

Bringing Up Father



Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



Judgments

BASEBALL is no good—just a waste of time, and yet we go right on with the making of "dope." If there were anything in it the Omaha base ball team, for example, would be away out in front of all the other teams in the league, but it isn't. And why it isn't is one of the mysteries of the game. In 101 games played up till Thursday of last week, Omaha had made 512 hits for 1,344 bases, more hits than any other team in the league, and for almost as many extra bases as Denver, which leads in this department. No team in either of the major leagues has averaged as many hits per game as Omaha. In addition to averaging nine hits to the game, Omaha has drawn 263 bases on balls, or nearly three to the game. This means that in 101 games, 1,175 Omaha runners have reached first base by either hits or bases on balls. Of these 451 reached the home plate, leaving 594 stranded on the paths. That tells the story in itself. These figures do not take into account the runners who were safe on errors of the opponents, or who reached first by reason of being hit by pitched balls, but just those who got on by virtue of batting ability. In these games Omaha's opponents made 87 hits, or fifty-five fewer than Omaha, and 44 runs, just thirty-seven fewer than Omaha, yet these extra hits and runs are lost in the standing table, for Omaha is far below the teams it has defeated in the aggregate. The Omaha pitchers have given opponents 281 walks and have big thirty-four opposing batsmen. Just one conclusion can be drawn from this, and that is the Omaha team is weak on base running and on hitting when hits are needed. A team that can average twelve hits and almost five runs to the game ought to win a pennant in any league, but it seems it can't.

"Booster" day was a long way from being the success it should be, and we are loth to consider it a ratification of Omaha's interest in base ball. It was affected by threatening weather and interest was divided between the ball game and the horse races, and so the crowd split. With only one or the other attraction a good attendance might have been had at either. However, the thing is over, and not even the coroner can get any satisfaction out of a post-mortem. If we try again today and go out to the grounds and give Denver a royal send-off for the last time this season, The Grizzlies are putting up a scrappy fight to hold first place, and you'll be well assured of a ball game, barring a rain-storm.

Let us call your attention to the work young Mr. Blodgett is doing in the box. As a rule left-handed pitchers are supposed to be wild, and especially unseasoned left-handers. But Mr. Blodgett is surely an exception. He has shot 'em over for thirty-four games, and in that time has allowed but thirty-three walks, less than one to a game. In the 27 innings he pitched in these thirty-four games, he has been hit safely but 192 times, much less than a hit to an inning, and has hit but five batsmen. If the rest of the team had kept its record up to Blodgett's there'd be a different story to tell.

Some talk is heard of hard luck games, in which a pitcher held his opponents to no hits and yet a run was scored on him. Twice in Omaha a pitcher has held his opponents to no hits and lost the game. In 1910 Jimmy Martin for Omaha held Des Moines without a sign of a hit for nine innings, and a team man kicked in enough runs to lose. In 1907 Norman Gibson, pitching for Kansas City, held Omaha hitless, and only one error was made behind him, but the game went to Omaha, 3 to 2, which will about stand as a record for hard luck games.

That Nebraska money certainly must look good, the way the wrestlers are trying to get a bit of it. But they'll find that Joe Stecher is a wary bird as well as a game, and when the match is made it will be too much on the level to suit many of the harpies of the mat. If they meet Joe they must wrestle on the square.

Pitcher Hall of Topeka is right up there at the top of the list of Western league pitchers. He has pitched one game, nine innings, was hit safely fourteen times, hit three batsmen and gave six walks, but won his game. One guess as to the opposing team, Omaha? Somebody told you.

The match between Mike Gibbons and Packer McFarland will be one of the most important meetings in a long time. The men are well matched, are veterans in the game and among the cleverest in the history of the ring. The winner will have an undisputed title in his class.

If Chicago allows Jack Curley to stage another wrestling match it will be his own fault. Stecher is showing his good sense by keeping out of that mess.

Here's hoping Lee Tannehill will help stop that gap at short; it has been the hole through which many a game has slipped from Omaha's grip.

WITH THE OMAHA AMATEURS

Board of Directors of Local Association Meet and Decide on City Series Dates.

FIRST GAME NEXT SUNDAY

By FRANK QUIGLEY.

