

GRIDIRON SEASON GETS UNDER WAY IN GATE CITY LAST PART OF THE WEEK

Central and Commercial High Elevens Tangle With Each Other Friday, While South High Meets Blair; Creighton Starts Season Saturday in Game With Cotner.

The 1917 foot ball season gets under way in Omaha this week. The first games of the year will be played Friday.

All three of the Omaha High schools, Central, South and Commercial, play Friday. Central and Commercial tangle with each other, while South High plays Blair High school here.

Creighton starts the season Saturday with Cotner as the first opponent for the blue and white.

Nebraska does not open the season until a week from Saturday. The Cornhuskers play their first game October 6, against Nebraska Wesleyan.

Local gridiron fans are looking forward with keen anticipation to some of the best foot ball in years.

Nebraska promises to have one of the fastest squads in the history of the school, while the schedule is a record-breaker.

Two Valley Games. The Cornhuskers will play but two Missouri valley schools, Kansas and Missouri. It has long been the belief that Nebraska has outgrown the valley and at last it is the general opinion that the scarlet and cream takes its place with schools of its own class.

The Husker schedule consists of seven games and six of them are big games.

The feature clash of the season will be with Syracuse university Thanksgiving day. This is the first time in history that Nebraska has been scheduled to meet an eastern foe in an inter-sectional game.

The second big game is with Hurry-up Yost's Michigan crew. The Michigan game will be played at Ann Arbor, October 27. Notre Dame comes to Lincoln October 20 and Iowa will play on Nebraska field October 13. The Huskers go to Lawrence to play Kansas, November 17, and battle the Missouri Tigers on the home grounds November 10.

Creighton Stays Home. Creighton plays nine games this fall, every one in Omaha. After the Cotner game Saturday, Tommy Mills' crew meets on successive Saturdays, Peru Normal, Drake, South Dakota, Duquesne, Nebraska Wesleyan, North Dakota and the Haskell Indians. On Thanksgiving the blue and white eleven meets Wyoming university.

Creighton, like Nebraska, faces the heaviest schedule in history. Drake, South Dakota, North Dakota and Wyoming are big universities, while the Haskell Indians always turn out great gridiron teams.

Creighton is even going a little out of its class in selecting opponents, and this means the gate city is going to see some real foot ball this fall without going to Lincoln.

Commerce High Coming. Commerce High is making rapid strides on the gridiron and has booked some stiff games. This is the first time the bookkeepers have undertaken such a strenuous season. Games are scheduled with Central, Shenandoah, Council Bluffs, West Point, South High, Harlan and Lincoln.

All of the teams in which Omaha foot ball followers are interested are expected to have good teams despite handicaps which must be overcome so that 1917 promises to be a banner year in the history of the gridiron sport in this part of the country.

Berry Has Plan to Split Pacific Coast Territory Unless the war ends before April it will not be practicable to continue the Pacific Coast league in its present shape next year, in the opinion of Henry Berry, owner of the San Francisco Seals. Mr. Berry has conceived a plan for a splitting of the Coast league territory and the forming of two or perhaps three smaller ball clubs as a temporary expedient to weather the war storms.

"We can not very well continue as we are now," said Mr. Berry. "Expenses are too heavy, especially on these long jumps from California to Portland and to Salt Lake. I believe the only sensible solution of the matter will be to lend the Portland territory to the Northwestern league for a year and the Salt Lake territory to a new league over there, embracing Butte, Salt Lake, Missoula and Great Falls. A dandy league could be formed in the northwest with Seattle, Portland, Spokane and perhaps Tacoma. Down in California we could organize a state league embracing San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and either Vernon or San Diego, or perhaps the Vernon franchise could be moved to San Diego. One of the army cantonments is to be located at San Diego and I'm given to understand that more than 50,000 troops will be located there. My plan is to have a salary limit of around \$2,500 a month for each league, putting them all on an equal classification basis. We would not be AA and the Northwestern league B, but all would be the same, perhaps A. In the fall then we could stage a miniature world's series in California, after the conclusion of the five months' schedules."

