

Well, You Can't Blame a Man That's Trying

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Judgments

MAJOR LEAGUE magnates have about completed their raid on the minors, and the owner of teams from Class A down now look on the riddled ranks, and wonder just what they are going to do for the next season. Experience has proven to minor league owners that they are compelled to have winning teams, or they can't do business; and experience has also shown them their problem is far greater in proportion than that of the major league magnate. The man who owns a club in one of the small town circuits has to take his chance on undeveloped material, he must take hold of players and train them in the rudiments of the game, and only about once a season does he succeed in getting hold of a man who looks like a real ball player. No sooner does the youngster begin to show any class than along comes a major league scout and the draft is attached. And year after year this goes on. The worst feature of it all is that if the young player doesn't make good in the big league, he is seldom sent back to the team from which he was drafted. Generally he is used in a trade with some other minor league club, or is "sold" under conditions that give the big league owner a double claim on the little fellow. The injustice of the draft as it is now practiced is too obvious to require extensive elaboration. It is one-sided in its operation, has given the major league owners a practical monopoly of all real base ball players, and seems a mockery of the "protection" provided for in the agreement between the big and little leagues. "Organized ball" ought to be riddled of this feature for the good of the game.

Omaha surely made a good showing on its short trip away from home. Des Moines is playing real ball, but the Rourkes grabbed three out of four from Des Moines, and two out of four from Sioux City, which is the best work the team has done away from home this season. It shows that the boys have gotten into the running for fair. Breaking the Sioux City hoodoo was very gratifying. For some reason the Sioux had been able to win from Omaha with apparent ease, when the other teams were going just the other way. But this is over now, and the Sioux braves will get what is coming to them from the Rourke family the rest of the season. At present Omaha is concerned with St. Joseph in what is really a test series. If Omaha wins, it means that St. Joseph is out of the race for any place above third. A double-header is scheduled for this afternoon, and it ought to get a record crowd.

In the National fight is very interesting, because the Cubs have an outside chance to land first, and as long as they can keep the pace they are now holding, the crowds will swarm at the gates. The surprise of the week was the ease with which New York got away with the series at Pittsburgh. It was a case of "getting the break," for the Pirates outbatted and outfielded the Giants, and yet lost. If one were at all inclined to be captious and suspect the honesty of the race, the game played between New York and Brooklyn on Thursday might come in for comment. Brooklyn had it won up to the ninth, and in that inning made a wonderful collection of wild throws and similar blunders, just enough to let the Giants get the winning run. In some sports such games as that would be frowned upon.

At the present writing the Omaha team is leading the league in all departments of the game, but batting. It has the best team fielding average, most stolen bases and more sacrifice hits than any other of the outfit, and the team batting is up to .378, which isn't a bad figure. Five of the boys are hitting over .300, and a sixth is coming, his latest figures being .299, so the dope is all in favor of the Rourkes. Look out for them.

A cry is being heard against double-headers; no one will deny they are an evil, but how else can postponed games be taken care of when magnates schedule 184 games to be played in 183 days?

Clarke Griffith may be made president of the Washington club. His success down there this season ought to get him something.

Cincinnati did cut some ice in the pennant race, after all. Those games grabbed from the Giants helped the Cubs an amazing lot.

That banquet to the Omaha team after the close of the season might as well go through, whether the pennant comes here or not.

Not a kick was heard, not even a grunt, when the New York authorities put the damper on the Jack-Joe match.

One bully way of showing that you like the way the team is going is to attend the games this afternoon.

Chances to see Omaha play at home are getting scarce. Don't miss any of them.

It begins to look as if Boston would get to see another world's series.

Real Speedy Pitcher



WALTER JOHNSON.

Chief Meyers, the great catcher of the New York Giants, has this to say in regard to the title of "speediest pitcher": "The man who has thrown, in my belief, the fastest balls that ever crossed a plate is Walter Johnson. I don't expect Rube or any of the old-timers who were supposed to serve very smoky balls. I don't think any of them were as speedy as the star of the Washington club of the American league. It may be news to some fans that I used to catch him.

