

Ban and Davy Make Good Records During the Stove League Season

ROURKE SIGNS UP FOUR NEW PLAYERS

Gets Two Pitchers, a Slugging Outfielder and a Reliable Catcher.

MARTY O'TOOLE TO BE BACK

Four new athletes to fill the holes left in the 1916 pennant-winning machine by the graduation of eight of the champs to faster company were purchased last week by Pa Rourke. In addition Pa has procured Marty O'Toole again, Columbus, who farmed him out to Omaha last year, having sold him to Rourke this time.

The four new players secured by the Omaha magnate include two pitchers, a catcher and an outfielder. Harry Benton and Wayne Barham are the hurlers. Benton comes from the Winnipeg club of the Northern league and Barham from the Vancouver club of the Northwest league. Rourke also got Hal Brokaw, the outfielder, from Winnipeg. The catcher is Larry Pratt, who comes from Columbus.

Faith in Canadians.

Rourke is putting a lot of faith in the two Winnipeg recruits. Benton ranked second among the hurlers of the Northern league for both sections of the split season. He pitched a total of 206 innings during the campaign, winning seventeen and losing five games for an average of .773. He allowed 140 hits and fifty runs. He struck out 155 batsmen and gave bases on balls to forty-five.

He is a big fellow who can stand a lot of work. He is said to have plenty of speed and a wide assortment of curves and hooks. St. Paul looked him over last spring, but, having a full staff of experienced hurlers, turned him back to the Canadian club. Brokaw was the class of the league in the outfield. He led the league in fielding, averaging an average of .991, which is considerable average. He ranked sixth among the league hitters. He made 106 hits and fifty-nine runs in 113 games for an average of .303. He also stole thirty bases last year.

Benton, Rourke believes, will fill the hole left by Lou North, who went to the St. Louis Cardinals, while Brokaw is expected to prove even better than Shag Thompson in center.

Pratt Is the Goods.

Larry Pratt, Pa believes, will plug up the hole in the backstop department. Pratt is a finished catcher, as a receiver he is a better man than Ernie Krueger and he's a wonder at cutting down the stealers. He is not as strong a hitter as Krueger, but Rourke, who has seen him play several times, says he will slug the ball consistently even though he doesn't quite reach the .300 mark.

Of Barham little is known except that Rourke has received excellent reports of him. He is a youngster who went to Vancouver the latter part of the 1915 season. He won a majority of his games last year and a couple of scouts who looked him over reported to Rourke that he has the stuff to be a star in the Western and is a sure potential big league timber.

By securing the return of O'Toole Rourke does not have to worry greatly over his pitching corps. North is the only loss and already he has signed up Benton whom he thinks will prove just as good a hurler as Lou, and Barham he believes will also make good.

Rourke still has a few vacant positions to fill. He must get another catcher to assist Pratt, although there is, of course, the chance that Krueger will be sent back by the Giants, and is also after a first basemen to take Ray Miller's place. This is his big task. He also wants another outfielder.

Several Deals On.

Pa has several deals on and several of the big league clubs have promised him some of their surplus talent. Rourke is due to get a couple of rookies from Muggsy McGraw and will probably journey to Marlin, Tex., the Giant's training camp, after the training season starts to pick out a couple of men.

After he gets a new first basemen Rourke probably will hold his infield intact, playing Ireland at second, Krug at short and Burg at third.

Pa Rourke Books Two Combats With Kansas City Club

Two exhibition games to be staged at Rourke park prior to the 1917 Western league season have been arranged by Pa Rourke. They are with the Kansas City American association club. The Kay See athletes will come to Omaha for two contests on April 7 and 8. Ganzel has assured Rourke he will send his first team up here as he cannot play in Kansas City, the Giants and Tigers meeting each other there on those dates.

It is also probable the Chicago Cubs will play a pre-season game or two in Omaha. The Cubs will come through this way from the coast and overtures have already been made for a stop in this city. One or two other exhibition games are also to be booked by the Omaha magnate.

Thorprians Too Fast for Lads of Deaf Institute

The Thorpeian Athletic club basketball quintet proved too fast for the Deaf Institute five and the former captured a hard-fought combat, 22 to 0, after a remarkable display of cooperative powers in the second half. The first half ended with the score 8 to 8. The Thorpeians got down to business in the final period, allowed the deaf lads but one goal, and ran their own score up to 22. Bennie Abramson, N. Lavinson and Abe Milder were the stars for the Thorpeians, while Andy was the shining light for the mutes.

