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BELT LOOKS TO HIS FITCHERS

Must Depend Upon Twirling Staff Rounding Into Form for Opening Fray, as Therein is His Strength

HOW THE DOPE LOOKS

Fact that Belt Has Secured Catcher Cavanaugh Gives Writer to Take Different View of Situation.

If Manager Frank Belt is to land a pennant for Keokuk this season the pitching staff will have to be depended upon for the heavy end of the work. Therein lies Belt's hopes. And it is not unreasonable to suppose that Prough, Jaeger and Burch will be at least as good as they were last season; that Blue Jacket will be even better, and that Leifeld, Edlick or Broadwell will prove fast enough for the Central association. It looks as if the only thing that can prevent the twirling staff from rounding into form for the opening fray will be unfavorable weather. If the present weather conditions hold forth it is doubtful whether Prough will round into form to go against Galeburg in the opening encounter, and the task of winning the first game may fall to Burch or Blue Jacket.

Much is expected of Belt this year, especially as he has been given a free rein. While the manager steadfastly refused to declare outright that his catching staff did not suit, the fact that he has secured Cavanaugh from Des Moines leads to the belief that he may not ever stop there. Thus far neither of the two catchers are known to be possessed of fitting power, and the same weakness is attributed to Cavanaugh, the new man. It appears that the catching department is thus far an uncertainty.

Glancing in the distant future the odds are that Belt, himself, will be behind the bat in the opening game. Thus far the veteran has had little opportunity of working, the position being monopolized by Sweeley and the other tryouts. In fact, there has been but little opportunity for any of the backstops cutting loose.

The infield of the Keokuk team presents a sturdy defensive wall, apparently impregnable from any angle. It is fast, all four men have good arms, and the quartet will gradually work into championship speed.

The outfield is strength in itself. And it also confronts Belt with a proposition. Hildebrand in right has done phenomenal hitting and Belt is not going to sacrifice hitting ability for work in the field. This is certain. Morris, who has been working in center, is fast in the field and a strong hitter. He is without doubt a fixture. Vashinder in left has been going at a great stride, and his hitting has played a strong part in the past exhibition games. He looks much better right now than Jack Landry did at any time last season. Relchie is laid up with a bad knee and some doubts have been expressed as to whether he will be able to take part in the opener or not, but it is thought that he will be in proper shape.

Belt has a good team, that cannot be denied. He has a bunch of clever youngsters, who should be able to go at a fast clip and may develop into a strong hitting club. But the team's strength is in its fielding, and in this department it looks as if Belt has gathered together a strong aggregation. The team looks good for one, two or three right now.

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DOES DES MOINES WANT TO UNLOAD

Deal in Which Belt Secures Catcher Cavanaugh Hardly Looks Like a Repeater of Last Year's Deals

NO COST TO MANAGEMENT

Belt Can Exercise Good Judgment and Retain the Player During Season Without Expense if He Desires.

Is owner John F. Higgins of the Des Moines baseball club trying to unload again this year on "Pa" Belt of the Indians? It might look that way, but such is hardly the case unless Belt thinks the new man Cavanaugh is a wonder and eventually makes a purchase.

Belt was a little backward about even corresponding with the Des Moines Club after the heavy grab of Bill Annis and Second Baseman Oylor last year. When he did write Higgins he reminded him of the deals of last season and said he wanted no repeaters.

Cavanaugh comes to Keokuk without any cost whatever to the management other than railroad fare. And when Higgins said he would send him word was received that if Cavanaugh did not suit a catcher who would, would soon be beating it for this burg.

The Burlington Hawkeye says: Manager "Pa" Belt is troubled with an excess of good men, and does not know whom to choose. He is in the predicament of making a selection which will be on the wrong side. He has nine pitchers, eight fielders and three catchers, all of whom look good. Prough and Jaeger appear to be fixtures on the pitching staff, while Blue Jacket is desirable. But there are other good men whom it is hard to give up. The choice will be made after a little more trying out. The outfield has four equally good men, and the choice will have to be almost a toss-up between Vashinder, Relchie, Hildebrand and Morris. It is probable that Reardon and Sweeley will catch, and that Miller will occupy first, Thomas second, Bresnahan third and Sensenback short. It will be a hard thing to dislodge these infielders, although the other material is mighty good. It is not probable that Belt will have any trouble disposing of his surplus men to other managers in the circuit.