ALTHOUGH rather chilly on the outside last Wednesday night, it was not necessary to consult a thermometer to notice the difference in temperature in the council chamber of the city hall during the usual conflux of the board of directors of the Omaha Amateur Association. Many arguments that involved technicalities relative to the constitution and bylaws of the association served to keep the directors and spectators at bloodheat while the different questions were thrashed out. Apparently most all of the directors were in favor of playing the elimination city series at Rourke park, but this would be entirely out of the question, because when the Omaha team is out of town the Storz utilizes Rourke park. Then it was suggested that said games be scheduled at Rourke park in the morning, but this proposition was flatly vetoed by the majority. It was finally unanimously decided to play at the Douglas County Fair grounds.

Protests Overlooked.

A couple of protests were not acted upon because the managers registering them failed to appear. The Twenty-fourth Street Ramblers protested the game played with the Corr Electrics last Sunday because the Corr played a man not under contract. Ordinarily the game would have been ordered replayed, but as the Southern League will close the gates today the Ramblers cannot win the pennant unless they trim the Southeast Improvement club today, consequently it was decided that in the event they copped the game booked for today, then they would be afforded an opportunity to replay the game with the Corr Electrics, otherwise the standing will remain the same.

Because the Nebraska School for the Deaf was allowed to sign up three Class A men by the managers of the Commercial league after the time allotted to sign players had expired and the Bailey Dental company aggregation was not extended the same treatment, Manager Boyce of the Southsiders came to the meeting a trifle hot under the collar, but departed as cool as a refrigerator. The board extended to the Bailey Dentals the same privilege given to the nutes.

Draw for Series.

An argument arose as to which teams would be pitted against each other for the initial battle to decide the Class B championship, so the teams interested drew numbers to ascertain who and whom they would play. The Brown Park Merchants will play the Kennedy & Buellins on Sunday, August 15. On the same day the Drexel Shoe Company and Brandeis Stores will clash to decide the championship of the Mercantile league. On Sunday, August 22, the winner of the pennant in the Mercantile league will play the Corr Electrics, then the winners of aforementioned games will draw the certain mentioned teams will play the "First Christians of the Church league, then the two Class B teams that are still in the ring will shake paws to decide which team floats over the rails to St. Paul to participate in the National Association Class B elimination contests.

Sandlot Gossip.

From appearances in Chicago it looks like "Butler" Bros. will cop the class A championship. Paul Kelly slipped under the ropes last Sunday and played for the Townsends against Oakland, Neb. Kraze, who used to stop 'em behind the crockery for Blair, Neb., is now associated with Oakland, Neb. Today the Ramblers will look a rattler for Pender, Neb., and do their utmost to march home with the bacon. Mr. English of the recreation board attended the meeting of the directors of the association last Wednesday night. Old Warriors Philip Tracey of the Lehigh surprised himself and cracked one for the circuit against the Chris Lycks. Graham, on pouch one, is sipping the pill rather pertinaciously for the hourglass and also doing good work in the field. If the Alantinos could only sign that neglected southpaw Hinkler tagged Hirsch everything would be rosy for them. Next season Luskus park will be fenced in and the grandstand enlarged. This park has proved unusually popular this season.

For games with McQuillin Hills call Manager Thomas Call at Webster 5639, or address him at 332 North Twenty-eighth street.

Manager Bradford of the Storz cancelled a game booked with Pender, Neb., for today so his pets could play at Lincoln, Neb.

Today according to Ducky Holmes, the backer of Ducky Holmes brigade, the Alantinos will be compelled to drop a pair of games.

If any of you managers find a mistake in the standings of the various clubs please report same to Frank Quigley at Douglas 2284.

Big Purse for McFarland-Gibbons Bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Thirty-two thousand dollars, real money, is an awful pile in these days of economic retrenchment, but the promoters of the Mike Gibbons-Packer McFarland bout, scheduled for the Brighton Beach race track on September 11, have offered the boxers just that amount—so they say.

AMATEUR GAMES TODAY

Fort Omaha.

