

BROMLEY LEADS POINT-GETTERS OF CAGE LEAGUE

Naken Player Has Scored 39 Points; Russum Leads in Foul Goals and Balderson in Fouls Committed.

Bromley of the Nakens is the star basket shooter of the Commercial basket ball league playing at the Young Men's Christian association. Averages compiled show that Bromley has scored 39 points for his quintet. He made 19 field goals for 38 points and one foul goal for one point.

Hansen, Bromley's running mate on the Nakens, who, by the way, is leading the league, is second with 31 points scored, 15 field goals and one foul goal. Hovey of the M. E. Smiths is third with 30 points.

Gene Russum of the Townsends leads his teammates despite the fact that he has failed to throw a single field goal. Gene, however, has made 15 goals for as many points. A remarkable coincidence is that all of the other Townsends, Moore, Klepser, Fisher and Phelps, have made 12 points each.

Balderson too rough. Balderson of the Central Turnouts is the roughest player in the league if figures count. Balderson has 13 fouls marked up against him. Don Moore of the Townsends is second with 10. Price of the M. E. Smiths is the only player without a foul credited against his name.

The complete averages are as follows:

Table with columns: Name, G, F, FG, FT, Pts. Rows include Bromley, Hansen, Hovey, Kronstedt, Joseph, Brown, Morris, Goodman, Russum, Nordstrom, Sandell, Moore, D. Moore, M. Klepser, Nalabok, Phelps, Balderson, Comero, Richardson, Everson, Larson, Nalabok, Price.

Central High Is Defeated in First Contest of Season

A defeat of 28 to 22 fell to the lot of the Omaha Central High school basketball team Friday at the Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association gymnasium, when it played the Council Bluffs High school team in the first game of Central's schedule. A general shift of lineup without sufficient practice, because of no school gymnasium facilities was the chief reason for the unexpected defeat of the local team.

Coach Mulligan sent in Art Logan and Bob Russell to fill the holes left by the departure of Clyde Smith and by Konecky, who remained on the side lines until the middle of the second half. Paynter was shifted from center to right forward and A. Logan put in his place. Russell played at Konecky's former position at guard. Turk Logan played at right guard and Maxwell left forward.

Stengel Fools Hitters by Playing Assists Off Wall

Cassy Stengel, the Robins' slugging rightfielder, led the outfielders of the National League in the matter of assists last season, and thereby made a tale. Many of the drives that whistle into right field from the bats of opposing hitters go over Casey's head and crash against the right field wall, and it is on these drives that Casey appears to best advantage.

The rollicking rightfielder of the Flatbush clan is a smarter ball player than a majority of the fans concede him to be, and he has calculated nicely the angle at which such drives will come off the barrier. As a natural result, he is invariably in a position to make a quick pick to second base to head off those runners who have the temerity to attempt to stretch singles of this type into doubles.

Yanks Have Largest and Smallest Catchers in Game

If Manager Miller Huggins of the Yankees keeps Truck Hannah, his catching recruit from Salt Lake City, the Yanks will enjoy the distinction of having the biggest and smallest catchers in the American league. Hannah is a whale for size, while Walters is the strapping, fairly tall but light in weight.

Fred Toney Put in First Draft; Makes His Peace

A news item from Nashville, Tenn., states that Pitcher Fred Toney of the Cincinnati Reds, recently charged with an attempt to evade the draft, has been put in the first class of draft eligibles, his exemption claim being withdrawn. It is presumed that Toney squares himself with Uncle Sam by accepting service.

Veteran Bill Leard Will Be Manager for Seattle

Seattle report has it that Bill Leard, veteran infielder, has been picked to manage the Seattle team in the Northwestern league the coming season. Leard, after going from Seattle to Brooklyn last summer for a brief stay, joined Oakland in the Coast League, but secured his release at the end of the season.

