

You Have to Admit that Murphy Didn't Let the Game Get Cold

OMAHA PLAYERS SIGN AND ROORKE IS HAPPY

All but Krug and Brenner Have Affixed Their Names to Contracts to Play Here.

KRUG OFFERED BIG MONEY
Pa Agrees on More Than Boston Assured Him Would Do.

INFIELD LOOKS REAL CLASSY
Chase, Clancy, Thomas and Ward Reckoned as Speed Boys.

CLOSMAN COMES INTO THE FOLD
Wallace is Still an Uncertain Quantity and Pa Will Try to Get Him to Come to Omaha if Possible.

With nearly all his recalcitrant players returned to the fold, Pa Rourke now looks on the world with tolerant eyes. Omaha is sure to have a full ball team which will show some of the alleged teams of the Western league just how the national pastime is played in a civilized community. Two players, Krug and Brenner, are the only athletes of worth who have not accepted Pa's terms for the 1914 year. Brenner would like a bit more coin for his services, but he will undoubtedly sign up before the opening game. Krug is different. Pa does not entertain any hopes that Krug will report. If Krug does report Pa will just consider himself that much luckier.

Krug has been offered the very top salary possible. If there is another player in class A base ball who received a contract calling for any more money than Krug's did, Pa wants to know where the spendthrift is located. Krug's agreement stipulates a salary that is far and above the salary the Boston club assured Pa he would have to pay Krug, but Krug thinks he's some ball player and insists that what he himself thinks is the only way to make judgment. Last year Krug had a very bad year, due to injuries. There is some question as to his ability to come back and it doesn't stand to reason that Omaha should delude out to a cripple a stipend that would make Johnny Kling return to the grand old game.

Has Good Team Line Up.
But aside from Brenner and Krug, Pa has considerable ball team. Bell, Congalton and Thomason will make up one of the finest little outfields ever seen around this part of the map. Everybody knows that Tommy and Cohny can show and the youngster, Bell, is heralded as a demon at the bat, in the field and on the bases. Bell hit .337 last year; made one error and copped above the average of bases.

Chase, Clancy, Thomas and Ward will hold down the infield. All have accepted terms, and will be on hand to make good. There is no question as to the quartet making good, and if any one of them fall down there is a man to step into his shoes. Echipe can still hop around a corner, and if Clancy fails to show the Skipper will man the ship. If Chase flunks, and the very mention of such a thing makes Pa rise up with a mighty wrath, because, he says Chase is the coming first baseman of the country, Kane can come back—perhaps. Kane hasn't signed, but Pa minds that never a minute, because Kane is about through, as far as Omaha is concerned.

Pleanty of Catchers.
Omaha is well supplied with catchers. Shestak, who showed such promise last year, will be on hand, as well as Johnny Goding, George Rogers and a semi-pro named Smith. Rogers and Smith are very dubious material, but they might

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Athletics Have Good Lineup of Players

Although asked to resign from the Omaha High school team, Mark Hughes will not retire from basket ball. Following the squabble with South Omaha High, in which Hughes was a principal, he was asked to resign from the purple and white five, and at once consented. Hughes is now a member of the Athletics, a newly organized independent organization, which claims to have the fastest organization in these parts. The team is composed of Creighton alumni students, Omaha High students and independents. Earl Torrey of the Creighton arts college is manager, and has been busy booking games with town teams in the vicinity. Such teams as Dana college of Blair, Neb., and Conway G. of Shenandoah, Ia., will be taken on.

Other members of the team are Art and Joe Moran, Torrey, Fester and Pittman. Any team desiring games address Earl Torrey, 2438 Cass street.

PAPILLION BASKET FIVE BEATS PICKED OMAHA TEAM

The Papillion basket ball team topped the Athletics, a team composed of Creighton students and independents, at Papillion Friday night, by a score of 22 to 25. The Athletics had a lead of fifteen to ten at the end of the first half. At the beginning of the second six spectacular field goals by Milt Jungmeyer, the center of the home team, from the center of the floor, put the visitors down and out.

