

Buffaloes Usher in Western League Season by Trouncing Oklahoma City

Mayor Smith Pitches First Ball to Gamble

Everett Buckingham Swings at His Honor's Offering, But Hits Nothing But The Wind.

Dick Breen's Westerners received an unexpected setback yesterday afternoon at the Omaha league park, when Barney Burch's formidable Buffaloes trounced the Oklahoma City entry in the flag chase by the score of 9 to 5.

Amid the cheers of one of the largest crowds that has ever attended an opening contest here, the Buffaloes and Sooners got off to a last start soon after Mayor Ed P. Smith donned an Omaha cap and heaved the first ball. The city's chief executive was in rare form as the sphere went directly over the plate. Everett Buckingham, president of the Board of Governors of the Ak-Sar-Ben, offering, but he hit nothing but the wind. All of which pleased the grandstand as well as his honor.

John W. Gamble of the Chamber of Commerce turned out to be the "masked marvel" behind the bat. He tried to stop the mayor's delivery, but the horseshoe traveled at such a terrific rate of speed that the Chamber of Commerce executive decided to step to one side and permit the sphere to continue on its course.

Previous to Mayor Smith's appearance on the field, members of both teams, led by Gladys Peters, queen of Ak-Sar-Ben, John W. Gamble and Everett Buckingham, marched around the park, pulling behind them a float on which was a giant rooster. Barney Burch, president of the Omaha Buffaloes, was perched atop the rooster and seemed content to let his teammates and opponents pull him around the diamond.

Fastened to the dome of the giant rooster was a pennant which read: "The Top Perch is Ours," meaning, of course, that the Omaha club will be nesting at the head of the percentage column at the close of the season. The score:

OMAHA	AB.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Haney, ss	3	1	0	2	4
Ryan, 2b	3	0	2	1	0
Griffin, 1b	3	0	2	1	0
Lee, cf	3	0	2	1	0
Cole, rf	3	0	2	1	0
Hagan, p	3	0	2	1	0
Danahy, 3b	3	0	2	1	0
Flate, lf	3	0	2	1	0
Totals	24	0	12	16	2

OKLAHOMA CITY	AB.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Pitt, rf	4	0	3	0	1
Moore, lf	4	0	3	0	1
Shanley, 2b	4	0	3	0	1
Heintz, 3b	4	0	3	0	1
Wright, cf	4	0	3	0	1
Parker, p	4	0	3	0	1
Love, 1b	4	0	3	0	1
Vernon, 3b	4	0	3	0	1
Totals	32	0	24	0	8

Upper Left—Fred Haney, Omaha shortstop, snapped as he let one of Pitcher Mitchell's fast ones sail by. Upper Right—Another glimpse of Haney waiting for a chance to swing the bludgeon. Center Left—Ryan arriving at first after being issued a free pass to the boy via the walk route. Center—Barney Burch, president of the Omaha Buffaloes, Lower Right—Miss Gladys Peters, Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben, and John W. Gamble, president of the Board of Governors of the Omaha Buffaloes, with flowers. Lower Center—Pitt of Oklahoma City, safe at first.

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Snapshots of the Buffaloes' First Home Game of Season



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Hoerner Elected Central Captain

Lisle (Squink) Hoerner, sensational high school center, was elected captain of the 1921 Central high school football team, according to an announcement by Coach Harold R. Mulligan.

Hoerner has played on the team for two years, filling in as guard his first year. He played an excellent game at center last season, being the mainstay of the Central line.

He was chosen to succeed Captain-elect Beryl Meston, who has moved to St. Louis. Hoerner is in the senior class. He will be graduated next February.

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