Rickey Signs Young Hurler To Contract for Two Years

Oscar Horstman, the young right-hander who is expected to be a star on Jack Hendricks' Cardinal pitching staff this year, is one of the first to sign a new contract and President Rickey thinks so well of him that it was made for two years.

FRED FULTON TO GIVE EXHIBITION HERE THIS MONTH

Claimant to Title Booked for Beatrice and Hopes to Stage Show in Omaha.

Fred Fulton, self-styled champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, is to give several exhibitions in Nebraska this month, and, perhaps, will give one in Omaha.

Fulton, recognized as the leading contender for the crown worn by Jess Willard, the well known circus promoter, last December proclaimed himself champion of the world because Willard refused to meet him in a decision bout.

Fulton will give his first exhibition in Nebraska at Beatrice January 22. It will be merely an exhibition, in which Fulton will appear only with his sparring partner.

Beatrice is near Fulton's old home. Fulton, born near Blue Rapids, Kan., moved to Nebraska at an early age. His family took up their residence at Wymore, and it was there Fulton spent his boyhood days. His parents still live at Wymore.

Omaha Later.

After the Beatrice show Fulton expects to give exhibitions at Lincoln and Omaha, although no plans for the latter two events have been consummated yet, and it may be that there will be some difficulty in arranging for an exhibition in this city.

Fulton was last seen in Omaha two years ago, when he was here with a circus. At that time Fulton was clamoring for a match with Willard, but he was not taken seriously by the ring fans and critics. He was regarded as pretty much of a dud. Since then he has begun to make a name for himself, has knocked out several aspirants to fame and has been recognized quite generally as the one man deserving of a bout with Willard.

Muggsy Declares Young Will Prove to Be Wonder

Ross Young, according to John McGraw, should be a wonder at second base for the Giants next season and it is because of his confidence in this recruit that McGraw feels justified in letting Charley Hezgo depart for the last time. According to McGraw, in all his career as a manager he never saw a younger improve as rapidly as Young did in the 1917 season. He was raw when he joined the Giants in the spring. When he came back after playing the season at Rochester he looked like a finished ball player.

Many Candidates for Job of Manager at Portland

Many names appear in the list of candidates for the position of manager of the Portland team in the Northwestern league. This list includes Bill Griggs, Art Griggs, Gus Fisher, Bill Bora, Paddy Sigin and Billy Sullivan. Unless Judge McCredie decides on a playing manager the impression is that Nick Williams, with Spokane last season, will get the job.

Old Pitcher Now Directs Schoolboys in Texas Town

Ralph Works, veteran pitcher, has been named athletic director of the city schools of Beaumont, Tex. He will have an important position and one that will keep him on the job, for the progressive Beaumont board of education has adopted a plan for organized and systematic athletic instruction in every school of the city, high and low.

Tinker May Train Columbus Athletes Near Army Camp

Joe Tinker talks of training his Columbus American association team at Chillicothe, O., where there is a camp of some 25,000 soldiers. Tinker would condition his men by playing practice games against the soldiers. Twice in previous years Columbus has trained at Chillicothe and if no trip south is to be taken that city seems as good a spot as can be selected.

George Stovall Longs to Return to Diamond Sport

George Stovall, late manager of the Vernon team, thinks he can come back, and he has put in his application with J. C. McGill for the job of managing the Indianapolis Indians. George, when deposed as manager of the Vernon team, said he was done with baseball, but the old spirit seems to have reassured itself.

"King of the Bushers" Is Signed by Oakland Club

The Oakland Coast league club announces that it has signed for a trial in the spring Mickey Shader, known as "the king of the bush pitchers" in California independent circles. Some of his admirers say he looks like the best pitching product that California independent ranks ever have turned out, which is saying a good deal.