Walter Rehig is Victim Of Holdup in Wichita

Walter Rehig, Providence infielder, was held up at his home in Wichita one night recently by a couple of gunmen and robbed of a diamond scarf pin worth \$300, money to the amount of \$23, a gold watch and a knife.

Evers Says Gaffney Is Greatest of All

Johnny Evers thinks that the greatest man who ever stepped into base ball was Jim Gaffney, formerly owner of the Braves. Gaffney is the man who paid Evers \$20,000 for signing a contract with the Braves. Evers had lost all of his base ball earnings in a shoe store venture and was broke when Charles Webb Murphy dismissed him as manager of the Cubs. Through Gaffney's liberal terms, Evers was able to recoup his losses and is now on easy street.

QUIMET IS STILL CLASSIFIED AS A PRO

U. S. G. A. Sustains Ruling that Will Keep Famous Star Out of Amateur Play.

PLEA FOR TRUE SPORT

New York, Jan. 13.—Several golfers of national reputation will be driven from amateur ranks by the application of the new definition of amateurs, approved early today at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association. The meeting also sustained the rule under which Francis Ouimet, Paul Tewksbury and J. H. Sullivan, jr., of the Woodland (Mass.) Golf club were deprived of their amateur standing.

A motion for a direct vote on the action of the executive committee in giving notice to the disqualified golfers and calling on the Woodland club to withdraw their names from the handicap list of the Massachusetts Golf association was ruled out of order after the vote on the main question had shown that Ouimet's friends were well in the minority.

After a spirited debate the delegates by 80 to 12 upheld a report of the executive committee sharply restricting the status of an amateur. The rule, as amended and adopted, makes ineligible as an amateur the player "engaging in any business connected with the game of golf wherein one's usefulness or profits arise because of skill or prominence in the game of golf."

The interpretation put upon this is that it will class as players engaged in laying out, construction or upkeep of a golf course or any part thereof, commonly known as "golf architects."

Old Rules Hold.

"In making the latter change the committee does not intend to alter the intent or comprehensiveness of former ruling No. 6," the report stated. "The new wording is used simply for the purpose of greater clarity and to avoid any impression that discrimination is intended between employer and employee."

Ruling No. 6 had made ineligible players "accepting or holding any position as agent or employee that includes as part of its duties the handling of golf supplies, or engaging in any business wherein one's usefulness or profits arise because of skill or prominence in the game of golf."

Determined efforts were made by the Woodland Golf club to have the delegates take some action looking to the reinstatement of Ouimet, Tewksbury and Sullivan. W. M. Noble of the Woodland club did his utmost to convince the gathering that the three players had been dealt with unjustly.

Sport for Sport's Sake.

Frank L. Woodward of Denver, retiring president, rose to the defense of the executive committee in reply to Mr. Noble's allegation that Ouimet, Tewksbury and Sullivan had been barred without having been given a chance and made an impassioned plea for "sport for sport's sake and not sport for gain."

Silas H. Strawn of the Old Elm club, Chicago, also defended the executive committee. "All the committee asks," he said, "is that there shall be no discrimination between the man who sells golf clubs and the man who lays out a golf course for pay."

Frank M. Bowers of New York declared that the defeat of the report would be "the end of a gentleman's sport in this country."

The national amateur championship tournament for 1917 was awarded to the Oakmont Country club, Pittsburgh; the national open championship to the Braeburn Country club, West Newton, Mass., and the national women's championship to the Shawnee Country club, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pa.

Howard W. Perrin of the Pine Valley Golf club of Philadelphia was elected president.

Basket Ball Holds Full Sway Now at Bellevue

Basket ball routine, with its grind of daily practice and training, has at last got under way at Bellevue. Regular basket ball practice has had rather late start at the suburban school because of the interruptions incident to installing the new gymnasium equipment. The interclass tournament is at last out of the way, with the juniors-winners of the banner.

This same junior class will probably land three out of the five varsity places on this year's five. Captain Allen is slated for one of the forward positions, with "Chick" Evans as his probable running mate. Picotte is another junior who looks like a varsity man. He probably will go to center. Racialy of the senior class and Erwin, a sophomore, look like the selections for the guards. In addition there are Kinnier, Johns and Stewart of last year's five, who will furnish zest in the race for varsity honors.

The freshman class at Bellevue contains more basket ball material this year than has any entering class for years.