Papillion used good teamwork in the second half, while the Athletics were at a disadvantage on the small opera house floor. The lineup:

PAPILLION.
W. Jungmeyer (F), R.F. Moran (F), M. Jungmeyer (C), L.E. Fester (G), R.G. Borg (G), Torrey (G), L.G. Moran (A).
Field goals: W. Jungmeyer (3), Fricke (3), Milt Jungmeyer (4), Pittman (3), Fester (2), Torrey (2), Moran (3).
Referee: Gleason of Nebraska Telephone company. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

Will Never Come Back.
President Fletcher Jones, prosperous Oregon apple grower, will never again manage a ball club. This is Jones' positive statement. Western managers have made him tempting offers. He believes that he has listened to the blandishments of the base ball powers that be a season or two back he would have profited more financially than he has by quitting the game and growing apples. But he has turned the game for good; he is doing well in the business world, and he is not to be persuaded.

OUSTING OF MURPHY WINS PRAISE FOR TENER.

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Governor John K. Tener, who has made good as president of the National league in the eyes of the fans by the masterly manner in which he handled the Murphy episode. It is generally believed that Tener was the only man who could have convinced Charles P. Tart that Murphy no longer was entitled to a place in organized base ball.

SORT OUT THEIR PLAYERS

Seven Outlaw Bosses Meeting in Chicago to Pick Teams.

CHASE OF WHITE SOX IS MISSING

Friends of His Say He Has Received Offer of Three Years' Contract with Raise from the New Organization.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Seven managers of the Federal league met in secret session at the Chicago Athletic association today to sort out their teams from the 230 or more players the league leaders claim to have signed. The missing manager was Otto Knabe of the Baltimore team, whose train was reported delayed. Manager William Phillips of Indianapolis, Larry Schafly of Buffalo, George Stovall of Kansas City, Mordred Brown of St. Louis, William Gessler of Pittsburgh, Joseph Tinker of Chicago and William Bradley of Brooklyn were on hand. Bradley will represent the Brooklyn team temporarily at least, and it was hinted that he might get the place permanently should Robert E. Wood, the Brooklyn owner, fall in his efforts to persuade Christie Mathewson or Sam Crawford to undertake the leadership. It is rumored, too, that Gessler accepted the Pittsburgh place with the understanding that he might retire to the ranks if another manager satisfactory to his bosses could be found.

Many Players Transferred.
Some of the well known players who have left the ranks of organized base ball for the new league will be found with other teams than those first announced as having signed them. Ned Hanlon represented the Baltimore team at the managers' meeting. It was learned that most of the players signed by President Gilmore had been assigned to teams needing them. Numerous trades were made, some of the managers who had a superfluity of pitchers, but a lack of good infielders, making deals which were expected to balance their teams. The trades will be reviewed and approved by President Gilmore next week, and after that it is expected the full roster of the league will be given out.

Hal Chase Missing.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 28.—Hal Chase of the Chicago Americans, was missing from his accustomed haunts today, but friends of his were responsible for the statement that he had received an offer of a three years' contract from the Federal league, with a material raise of salary and the money in escrow for three years.

Nebraska Wesleyan Takes Another Game From Coyote Quintet

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska Wesleyan won its eighteenth basket ball victory of this season by defeating the University of South Dakota on the home floor last night. The final score was 23 to 12 and was fair comparison of developing strength of the teams. Both teams put up a fierce struggle, the game being roughest seen here this year. The visitors made eleven fouls to Wesleyan's eight. Keester was in his best form in making free throws and Johnson played a strong game at guard. Vidal and McClelland did the best work for the visitors. The line up:

WESLEYAN. SOUTH DAKOTA.
Keester.....L.F. McClelland
Kline.....L.F. Ferguson
Hughes.....L.F. Vidal
Johnson.....R.G. McClelland
Vidolin.....L.G. Henley
Substitutes: For Wesleyan, Huffey and McGee; for South Dakota, G. Handolph, Quindly and Crase. Referee: Sam Waugh.

After the game Wesleyan met Baker university of Baldwin, S.D., in a joint debate, the visitors winning a 2 to 1 decision on the affirmative side of the minimum wage question.

After Coast Pennant.
Ed R. Mair has stated that he is out to win the 1914 and 1915 Pacific Coast league pennants. His team has come near winning the flag in the Coast league in the past three years that he wants to win two in a row to even up for the disappointments "If I win the pennant this year," said Mair the other day, "I will strengthen the club enough to win it in 1915."

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LIST OF STARTERS.