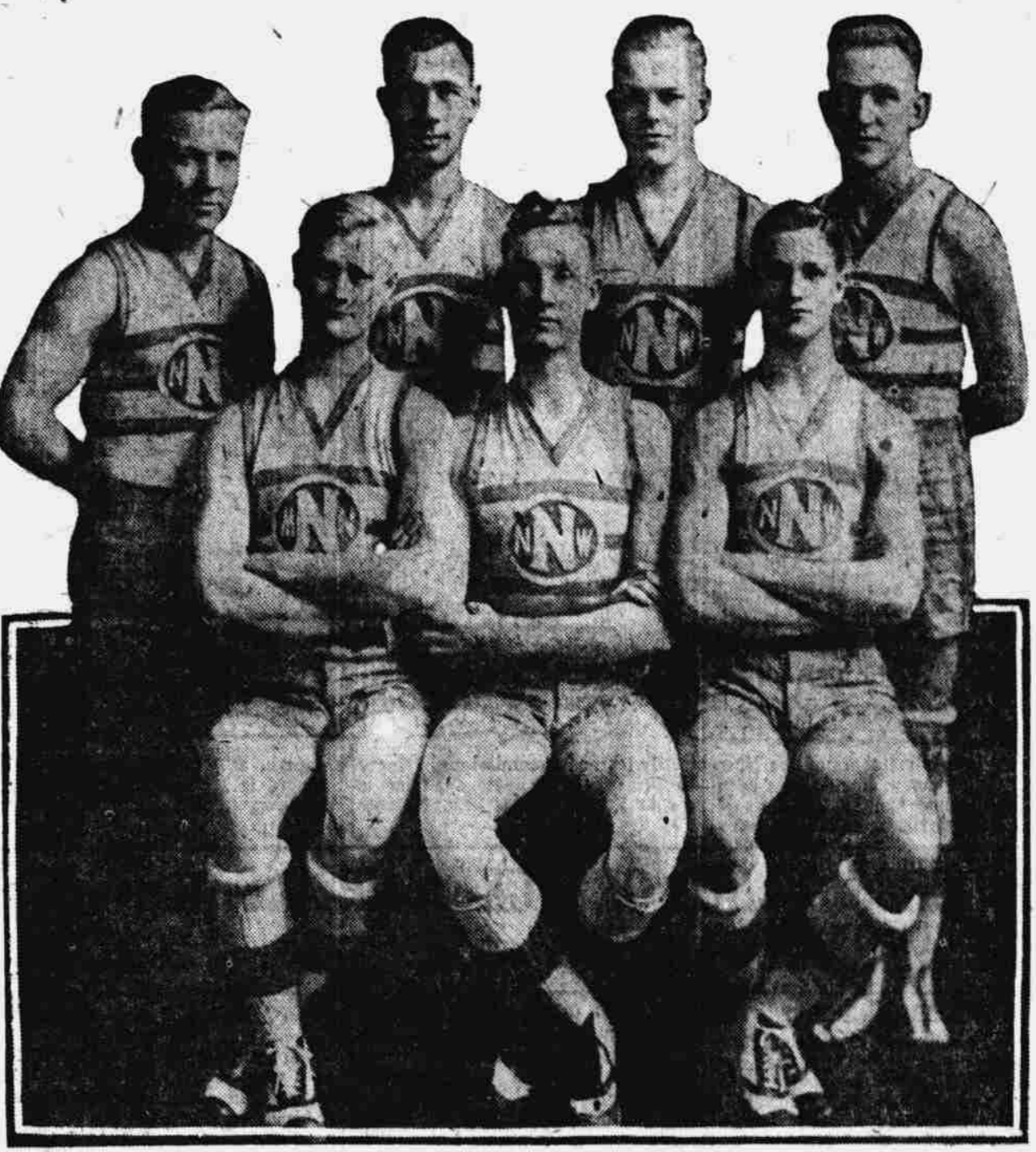
Pacific Coast League to Retain Only Three Umpires

Under the rule of single umpires, President Baum had to discard one-half his staff. Announcement comes from San Francisco that he has decided to retain as his trio of arbiters Red Held, Ed Finney and Billy Phyle. However, the latter is in poor health and may decide to retire, in which case Ralph Frary probably will be the third selection.