"We had an exhibition series in California a few years ago—All-Nationals versus All-Americans—and Walter and I were the battery for the Nationals. The way the boy could throw! Why, after handling him I'd almost be willing to do the circus stunt of catching the cannon ball shot out of the big gun with nothing on but my mitt. I think Johnson is the speediest pitcher that ever tossed up one to the plate. The palm of my mitt-hand used to be red and sore from taking his fast ones."

DOUBLE HEADER TOMORROW Rourkes to Play Two Games With the Josies in Afternoon.

GO TO WICHITA IN EVENING Following Game Rourkes Will Leave on Sixteen-Day Trip, Meeting Wichita, Denver, Lincoln and Topeka.

Omaha and St. Joseph will stage a double-header at Rourke park tomorrow. Both games will be played in the afternoon, owing to the big Labor day parade tomorrow morning. The first game will be called at 2 o'clock. The two games will complete the stay at home and the Rourkes will leave tomorrow night for a sixteen day road trip during which time they will play Wichita, Denver, Lincoln and Topeka, in the order named.

On September 6 there will be an open date over the league and Omaha will take advantage of it playing an exhibition game with the Colorado Springs team at that place. As Colorado Springs at one time held a franchise in the Western league, and still has hopes of getting back into the league, much interest is being manifested in the Colorado city.

The Rourkes have but one postponed game to play while on the coming trip. This game is scheduled at Lincoln. There is a possibility, however, that a double bill will be staged at Denver. There is no way of making it compulsory that the postponed game be played there as it should have been played in Omaha, but owing to rain on the last day of Denver's last series in Omaha, it was called off.

Omaha will return home on September 30 for eight games and then go to St. Joseph to wind up the season with four games. A double header will be played on Sunday, September 22, in Omaha with Des Moines. Double bills are scheduled the last day of the season all over the league also. Omaha playing St. Joseph.

Rube to Marry. According to reports now going around in the National league, Rube Marquard has been stung by the love bug. Yes, Cupid seems to have succeeded in slipping one over on the Rube, and it is said the Giant twirler will be married to Shirley Kellogg, the young actress now starring in "The Passing Show," soon after the season ends in the National league.

AMATEUR RIVALS WILL MEET

Townsend and Luxus Squads Will Settle Dispute at Fort Omaha.

SEVERAL TEAMS LAYING OFF

A Number of Interesting Games are Booked Both In and Out of Town and Some Close Scoring is Anticipated.

Two nifty muses are looked for at Fort Omaha this afternoon when the Advos tangle with the Val Blatz and the Townsends tussle with the Luxus. The first game always causes a good deal of excitement and this game shouldn't prove an exception. Up to date the Townsends and Luxus have broken even, so this game will tell the tale. Morsarty will probably leave for the Townsends and Fox or Cunningham will host 'em for the brewery aggregation.

Lineup, first game: Advos. Position. Val Blatz. McGrath..... First..... Swingwood Carmody..... Second..... Putnam Bowley..... Short..... Sorenson Probst..... Third..... McCormick Hollander..... Left..... Ashatz Feltman..... Center..... Williamson Flanagan..... Right..... Charnquist Coe..... Catcher..... Gillespie Baker..... Pitcher..... Karbowski

Lineup, second game: Townsends. Position. Luxus. Coe..... First..... Hochten Hall..... Second..... Rapp Ballinger..... Short..... Smith Malum..... Third..... Tracey O'Connor..... Left..... Denny Murray..... Center..... Melady Mullen..... Right..... Vainour Cavanaugh..... Catcher..... Danze Morsarty..... Pitcher..... Fox Young..... Pitcher..... Cunningham

At Athletic Park. Two good attractions will be pulled off at Athletic park. The first game will be between a couple of Council Bluffs teams and the second game will be Hollys vs. Council Bluffs Merchants. This will be the fourth time the Hollys have met the Merchants this season. The first two games resulted in the Hollys' favor and the other was capped by the Merchants after a grueling battle. If the Buffers can win today they will have to play a deciding game. Hickey and Hombach will oppose each other. Line up second game:

Merchants. Position. Hollys. Dennison..... First..... J. Daugherty Wahl..... Second..... Welch Phillips..... Third..... McAndrews McLean..... Short..... F. Daugherty Scanlon..... Left..... Kelley Goff..... Center..... Falconer Evers..... Right..... Hronek Duff..... Catch..... Creighton Hombach..... Pitch..... Hickey Bogatta..... Catcher..... Danze Peterson..... Pitch.....