Stiehm Lands Nebraska Lad To Be His Aid at Indiana

C. L. Rathbun, former foot ball star at Nebraska, has been appointed assistant foot ball coach at Indiana university by Jumbo Stiehm, once head coach of the Cornhusker institution.

Rathbun will be all-year coach at Hoosier institution. He will be in charge of foot ball, head baseball and head swimming coach.

Stiehm recently likes the Nebraska team. When he went to Indiana he met Dick Rathbun alone, and he signed Rathbun to be his assistant coach.

Now he has added Rathbun to the staff.

Nebraska Gridiron Schedules

NEBRASKA
October 6—Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln.
October 13—Iowa at Lincoln.
October 20—Notre Dame at Lincoln.
October 27—Michigan at Ann Arbor.
November 3—Missouri at Lincoln.
November 10—Kansas at Lawrence.
November 17—Syracuse at Lincoln.
CREIGHTON
September 28—Cotner at Omaha.
October 6—Peru Normal at Omaha.
October 13—Drake University at Omaha.
October 20—South Dakota at Omaha.
October 27—Dubuque at Omaha.
November 3—Nebraska Wesleyan at Omaha.
November 10—North Dakota at Omaha.
November 17—Haskell Indians at Omaha.
November 24—Wyoming at Omaha.
CENTRAL HIGH
September 28—Commercial high at Omaha.
October 6—South high at Omaha.
October 13—Council Bluffs at Omaha.
October 20—Beatrice at Omaha.
November 3—Open.
November 10—Lincoln at Omaha.
November 17—Sioux Falls at Sioux Falls.
SOUTH HIGH
September 28—Blair at Omaha.
October 6—Central high at Omaha.
October 13—Logan at Logan, Ia.
October 20—Beatrice at Beatrice.
November 3—Commercial high at Omaha.
November 10—Council Bluffs at Council Bluffs.
November 17—University Place at University Place.
COMMERCIAL HIGH
September 28—Central high at Omaha.
October 6—Shenandoah at Shenandoah, Ia.
October 13—School for Deaf at Omaha.
October 20—Council Bluffs at Omaha.
October 27—West Point at West Point, Neb.
November 3—South high at Omaha.
November 10—Harlan, Ia. at Omaha.
November 17—Lincoln at Lincoln.

GOLF CLUBS WIND UP 1917 SEASON

Happy Hollow, Seymour Lake and Prettiest Mile, Last to Quit, Finish Schedules Saturday.

The golf season in Omaha came to an end yesterday. All of the clubs have concluded their scheduled season of play and the only golf from this date until the time the snow begins to fly will be individual matches between those enthusiasts who cannot keep off the links as long as the weather permits.

The Country, Field and Miller Park clubs wound up their schedules a week ago. The Field club women quit Thursday, when Mrs. Harry Arnold won the club title.

Happy Hollow brought the 1917 season to a close yesterday, when all of the golfers in the club took part in the annual team match. The annual golf dinner at Happy Hollow will be held tomorrow night, when trophies won during the last season will be awarded.

Elmwood also closed the season yesterday with a dinner team match. President C. C. Sanford's team played Vice President James Austin's team. Elmwood, too, will stage a jollification dinner to celebrate the passing of the season.

A team match started at the Prettiest Mile club yesterday. This is the last event of the season for this club.

An eighteen-hole handicap match play against bogey was the final attraction of the year at Seymour Lake yesterday.

Baltimore Club Sells Six Athletes to Big Leagues

Manager Jack Dunn of Baltimore has disposed of six players this season: Outfielder Barber to the Cubs; Infielder Fawcett, Pitcher Thormalen and Outfielder Lamar to the Highlanders; and Catcher McAvoy and Shortstop Shannon to Mack. However, Dunn has signed a young south-paw named Howard McFall, so he is starting early to build up his 1918 team.

Fair Miss Is Long on Movies, But That's All

It was "Griffith day" at the White Sox park in Chicago and a great crowd, including soldiers, sailors and just plain citizens, turned out to honor the Washington manager whose bat and ball fund has made thousands of soldiers happy.

A young man took his best girl to the White Sox game, but she knew all about knitting socks for soldiers and could name every movie hero ever thrown on a screen.