Coach Benjamin will start his men right out of their schedule. Games with Creighton, Cotner, Doane, Wesleyan and probably the University of Omaha are booked.

Robby to Give Merkle Chance at Shortsop

Manager Wilbert Robinson of the Brooklyn champions, intimates that he has plans in mind to give Fred Merkle a tryout at the short field position next spring.

FOOT BALL YIELDS CASH TO NEBRASKA

Basket Ball, Track, Wrestling and Tennis Are Drains on Uni's Treasury.

BUT NET PROFIT IS LARGE

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE.
Lincoln, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Foot ball is the only branch of Nebraska athletics which is self-supporting, the annual report of T. A. Williams, treasurer of the University of Nebraska athletic board, issued today shows.

The report covers the fiscal year until August 31, 1916.

Basket ball, track, wrestling, and tennis have all proven a heavy drain on the finances of the Cornhusker athletic board and were it not for the popularity of the gridiron game there would be a big deficit at Nebraska.

Williams' report shows that foot ball cleared the season with the handsome profit of \$10,143.28. Basket ball ate into the treasury with a deficit of \$1,360.19; track entailed another loss of \$1,994.70; wrestling showed a deficit of \$13,341 while tennis, cross country and skating cut in to the tune of \$280.72.

Net Profit.

With deficits in all branches of sport but foot ball the net profit for the year is shown to be \$4,541.18. Receipts for the fiscal year set a new high water mark with \$38,128.52. Treasurer Williams reports that he had \$1,813.15 left over from the preceding year. The total expenditures for the year were \$34,586.34, but added to this must be \$1,000 which the Husker athletic management invested in a \$1,000 farm mortgage, drawing 7 per cent interest and which is a part of the fund for a new athletic field.

It was Jess Harper and his crew of foot ball players from Notre Dame which drew the largest crowd. The Notre Dame receipts were \$11,768.25, with Kansas \$8,441.24 and Iowa \$6,937, following in the order named. Another \$4,776 was realized from the sale of season tickets to students, which entitled the holder to admission to athletic contests in all branches.

Omahaans Loyal.

University of Nebraska alumni, living in Omaha, contributed \$28 to the school's athletic exchequer during the year, according to Williams' report. Of this amount \$28 represented the sale of tickets for the Notre Dame game and \$100 for the Iowa game.

Noter Dame also got a nice little piece of coin for its trouble, its share of the gate amounting to \$5,574.03. Iowa received \$3,500, Washburn \$350 and the Kansas Aggies \$500.

Basket ball games failed to attract any crowds last season, the bulk of the receipts coming from the 12 per cent allotment of the sale of season tickets, amounting to \$573.12. Owing to the intense rivalry between Nebraska and Wesleyan in basket ball, the Wesleyan games topped the season, in receipts with \$120 for two games, Kansas yielded \$114.50, the Ames Aggies \$46.50, Drake \$51.50 and Tarkio \$3.

The Kansas track meet was practically the only one in this line of sport which made Nebraska any money. The total receipts there were \$142.50. Tennis and wrestling were entirely dependent upon the 12 per cent sale of season tickets credited to those branches for support. It cost the Huskers \$50 to send a tennis team to Kansas.

Scouting Costs.

Scouting cost the university a pretty penny during the year, the total bill being \$535.99. Coaching amounted to \$2,904.36; officials for games and expenses ate up another \$1,313.42, and the remainder of the expenditures came from transportation, equipment, advertising and training.

Athletic Manager Guy E. Reed is having a world of trouble in framing the last three games of his foot ball Michigan Aggie. Reed today notified the Michigan Aggie that stuff was off for the date of October 20, owing to the failure of the management to agree to Missouri Valley conference rules. The Michigan Aggies have a number of four-year men on their team and Nebraska refuses to play under those conditions, which is in violation of Missouri Valley conference rules, and which renders the school liable for a reprimand.

Michigan Game.

The Michigan game at Ann Arbor is still dangling in the air, but chances are excellent that the date will be closed and that the Huskers will meet the Wolverines next fall on the gridiron.

With the schedule worries on his hands, Reed has delayed sending out the notices relative to the Nebraska High school basket ball tournament until next week. There are 450 high schools in his list and he is confident 125 of them will be represented in the tournament. The early reports reaching the university authorities indicate an unusually large number of strong teams in the smaller towns of the state, and it is certain that the Big Three—Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice—will have a run for their money this year.