Here is the bunch that will represent the Ancient Order United Workmen at Plattsmouth: Quigley, Lightel, Wells, Durkee, Young, McCreary, Eastman, McCollough, Wright, Dougherty, Twichell and Eisenhart. This bunch ought to make the Plattsmouth boys step some in order to cop the grapes. The Ancient Order United Workmen will play three games at Plattsmouth, one on Sunday and two on Monday (Labor day). A large bunch of fans will accompany the team.

Through the Kaathole. Russum of the Hollys arrived back in Omaha last week.

What do you know about the Hollys dropping two games in a row? Erickson, formerly with the Hollys, made good and then some at Coion, S. D. Those All Blatz boys ought to start climbing the ladder now. They just resigned.

Jarosh is getting to be a regular Wagner. He performs at short for the J. D. Cross team.

Yesterday the "All Stars" performed at Waterloo, Neb. They met the Ekason aggregation.

Quigley is going to try to nail Brassman, the manager of the Hollys, to his foot ball team.

Fred Daugherty couldn't accompany the All Stars yesterday because his grandmother was sick.

Ray Byone, who used to engineer the Columbus, says he will be back in the harness next season.

Bill Dolson says he is going to purchase sliding pads, so he won't get skinned up when he steals bases.

Grossman is a doodle on corner three. He grabs 'em all, has a grand arm and can sure bang the horsehide.

Madam Rumor has it that Paul Kelley will wear an Ottumwa uniform next season in the Central association.

In the center position for the Hollys George Falconer nabs 'em all. He is the regular clean-up kid with the pole.

Underwood, Ia., is where the Brodegar crowd will do their utmost to hitch another victory to their list.

James Kelley and Miller are sure picking up the kale at different towns located in the vicinity of Waukegan, Neb.

Clink Clair, the old Omaha amateur, has had a summer of much worry with his managerial duties at Nebraska City.

Hronek, the piano leg dude hitched to the Hollys, can sure make his large sticks slip when he is after one hit on the beach.

Hugnie Jennings' Pride



Oscar Stange, stalwart young receiver of the Detroit Tigers, whose steady work insures him against loss of his job in the shake-up which Hugnie Jennings is expected to make in planning his fight for the 1913 pennant.

Toward the close of last year many experts picked Stange as the best catcher in the American league, but the verdict was practically unanimous that he is the most promising. Stange has been with Detroit only three full seasons, and he has shown a remarkable improvement

each year. He can throw to second with riflelike accuracy and the speed of Chief Meyers, can run the bases in good style and is a better than average hitter, being particularly strong in the pinches. Stange's weakest point is his tendency once in a while to drop a pitched ball in his anxiety to get off a quick throw when there is a man on base, but this offense is a minor one, as it is not often perpetrated, and it can easily be remedied. Stange is always cool-headed and quick to size up a situation, which is one of his greatest assets.

they will make some dough at that town, because they are backed for two days and the humans located there are bugs about the grand national pastime, Hollander and Kemp will do the twirling for the Syrup Mixers.

On the green at Fort Omaha tomorrow afternoon there will be two excellent arguments. First game, Advos against O. D. Kiplingers; second game, North Stars against South Star. Mullen of the Townsends will be at the helm for the North Stars and Koehler of the Luxus tribe will engineer matters for the confederates. Two good games are anticipated.

Watson at First. With the departure of Baker Borton to join the White Sox, Watson gets the opportunity to see what he can do as a first baseman with St. Joseph.

Bill Lynch, one of our old-time stars, is disgusted with the present showing of some of our local stars and he says he will do the rags next season and show them how it is done.

Bill Gaur of the Probst family are playing amateur base ball. George is with the Storz, Willie belongs to the Advos and the other two help the Stars and Stripes to win games.

Our famous J. S. Cross outfit will board a steamer labeled for Missouri Valley today. The Kiplingers mopped up the Misery Valley, consequently the Cross boys think they can do likewise.

