

Some of Camp Funston Gridders Who Clash With Camp Dodge in Omaha Next Saturday



Radical Changes Due to Be Made in Methods of Omaha Amateur Leagues

New System of Classification Considered by Directors To Force Players Into Proper Classes by Age Limit Rulings; Action Necessitated by Loss of Players.

Radical changes in the classification system employed by the Omaha Base Ball association are planned by directors of the sandlot organization.

The Omaha Amateur Base Ball association now is divided into three classifications. These are called Class A, Class B and Class C.

No arbitrary rules govern these classifications. Players earn positions by playing ability alone. A Class A player is supposed to be superior to Class B and Class B superior to Class C. The only limitation is that a player of superior ability is discouraged from entering an inferior league.

Use Age Limits. This whole system will be changed, however, for 1918. It is planned to classify the leagues and teams by age limits.

The plan, as it is now contemplated, calls for the three classes as heretofore, but an age restriction will be placed on each class. Class A will be for players more than 19 years of age. Class B will be for players ranging from 17 to 19 years and Class C will consist of players less than 17 years of age.

This reclassification will cause a complete shakeup in the ranks of the local association. There are many players in Class B who are more than 19 years of age. By the new ruling they will be compelled to go into Class A ball. There also are Class C players more than 17 and they will have to go into Class B.

Younger players, however, will not be affected. An 18-year-old player, for instance, would be permitted to play Class A ball or a 15-year-old play Class B ball.

War-Time Measure. The new plan of classification is propounded as a measure to strengthen the association. Many of the association's players have been called to the colors and it is expected many more will go before the 1918 season opens. The age classification gives the younger players a chance.

The age system is employed in most cities and it has proven a success. Omaha has been able to succeed with its present system owing to the abundance of base ball talent in the Gate City, but now that it has begun to lose players it has been found by the directors that the age system will prove more expedient.

A meeting probably will be called shortly to pass on this plan and arrange methods to carry it out.

Nebraska Wrestler Starts For Texas in His Flivver

Rudie Warner, heavyweight wrestler of Howells, Neb., who has made Omaha his headquarters for the last three years, started yesterday morning on an overland trip with Texas as his destination. Rudie is making the long journey in a flivver recently acquired through profits made in mat bouts.

Houston, Tex., is Warner's objective. He has a match with Brown, the Texas champ at that point. He expects to make the trip by easy stages, however, stopping here and there for a bout or two.

Warner is one of the best known Nebraska wrestlers. He has wrestled Stecher, Caddock and practically all of the topnotchers.

New Board of Control for State High School Sports

A. R. Coudron, Fremont; G. M. Showalter, Norfolk; C. L. Little, Cambridge; and Paul King, Beatrice, have been appointed on the board of control for high school athletics of Nebraska for the coming year.

The Nebraska High School Athletic association recently met and made a number of changes. It was decided to permit the boys below the high school to play in high school athletics with the understanding that they play only four years altogether.

The University of Nebraska's invitation to take over the management of the annual state basketball tournament was accepted.

Automobiles Under Ban At Funston-Dodge Clash

Automobiles have been placed under the ban by the committee in charge of the Camp Funston-Camp Dodge foot ball game to be played at Creighton field next Saturday.

"Not an automobile will be permitted in the place," said Vincent C. Hascall of the committee. "If we get the crowd we expect there will be no room, so we won't let one single car into the field."

Billiard Champion to Give Exhibitions in Omaha Soon

Willie Hoppe, world's champion billiard player, will give exhibitions in Omaha, December 6 and 7. He will be aided by Charlie Peterson of St. Louis, prominent roomkeeper and lacy shot expert.

More Fish Planted in Carter Lake by O'Brien

W. J. O'Brien, superintendent of State Fish Hatcheries at Gretna, planted 25 more carps of croppies and black bass in Carter Lake last week. It was the fourth shipment of the

Plenty of Harmony At Army Grid Game

Omahaans who attend the Camp Funston-Camp Dodge foot ball game at Creighton field next Saturday will be entertained with plenty of military music.

At Camp Funston there are something like 20 bands. There is a like number at Camp Dodge.

These bands now are busily engaged in furious competition to see which band will make the trip to Omaha. Camp commanders have promised that the best band will be taken to Omaha for the game.

So the two best bands out of 40 will delight Omahaans at Creighton field next Saturday.