No.	Car.	Driver.
1	Pat	Teddy Telford
2	Mercedes	Spencer Wishart
3	Stutz	Gil Anderson
4	Mercedes	Edwin Pullen
5	Alco	B. Taylor
6	Mercedes	Barney Oldfield
7	Stutz	Carl Cooper
8	Mercedes	Samuel Gordon
9	Apperson	Frank Goodie
10	Mercedes	Ralph De Palma
11	Stutz	B. Marquis
12	Marmon	Charles Muth
13	Pat	Dave Lewis
14	Marmon	Guy Ball
15	Pat	Frank Verbeck
16	Alco	Tom Jeanette
17	Marmon	E. Riechenbacher

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 28.—Edwin Pullen won the fifth international grand prize race over forty-eight laps, or 430 miles, on the Santa Monica course today. A new record of 72.2 miles per hour was established. It was also the first time in the history of the event that an American car flashed in first at the finish, and there were several other features.

The winner gained his place by a serious accident—the first in the annals of the Santa Monica course—which jeopardized the life of Driver J. P. Marquis, when his car, the most dangerous foreign motor in the contest, turned turtle at a turn and crushed him.

Thereafter it was no race. Pullen was forty miles ahead of the second car at the finish and fifty-five miles ahead of the third.

Ralph De Palma, who won the Vanderbilt cup Thursday, was fourth because there was no fifth out of all the seventeen starters. Oldfield, his most persistent opponent the other day, was eliminated from his speed test by a bad motor ten laps from the finish.

Makes It in Five Hours.
Pullen covered the 430 miles in 5:19:59, setting a new mark of 72.2 miles per hour against the record of 74.5 established by Caleb Bragg at Savannah in 1911.

Guy Ball was second with an elapsed time of 5:33:23 and a speed of 64.4 miles per hour.

B. Taylor took third place when Gil Anderson's car broke down and lost second place six laps from the finish. His time was 5:58:23.

De Palma, who had held the lead for several laps, was declared out of the race on the thirty-fifth lap, but got back in time to limp over the finish line and claim fourth money.

Marquis was far out in the lead in the thirty-fifth lap when he took a turn at too high speed and the machine skidded and turned over several times. The accident occurred at a turn known as "Death Curve," although no driver ever has been killed there. The machine, a big English car, stopped rolling and rested on the body of the driver. Marquis was picked up, bleeding and badly crushed. It was reported at first that he was fatally injured and he remained unconscious for two hours, but surgeons declared tonight that he would recover, although severely hurt.

Barely Escapes Mishap.
Pullen won with the same car in which he dashed into an iron barricade Thursday, while leading in the Vanderbilt race. He barely escaped a similar mishap today, when an old soldier walked out upon the track and forced him to swerve into a curb, which ripped off two tires. Pullen managed to renew his wheels and re-entered the race with the loss of but a few minutes.

Teodora Trizaff, who set the course record of 73.7 miles per hour, which still stands, was out of the race early. He, however, made several of the fastest laps in the race, covering several at the rate of eighty-seven miles per hour. Tire troubles, however, and finally the balking of motor and bearings, forced him to quit.

The wholesale elimination of cars began in the twentieth lap. A pace of close to eighty miles per hour apparently was too much for many of them. Engine trouble developed rapidly, and one of the cars stopped in the pits and their drivers thereafter were spectators.

Fourth in Thirtieth.
Pullen began his climb to first place in the thirtieth lap. He was fourth then, and going seventy-nine miles an hour. Marquis, who held the lead until his accident in the thirty-fifth, set the pace and Pullen successfully passed Anderson and De Palma. Pullen's prize money was \$3,000. The two next prizes went to Los Angeles boys, Ball and Taylor, who drew \$2,000 and \$1,500, respectively. De Palma added \$1,000 to the money he won Thursday.

Taylor plugged into third place with a car which he said he had picked up as junk and bought for \$250.

This was Taylor's second race with the old machine, and his time for the last ten laps averaged sixty-five miles per hour.

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Will These Twirlers Repeat for Connie Mack?



Left to Right—Chief Bender, Jack Coombs, Eddie Plank and (below) Bob Shawkey.

Will Connie Mack be able to put these four pitchers in the box this summer? There seems to be no question but that Shawkey, the recruit who brought glory out to himself during the last season, and the veteran Indian, Chief Bender, will again be seen in Athletic uniforms, but there is some question whether Jack Coombs and Eddie Plank will twirl for Connie this season.

