

Bringing Up Father

Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



Judgments

NO better schedule has ever been drafted for a Cornhusker eleven than that announced for next fall. It includes games with two "big nine" teams—Minnesota and Iowa—and with local conference elevens to the number of two. But it is neither because of the western or Missouri valley conference games that the schedule approaches close to the ideal; it is by reason of the good balance in the caliber of all the opponents and the splendid arrangement as to succession of games. By placing Washburn and the Kansas Aggies before the Minnesota contest, Manager Guy Reed has given the Cornhuskers two games about which they will have to worry a great deal. These two teams have long been among the best non-conference elevens in the valley, and the honor of defeating the University of Kansas has often fallen upon the Topeka eleven. To defeat these teams in the early season will be a tremendous task for the men of Stehm. But whether these games are won or not, the Cornhuskers will have had opposition that will strengthen them for the Minnesota game, their really important battle on the schedule. In other seasons the fault with the Nebraska schedule has been that the games before the Minnesota struggle were easy wins for the Cornhuskers, and neither tested Nebraska's strength nor aided in preparing the team for the harder games. By forcing upon Nebraska two fierce contests early in the season the manager is making for a better team at Lincoln. But with such teams as Kansas, Iowa, Ames and Minnesota booked, it is all more imperative that the coaching system be changed. Stehm alone cannot get a successful season out of 1912. He must have help.

Omaha's 1912 team may now be considered completed with the acquisition of Congalton to the outfield. While somewhat of a veteran, Congalton is not an old man by any means and, coming from the American association, where he was a force, should lend strength to the Rourke's. We are sorry a deal could not have been made for Gilmore or Cassidy of Denver, but with Thomason, Coyle, Congalton, and a youngster or two in addition for outfield material, Pa should be able to struggle along. Frankly, we have no very positive opinions to express on the pitching staff; Pa seems to feel that it is a promising one and we hope so, knowing nothing to the contrary, but everybody who knows the team, appreciates that behind the bat and in the infield it is exceptionally powerful, and that with Coyle and Tommy outside, this level of strength is maintained. It may be that Congalton will uphold it entirely, so far as he is concerned.

Rumor has it that President Navin of Detroit met Cobb's demand for a raise of \$2,500 by clipping off a little from each player's salary. It sounds fishy, but if true the players may be thinking of the time they "struck" because Ty they thought, had got a foul deal. And also if true, which we doubt, Navin, will have plenty of occasions for doing some tall thinking himself as the season progresses.

Old George Hogreiver, reports say, may not be able to play ball any more. He has been injured and his injuries are not healing as fast as hoped for, so reports say. Well if he is put out, George has the consolation of knowing that he has been playing a great deal longer and on more teams in more leagues than most players ever do. His playing days number up around twenty-three years. And it's a good old wagon he's been, too.

The last thing Comiskey did before starting on his California tour was to drop down to St. Louis to see if his old friend and boss, Chris Von Der Ahe, in his dying days, needed anything. You can't beat a man with the public who is as attentive to old friendship as that.

Perhaps you can get an idea of the relative social standing of ball players and steamship captains from the fact that the captain of the Bermuda-bound vessel gave up his own private cabin to Manager Chance.

"Overall Resigned to His Fate," is the Sporting News' caption over the story that the big Cub recently reinstated is not to be allowed to leave Murphy's employ.

With Jimmy Austin, Shotten and Awnow the St. Louis Americans ought to begin to show real Omaha form.

Everybody but Frank Chance seems to be afraid Hal Chase won't make good at second.

Well, President O'Neil and the league still have their headquarters in Chicago.

On St. Patrick's day in the morning, we set sail for Oklahoma.

April 18 is to be our opening day. Got the money ready?

FEW MARKS LEFT TO GAIN

Kolehmainen Has But Little Ways to Go to Reach Top.

