's departure Davidson and Rhodes have walked the plank and Joe Bills and Fugate substituted, one an outfielder and pitcher, the other only a pitcher, who. of course, is known for his good work in Topeka. He is a southpaw and was needed by Omaha. But Rourke is determined to hold nobody from now on who fails to deliver. Our only weakness is in the box. Had we displayed the strength there that we did elsewhere the team would have won nearly all these games abroad and been first with a good margin. It would be a pity to lose the pennant because of weak pitchers with such a team behind them. Yet, the common complaint over the country this year is weak pitching. A prominent major league scout says he has found scarcely promising boxmen in the minors. s starr is about as good as the average and ought to get better from now on. The fact is, however, the Western league is still putting up a real pennant race and that is what is wanted.

Manager Dooin of Philadelphia makes a charge in rather specific terms to the effect that gamblers in his city have repeatedly tried to bribe Phillie pitchers to throw games. Some may raise the point that Dooin doth protest too much, and yet no matter about the several past controversies he has been in, this is a ball from the fate of so many grand sports is its complete freedom from gambling and if the day ever comes that the gambler, who is not a sport, but a parasite, gets his fangs on base ball it, too, will go where racing, wrestling and not come. It remains for the men at the head of the game to stave it off. They can do it by vigilant effort, Red Dooin's alarm should not go unheeded, as we assume it will not.

That was a bitter dose the Cubs thrust down the throats of the proud Giantsthat taking six games in a row from them. If there was another team in the league beside Chicago able to beat New York, the latter's hopes of the pennant would go aglimmering very rapidly. But it seems that as soon as the haughty Gothamites make their escape from the claws of the ravaging Cubs, they have an easy time beating the rest of the teams. to twelve games.

There is not a headier ball player in the Western league than Bert Niehoff, Omaha's great third baseman. He fields and runs bases in major form all the time. He is a terror to pitchers when he lands on first. He has led this league so long in base running that it has become a habit. His playing is done with so little effort and so much grace that it 398 times, have secured 120 hits and fiftynever looks spectacular.

With Fugate and Hicks as southpaws Omaha's pitching staff should take a new life from the jump. Fugate and Beebe, exclusively pitchers, and Joe Bills, pitcher and fielder, ought to help a heap.

Gus Williams is making an excellent showing with the St. Louis Browns, batting very consistently. If the big fellow can keep up his stick work he will have no trouble holding his job.

Every Rhodes or Rhoades who enters base ball is called "Dusty." and every Young "Cy," but thus far that has been just one of each.

About the end of next week minor league owners are going to learn something about the new agreement.

Don Ragan had the hard luck to lose Myers, a game against the Cubs after holding Clarke, them to five measly hits.

Robinson has a lot of gingering up to Kenworthy, Denver

do to get down to real business. Kenworthy is the most valuable ball

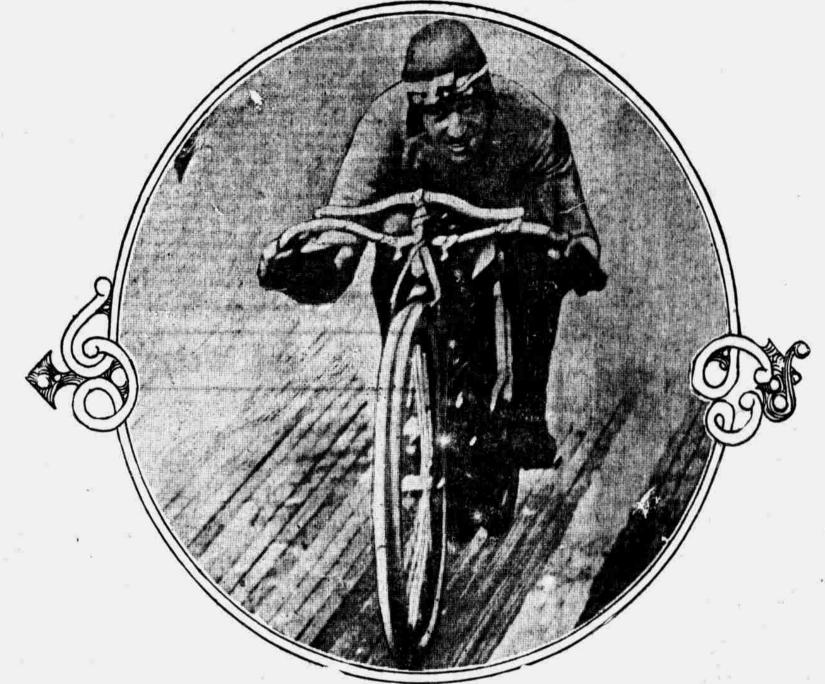
player Denver has had for many a year. The team will be home this week for