Plank, the wonder whom Mack pulled out of Gettysburg college in 1902, returned his contract unsigned. Plank wanted an increase over his salary for last year, but the new contract called for the same amount. Mack says he will not grant the request, adding that Plank is a high-priced man and the club had reached its limit in his salary last year.

Jack Coombs, who lay many weeks in a plaster cast with an injury to his

spine last summer and unable to get in the world's series, expects to begin playing about July 1. He has been recuperating at his home at Kennebunk, Me., and Ira Thomas, the Athletic catcher, who recently visited him there, says Jack is almost as good as ever. However, in view of the serious condition in which Coombs was last year, it would not be surprising if he had lost some of his pitching ability.

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How the Star Pitchers Got Help from Team Mates in Winning String of Games

BY ERNEST J. LANIGAN.
It is a matter of comment during the on and off seasons of base ball that certain teams bat harder and field better behind certain pitchers than they do behind others and it would naturally be assumed that the major league hurler who emerges from a season with the greatest total of victories to his credit would be the man who had obtained the finest backing—both on the offense and the defense. Inspection of the records, therefore, should reveal the fact that Walter

NEBRASKA OUTPLAYS AGGIES

Cornhuskers Have Easy Time Defeating the Iowans.
RUN TWENTY-FOUR TO SIXTEEN
At No Stage of Game Are Nebraskaans Obligated to Extend Themselves Against Their Husky Opponents.

LINCOLN, Feb. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska had an easy time defeating Ames last night, 24 to 16. The Huskers were not compelled to extend themselves any time during the game, although the score stood 12 to 12 at the end of the first half. Meyers started for Nebraska in point scoring, while Haskell played his usually brilliant defensive game. Lineup:

NEBRASKA. IOWA.
Haskell.....L.F. Porterfield
Haskell.....L.F. Swiney
Meyers.....L.F. Nobbe
Hawkins.....R.G. Haskell
Rutherford.....L.G. Kelly
Substitutes: Hugg for Haskell, Pincney for Meyers, Howard for Rutherford.
Field goals: Haskell (2), Haskell, Meyers (4), Hugg (2), Porterfield (2), Nobbe (2), Hawkins (2). Free throws: Meyers (2), Swiney (2). Free throws missed: Haskell, Meyers. Referee: Mark Hyland, Iowa university. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

Missel Some Runner.
Fritz Missel, the clever little third baseman of the New York club, is expected to give Clyde Milan a hard struggle for base-stealing honors this season. It is figured that Missel did more effective work on the bases in the fifty-one games he played with the New Yorks last season than did Milan in 111 contests he took part in.

Changes in Rules to Make Base Ball More than Ever Game of Science and Skill

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A point of moment regarding the changes in the playing rules of base ball effected by the joint committee of the National and American leagues is that several of them are expected to produce less wrangling over interpretations. Also several rules have been changed to make them more equitable. The chief of the latter revisions was brought about by rewording section 7 of rule 54 and section 4 of rule 55.

By striking out the words "on fair ground" in section 7 and substituting the clause "while standing back of the plate" for "or the umpire be struck by a ball thrown by the catcher or other fielder to intercept base runner," base runners no longer are compelled to return to the base from which they started when a thrown ball strikes an umpire who is on fair ground.

The injustice of the then existing rule was illustrated forcibly at the Polo grounds last summer. With Hartzell of the New Yorks on base, Borton made what was practically a base hit. There was no chance to retire either man, yet when Collins, who stopped the hit, threw it against Umpire Dineen's head, Hartzell was sent back to his base and Borton had to bat over again.

In rule 33 "Delivery of the ball to the bat" the words "or on top of the plate" are inserted to make it clear that a pitcher can have his feet in that position as well as his heels in contact with the front edge of the rubber; and in section 3, rule 34, devoted to balking it is now brought out plainly that neither foot can be back of the plate without being in contact with it. It was the practice of some pitchers to slip a foot behind the plate, thereby starting a kick by an opposing manager and a dispute for the umpire to settle.

The occasional practice of batsmen in not running the bases in prescribed order on a home run over the fence, or a two-base hit, if the distance was less than 22 feet, is forbidden by the specific requirement that "in either event the batsman must touch the bases in regular order." The rule, as it was, seldom was evaded in the manner mentioned, but there have been a few such cases and of umpires being complainant.