MUCH IS EXPECTED OF HIM

Many Believe He is the Only Person on Earth Who Can Lower the World's Records Made by Shrubbs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Proud possessor of thirteen American distance records, two world's marks, and credited with the best Olympic games performance for 10,000 meters, there is only one thing left for Hannes Kolehmainen to accomplish before we shall hail him as the greatest runner that ever wore a spiked shoe. And that is the surpassing of Alfred Shrubbs' best times for the distances ranging from three to ten miles. The Flying Finn's performances since his wonderful showing at Stockholm put him in a class right now all by his little lonesome, and you can't say too much in praise of his endeavors.

Athletic enthusiasts who have seen the foreigner in action, believe he is the only person on earth who can lower Shrubbs' world's records. The time is not far distant when he will get a chance to do this.

He is a better runner outdoors than behind closed doors. There is no question about it. He never ran on a board floor until he came to this country. His showing at the outset was nothing to brag about, but once he got into his stride he fractured the best figures ever turned in by George Bonhag.

Just as soon as the indoor curtain is rung down, some little time after the deciding of the national senior championships, Lawson Robertson, coach of the Irish-American Athletic club, will take the Finn in hand and run him every other day on the Celtic park course. He expects to have him in the same great form he displayed in Sweden in no time.

Friends Have Confidence.

Robertson, who is one of the best students of the game, is confident Kolehmainen will put the jinx on all of Shrubbs' records from four to ten miles. He wants to go on record as saying so. In the historic 5,000-meter race between Boun and Kolehmainen, the latter, by unofficial watches, was caught passing the three-mile post in 14.14%, 3% seconds faster than Shrubbs' world's record. No sooner did Hannes step on these shores than he began to show the folks here, who did not see him perform his wonders on the other side, that he is all that has been said of him. He began his record-smashing career on the American cinderpath by bettering Tommy Conneff's three-and-a-half-mile record of 17.42, and the 19.01 time of Willie Day for three and three-quarters miles.

Hannes turned the first distance in 17.34% and the other in 18.84%. Not content with these, he kept up his good work by securing three more new marks. At three and a quarter, four and a quarter and four and three-quarters miles Hannes was timed in 16.13%, 21.27 and 22.59. Kolehmainen then laid off and didn't get going again until he raced a dead heat with Abel Kiviat for two miles in 5.24%.

Primed as he never was before, Kolehmainen recently raced ten miles against a relay of five men on the fast track of the Seventy-fourth regiment in Buffalo, and when he was through, had hung up new records for six, seven, eight, nine and ten miles.

Kolehmainen's time for the ten miles was 51.06%, as compared to Bonhag's outdoor figures of 52.34% and Tewania's indoor record of 54.21%. In the presence of Eddie Carter, who was one of the world's best distance men many years ago, and Bonhag himself, Kolehmainen, running easily, put "Geordie" in the lead for five miles out of commission at the Irish-American Athletic club games the other night. From the honor mark Kolehmainen overhauled the large field, broke two intermediate records for three and a half and four and a half miles, and closed his gallant performance by knocking 11% seconds off the former best indoor record, 24.50%, made by Bonhag on March 16, 1909.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MAY SEND TEAM TO JAPAN

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—The authorities of the University of Washington are considering an invitation to play a series of ten base ball games in Japan with the Meiji university team. Graduate Manager Horner announces that the Japanese are willing to defray the Americans' expenses. The far easterners are willing to pay \$4,000 to help pay Washington's expenses.

Expected to Sign.

President Navin of the Detroit club spiked another omen, when he denied that he ever wrote a letter to Second Base man Y.H. saying that he had agreed to pay \$15,000 salary to Ty Cobb. Navin declared that he expected Cobb, Crawford, Dubeck and Stange to sign contracts within the next week.

BASKET BALL MEET LOOMS UP

Nebraska Uni Preparing for Inter-scholastic Tournament.

SIXTEEN ENTRIES RECEIVED

Manager Guy Reed of the University Expects Thirty-Six Teams to Enter the Tourney to Be Held Next Month.

