

BRINGING UP FATHER

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Judgments

IT WOULD seem that the Omaha Country club will at least be awarded the western amateur golf championship tournament. From all indications the 1916 event will be played over the local links. The Country club is one of the three bidders for the tourney this year, and appears to have a satisfactory edge over the other two. One of the other bidders, a California club, is too far away, and the other, the Midlothian of Chicago, is making its first bid in the history of the association, while the Country club was a disappointed bidder last year. The western amateur tournament would be a big boost for the golf game in Omaha. It would bring the best players from all over the west, including probably several of the Pacific coast cranks, and the local followers of the game would be treated to some of the fastest match play possible. The Omaha Country club is planning the expenditure of a considerable sum of money in the enlargement of its club house and should be perfectly capable of entertaining the championship.

Barney Dreyfus, owner of the Pittsburgh National league club and bitter enemy of the Federal, declares that the halcyon-days of old are bound to return and that base ball will once more resume its place as the unquestioned leader of American sports. Perhaps Dreyfus is right. It is hoped that he is, but present indications seem to point to another more or less disastrous season of base ball. Spring will find a woefully small number of minor leagues opening another season and it appears as if spring will find the major leagues and the Feds in the midst of another tangle. As long as the big boys continue to battle the Feds, in fact as long as there is an outlaw league, professional base ball will suffer, for the base ball fan finds the battle with dollars a very nauseating affair, and he will not willingly contribute his dollars for the magnates to fight with.

Ducky Holmes has been given until January 1 to complete his solicitations for sale of shares in a stock company to take over the holdings of Hugh Jones in Lincoln. It probably would be a good thing for Lincoln if Ducky is successful, and appearances at present indicate he will succeed. For Lincoln should become a good ball town if the club is owned by local men. Practically all the stock of Holmes has been subscribed by local city residents and Holmes is not going outside of the city for the remainder. Minor league fans always take a more active interest in a club when owned by local men than by an outside resident and, as Lincoln surely should be a good Class A ball town, it should be a case of renewed prosperity if Ducky is successful in raising the money.

President-elect of the Western league, Frank C. Zehrung, is scheduled to make a trip around the circuit for semi-official visits with the magnates before he actively takes up the duties as executive of the league. Zehrung, by this move, shows that he is following the correct system. A president who makes himself known to the business men and fans of the circuit he directs and consults with its magnates is the kind of a president to have. He keeps up and he keeps as far as possible, harmony among the magnates with the result that a league, especially a minor league, is more likely to enjoy prosperity, than if its president adopted gunshoe methods of worn-out politics.

And while the future looks far from rosy for the professional base ball man the amateur game is preparing for a more successful season than ever. Last summer there were eighty teams in the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association and next year it is expected that the number will pass 100. While the sandlot game hasn't the finesse of the professional game, the fan can always find an afternoon's enjoyment in it because the amateur plays base ball first, last and all the time and doesn't waste most of his energy in legal negotiations which have to do with long-term contracts, the reserve clause and injunction suits.

Cornell has refused to play Pittsburgh a past-season game to settle the eastern gridiron championship. For which Cornell should be commended as post-season games in no way would change the plans and specifications of the universe and there is no particular gain to be made by anyone.

It would seem that most of our heavyweights, except those who wish to tangle with Jess Willard, who is evidently regarded as "soft pickings," have views which coincide with those advanced by Henry Ford.

The American Boxing association, it is said, will make an effort to bar Freddie Welsh from the ring. But for that matter King Albert tried to bar Kaiser Wilhelm from Belgium.

The Army and Navy foot ball game, true to custom, was more of a society event than a sporting event.

MANY HIGH ATHLETES STAR

Only on End Positions is There Lack of Candidates for Positions on All-State Eleven.

NEVILLE OMAHA'S ONLY MAN

FIRST TEAM. Right End—Krebs, Grand Island. Right Tackle—Andrews, Lincoln. Right Guard—Young, Lincoln. Center—Erickson, Beatrice. Left Guard—Cox, Lincoln. Left Tackle—Bogue, North Platte. Quarterback—Neville, Omaha. Fullback—Glasner, York. SECOND TEAM. Right End—Cox, Grand Island. Right Tackle—Kilpatrick, Beatrice. Center—Beard, Omaha. Left Guard—B. Meyers, York. Left Tackle—Nixon, South Omaha. Left End—Dougherty, Omaha. Quarterback—Harsch, Beatrice. Right Halfback—Schley, Norfolk. Left Halfback—Schmidt, Lincoln. Fullback—Jones, Beatrice.