Reed is planning to call for entries the middle of February, and will close the last week of that month. The tournament is to be held the second week in March and extends over four days.

Kavanagh Plays Floor Game to Keep in Shape

Marty Kavanagh, utility infielder of the Cleveland Americans, is keeping in condition this winter by playing basket ball with a Detroit five. Poor condition was responsible for his indifferent showing with Detroit last season, Kavanagh believes.

McGraw Signs Rookie Boosted by Coaklev

Sterling Stryker, a semi-pro pitcher from Atlantic Highlands, has been recommended to the Giants by Andy Coaklev and will be given a tryout by Manager McGraw.

Bresnahan Drops Big Chunk On Toledo Club

Roger Bresnahan is finding the life of a magnate rather expensive. The Toledo sleuth admits that he lost \$10,000 last season. Bresnahan asserts that he had a pay roll of \$43,000.

SPORTS SECTION OF THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 14, 1917.
The Supreme Court of Base Ball



The National Base Ball Commission, photographed at the Sinton hotel, Cincinnati, immediately after the election to office of its members. Standing, left to right, John E. Bruce, secretary of the commission, and Joseph Flanner, assistant secretary. Hermann, chairman of the commission; Byron Bancroft Johnson, president of the American league.

SIX GRID GAMES SIGNED BY MILLS

St. Louis, North Dakota and Haskell Indians Among the Schools Scheduled.

ALL TO BE HELD IN OMAHA

Negotiations for six gridiron conflicts for the Creighton foot ball eleven this coming fall have been completed by Coach Tommy Mills. The schedule is as follows:

Trinity college at Omaha, October 6.
Dubuque college at Omaha, October 20.
Cotner college at Omaha, October 28.
St. Louis university at Omaha, November 3.

North Dakota at Omaha, November 10.
Haskell Indians at Omaha, November 17.

Three other games are yet to be arranged, the plan being to have a nine-game schedule. Negotiations have been practically completed for a game with Wyoming university, but the date has not been decided yet. Wyoming wants to play here Thanksgiving day, but Mills is reluctant to award this date. Mills is also after a game with Nebraska Wesleyan and hopes to have South Dakota again on the schedule.

All of the six games so far signed will be played on Creighton field. Trinity college of Sioux City will be the first opponent, followed by Dubuque college, which held Creighton to a 6 to 6 tie at Dubuque last year.

St. Louis university comes to Omaha November 3. Creighton walloped St. Louis at the Mound City last year. It has been five years since a St. Louis eleven journeyed to Omaha.

North Dakota is a new comer to Omaha. The Flicktails had a strong team last year, even stronger than last year, and they are expected to make one of the most interesting conflicts of the season when they clash with Mills' warriors on November 10.

Creighton did not play the Haskell Indians last fall, but games with the redskins were annual events in previous years. The Indians wanted to be placed on the blue and white schedule again and as they have always played good foot ball, Mills was willing to give them the November 17 date.

Big Coyote Drive Today; Cold Puts Stop to Barbecue

The big barbecue which was originally scheduled to be held directly after the coyote drive on the grounds of the Hit or Miss club on the river bottoms, just east of Calhoun, today, has been called off. The severe cold is the reason, leaders of the Hit or Miss club deciding that zero weather is no time to hold barbecues.

The coyote drive, however, will be held, no matter what the weather conditions. Nimrods who intend to take part in the event will meet in Florence at the end of the car line at 9:30 this morning. The remaining distance of the voyage will be covered by automobile.

Tommy Gibbons Wants to Fight Miske or Battler

Tom Gibbons, brother of the more celebrated Mike, is anxious to box anybody in the middle or lightweight class, Billy Miske, Battling Levinsky, Bob Mocha or Knockout Brown preferred. Gibbons' manager states that though Tom can make 158 pounds, he is willing to allow Miske to come into the ring at catchweights if a match can be arranged between the men.

OMAHA REFUSES TO LEAD OUTLAW LOOP

Local Officials Do Not Favor Starting Middle West Amateur Association.

OMAHA WOULD BE GOAT

The Omaha Amateur Base Ball association will not assume the leadership in the agitation to form a middle-west amateur base ball association.

The Des Moines and Lincoln amateur associations and a number of local sandlot enthusiasts have urged officials of the Omaha association to start a movement for the organization of the middle-west circuit comprised of cities between St. Louis and Duluth and west of the Mississippi river. The desire for this independent organization is the result of the far from satisfactory finishes of the two national organizations last year.