ALANTOS against Ducky Holmes, double-header, beginning at 1:30 p. m. COUNTY FAIR GROUND. South Diamond. 2:30—A. O. U. W.'s against Chris Lycks, North Diamond. 2:30—Omaha Printing Co. against B. Pender. CARTER LAKE CLUB. 2:30—Murphy-Did-Its against Kennedy & Buellins. LUXUS PARK. 2:30—Black's Kats against Luskus. THIRTY-SECOND AND DEWEY AVENUE. 2:30—Brown Park Juniors against Trimble Brothers. MILLER PARK. 2:30—Ford Motor Co. against Mandy Leck. RIVERVIEW PARK. 2:30—Southeast Improvement Club against Twenty-fourth Street Ramblers. FORTNELLE PARK. East Diamond. Bourgeois against Armour's, double-header, beginning at 1:30. ELMWOOD PARK. East Diamond. 2:30—West Leavenworth Merchants against South Omaha Merchants. Morning Games. Drexels against Centurian Club, River-view park. Brandeis Stores against King-Peck, Fontenelle park. Humphreys against Hayden Bros. Thirty-second and Dewey avenue. Games Outside of Leagues. Storz against Lincoln Cleaning & Dye Works at the Western league park, Lincoln, Neb. Ramblers at Pender, Neb. Blair against Dodge, Neb. Joe Smiths against Waterman Illinois at McKillop park, Council Bluffs. Strollers at Elkhorst, Neb. McQuillin against Benson at Post park, Benson, Neb. Murray is Scouting. Billy Murray, former manager of the Phillips and now financial secretary of the Newark Toppers, is now scouting for the Newark club.

Key See Signs Hurler.

In the American association the Kansas City club has signed Pitcher Frank Carroll of the defunct Racine club.

Olsen Moves Again.

The Brooklyn National club has purchased infielder Olson from the Cincinnati club.

Merkle is Climbing.

Although Jake Daubert is leading the National league in batting, Fred Merkle may overhail him soon.

Wolfe Comes North.

The Evansville club of the Central league has signed Pitcher Wolf, late of the South Atlantic league.

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NEW POP POP RACE RIDERS

Interesting Schedule of Events for Douglas County Fair Grounds Track Today.

SHARP CONTESTS ASSURED

By FRANK QUIGLEY. The pop-pop gasoline two-wheeled animals will again loom up as the stellar attraction scheduled for the Douglas County Fair grounds today. These races are gaining in popularity each Sunday and prove rather magnetic in bringing the racing fans out to the fair grounds. Even though the game of auto polo was gulled off last Sunday with all its thrills, and this game is sure full of plays that would make the blood of a hard-hearted convict tingle with excitement, coupled with fear, nevertheless it did not detract from the interest in the motorcycle events. Without a question of a doubt the races proved to be more popular than polo.

New Entrants.

A few new dare devils have been secured to try their luck against the local speed artists today. A greaser labeled Al Ward, who hails from Los Angeles and who carries a reputation a mile long, will be on deck for the supreme purpose of handling the locals a package labeled "This fellow pertained in the big races held last February at Venice, Cal., and he has also signed up for the 500-mile motorcycle race to be held in the Windy City on September 6. Art Bowman from Shenandoah, Ia., and Tom Fry from Council Bluffs claim they know something about speed and they will demonstrate the fact this afternoon. According to all the dope gathered on the new contestants, Birdie Lutz, the local favorite, will have to step some to glide over the chalk mark in the lead today.

Shuts Off Motor.

Otto Ramer is another local that stands out conspicuously among the local riders, but he has one fault that should be remedied in the very immediate future if he ever expects to win fame among the top-notchers. He is an excellent rider on a straight track, but when he bumps against the curves he invariably shuts off his motor. When he is able to ride the curves he will make them all ramble to nail the bacon.

The card for today will be one five-mile free-for-all, one seven-mile 3/50 class, and one ten-mile free-for-all.

Starters for Today.

The following riders will deliver their wares: Birdie Lutz, Carl Munkers, Gito Ramer, H. Fisher, Cal Pederson, Ed Paltan, Al Ward, Tom Fry, J. Van Avery, Art Bowman.

Outside of the motorcycle races there are also two horse races, one harness race and one saddle race. W. E. Dewey, the chief mogul of the motorists, has already nearly completed arrangements for a combination motorcycle and automobile carnival to be held at the Douglas County Fair grounds on Sunday, August 23. Approximately 300 will be hung up in prizes for the different events to be jerked off on this grand occasion. The Motorcycle club and all its friends will do all in their power to make this meet a distinct success.

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