By KART LEE. If one Jumbo Stishn, manufacturer of championship Cornhusker foot ball eleven, could realize the wealth of material that is budding in state high school circles at the present moment, he would forever and anon refuse to consider a proposition of becoming chief mentor at the University of Wisconsin. Thirty-five men at least can be found among the 300 or less who would make excellent material for the coach to convert into varsity form.

Never in the history of the high school competition for state pikin honors have so many and well-developed players come to the front. And it is due not to more specialized coaching, but the intense interest student athletes of the different schools have shown for the game. Omaha's splendid showing after having dropped entirely the idea of a paid mentor for coaching alone is proof positive of the above assertion. With the exception of Lincoln and Beatrice, nearly every school entered in state competition retains the services of an athletic coach who teaches in the school room as well as on the gridiron. These facts being true, it is only fair that those men who have performed best should be recognized and honored.

The two difficulties encountered in picking an "all-state" team, first—is the lack of recognized wing men, and second—the prevalence of strong tackles. The guards causing little trouble, Lincoln High school having a forward wall that is second to none in the state. In the back field brilliant line plungers, open-field runners and interference men are plentiful, but a few stars stand well in the foreground. The quarterback and center positions are filled by men whose excellence it would be hard to subordinate.

McMahon Is Captain. To McMahon of Lincoln goes one half and captaincy of the eleven. His weight and swift smashing ability easily make him first of all. At the other half Schmidt, McMahon's running mate; Kaufman, right half of Grand Island, and Schley, Norfolk's star, are easily candidates. Schmidt is a little too light, while Schley is outclassed by Kaufman. Schley is a good man and is Norfolk's only candidate for the team. Both he and Schmidt deserve halfback position on the second eleven.

A scarcity of fullbacks this year is quite noticeable. Jones of Beatrice is very aggressive, but is a bit outclassed by Glasner of York. The latter weighs slightly the more and plays the game with more evenness. His great interference during the season's play makes him far superior to any of the other contenders. Shainholz of South Omaha, fullback of Omaha and Lucas of Norfolk are all strong candidates.

Omaha Lad at Quarter. Neville of Omaha should receive unlimited praise. This little foot ball warrior, only 140 pounds in weight, demonstrated in every game that he possessed the necessary unflinching pop to bring his men the most honors. His knowledge of the game, evidenced by his veteran generalship, makes him easily a leader. Harsch of Beatrice is second in line and although just as active and self-possessed as the little Omaha giant, he was backed by a line of backfield that had the punch to make any play a success whether it would or no. Latis of Kearney, while on a losing team, is well known as a field general. His work this year playing most of the time at a halfback position, is well up to the standard.

At center, Erickson of Beatrice stands foremost above all others. Where Beard of Omaha was outclassed by Meyers of York in the Omaha-York game, the Queen City lad tore up the entire York line for his backfield when the two teams met. His work is one of the outstanding features of the season. Despite the Omaha lad's poor showing in the York game, his fearless and effective playing in the Lincoln game, as well as all others, makes him second in line. Meyers of Lincoln, by virtue of his never-failing driving power on the line and his splendid defensive work, easily holds down one of the tackle positions on the first squad; Bogue, North Platte; Scott, Grand Island; Nixon, South Omaha,

SOUTH HIGH'S GREAT FOOT BALL ELEVEN—Left to right, top row: Coach, J. M. Patton; Arthurton, halfback; Dworak, fullback; Cinek, right guard; Curtis, left guard; Nixon, left tackle; Rugie, right tackle; Cohn, coach. Bottom row: Graham, right end; Emigh, sub; Sterba, sub; Anderson, sub; Capilite, center; Bott, halfback; Nester, quarterback; and Corr, left end. Shainholz, fullback, not in photo.



and Kilpatrick, Beatrice, are all stars of reputation, that make the almost equal candidates for the other tackle position. In a showdown, however, it is safe to say that the contest would really be between Bogue of North Platte and Scott of Grand Island, with the former having the advantage.