The young man pointed out the celebrities to her at the ball park. "There's Commy, that tall, white-haired man over there," he exclaimed. "And there's Rowland down there."

The girl seemed mildly interested. An auto raced around the field, in which was a Cleo Griffith. He was about to present base ball outfits to various military units encircling the field.

"There's Griffith now," exclaimed the young man enthusiastically. The girl jumped up, clasped her hands, rolled her eyes and gave a long sigh of happiness.

"Oh," said she. "I've always so wanted to see him in real life. He's my favorite of all the movie stars. Oh!"

White Sox Stars Upon Whom Windy City Fans Base Hopes for Victory Over Giants



CHICK GANTLE



RAY SCHALK



BUCK WEAVER

FOUR ROURKES BAT OVER .300 FOR THE SEASON

Earl Smith, Ward Miller, Marty O'Toole and Ben Shaw Are Omahans Who Finished in Charmed Circle.

Dale, Denver hurler, led the Western league in batting, records for the entire season show.

Dale, in ninety-eight games, slugged the pill at a .367 clip and easily out-distanced all competitors.

Shanley, who came to Des Moines the latter part of the season, finished second with a mark of .331.

Earl Smith, who went up to the Browns from Omaha, ranked third with .328. Ward Miller of the Rourkes was fourth with .319.

Marty O'Toole kept his batting record up by finishing the season with a record of .312. He ranked eighth. Ben Shaw was ninth with .308. Marty Krug fell just short of the charmed circle. He batted .298. Dave Williams finished with a record of .291.

Jim Park led the Omaha hurlers. Park's record of earned runs per game was 1.89. He won nine and lost seven.

Otto Merz ranked second among the Rourke pitchers with 2.39 earned runs per game. He won twenty-six and lost fourteen. Marty O'Toole's record was 2.86 earned runs per game with nineteen victories and seventeen defeats.

Omaha ranked second in team batting for the season with a mark of .256, but was seventh in team fielding with .948.

Russell Damages Meat Hand by Grabbing Ball

Don't use your meat hand to stop hard hit balls that are batted back at you. If you do you may put an end to your pitching career.

This is the advice Allen Russell, Yankee spitballer, has to offer brother members of the pitching fraternity, and it is well worth consideration.

Early this spring Russell reached for a hard ball through the box with his nudie flipper. He got his hand on the ball and succeeded in retarding its progress, but immediately afterward he suffered a sharp pain in the first two digits of his pitching hook, which was followed by numbness. Then his hand grew cold and he had to retire from the game.

Since that time Russell has suffered with a new ailment—that of cold fingers. It only comes upon him at intervals, but at such times he is unable to grip the ball, and therefore unable to control it, so he often has to leave the mound.

Sore arms, due to a cold, are common. The sprained tendon, wrenched shoulder and the unexplainable loss of speed and control at intervals are also common. But cold fingers and a numb pitching hand is a new ailment.

Fielder Jones Says Base Ball is Much Faster Now

Fielder Jones of the Browns is quoted as saying that base ball has improved greatly in the last ten years and that there are several clubs in the American league today that are greater than the pennant winners of 1906 in that league. Well, that may be true, and then again it may be just another alibi.

Standing of Teams

NATIONAL LEAGUE	AMERICAN LEAGUE
W. L. Post	W. P. Post
New York, 93 51 446	Chicago, 96 50 458
Philadelphia, 86 57 471	Boston, 85 57 509
St. Louis, 77 64 518	Cleveland, 83 63 568
Chicago, 75 74 492	Detroit, 75 74 514
Cincinnati, 72 74 503	Washington, 67 74 472
Brooklyn, 63 74 460	New York, 67 75 462
Boston, 63 76 452	St. Louis, 55 92 374
Pittsburgh, 48 96 323	Philadelphia, 50 93 350

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit, 4; Washington, 6
Cleveland, 2; Philadelphia, 6-1
St. Louis, 4-3; New York, 1-0
Chicago, 4; Boston, 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York, 2-0; Pittsburgh, 1-1
Brooklyn, 2; Cincinnati, 4
Philadelphia, 2-4; Chicago, 1-1
St. Louis, 0; Boston, 9 (fourteen innings)

Games Today. American League—Open date. National League—Brooklyn at Cincinnati, Philadelphia at Chicago, Boston at St. Louis.