By C. MASON YOULD. Oklahoma City base ball fans and the commercial interests of the city are making extensive plans for the advent of the Omaha Western league base ball club into the metropolis of Oklahoma. Letters are being received every day by Rourke, telling of the progress of the plans.

Unusual interest is being taken by the Oklahoma City fans and business men, owing to the fact that they are trying to get a franchise in the Western league. Today Oklahoma City is the largest city in the country which has not a ball team playing organized base ball. This year it probably will have a team in the Southwestern league, which will be of class B caliber, but the fans want to get into a faster circuit.

The only chance Oklahoma City will have to get into the Western league will come through their support of the Omaha team while it trains there this spring. If the crowds turn out in sufficient numbers to prove that the town could support a class A club there is a possibility that in 1914 the directors of the Western league might transfer the franchise from some weak club in the league to Oklahoma City.

All to Turn Out.

Realizing that they can only get into this league by supporting the Omaha team this spring, the fans of the Oklahoma metropolis are assuring the Commercial club of that city that they will turn out in large numbers, just to show Omaha that they are real fans and lovers of the national pastime.

The Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma City is sending out pamphlets announcing that Omaha will train at that place this spring and is demanding that the base ball fans and lovers of the game of that city and surrounding towns turn out and boost the Omaha team, in order that within a few years they may be able to watch Oklahoma City play the same team in the race for the Western league pennant.

Plans for Opening Day.

At Omaha here Rourke is working in conjunction with the Commercial club, the various secret societies and the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben to make the opening day in Omaha the biggest of its kind that has ever been well advertised by its unique opening day festivities and the plans are ever to excel the festivities of the year previous and to that end Rourke and the Omaha fans and business men are working. Just what stunts will be pulled off this year have not been made public and there are some which will be kept a secret until the last day. The usual parade of city officers, fans and players will, of course, be one of the features.

E. "Dad" Weaver of the Ak-Sar-Ben is now working on a plan which will eclipse that of former years. That the knights will take a big part in the demonstration goes without saying. A-rod clubs and organizations have begun to reserve boxes and seats for the first game of the season, which will be played with Sioux City.

Wait for Opening.

There will be no opportunities for the Omaha fans to see the Rourke's in action before the opening days and for this reason it is expected that the opening day crowd will be larger than ever before. The Omaha team will play at least fifteen games in Oklahoma City, the last two being with Denver on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the opening of the Western league season. Rourke had first thought of coming home and playing Lincoln on these dates, but games have been arranged with the Antelopes to be played in Oklahoma City.

Another feature which may or may not appeal to the fans is the decision of Rourke to start the base ball games in Omaha this season at 3 o'clock. The Omaha magnate feels assured that by moving the hour of play up thirty minutes he will be able to draw larger crowds and also appease the sporting appetites of business men who wish to go back to their offices before the closing hour after leaving the ball grounds. By starting the games at 3 o'clock most of them will be completed by 4:30 and the patrons of the game who wish may return to their offices before 5 o'clock. Then, again, there is a class of men who are relieved of duty from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoons, who in years past have been unable to attend the game and witness it to its finish because they must return to their business.

Women have been kept away from games to a certain extent in the past because they could not get home in time to cook the evening meal and have it ready at the desired time. Under the system to be employed this season they will be able to attend ball games and

Stahl Touting Collins



Ray Collins, one of Manager Jake Stahl's staff of young twirling stars, who was such a big factor in the winning of the American league pennant and the world's championship for the Boston Red Sox last season. Stahl predicts that Collins will be better than ever this season.

get home and have the evening meal on the table the same as other days. Then there are many objections to the idea, but Rourke believes that by starting the games earlier he will be expressing the sentiment of the fans.