The wing jobs on the first team were exceedingly troublesome. Krebs of Grand Island took first place by a wide margin in the same way that Andrews of Lincoln nabbed the first tackle position. Dougherty of Omaha has a reputation that makes him one of the foremost men of the state, while Bowers of Lincoln is of the same caliber. Both of these men lack just the necessary qualities to give them an equal base with Krebs. In Cool, demon halfback of North Platte, is to be found as good a defensive end as there is in the state. His open-field running is wonderful. He compares much with a Chamberlain of Nebraska—splendid as a defensive end and wonderful as an end runner on the aggressive. With the halfback positions full, it was necessary to place him where he could do the most good.

Josh Clarke Shows How to Strike Out on Two Pitched Balls

Patry Flaherty, who was with the White Sox a number of years ago, had a trick of shooting a fast one over the plate and, on the return, shooting it like a rifle bullet to the bases. If men were on them.

One day Josh Clarke was at the bat. Flaherty slipped over a speed ball and Clarke missed it by a foot. Quick as a flash Flaherty shot the ball to first, after it was sent back to him, and almost caught the runner napping. Flaherty wound up as if for a throw to the plate, but with a peculiar motion he had shot it to first. Again he failed to catch the runner, but no sooner did the ball get back into his hands than he whined it over the plate for another strike.

Holy Cross Captain Refuses Score Made on Goal from Field

A play unparalleled in the annals of foot ball occurred in the recent Carlisle Indian-Holy Cross game, presenting the peculiar spectacle of a team refusing to accept a field goal with its three points after sending the ball between the uprights.

AUTO RACERS BREAK MARKS Figures of 1914 Are Elevated by Twenty Miles Per Hour During Last Season.

COOPER IS THE LEADING PILOT A review of the automobile racing season, covering twenty-three road and speedway contests, brings to light the fact that the open competition season, which closed with the running of the record-breaking Harkness cup race at the Sheepshead Bay speedway, has been the most interesting in the history of motor car racing. Throughout the year previous records have been constantly shattered, the total average speed of the twenty-three races run being more than twenty miles an hour higher than that made in all the road and speedway contests of two years ago.

The world's and American middle distance records are now as follows: Twenty-five Miles—World's record, 12:34.38, made at Brooklands; American record, 13:22.33, made at Chicago. Fifty Miles—World's record, 23:07.50, made at Sheepshead; American record, 24:37.50, made at Brooklands. One Hundred Miles—World's record, 41:32.87, made at Brooklands; American record, 42:42.11, made at Sheepshead.

In long distance racing the Sheepshead and Chicago figures are far faster than those of Brooklands. Beyond 100 and up to and including 300 miles, all belong to Sheepshead, thanks to the wonderful speed shown in the Astor cup race. Above 350 miles the Chicago figures are far ahead of the cement course of Indianapolis; in fact, nearly ten minutes in 500 miles. Comparison is accordingly made between the American and European figures, the former being all world's records: Two Hundred Miles—American record, 1:07:21, made at Sheepshead; European record, 1:12:36, made at Brooklands. Three Hundred Miles—American record, 2:07:35, made at Sheepshead; European record, 2:15:45, made at Brooklands. Four Hundred Miles—American record, 3:07:35, made at Sheepshead; European record, 3:15:45, made at Brooklands.

Summarizing the above figures it will be seen that Sheepshead, in middle and long distance racing, holds four world's and six American records; Brooklands, three world's records, and Chicago, two world's and three American records.

Derrill Pratt Puts Over Bluff on Umps And Gets By with It

Umpires make mistakes some times, but few umpires will admit. Sometimes they err and don't know it. The Browns and the White Sox were playing in St. Louis. Weaver had reached first and was stealing second with every ounce of larceny that was in him. He neared second with the ball. He slid viciously as Pratt caught the pill and put it on him. A cloud of dust arose. "Yr out," bawled the road inspector-umpire of bases. It made the third out.

U. S. G. A. TICKET IS NAMED NO B. B. PEACE SAYS BRUCE

List of Officers for 1916 Includes Golfers from East, West and South. DENVER MAN IS PRESIDENT NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The 1916 ticket of officers of the United States Golf association, announced recently by the secretary, Howard F. Whitney, is the most representative that has been compiled within the memory of the oldest golfing inhabitant. It takes in men from all points of the compass and becomes, as it was bound to become, a truly national list.