HAPPY FELSCH

DES MOINES TAKES FIRST FROM HUTCH

Graham Allowed Two Hits, But Mates Toss Off Combat With Errors Which Score Two Runs.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 22.—Des Moines won the first game of the series with Hutchinson for the championship of the Western league here today, 3 to 1. Locals bunched two hits off Graham with two errors for their runs. Score: Hutchinson, 1-0-0-0-0-0-0-1-2-2. Des Moines, 2-0-0-0-1-2-2-1. Batteries: Graham and O'Brien; Kallie and Brown.

Woman's Golf Association To Elect Officers Friday

The Omaha Woman's Golf association will hold its annual meeting and election of officers at the Field club next Friday at 1 o'clock. Following the election, a nine-hole midiron and putting contest will be held.

The woman's association will stage its last monthly contest of the year Monday at Miller park with a midiron and putting contest. Those women who expect to play and have luncheon at Miller park are asked to make reservations by calling Colfax 4,000.

Magee Gets Job Because Matty Always Liked Him

Just what Christy Mathewson wants of another outfielder is not clear, but nevertheless he took Sherwood Magee from the Braves on waivers. Matty always has had a high opinion of Magee and believes that the reason for his poor showing with the Braves was that he could not get along with George Stallings. Magee, because of his length of service, could have claimed his freedom had no major league club claimed him.

Mrs. Silver Wins Woman's Golf Title at Happy Hollow

Mrs. Walter G. Silver won the woman's golf championship of the Happy Hollow club yesterday by defeating Mrs. Howard Goodrich 2 up in the final round of the woman's tourney. Her medal score was 102.

Amateur Games Today

All-Stars against All-Professionals, Rourke park, 2:15 p. m.
Bandits Stars at Maryville, Mo.
Shamrocks against Ducky Holmes, Fontenelle park, 3:30 p. m.

N. S. Cato against Murphy-Dick-Itz, Melady's meadow, 1:30 p. m.
Armours against Murphy-Dick-Itz, Melady's meadow, 3:30 p. m.

Te-Be-Cee at Shenandoah, Ia.

CENTRAL HIGH TO START THIS WEEK

First Gridiron Game of Season Will Be Staged Friday Afternoon With Commercial High.

The Central High grid team will take its first step toward the Missouri valley championship when it meets the High School of Commerce team next Friday.

With the exception of the first week in November a game will be played every week, seven on a local field and two on hostile territory. The annual Lincoln game will be played in Omaha.

Coach Mulligan spent last week in hardening his men to the knocks of the gridiron and getting them accustomed to following and falling on the pigskin. This week will be spent in fitting men to their positions, working out plays and developing team work that will successfully carry the ball against the best teams of Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri and Nebraska and nab the championship of the valley.

From an initial turnout of over 100 men, including eight of last year's champs, a team will be developed whose chief asset will be speed. The only drawback will be lack of weight.

Ganzel to Change Tactics At Kansas City Next Year

Reconstruction of the Kansas City club with young players is the plan of Manager John Ganzel, who is keenly disappointed with the showing of the team this season. It was the first time in years that Ganzel has piloted a loser. He has won pennants in at least two leagues, giving Rochester of the International league several in a row. Ganzel believes that young players will give the club speed.

Minneapolis Hurler to returns to life on farm

Pitcher Mutt Williams of the Minneapolis Millers says this is his last season in base ball and that he will stay on the farm next year.

Tip O'Neill Sells Oil Well for Only \$200,000

Colonel Norris O'Neill, alias Tip, former president of the Western league, is in hard luck. Tip sold one of his oil wells the other day for \$200,000.

The well in question is located in Pennsylvania. Relatives of Tip negotiated the deal and wired Tip, who promptly beat it to collect the cash.

As Tip was sole owner of the well, he gets the entire bundle of \$200,000.