another stretch of home-grown victories.

Harry Hicks still holds the premiership of the Omaha pitching staff.

St. Joe is proving an easy loser.

Chapple, New King of Motorcycle Riders



New Yorkers given to idolatry have a cause of his daring and skill in manipu- In the last fortries most serious attention. As has often ple, unknown to the general public three at the Stadium Motordome at Brighton three miles, and at the and thirty hands record. weeks ago, is now a prominent figure be- Beach. Chapple is a New York boy. Chapple is here shown speeding around

the steep-banked saucer at the Motorsituation grave enough to engage the new demi-god to worship. Arthur Chap- lating a motorcycle on the wall-like track world's motorcycle records—at one mile, frome, when he created the thirty-mile

Smith, Sloux City

pugilism have gone. But that day must Two Hitters en the Denver Team Also Have Identical Records.

HICKS IS THE LEADING PITCHER Little Southpaw Added Another Vic-

tory to His List on Thursday, After Following Averages

From the standings compiled last week Borton and Zwilling of St. Joseph now lead the Western league in slugging. the two being tied at .397. This shows a slump from .802 for the previous week for Borton. "Baldy" Isbell of Des Moines tops the list with a tab of .413, but and maintaining their lead of from ten he has only stood up to the plate fortysix times.

> with a mark of .324, with Thomason right on his heels with .321. Jimmy Kane and Hickory Johnson are the other swaters on the .300 roll of honor. A most unique freak of figures that is

Norman Coyle leads the Rourke tribe

not liable to occur again for some time is the percentage of Quillin and Cassidy of the Grizzlies. Both have been at bat nine runs, thus giving them equal stand-

Harry Hicks continues to lead the twirlers of the league with ten games won out of eleven in which he worked the full quota. Mark Hall is second on Omaha's list with fifteen wins and eight defeats. Big "Chief" Johnson, the Josies' pride mound artist, has hit the bumps and now has a record of nine drubbings against fifteen wins.

The Rourkes lead the league in team slugging. Bert Niehoff is the premier base pilferer, while Coyle leads in sacrifice hitting.

Batting Averages AB. R. H. Pct. Isbel!, Des Moines...... Borton, St. Joseph.....372 76 Zwilling, St. Joseph....356 79 Evans, Sloux City..... Tennant, Sloux City..... Watson, Sloux City..... Sioux City..... Sloux City......380 Jones, Des Middleton,
 Coyle, Omaha
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 Thomason, Omaha
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 Thomas, Omaha
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 Gardner, Topeka
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 French.
 Sloux City
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 Kane, Omaha Channell, Denver Johnson, Omaha ...