"BEAT OMAHA" IS CRY OF JOETOWN FOOT BALL FANS

Missouri Athletes Build Up Aerial Attack in Hope to Catch Mulligan's Warriors Off Guard.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—With its crippled back in the lineup St. Joseph is preparing to stage a come back against Omaha on Thanksgiving day. Beaten at Topeka by a three-point margin Central has lost its hope of the Valley championship, but not its hope of defeating Omaha for the by-state title. Coach Dittmore is training his men in a special style foot ball and it is by means of this that he expects to beat Omaha. There is no camouflage about this, no intent to deceive Omaha readers, the coach makes no secret of his style of attack.

St. Joseph will be somewhat out-weighted by Omaha as the team averages only 155 pounds but the team has eight veterans in its lineup. Burkhardt and Packwood are two of the best halves and Symon one of the best little quarters in prop school circles, while Petrikowski is the equal of any fullback. Central supporters have no fear as to their backfield but the line worries them for neither of the ends were able to play in Saturday's game at Topeka and it is feared they will be out of the game at Omaha.

Scouts on Job.

The blue and white had two scouts at the Omaha-Lincoln game indicative of the importance which is attached to this game.

The game is being advertised as no prep school game ever was in this section and a crowd of at least 3,500 is expected. Western League park with its ample stands is to be the scene of the battle. Merchants of the city have shown great interest in the approaching game and as St. Joseph gets no college game this year this contest will take the place of such a one.

It was not superior foot ball, but superior luck which enabled Topeka to score a field goal victory over St. Joseph Saturday and Dittmore's lads are still confident that they can defeat Omaha.

Marty O'Toole Finds New Job

Rourke Hurler Now Shoots Fast Ones Over Plate Selling Clothes for the Brandeis Stores.

Marty O'Toole, sorrel-topped hurler and former \$22,000 beaut, has found a new vocation which calls for shooting fast ones over the plate with a minimum of wild pitches.

Marty's new job doesn't call for any curves or spitters or slow balls, nor is it its scene the soft green sward of the diamond; it's played on the hardwood floor of a department store.

Marty is selling clothes at the Brandeis store. He is in the men's clothing department.

The Rourke hurler is strong for his new job. Marty always was known as a tasty dresser. He always was immaculate and his apparel selected with a careful eye toward the season's fashions.

Johnny Evers' Wife Shot In Knee in Accident

John Evers has another worry on his mind. After his home was robbed a year or so ago he induced his wife to purchase a revolver.

The other day a servant moving the weapon accidentally discharged it and the bullet entered Mrs. Evers' right leg above the knee, making a painful, though not dangerous wound, unless complications should set in. Mrs. Evers is now confined to a hospital in Troy.

Salesmanship is another hobby of Marty's. Now he's combined the two on the same job.

The bat ball fan may lose Marty when the 1918 season rolls around. The spibal artist is looking forward to the day when his pitching career will be over, or all the leagues blow up, and it may take a lot of coaxing to get him to forsake his clothing job to don a uniform next spring.

THESE are only a few of the former college and university stars Captain Paul Withington has from which to select the Camp Funston eleven which will battle the Camp Dodge gridders on Creighton field next Saturday afternoon.

Withington, reports from Camp Funston say, has nearly 100 former stars from which to pick his eleven and that the biggest job he has is to select men to play on his first team. He has material for three crack elevens, it is said.

The players in the picture above are as follows, reading left to right: Nanniga, who played end on both Kansas State normal and Washburn elevens.

Butler, who played tackle at Culver Military academy and later on the University of Kansas eleven.

OMAHA MAGNATE IS HIT OF MINOR LEAGUE CONFAB

Rourke Gains New Nickname of "Old Abe" For Himself By Passing Out Wisdom at Louisville.

That the hit of the entire convention recently held by the minor leagues at Louisville, Ky., was none other than Omaha's own Bill Rourke, is the news that comes to Omaha from base ball men who attended the gathering.

Orators, speechmakers and eloquentists galore occupied the convention floor at Louisville and miles of good advice and sage talk was dispensed, but it was Rourke who made the talk which was the hit of the convention.

The Omaha magnate, who has been through more than thirty years of minor league base ball and knows the game backwards, told the assembled magnates that the minors were "sick." That is the true term he used to express their condition and it struck the moguls as just the word.

Rourke told the minors just what was the trouble and the best way out of it. He had the dope and the minors knew it, but it didn't do any good. The minors have become so accustomed to submission that they stand on the hands, hang by their eyebrows, jump through the hoop and perform every other trick the ring-masters of the game order. They went through their little box of tricks as minor leagues will go and the rocks and a score or so of club owners rush for the bankruptcy courts.

The only thing Rourke's talk gained was a new nickname for himself. "Old Abe" is the new monicker slated to succeed the familiar "Pa" by which Rourke has been known for years.