Former Yank Leads Cage Squad of Army Shooters

Ray Fisher, former Yankee pitcher, recently enlisted in the army, has been made coach of the Fort Slocum army basketball team. He claims a five recruited from college and athletic club players that is as fast as anything ever put together and he is going out to do up every other basketball team in army or civil life.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE LEADERS—The Nakens, who are at the top of the percentage column in the Commercial Basket Ball league at the Young Men's Christian association. Standing, left to right: Nordstrom, Filler, Everson, Richards. Sitting, left to right: Hansen, Kronstedt, Bromley.



Rough Going Might Do Some Club Owners Good

Big League Magnates Have Had It Too Soft in the Past and They Need a Bit of Adversity Now and Then.

There are any number of men who own base ball clubs that have made from 20 to 300 per cent for the last 15 years, who fear that they may lose a few thousand dollars in 1918. These good business men are hollering, "watch, robbery, horrors," already. As if every business did not have a bad year now and then.

There is no sense in the owners of base ball clubs croaking about a bad season in 1918. They have had 15 years of the fattest sort. They have done less work and got more money than any other merchant in the world. They do four hours work a day for 70 days of the year. Their plants are idle for 290 days of the year. Most of them spend the winter hunting and fishing when other men are really working.

The quieter the owners of base ball clubs keep and the less fuss they make just now the better it will be for them. They won't get much sympathy if they cry "Wolf." Their graft has been too good too long, says a St. Louis writer.

There is no work to operating a base ball club. You don't have to watch raw material, bargain or buy far ahead a range of supply, delivery, manufacture, sale, shipping, etc. You say you have a club in a league and publish a schedule. Every newspaper in America then employs a man to advertise your wares for you. If wooden nutmegs were advertised as base ball is advertised, the forests would have been destroyed long ago.

Says It's Sweet Business. Base ball is one of the very sweetest businesses in the world. Robert Lee Hedges came to St. Louis with an initial investment of \$15,000, made an artistic failure in 14 of 15 seasons, fought through two expensive base ball wars, drew \$10,000 a year and expenses and wound up with some \$350,000 base ball cash in his pockets. The colonel was second in 1902, when his team was unpopular and did not make money; fourth in 1908 and seventh in the other years. The colonel had three bad financial years, 1902, 1914 and 1915, and then checked it out.

Comiskey went into Chicago on borrowed money in 1900. He is now worth \$5,000,000. He makes \$250,000 a year out of base ball alone. He gives away another \$100,000 a year. Dreyfuss was a bookkeeper in a Paduch (Ky.) whisky house, some 25 years ago. He got into the Louisville club, stuck to it, and can cash in a couple of million any time he feels like it.

The Robisons bought the Cardinals for \$42,000 in 1899, took out about \$25,000 a year for 18 years, then sold out for \$350,000. This after the affairs of the club had been grossly neglected for 15 years, when the team had not been a consistent loser and had never finished better than third, and better than fifth in only one season.

Base ball is the only business in which a man can work three months in the year, fail utterly, yet become a millionaire in a few years.

The Hours Are Easy. There is no work in owning a base ball club. A club president or manager gets down about 10 a. m., during the winter, writes a few letters, goes to lunch and calls it a day. He makes a few trips to New York or Chicago during the winter. Comes spring, he works a little bit. He has his park painted, sodded, cleaned about a week's work—and is ready to take in the money. Money is first in base ball, you know. You may get the goods afterwards. No wait for cash—no 60 days. Not even C. O. D. Always F. O. B. in base ball. The goods are not guaranteed, either.

The club owner works about four months a year, and makes a fortune. (Continued on Page Six, Column Six.)