To the man who studies golf it means several things. First, that those sections such as the far south and the far west are surging forward in affairs golfing. Second, that the association is following the game in its broadening process. Third, that it will not be long ere the Pacific coast will find representation in national circles. In other words, the United States Golf association is rapidly assuming all that its name implies.

In Frank L. Woodward, elected to office at the meeting in this city last January, the vast territory west of the Mississippi river was first represented in the presidency. Woodward had been an official center around the game for many years and the choice proved to be highly popular in the west, as may be imagined. They are doing things in golf out there, you know. The custom is to give a president two terms, and the Denver Country club representative was re-named.

From the east comes the first vice president, Howard W. Perrin of the Merion Cricket club, a man for whom Philadelphia is rooting. It is nothing new for Perrin to be prominent in national affairs. John Held, Jr., is the nominee for second vice president and, although he represents the St. Andrews Golf club, he is really a Wisconsin man at present. He lives there.

Whitney as Secretary. Howard F. Whitney, once club champion at Nassau and present title holder at Piping Rock, represents that golfing center around Glen Cove in the secretaryship and the selection of Perry as the treasurer for the same territory as the secretary is for a matter of convenience. Percy R. Fyne II asked not to be named because of the pressure of business affairs, so presidential timber of the future was appropriated in the person of Frederick S. Wheeler of Apawamis, thirce chief executive of the Metropolitan Golf association.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—John E. Bruce, secretary of the National commission, is of the opinion that the base ball war is bound to continue until one side is thoroughly exhausted. Of course, like all champions of the organized cause, he believes the Federal league is the side that will go under. Bruce says there is absolutely no disposition on the part of any of his American league colleagues, from Ben Johnson down, to retreat in any manner with the independents. Further, that a propaganda with some sort of amicable settlement as its object started by certain club owners of the National league is fast losing favor and has been practically abandoned.

Mr. Bruce returned a few days ago to Cincinnati after spending several days in this city. "There was a time when it might have been possible for certain backers of the Federal league to buy into the major leagues, though I do not think that at any time they could have purchased any interest in the American league. But that time appears to have passed. The re-organization of the Cincinnati club has left August Herrmann, its president, in absolute command, and at the same time has eliminated a board of directors whose several conflicting policies always proved a handicap in the conduct of the business management. The Federal interests have decided to string along with Miller Huggins and the St. Louis Cardinals. Charles F. Taft will not sell the Cubs at any price near that which the Independents have been willing to pay.

"The opinion seems to prevail generally in Organized ball," Bruce continued, "that the Federalists have weakened their cause rather than strengthened it by forfeiting two of the eight franchises. This is interpreted as a sign of grave weakness. The talk of an invasion of Manhattan is not even taken seriously. In most quarters it is hoped that the Independents do invade New York, as the consequent expense will be just so much the heavier.

"The Federal league has figured beyond one of the fundamental principles of sport sentiment. Sentiment is something that cannot be forced on an unwilling public. The general public has never warmed to the revolutionary faction because its invasion encroached upon the sentimental interests of the Independents through years of nursing on the part of the men of Organized base ball, who made the sport what it is. There is no demand for a third major league, in other words. No one can force on the public that for which it does not care, no matter what financial power there may be behind the movement."

Two Soccer Games on Card for Miller Park This Afternoon

A double bill at soccer is on the card for Miller park today. The first game will be between the Bohemians and the Omaha City eleven and the second combat between the Townsends and the Caladonians. The first game will start at 3 o'clock and the second at 5.

Fielding Yost Has Directed Michigan Team in 127 Games

Michigan's escape from the Pennsylvania game with a tie score saved Fielding H. Yost from the humiliation of four defeats for the first time in his fifteen years at the helm of Wolverine foot ball.

WILLIE HOPPE AND JAP WILL SHOW IN HAWAII

William F. Hoppe, the balk line billiard champion, will visit the Hawaiian islands next spring and spend the early spring and summer there and on the Pacific coast. He will be accompanied by Koji Yamada, the crack Japanese player.

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