President Isaacson of the local association, however, does not believe it would be good policy for Omaha to assume leadership in such a movement. He has conferred with other officials of the local sandlot body and they have agreed with him.

"If Omaha were to take the leadership and form a middle-west association," declared Isaacson, "I have no doubt its formation would be successful. I believe we could get ten or a dozen, perhaps fifteen, cities to join."

Omaha Would Be Goat.

"But Omaha would be the goat. The new association would encounter nothing but trouble during the first year of its organization at least. Everybody would have a grievance because it takes time to adjust things. And everybody would blame Omaha and insist Omaha was getting all the breaks. That's what happened to Cleveland and Indianapolis last year."

"In addition I am convinced, and the other local officials express the same sentiments, that the national association has learned its lesson. The flivver finish last year will not occur again. President Goss of the national association is a smart base ball man; he knows now the mistakes he made last year. And I believe everything will be clear sailing in the national body this year."

"For that reason I believe we would be foolish to undertake the organization of a middle-west association, because we would get nothing but abuse if we should run into a few tribulations, while the national association would be running smoothly."

Earl Caddock Will Try to Throw Pesek Twice in One Hour

Earl Caddock, the Undertaker (Ia.) flash, is scheduled to undertake a tough proposition at Shelton, Neb., Thursday night. Earl has agreed to throw John Pesek, described as the Buffalo county marl, twice within one hour for a purse of \$400 and a 75-25 cut of the gate receipts. Caddock is on his way to the Pacific coast, where he is carded to clash with Ad Santei, alias Adolph Ernst, in San Francisco.

Yanks Will Keep Full Crew of Scouts at Work

Though well loaded with talent, the New York Americans will not reduce their scouting operations next year. Joe Kelley will again head the gunshod brigade, with Bobby Gilks and George Leidy as his assistants and Duke Farrell making occasional excursions to the minors.

CREIGHTON QUINT CARDS FOUR TRIPS

Mills' Men to Invade Wyoming, Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas for Games.

YORK AND WESLEYAN HERE

Four trips into the land of the enemy have been arranged for the Creighton university basket ball quintet.

One of the trips will carry Mills' flippers as far west as Laramie, Wyo. The University of Wyoming will be played at that point. On the journey out the local floor athletes will stop at Central City and Kearney for conflicts with the colleges at those cities, and they may play Denver at Denver.

A trip north to Sioux City and Vermillion, S. D., will be made, games with Trinity college and the University of South Dakota being carded. The Creighton basketballers will also go to St. Mary's, Kan., for two games with St. Mary's college, and to Des Moines for a combat with the Drake university quintet.

The long trip east which Mills had originally planned for his basket shooters has been called off. Mills planned to take his crew as far east as South Bend, Ind., and intended to remain away for at least two weeks. Inability of the athletes to remain out of school that long made it necessary to call this trip off and substitute the four shorter trips, which will total as much if not more mileage and will not necessitate loss of much time in the class rooms.

South Dakota and Drake are two of the big teams which will come to Omaha for games with Creighton. Drake will play here March 3. South Dakota will be here some time in February.

The Creighton tossers have two hard games ahead of them this week. York and Nebraska Wesleyan will invade this city to combat with Mills' cage charges. York will play Creighton at the Creighton gym next Friday night, and Wesleyan will be the attraction at the same place Saturday night. If Creighton can wallop both of these quintets it will clinch the championship of the state, as Wesleyan is expected to trim Nebraska uni.

Georgetown Will Have Exendine Back Again

Albert A. Exendine, that cunning Indian and great foot ball coach, has signed a contract to handle the Georgetown gridironers in 1917. Wonderful advancement has been made by the Georgetown team since "Exie" took hold of the reins.

Charley Cox, graduate manager, and the Indian finally came to terms, and it is said that Exendine will receive a good increase in salary.

Exendine probably is the best coach that Georgetown ever had. During the last two years Georgetown, under the tutelage of Exendine, has scored 750 points.

Peoria Signs Brother

The Peoria Three-I club has signed as a pitcher Joe Prendergast, brother to Mike Prendergast, now a pitcher with the Chicago Cubs, who got his start with Peoria. Joe has had no professional experience.