NEBRASKA GRID ELEVENS ARE TO INVAD ROCKIES

Nebraska to Play Denver at Lincoln November 2 and Creighton to Battle Colorado Miners at Omaha.

Nebraska foot ball elevens will invade the Rocky Mountain intercollegiate conference this year with two games, according to reports made public last night.

The Nebraska university Cornhuskers have filled the vacant date on their schedule with a game with Denver university, tied last fall with the Utah Aggies for the mountain championship. This game will be played at Lincoln, November 2.

When Doc Stewart, Cornhusker coach, announced his 1918 schedule, he reported negotiations for a game for November 2 were under way with Washington university, California university and Denver. Denver reported last night the game between Nebraska and Denver had been settled, although no confirmation came from Lincoln.

The other Nebraska eleven, which will lock horns with the mountain talent is Creighton. Creighton will play the Colorado School of Mines at Omaha, November 28.

The Colorado Miners played Creighton here last fall and went down to defeat before Mills' men. The game proved such a success the two schools decided to meet again.

OMAHA BOWLERS IN PIN TOURNAY AT SIOUX FALLS

Local Alleys Send Teams to Northwestern Event in Which They Cleaned House Last Year.

Two quintets of crack Omaha pin tumbler left Omaha yesterday for Sioux Falls, S. D., where they will represent Omaha in the Northwestern bowling tournament at that city.

Last year the local bowlers came away from Sioux Falls with all the money in sight. They cleaned up against rivals from all over South and North Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota and have high hopes of repeating their successes this year.

The Omaha teams will represent the Omaha and Farnam alleys. Some of the best bowlers in the city make up the teams, including Bill Learn, Ken Sciple, Al Wartchow, Myron Stunz and the veteran Dad Huntington.

The local maple crushers will roll their events today. They are entered in team, singles, doubles and all events. The two teams are composed of the following players:

Omaha Alleys—Farnam Alleys—Learn, Sciple, Toman, Wartchow, Huntington, Hanson, Johnson, Karis, Swoboda, Sifka.

Brigham Young Uni Granted Entrance to Conference

Denver, Jan. 12.—Brigham Young university, located at Provo, Utah, was admitted to the Rocky mountain intercollegiate conference at its annual meeting here today. While the institution was given full membership, the entry will not affect the present conditions concerning foot ball, as it does not maintain a foot ball team.

Zamlock Loses Job When War Stops College Ball

Carl Zamlock, former pitcher with Detroit and in the minors, has lost a job because of war. Last spring he coached the University of California base ball team, but because of war retrenchment the college authorities have decided to do away with all professional coaches except for the foot ball team, and that lets Zamlock out.

MUNY CAGE LOOP WILL GET UNDER WAY ON TUESDAY

Community Center Basket Ball Quintets to Clash in Scheduled Play; South Side in Running, Too.

Omaha's first municipal basket ball league gets under way Tuesday. The league is composed exclusively of community center quintets and all games will be played at the community center locations. Two games a week will be played and no admission will be charged.

The muny league is the outcome of a community rivalry exists between two rinks and the race to the 21 ends promises to be a thriller. Fans are lined up on each side and odds are quoted at even.

Play will start as soon after 1:30 this afternoon as possible. The team will inuep as follows:

Central Park vs Dundee, at Dundee, January 16; Miller Park at Castelar, January 17. Miller Park at Dundee, January 22; Central Park at Castelar, January 24. Castelar at Dundee, January 29; Miller Park at Central Park, January 29.

Castelar at Miller Park, February 4; Dundee at Central Park, February 4. Dundee at Miller Park, February 11; Castelar at Central Park, February 11.

Central Park at Miller Park, February 15; Dundee at Castelar, February 21. A four-team league also will be organized at the South High school, where the community center athletic class is larger than at any other center. The winners of the race in this league will tangle with the muny league leaders for the municipal championship of Omaha.