Says Base Ball and Brotherly Love Do Not Go Together

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 22.—Jesse Stovall, manager of the St. Louis Browns, thinks that base ball and brotherly love will not mix. He quotes one of his own experiences as a proof of his contention. It shows how one brother made his debut into the American league by knocking his own brother out of it. "In 1904 I was pitching for the Detroit team and my brother, George, was playing first base for the Cleveland club. The Naps had just got him from the team at Burlington, Ia., where he was manager. In the particular game to which I refer I was pitching and in a critical part of the game, with two men on bases, I walked the dangerous Ladoie in order to take a chance with my own brother, George, who was the next batsman. "Come on, you big busher," I yelled at him as he stepped to the plate. "Just take three swings at the ball and sit on the bench, where you belong, and go back to Burlington tomorrow." Well, I have to tell you, but the first ball I pitched to him he hit for a home run past the center fielder, and four men naturally scored. This swat won him a berth in the league and knocked me out of it. I put him in the big league and he put me out of it. In the same game, two innings later, I accidentally hit him on the elbow, and he did not play any more that season, after July 4."

Lord as Magnate. Harry Lord of the White Sox, it is reported, will take a fling at minor league club ownership. He may be a partner with Hugh Duffy, in the Portland club of the New England league.

Changes in Rules For Track Events Being Considered

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—There have been a number of recommendations made to the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America lately to revolutionize college track athletics in several events. One question that has elicited considerable discussion is the way a runner should finish a race—that is, whether the man who finished shall breast the tape or not. Another point centers about the idea of having fixed hurdles, while the third proposed change involves the proposed rule changes for the hammer throw event in intercollegiate meets.

One man who is opposed to these changes is Johnny Mack, track coach of Yale. Mack declares that the use of fixed hurdles is impractical, and the hammer throw should stay the same, but says the runner should be made to breast the tape when he finishes a race. Speaking about the changes which will come up shortly for discussion before the Intercollegiate authorities, Mack argues as follows:

"In regard to having fixed hurdles I certainly do not believe in them. At the Intercollegiate meets at Pennsylvania or in the Harvard stadium the hurdle races and sprints are run on the same stretch and this makes the use of fixed hurdles practically an impossibility. In England, where the fixed hurdle is used, the races are run on the grass. The custom of using the fixed hurdle originated there, where at some rural meets the only hurdle that could be obtained was the ordinary sheep hurdle, which was driven into the turf. I believe in using the regulation Yale hurdles, which are used here and at the New York Athletic club at Travers Island. These are the regulation fence hurdle and are very heavy. A man who knocks down those will not so far. If they should adopt this hurdle at the Intercollegiate meet, no rule about knocking them down would be necessary. "I consider the hammer throw one of the most interesting events in track athletics. The men who take part in it become more interested in mastering the

details of the sport than candidates in almost any other event. The man who takes part in the hammer throw must be fast as well as big, and must have a large amount of practice. There is no need of change in regulations regarding the hammer throw. I believe it should remain as it is.

"The proper why for a man to finish in any race is to breast the tape, and the rules should make this a requirement."

Base Ball School is the Latest Idea

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—A base ball school, backed with capital to the extent of \$1,000,000 and conducted along lines decidedly novel, is a possibility of the near future. Charley Carr, at one time a member of the Detroit team and during the last few years connected with various American association teams as manager, evolved the idea and will soon put the matter up to the national commission for a sanction. Carr has interested several wealthy men in the project and will have unlimited backing in his efforts to make the school a success.

The plan proposed would be a benefit to veterans and novices alike. Carr proposes to secure one big hotel in the south with grounds large enough for fifteen or twenty diamonds, where all the major league clubs can train in the spring. The idea of the promoter is to have organized base ball stand behind the plan, and inducements will be offered to have all the clubs establish training quarters at the same place.

When the major league teams go north to begin their regular playing season the school will be at the disposal of minor leaguers or youngsters desiring to get a knowledge of the finer points of the game. A skilled corps of professors, such as are employed at all institutions of learning, will teach the youngsters what they have learned through years of experience on the diamond. Former major leaguers who have been noted for their knowledge of the game will be secured as teachers. A regular tuition fee will be managed. Classes conducted in the usual way. The large number of playing fields will also permit of much individual instruction.

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