Frank Welch of the Hollys took a vacation and went to work for the Union Pacific, not because his ability as a base ball player has deteriorated, but because he wanted a change, or some chance.

Up at Blair, Neb., the D. J. Jourdana will buck up against the home base ballists located there. To date the Jourdana have been playing nifty ball and they expect to have a close call or bring home the bacon.

At Armour Park the Polish Athletic club team will take on the Foresters. Odds of rivalry of the sour sort exists between these two herds and as a consequence a debate about the thrilling order is expected.

Tomorrow (Labor day) the Hanscom Parks will float across the Missouri river and fight the Council Bluffs Merchants at Athletic park. A large crowd is expected by the management, as the Hanscom Parks always proved to be a crowd getter.

Those Molasses kids have some trip scheduled for today. They will journey over to Creston, Ia. It is a cinch that

SCHOOL ATHLETES SOON BUSY

Within the Next Two Weeks Fall Activities Will Take Form.

LOCAL TEAMS HAVE COACHES

Holste Comes to Bellevue and Morgenthauer to University of Omaha—Mills to Train the High School Lads.

Within the next two weeks local scholastic athletics will bubble into prominence and all the schools and colleges will beckon to the call of the pigskin and other means of physical training. Creighton, Omaha High school, Bellevue and the University of Omaha have all secured gridiron coaches for the season and started to arrange their schedules. The "Y" association and the grade school athletic department will also be in the foreground in assisting the younger athletes during the coming school year.

Football coaches who have already accepted positions are as follows: Harry Miller, Creighton university; Thomas Mills, Omaha High school; A. F. Holste, Bellevue, and Ollie Morgenthauer, University of Omaha. J. Truitt Maxwell will continue as physical director of the "Y" association and Raymond L. Carns will act as superintendent of grade school athletics. C. E. Reed will manage the athletics at the high school and Father Devlin will assume charge of similar duties at Creighton.

All home games of the different schools will be staged as follows: Creighton, University field, Twenty-sixth and California streets; Omaha High school, Rourke park; Bellevue, Bellevue campus grounds; University of Omaha, Redick field, Twenty-fifth and Pinkey streets. A new grandstand with a seating capacity of 2,500 is now in course of construction on the west side of Creighton field.

Creighton's foot ball schedule to date includes all home games, with the exception of October 25, when the blue and white warriors will journey up the river to Sioux City for a tussle with Morning-side college. Three of the high school squad's games are in opponents' territory and four at home with two dates yet to fill.

Following are the Creighton and Omaha High schedules, as announced last week, no dates being obtainable from Bellevue or the University of Omaha:

Creighton University Schedule. October 12—Yankton college at Omaha. October 19—Marquette university at Omaha. October 26—Morning-side college at Sioux City. November 2—St. Louis university at Omaha. November 9—University of Omaha at Omaha. November 16—Des Moines college, probably at Omaha. November 23—Closed. November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)—University of South Dakota at Omaha.

Omaha High School Schedule. October 5—South Omaha High at Omaha. October 12—Norfolk High at Omaha. October 19—Des Moines West High at Omaha. October 26—York High at York. November 2—Lincoln High at Lincoln. November 9—Beatrice High at Omaha. November 16—Sioux City High at Sioux City. November 23—Probably Kansas City Central High at Omaha. November 28 (Thanksgiving Day)—Topeka High at Omaha (not definitely arranged).

Rumors Afloat. Reports grow stronger that this is to be Topeka's last year in the Western league and that Oklahoma City will get the franchise.

Advertisement for Old Age beer. The ad features a large illustration of a beer bottle with a label that reads 'Old Age' and 'GENUINE OLD GERMAN DOUBLE BEER'. Text on the ad includes: 'Nebraska's best beer because it's made the best Try it now', 'Sterilised Amber Bottles.', 'Family Trade Supplied by SOUTH OMAHA, WILKINS JETTIER, 2502 N. ST., Telephone South 808.', 'Council Bluffs "Old Age" Bar, 1513 South 9th Street, Phone 3628.', 'OMAHA HUGO REED, 1324 Douglas Street, Phone Douglas 1542.', and 'Jetter Brewing Co. SOUTH OMAHA, NEB.' The ad also includes a small illustration of a man's face in the bottom right corner.