In order to do away with a contradiction

SIXTY-TWO SCHOOLS ENTER FOR TOURNEY

Basket Ball Meet at University to Be Largest of Kind Ever Held in This Country.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETE
Places Are Drawn for the Preliminary Round of Games.

COMMITTEE TO NAME OFFICIALS
Entries Divided Into Four Divisions of Eight Games Each.

FLOOR RULES ARE ADOPTED
Teams Are So Selected in the Divisions that None of the Weaker Teams Should Be Able to Reach the Finals.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—A committee yesterday completed final arrangements for the high school basket ball tournament—the biggest in the history of the university and incidentally the biggest athletic event of its kind among high schools of the United States. Sixty-two schools have sent entries to Manager Guy E. Reed of the University of Nebraska, an increase of twelve over the entries last year. The committee yesterday drew for places in the preliminary round of games and appointed a sub-committee, which will have full charge of the tournament. The subcommittee on officials and adjustments will have offices at the athletic headquarters of the state university. The selection of officials will be left entirely to this committee and all rules will be referred to it for interpretation. The membership of this committee includes Earl W. Brannon, Ross Haskell and Arthur Hiltner.

In Four Divisions.
In the drawing of places for the first round of the tournament the entries were divided into four divisions, with eight games to be played in each division. In order to eliminate criticism that weaker teams succeeded in getting into the finals of the tournament because the stronger teams were pitted against each other in the opening rounds, the committee endeavored to mix up the so-called stronger teams so they would not compete against each other until later in the tournament. In explaining the floor rules the committee adopted the following provisions:

"Winner of match No. 1 plays winner of match No. 2 in the armory, if the preliminary match is played in the chapel; if the preliminary is played in the armory, each team will play only one game on the small floor, all other games being played in the armory."

"The losers of the preliminary matches

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Cornell Athlete Who May Outdo Thorpe as All Around Man

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Cornell has an athlete who may make as great an athletic record as Jim Thorpe, the Carlisle Indian. Thorpe's work in the decathlon and pentathlon will hardly be surpassed, but his other Olympic figures may be shattered in 1916. Cornell's star is Alma Richards, the most promising bit of timber in sight for the next Olympic. Here are some of Richards' performances to date:

Sixteen-Pound Shot Put—42 feet, 6 inches.
Running Broad Jump—22 feet, 3 inches.
Running High Jump—6 feet, 4 inches.
Pole Vault—19 feet, 3 inches.
Hundred-Yard Dash—16.6 seconds.
Richards is already grooming himself for the events. He is trying himself out for the decathlon, the hurdles and the discus events. In all these branches of track and field sports he has shown promise.

Base Ball Tourists Start for Home

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Members of the American colony and English athletes and sporting men gathered at the station today to bid farewell to the American base ball teams.

The players all expressed regret that they could not stay longer in London, where they had been extensively entertained at dinner, luncheons and theater parties.

John J. McGraw, in a few words spoken from the train, thanked Americans and English present for the cordial way in which tourists had been received here.

Among other passengers on the boat train were members of a Japanese government commission headed by Baron Kogoro Takahara, former ambassador to the United States, who has been investigating the judicial systems of Europe and expects to continue its work in the United States.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, widow of the late American ambassador to Great Britain, was also on the train.

Peru Wins Rough Game from Bellevue

PERU, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The Peru Normal school basket ball team defeated the Bellevue college team here last night, 44 to 20. The visitors played ball all of the time and it looked at the end of the first half as if the pedagogues would not be able to translate the Hebrew of the preacher, who had ended with the score in Bellevue's favor. It is to be in the second half that the pedagogues had evidently "potted" a free translation, however, and read it "fast and furious." The Peru boys were rougher than usual, and showed more mettle than was consistent with the best playing, yet even in the midst of it all Bellevue players were gentle and remained perfectly calm. Janda starred for Peru. The lineup:

Peru—Bellevue—
Sandberg.....R.G. Itz.....Evan
C. Jones.....L.G. G. Halderman
Lous.....L.C. G. Omas
Stoddard.....R.E. P. Quackhush
Janda.....L.F. P. Quackhush
C. Scudler, referee.

Cleveland Heads Association.
BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 28.—Richard F. Cleveland, president of the Cleveland Grover Cleveland, and a student at Phillips Exeter academy, was elected president of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of New England, at the annual meeting today.