CREIGHTON WINS IN COTNER GAME OF BASKET BALL

The Creighton basket ball quintet opened its 1918 intercollegiate schedule at the Creighton gym Friday with an overwhelming victory over the Sam Waugh's Cotner bulldogs, and incidentally avenged the tie game which Cotner held Creighton to on the gridiron last fall. The final score stood 53 to 21. Every man on the Cotner five had played on the bulldog grid squad and the Blue and White rooters and enthusiasts cheered the easy work of the Creighton team.

Coach Mills expressed the conviction that the finished work of the Catholic team was evidence that he had in hand one of the fastest and smoothest squads in the west and he offered to play any five in the west that shows any "class" at all.

Mere Child in Years is New Gopher Grid Leader

Norman Kingsley, 19 years old, the youngest man ever named captain of the University of Minnesota foot ball team, is 6 feet tall and weighs more than 200 pounds. The captain-elect started his foot ball career on the high school team at Spring Valley, Minn., his home, and this year was one of the mainstays of the Gophers' back field.

Marquard and Russell Sign Brooklyn Contracts

New York, Jan. 12.—The signed contracts of Ruben Marquard and John A. Russell, pitchers for the 1918 season, were received today by the Brooklyn National league base ball club.

Former Fed League Hurler Is Busy Lad at Camp Grant

Sergeant Thomas McGuire, "Big Tom," a pitcher of Chicago Federal league fame, is the busiest noncommissioned officer at Camp Grant. He has been selected for regimental sergeant major of the divisional trains. McGuire is a Chicagoan.

NO CHANCE FOR WILLARD-CARPENTIER BOUT FOR BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

Frenchman is Too Busy Trying to Land Kayo on the Kaiser to Monkey With Jess.

Mr. J. Willard, who, you probably will recall if your memory is good, won the heavyweight fistic championship of the world from Jack Johnson at Havana, Cuba, four years ago, will not fight Georges Carpentier, the famous French champion.

Mr. Willard recently startled the prize ring world by announcing that he was ready and willing—yes, even eager—to fight and defend his title. And nothing would please Mr. Willard better than to battle some leading contender and turn over all the receipts to the Red Cross.

In naming over a list of those "leading contenders" Mr. Willard came to Georges Carpentier. Ah, Monsieur Carpentier! Just the man. Would somebody please make arrangements to match Mr. Willard and Monsieur Carpentier? What a match this would make! And, being for the benefit of the Red Cross, it could not possibly draw less than a million dollars or so. Of all possible opponents none would be so welcome as Monsieur Carpentier.

But, alas and alack, Jess never will have an opportunity to box the great Frenchman. For Georges has another and more important task before him. He is fighting the kaiser and too busy to fight Mr. Willard. Georges regards it as far more important to slip Bill Hohenbiller the kayo with a haymaker right than trying to land an uppercut on Willard's back.

Carpentier, who is a pilot aviator in the French flying corps, recently was in Paris on a short leave from the front. The Willard subject was mentioned to him, but Georges said "nothing doing," he was booked solid with more important engagements.



GEORGES CARPENTIER.

CURLERS CLASH FOR CITY TITLE AT MILLER PARK

Balmorals, Skipped by Bob Melvin, to Play Thistles, Led by E. S. Dodds, for Championship of Omaha.

Omaha curling fans are smacking their lips in anticipation of the warmest curling clash seen in the gate city in years this afternoon.

For the Balmorals, last year city champions, and the Thistles, winners of the state title two years ago, are scheduled to tangle this afternoon in the deciding combat for the team championship of Omaha.

Keen rivalry exists between the two rinks and the race to the 21 ends promises to be a thriller. Fans are lined up on each side and odds are quoted at even.

Play will start as soon after 1:30 this afternoon as possible. The team will inuep as follows:

Balmorals: E. S. Dodds, skip; William Melvin, skip; Bob Galt, skip; Charlie Johnson, E. M. Tracy; Tommy Louhart, Alce Melvin.