This is the way it happened. Rourke's talk was compared by a newspaper scribe to the homely wisdom of Lincoln and the "Old Abe" promptly sprang forth.

Two Big League Stars to Go Into Business in West

From San Francisco came two reports that may disturb two major league managers. One is that Harry Wolter of the Cubs has had a business opportunity offered him that probably will mean giving up base ball. The other is that Catcher Ed Spencer of the Tigers is considering a business offer and probably will accept it, thus leaving the Detroit team without his services for next year.

Veteran Minor Leaguer Quits Diamond Business

Louis P. Pieper, veteran magnate and manager in minor league base ball in New England and last season manager of the Hartford team of the Eastern league, has announced definitely his retirement from the game. He has been made superintendent of a chain of stores in the west operated by a big eastern concern and will have his headquarters in Kansas City.

Caledonians and Townsends Resume Hostilities Today

Caledonians and Townsends will play their fourth game of the season for the soccer championship of Omaha at Miller park today. Caledonians last year were the champions and the gunners runnersup. Last Sunday the Caledonians were victorious, but the Townsends hope to reverse the stunt today.

Caddock and Hussane to Clash on Mat at Des Moines

Earl Caddock and Yousif Hussane will wrestle in Des Moines December 7, the same night Joe Stecher and Charlie Peters clash in Omaha. The champion and the terrible Turk first were scheduled to clash in November, but Caddock's illness caused postponement of the date.

Rifle Club to Hold Turkey Shoot on East Omaha Range

Omaha Rifle club will hold its annual turkey shoot at the East Omaha range today. A number of choice fowls have been hung up as prizes and half a hundred rifle sharks are expected to take part in the competition for free Thanksgiving poultry.

Hammels of Michigan, one of the best tackles Yost ever turned out. Meek of Michigan, another of Hurryup's great stars. End is his position.

May, a fullback by trade who learned the game at the Kansas City School of Law.

Dennie of Brown. An All-American choice at end.

Baum, Wisconsin fullback.

Nigg, Kansas center, well known to Omahaans who saw him play against Nebraska.

Schweiger, Colorado college. All-Rocky mountain fullback.

Withington, Harvard guard and tackle, coach at Wisconsin, now athletic director 89th division United States army.

Berry, Washington university end.

Crosley, N. N. I. S., halfback.

Braden, Baker university tackle.

Beck, end on Nebraska's famous 1913 team.

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Y RUNNERS PLAN FOR LONG CHASE ON TURKEY DAY

Annual Three-Mile Dash Over Pavements of Omaha to Be Held on Thanksgiving Morning.

Entries for the annual Thanksgiving cross-country run held under the auspices of the Omaha Young Men's Christian association will close Monday.

A score of long-distance runners have entered the event and a dozen or so more are expected to sign up with N. J. Weston, "Y" physical director, before tomorrow night.

The run is open to any amateur who is a resident of Iowa or Nebraska. A gold medal is offered as first prize, a silver medal as second. Runners finished third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh all will receive bronze medals.

The run starts at 11 o'clock Thanksgiving morning and the route will be as follows: Start, Seventeenth and Harney, west on Harney to Nineteenth, north on Nineteenth to Farnam, west on Farnam to Turner boulevard, north on Turner boulevard to Cumming, east on Cumming to Sixteenth, south on Sixteenth to Harney, west on Harney to Young Men's Christian association.

The distance is a little more than three miles.

Former Omaha Pro Makes New Record On Twin City Links

William D. (Bill) Clark, former professional at the Omaha Golf club, is making a dent in golf circles of Minneapolis, where Clark now is professional of the Minneapolis Golf club.

Just last week Clark wound up the season by breaking the course record at the Minneapolis Golf club. He turned in a card of 71, one stroke better than the previous mark, held by Otis George, another professional shark.

The Minneapolis Golf club course is a terror and even cracks who shoot ordinary courses under 70 have a tough time coming home under 80.

This winter Clark will assist George Sargent and Robert Taylor, two well known pros, in the management of an indoor golf course.