Of Mike Prendergast

Sam Fitzpatrick takes Up New Jersey Youth

Sam Fitzpatrick, who piloted Jack Johnson to the championship of the world, is now managing Johnny Howard of Bayonne, N. J. Fitzpatrick desires to match Howard with Les Darcy, and believes that his record intimates him to a bout with the Australian. Howard has met Jack Dillon, Bob Mocha, Gus Christy, Mike Gibbons and Billy Miske, and Fitzpatrick declares he is ready to post \$2,500 to bind a match between Howard and Darcy.

WESTERN MOGULS GATHER IN OMAHA

President Zehrung Calls Special Meeting of League for This City Tomorrow.

SWITCH TOPEKA FRANCHISE

Western league magnates will gather in Omaha tomorrow to attend a special meeting called by President Zehrung.

The transfer of the Topeka franchise to Pueblo, the length of the playing season, and the salary limit are the principal topics due to come before the assembled magnates.

There seems to be little uncertainty about the disposal of the Topeka franchise now. Pueblo business men have promised to build a plant to accommodate 5,000 persons. This promise probably means the stands will seat about 3,000, but that will suffice. They also say they will build the park within five minutes walking distance of the heart of the city. And last, but not least, these business men have promised to sell a bunch of season tickets before the drive for the flag starts.

That John Savage, holder of the Topeka franchise, will accept the terms offered by the Pueblo men is believed. Topeka is unquestionably a dead issue. It would be suicide to remain there. Pueblo has had base ball for a number of years and is considered about ripe. In addition the steel mills there are now working night and day, the population has been increased since the Western league was last in the Colorado city and the town and its surrounding country is more prosperous.

With Pueblo a member of the circuit the schedule division will probably be changed. Lincoln, Wichita, Pueblo and Denver will be in the western wheel and Omaha, Sioux City, Des Moines and St. Joseph in the eastern loop.

That Salary Limit. The salary limit issue is expected to receive considerable attention. The limit last year was \$2,600 and accusations of violations by every magnate in the league were heard on every side.

Pa Rourke has a scheme to keep the salary limit down. It also has a number of other advantages. Rourke's plan is to pass a ruling which makes it obligatory for each club to carry at least six players who have never before played in more than fifty games in Class A or better. This means each club will carry at least six young ball players. They do not necessarily have to be recruits from the bush; they can be turned back from the larger clubs, but they can't have had more than fifty games previous experience in the latest company.

Might Make It Eight. "We might even make the ruling eight young players," declared Rourke, "but six would be enough the first year. This would automatically keep the salary limit down, as it is the veterans who draw the big money and make for violations of salary limits. There is always somebody who will violate a stipulated salary limit, but this way there will be no violations and each club owner will be able to keep his pay roll within his means."

"In addition the fans like to see young ball players, but in order to win games we have in the past had to get a lot of veterans with only one or two youngsters, and they had to be mighty good ones, in order to keep in the race, and this ruling it would be for even fight."

What action will be taken on the length of the playing season is uncertain. Some of the magnates favor the long schedule, 154 games. Others like the shorter 140-game schedule. This will all be thrashed out tomorrow before the schedule committee is appointed.

John Olin Coming West, But He Won't Visit This State

John Olin, Finnish wrestling party who suddenly attained prominence when a referee awarded him a decision over St. Stecher at Springfield, Mass., is westward bound. Mr. Olin evidently has visions of collecting a few western dollars on the strength of his performance against Stecher.

Olin is scheduled to wrestle in Chicago some day this week. Renato Gardini, a Chicago Italian, will be his opponent. The Finn is also said to have several other Chicago engagements.

The conqueror of Joe Stecher, an Olin's press agent delights to call him, may get by in the Windy City, but there is little likelihood that he will be so careless as to venture as far west as Omaha. Olin, it has been discovered, is managed by Lundin, the gent who brought Harold Christensen out here to be dumped by Stecher at the Tractor show, and went home yelling bloody murder. He didn't even stop to take Christensen home with him.

When news of the Stecher-Olin match was heard in Omaha Marie Pestina offered to give the Finn \$1,000 for a match, but the crafty Lundin couldn't see it. He didn't want his pet Finn to take any chances with Pestina. Also there is little probability that Lundin would bring Olin to Nebraska because Stecher lives in Nebraska and Nebraska is somewhat different from Springfield. It might also be said Nebraska referees are somewhat different from Massachusetts referees.

Olin may get a few western dollars, but he's not going to make any attempt to drain the Nebraska money market, not as long as Stecher and Pestina are alive and healthy.

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