ALL-STAR PROFESSIONALS TO CLASH WITH ALL-STAR AMATEURS AT ROURKE PARK

Fred Bradford Assembles Team of Paid Players to Meet Johnny Dennison's Crew of Star Sandlot Warriors for Diamond Supremacy Omaha This Afternoon.

All-star Professional clashes with All-star amateur at Rourke park this afternoon at 3:15.

The professional-amateur tangle is creating all kinds of interest among Omaha base ball fans because the local enthusiasts are anxious to know just how the Gate City's sandlotters compare with the paid players.

Omaha amateur base ball has been organized for five years now and some mighty fast games have been played on the local sandlots. There are many amateur fans who believe their favorites are fast enough to compete with Class A professionals on even terms.

On the other hand, fans who follow the professional game have always scouted the theory that the amateurs are even within striking distance of the pros.

Today's game will tell the tale for both camps.

The all-star professional team has been assembled by Fred Bradford, manager of the Brandeis.

Two Rourke Twirlers. Bradford has signed up a hurling staff which should make the sandlotters prove their mettle. Marty O'Toole and Joe McGuire of the Rourkes are the men Brad has obtained. Ed Spellman will do the catching. Jimmy Kane, demon hitter of old, will hold down first base; Harold Irelan, former Rourke and big leaguer, will play second; Probst and Clair will play short and third. Gus and Harry Williams will play two of the gardens. Gus has returned home armed with the score or so of heavy bludgeons with which he hammered the day-lights out of the American association pitching and he has served notice on the amateur hurlers who will face him today. George Stone will play the other outfield.

Dennison Leads Amateurs. Dynamo Dennison has assembled the amateur nine and he has picked the cream of the local sandlot talent.

For pitchers he has Andy Graves, who twirled the Armours to the pennant; Dyck of the Holmes and Grant of the Meladys. Behind the bat he has Spellman of the Holmes and Jones of the Victors. Joe Wachtler of the Meladys will play first and Ed Minikus and Chugs Ryan of the Meladys will hold down the keystone corner, Ed at second and Chugs at short.

Weiss Corcoran, star of the championship Armours will play third base and the outfield will consist of Dennison, Mayfield of the Armours, Christenson of the Ramblers and Feltman of the Holmes.

The game should be one of the best of the season.

Sam Reynolds and Blaine Young Meet For Championship

Sam Reynolds, Transmississippi champion, and Blaine Young, Transmississippi consolation champ, will clash today in a thirty-six-hole match for the championship of the Omaha Field club.

This will be the last championship match of the season, but it promises to be one of the best and a closely contested game is anticipated.

Byron and Quigley Are Back in Favor With Fans

The turmoil over Umpires Byron and Quigley has subsided largely for the reason that the base ball public doesn't believe in persecution. Byron and Quigley presided over the games at the Polo grounds recently and their work gave satisfaction. There was no trouble in any of the games, the rival players accepting the various rulings of these much-abused officials without a show of displeasure.

Good umpiring is a certainty if the players control themselves. The unruly element of fandom doesn't find fault unless the players set an example. Since the Giants returned home there has been no kicking to speak of and the games have been unusually entertaining.

Johnson Urges Yankee Owners to Build Plant

President Johnson and the American league men are urging Colonel Ruppert to build a new home for the Yankees. An excellent site has been picked out, but it is not in Queens. It would require an outlay of more than \$500,000 to construct a stadium on modern lines, but Colonel Ruppert, before making this radical move, probably would desire a winning combination on the field. The Yankees would have to be wonderfully formidable to retain their patronage away from the Polo grounds.

Ten Million Gives Up His Store for Chance at Kaiser

Ten Million, the little outfielder who played in the Northwestern league and had a brief trial with St. Louis in the National, has quit his sporting goods business in Seattle and entered one of the army officers' training camps. He is small in size, but valiant and is sure he can make a bunch of rookies in khaki obey orders.

Girls' Tennis Tourney at Central Starts Tomorrow

The fall girls' tennis tournament at the Central High school starts tomorrow. A loving cup will be awarded the winner, while winner and runner-up will be given an "O" in the form of a gold pin.

Katherine Singler ranks a favorite, but Eleanor Hamilton and Evelyn Stallard are expected to give her a run for her money.