Craig, Wichita King, Topeka Spahr, Denver Barbour, Lincoln386 Cochran. Topeka 61 Kores, Des Moines . 343
Pettigrew. Wichita . 254
Niehoff, Omaha . 359
Beiden, Des Moines . 326
Claire, Des Moines . 321 Hahn, Des Moines......370
 Mee, Wichita.
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 Walsh, Topeka.
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 Mullen, Lincoln.
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 Harris, Denver...... 39 Arbogast, Omaha...... 89 Colligan, Des Moines..... 253 Schipke, Omaha..... Rogge, Des Moines...... 67 Chapman, Topeka...... Frantz, Topeka......247 Gonding. Westerzii, Leonard, Denver..... Schmidt Topeka..... Smith, Lincoln 74 Stratton, Lincoln Ryan, Topeka Crutcher, St. Joseph..... Hanson, Lincoln Jackson, Wichita Young, Topeka Rhodes, Omaha

Carney, Lincoln......392 Jones, Des Moines.....91 Arbogast, Omaha......207 Gossett, St. Joseph.......477 126 Kinsella, Denver..... 5 Kane, Omaha.....822 Hornsby, Topeka 4 McGraw, Des Moines.....327 Chapman, Topeka.....247 Schipke, Omaha...... 90 Scanlon, Omaha......235 192 Thomason, Omaha.......201 11 Cobb, Lincoln........124 15 King, Topeka......220 Campbell, Sloux City..... Wichita.....139 Channell, Denver..... 83 Perry, Wichita..... Gear. Topeka..... 78

 Wainwright, Topeka
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 Griffith, St. Joseph
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 Coffey, Denver
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 Mee, Wichita
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 Leonard, Des Moines
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 Westerzil, Wichita..... ..142 222 .. 6 23 White, Sloux City Kores, Des Moines......205 156 Allen, Omaha...... 13 McAdams, Denver Pitcher's Records. Hicks, Omaha 10
Ellis, Wichita 13
Wolverton, Lincoln 7 Woldring, St. Joseph..... Hagerman, Lincoln Brown, Sloux City... .600 .600 McAdams, Denver Frantz, Topeka Durham, Wichita Durham, Wichita
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Heuston, Des Moines
Leonard, Denver
Rogge, Des Moines
Smith, Lincoln
Douglas, Des Moines
Perry, Wichita
Healy, Denver
Mogridge, Lincoln Crutcher, St. Joseph...
Harris, Denver
Campbell, Sloux City...
Tuckey, Lincoln
Rhodes, Omaha Sage, Sloux City..... Hornsby, Topeka
Fugate, Topeka
Brandom, Topeka
Wainright, Topeka Northup, St. Joseph..... Clark, Bloux City...... Jordan, Wichita Thomas, Sloux City.... Team Averages.

Batting—St. Joseph. 223; Denver. 235; Sioux City. 233; Wichita. 278; Omaha. 271; Lincoin. 270; Des Moines, 250; Topeka, 248. Fielding—Omaha, .959; Lincoln, .958; Denver, .957; Des Moines, .957; Sioux City, .958; Wichita, .953; St. Joseph, .901; To-Stolen Bases-Omaha, 187; St. Joseph, 199; Stoux City, 184; Lincoln, 188; Denver, 146; Wichits, Ill; Topeks, 91; Des Moines, 78. Bacrifice Hits-Wichita, 158; Omaha, 154; St. Joseph, 144; Lincoln, 141; Denver, 135; Topeka, 118; Bioux City, 112; Des Moines, 198.

to Draw Many.

ILLINOIS WELL REPRESTENTED NO

Manage Event.

From present indications the entry list for the Mid-West tennis tournament, which will be staged at the Field club elay courts August 19 to 24, will be a large one, the committee in charge expecting fully 100 racqueters to take part.

of the Field club tennis committee. Souvenir programs of the event in green and sign, were mailed last week to all racquet enthus asts in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinais, North and South Dakota, Kansas, Misscuri, Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

T. E. Musselman of Quincy and Harold M. Holland of Galesburg, Ill., were the first paid entries for the event, Harry Koch receiving their entry fees Friday entries have come in. Holland will act as official referee of the meet and will