Thistles: Robert Melvin, skip; W. J. Hislop, skip; W. D. Brydon, skip; John Johnson, skip; E. A. Higgins, skip; C. J. Fernandes, skip.

Several good curling games were played last week. A rink skipped by E. S. Dodds picked Willie Hislop's rink 15 to 10. Linups were as follows:

W. J. Hislop, skip; E. S. Dodds, skip; W. D. Brydon, skip; John Johnson, skip; C. J. Fernandes, skip; E. A. Higgins, skip.

Then Hislop turned right around and got revenge by beating a Happy Hollow rink skipped by Charlie Johnston, 23 to 11.

Lineup: Chas. Johnston, skip; W. J. Hislop, skip; F. D. Wood, skip; William Brydon, skip; Joseph Polcar, skip; Alce Melvin, skip; C. C. Bolden, skip; C. J. Fernandes, skip.

One of the best games of curling played this season was played yesterday by rinks skipped by W. J. Hislop and Bob Galt. It was a 13-end game, which resulted in victory for Galt's rink, 12 to 11, despite the sensational bowling of E. S. Dodds on the finest sheet of ice the curlers have had this season. The teams lined up:

W. J. Hislop, skip; Bob Galt, skip; E. S. Dodds, skip; Robert Melvin, skip; William Brydon, skip; E. A. Higgins, skip; W. G. Watson, skip; John Henderson, skip; Alce Melvin, skip; Loden-Peacock match; George A. Dunn vs winner of Galt Rink match; Bob Watson vs winner of Finlayson Brothers' match; J. Johnston vs winner of Muir Fernand match; John Syme vs E. M. Tracy; John McTaggart vs William D. Brydon.

EAST NO BETTER THAN WEST, SAYS GILMOUR DOBIE

Gilmour S. Dobie, the famous foot ball coach, who is in charge of the team at the Annapolis naval academy last fall, had his first glimpse at eastern foot ball and was not very much impressed. Dobie, of course, took the war situation into consideration, but was not converted to the belief that eastern foot ball is superior to the western brand.

Dobie made a wonderful record on the Pacific coast. His University of Washington teams never were beaten.

"From what I saw in the east, I cannot say that the east is superior to the west at foot ball," Dobie said. "My last year's University of Washington team could easily have beaten any eastern 11 this fall."

Many experts have given reasons for Dobie's success as a coach. He is a driving, merciless teacher. He forces them to tackle low and hard, to charge the same way, to block fiercely and effectively and to everlastingly follow the ball. When his men have learned these rudiments to Dobie's at least partial satisfaction, he teaches them team work and plays. Then he sends his team out and it wades through its opposition like a tank through a snowstorm.

Tom Chivington Will Do All Louisville Business

Tom Chivington's appointment as business manager of the Louisville American association club does not mean that Bill Clymer is to be disturbed as the team manager. Clymer and Chivington should work together right well and Derby Day's voice on the coaching lines will be as raucous as ever, Tom Hickey permitting.

Pug Who Licked Fulton Once Was Minor Leaguer

Harry Tate hailed as the newest "hope" in pugilistic circles, formerly was a minor league pitcher and achieved enough prominence to get a trial under Connie Mack along about 1910. Failing to advance in base ball he took up the boxing game and is now in a fair way to achieve fame.

McCredies Refuse \$15000; Then Give Their Club Away

Two years ago, according to a story printed in the west, the McCredies were offered \$150,000 for their Portland Coast league franchise. They refused the offer. Two weeks ago they transferred to Sacramento as a gift, and seemingly glad enough to be rid of it.

Cubs Sign Semi-Pros.

Ed Corey, one of Chicago's most promising semj-pro pitchers, has been signed by Manager Rowland of the Chicago White Sox for a trial next spring. He is a right-hander, said to have great speed and has made a fine record in Chicago independent circles.