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No.	Name	Preparatory School	Position	Year	Age	Wt.	Height
1	Cobb, Capt. A. E.	Waltham (Mass.) H. S.	L.T.	4	23	205	5'10 1/2"
2	Meenan, J. F.	Dean Academy	Q.B.	4	23	205	5'5"
3	Matthew Brown	Duluth High School	H.B.	4	24	170	5'8"
4	Segal, Harry	Haverhill High School	E.	3	23	188	5'8"
5	Flannery, G.	Beacon (N. Y.) High Sch.	H.B.	4	24	154	5'8 1/2"
6	Alexander, Joseph	Syracuse Central H. S.	E.	3	19	179	5'9 1/2"
7	Schwartz, Joseph	Albany High School	E.	4	22	157	5'8"
8	Brown, E. E.	Quincy (Mass.) High Sch.	L.T.	3	21	164	4'9 1/2"
9	Levin, Nathan	Syracuse Central High School	G.	3	20	184	5'8 1/2"
10	Mahoney, J. M.	Holyoke (Mass.) High Sch.	E.	3	21	158	5'5 1/2"
11	Finsterwald, E.	Athens (O.) High Sch.	E.B.	3	21	160	5'8"
12	Robertson, H.	Somerville (Mass.) High Sch.	C.	3	21	180	5'11"
13	Thompson, Bryan	Luzerne (N. Y.) High Sch.	E.	3	20	125	5'10 1/2"
14	Bareish, John	Boys' High School, Brooklyn	E.B.	3	19	170	5'10 1/2"
15	Gulde, Morris	Oberlin (O.) High School	H.B.	3	21	243	5'7 1/2"
16	Hoppe, Howard	Commercial High School	E.	3	20	174	5'6"
17	Love, Alfred	Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn	E.	3	21	161	5'10"
18	Bangs, Christian	Ansonia (Conn.) High Sch.	G.	3	19	192	5'11 1/2"
19	Saunders, Alfred	Atlantic City High School	E.	3	21	152 1/2	5'6 1/2"
20	Shabadi, Albert	Atlantic City High School	E.	3	21	161	5'8"
21	Briekman, H.	Syracuse Central High School	Q.B.	4	23	138	5'3 1/2"
22	Ruffin, Horace	Middletown (Conn.) H. S.	H.B.	3	20	162	5'9 1/2"
23	Gaczewski, C.	Giesse Wesleyan Seminary	E.	3	20	170	5'9 1/2"
24	Kolbe, Harold	Masten Park High Sch.	E.	3	22	176	5'10 1/2"
25	Condemner, J. E.	South Brooklyn High School	E.	3	20	150	5'8"
26	Hepinstall, Lynn	Cambesio Academy	E.	3	18	145	5'10 1/2"
27	Tetman, Harold	Syracuse Central High School	E.	3	20	150	5'7"
28	Andrews, Horton	Woodsport High Sch.	E.	3	20	157	5'5 1/2"
29	Smith, E. D.	East Syracuse High School	E.	3	18	142	5'9 1/2"
30	Hoers, Irvin	Wellsville High School	G.	2	21	175	5'11"
31	Scholerstein, Earl	Red Creek High School	E.	2	19	155	5'10"

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Charlie Peters Issues Note of Warning to Joseph Stecher

Papillion Carpenter Serves Due Notice of His Intentions to Chew Dodge Phenom Into a Fine Pulp in Impending Match at the Omaha Auditorium on December 7.

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Peters has made public announcement that he is going to chew Stecher to pieces. He has a lot of arguments to offer to substantiate his assertion.

"I'm 100 per cent better now than when I met Stecher last February," says Charlie. "I've been training a lot with Pletina since that match and I know twice as much about the game now as I did then."

"Further," continued Charlie. "Don't forget that I was the playground for a crop of boils when I wrestled Stecher before. These boils made me weak. I haven't any boils now."

"Still again, I had just recovered from a long siege of bronchitis. My wind was bad. It's good now."

Joe Has Gone Back.

"And last, but not least, Stecher has gone back, gone way, way back, and when I get through with him he'll go still farther back. Stecher will be a dub when I get through with him December 7."

The Stecher-Peters match will be the first popular-priced show in Omaha in some time. Prices will be \$1 and \$2 instead of the \$4 and \$5 wrestlers heretofore have been taking from the pockets of the amiable public. The match also will be started under the guaranteed plan recently put in force by the city commissioners.

Hascall, Howard; Pierpont, Barket, Some Quartet, Bo

Who are the four busiest men in Omaha? Ask anybody, Vincent Hascall, Warren Howard, Harry Pierpont and Joe Barker.

Why? This quartet of energetic young business men compose the committee making arrangements for the Camp Funston-Camp Dodge foot ball game. They are handling an event which will involve accommodating 9,000 or 10,000 persons and \$20,000 to \$30,000 in money. To do all this in a couple of weeks is a task not to be sneezed at lightly.

Hascall, Howard, Pierpont and Barker are toiling on an average of about 18 hours a day and they're lucky if they can take time out for lunch. Early in the morning and late at night finds them at work. They are making rapid progress, though, despite the extensiveness of their task, and when Saturday rolls around and the big game is over they will have the satisfaction of having completed a "hard job well done," and their little "bit" for Uncle Sam and his boys in khaki.

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