Gravy" Hayes, mid-west singles and doubles champion; Paul Gardner, Hayes' ened in his golfing shoes some blunt' partner in the doubles; L. W. Washburn, headed little screws, which are about University of Chicago; J. H. Winston, deep enough for the sole, and project

Wendell Hussey, the 15-year-old Shenchampionship of southwestern Iowa, and it impossible for him to slip, but are a Frank Morgan of Wayne, Neb., have perfect safeguard for quick turns, and both written that they will take part. Berrion Hughes, Denver; Al Dickinson, Wichita; Joe Armstrong, St. Paul; Olin Sweet and Fred Bradley of Des Moines, and Ray Branson, Mitchell, S. D., are also coming.

By a ruling of the Field club tennis committee all matches will be two out invention." says the golfer, "I will show of three advantage sets, excepting the him what to do with the greatest of semi-final, final and challenge rounds, which will be three out of five sets.

FIVE TENNIS MEN ARE GOING TO DES MOINES MEET

Five local racquet wielders will take part in the annual Iowa tennis tourna- open with the murderous spikes which ment which will be held on the courts of are in use now." the Des Moines Golf and Country club August 12 to 17.

champ, will enter, as will George Riley, case of spiking may be. Occasionally J. Shirley, Joe Adams and Robert Mc Cague. Riley and Shirley and Adams and to try to intimidate another. More than McCague will pair in the doubles. Koch half a score of the best players of the has not yet secured a partner for the doubles, but if Walt Crunden of the Country club decides to enter he will double with the Field club adept.

Sockalexis, the one time great Indian player with Cleveland, is now a ferryman on the Penobscot river at Oldtown, Me., and says if the Boston Red Sox win the American league pennant he is going find that it will repay them. Anything to take time off from his work to see the world's series games.

Weaver Springs New Stall. Weaver, the shortstop of the Chicago White Sox, pulled a new one the other day when the Sox were trying to delay a game with Washington so as to have rain put an end to it. He kicked the bag loose and it took ten minutes to fix it.

LARGE TENNIS ENTRY LIST PLAYERS INSIST ON SPIKES

Mid-West Tournament at Field Club | They Are Responsible for Retention

SUBSTITUTE

All Purposes for that

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 .- Many attempts. have been made to get rid of the razor edged spike in baseball. None of themhas been successful and the ball players and are more than half responsible for their

Not because the players care to be in-fit ured with them nor for the reason that ha they wish to injure, but because the men insist that nothing has been devised which will give them a better grip on the

A ball player must turn suddenly and wist quickly, and most of them nave stated that they have yet to find an invention which gives them such security, as the present spike. If the turn is not, made as it should be the player is likely to sprain an ankle, wrench a tendonor rupture a ligament, and any one of, these injuries may terminate the career of a capital player.

It has remained for a golf player of experience to sove the question of the spike by eliminating it, and he insists that the ball player as it has for him in playing golf. Golfers wear spikes so that "! racquet wielders, including they may not slip when they drive and make fron shots. This player has fast-

He uses fifty or sixty of them in his andoah lad who won the 1912 singles shoes, and says that they not only make are twice as comfortable to the feet as the spike plates which the ball players

Wear. Snikes are not the easiest thing in the world on which to walk. They make the ball of the foot pain like a young bunion. "If any ball player wishes to try my pleasure, and I will guarantee that he prefers my plan to the spike, and, more than that. I will guarantee the owners of base ball clubs that they will not be losing valuable young men at ticklish times in a championship season because some player's leg, foot or hand is laid

The base ball spike is such a weapon for offense that all players know only Harry Koch, 1912 city and state singles too well what the outcome of a severe major and minor leagues have been spiked this year, and there are three or four men out now because the shoe blades have done their mischlevous work. this suggestion, which has been advanced by a New York golfer, who is interested in base ball as well as golf, they will

> The unconditional release of Pitcher Maroney by Chicago was in accordance with his agreement that he should be set free if he did not make good.

foreword of every club.