BIG LEAGUE RESULTS

National League. Yesterday's Results. R. H. E.

Cincinnati	10	15	1
St. Louis	6	12	6

Batteries: Anderson, Suggs and McLean; Rieger, Higgins, Geyer, Lush and Bresnahan.

Chicago Pittsburg game postponed on account of rain.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	6	1	.857
Pittsburg	5	1	.833
Chicago	4	2	.667
New York	4	3	.571
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	2	5	.286
Boston	2	5	.286
St. Louis	1	7	.125

Where They Play.

St. Louis at Cincinnati. Pittsburg at Chicago. Brooklyn at New York. Boston at Philadelphia.

American League.

Yesterday's Results. St. Louis-Chicago game postponed on account of snow.

Detroit-Cleveland game postponed on account of wet grounds.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	5	2	.714
New York	3	2	.600
Philadelphia	4	3	.571
Boston	4	4	.500
Cleveland	4	4	.500
St. Louis	2	2	.500
Washington	3	5	.375
Chicago	1	4	.200

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HIGH SCHOOL OUT OF COMMERCIAL

Baseball Team Has Withdrawn From Amateur League and Action is Said to be Official

CLUBS SAW "FRAME-UP"

Believed Purple and White Management Was Playing for Star Infield and They Would Not Stand for it.

The Keokuk high school baseball team has withdrawn from the Commercial league. The action taken at the meeting of the league Saturday night was declared to be official today by Paul King, in whom proper authority to take such action was vested by the president if the high school athletic association and Coach Belknap. This leaves only four teams in the league. They are Hulskamp Bros., Elks, Hubinger Bros., and St. Peter's. A committee was appointed by President R. E. Chamberlin of the Commercial league and the matter will be renewed with the high school, but players in a position to know say nothing will come of it.

When the league met Saturday evening the expected hitch in the program came, but it resulted more disastrously than was expected. The high school wanted four drafted men, and moved that such a rule be inserted in the constitution and by-laws giving all five clubs power to draft this number. Last year the number of drafted players included only three. After a vote it was found that two clubs only were for the proposed amendment, while three were set firmly against it.

Seeing that they could not gain the point Paul King followed his instruction from the athletic association president and baseball coach and withdrew the team from the league.

The three clubs voting against the proposed amendment are sure the high school had stacked things up. It is learned that the high school would have had the following infield had the amendment carried: Harry King, catch; C. King, first base; P. King, second base; Stephen Irwin, third base; Craig McManus, shortstop. It would have been the fastest in the league.

But without an infield of this composition the high school could not have made a good showing during the summer months. The team is not going to be very strong during the high school season and several of the players will be unable to take part during the summer.

It is hardly likely that the high school will come back into the fold, and if not a schedule will be drawn up with the league composed, as it is now, of four clubs.

JEFF FINALLY SHOWS OLD FORM

At Conclusion of Yesterday's Work Trainers Were Well Satisfied.

BEN LOMOND, Cal., April 25.—In the presence of a crowd of critical fight followers who visited Jeffries' training camp Sunday, the big fighter gave a physical culture exhibition that more than satisfied the visitors.

Jeffries' condition, compared with his physical trim when he began training, shows a remarkable improvement, and for the first time he frolicked about the gymnasium with his old-time exuberation of spirits.

The morning's workout consisted of a session with the chest weights, followed by a fast mix-up with the medicine ball and the punching bag. He led up to the boxing bout by a preliminary exhibition of shadow boxing, finishing with three fast rounds with

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Bob Armstrong and two more rounds of roughing it with Farmer Burns.

The boxing, of course, was the special event of the workout and took place at high noon, in the handball court, which was hotter than a Turkish bath. After the three boxing periods, in which the big fellow showed much better speed and keener accuracy than heretofore, perspiration rolled off him in streams.

"Tex" Rickard and Jeffries' friend, Clarence Berry, reached camp in time to witness the boxing and the set-to with Burns. They expressed surprise at Jeffries' marked improvement.

Jeffries played with Berry after his workout, frisking about like a coy young hippopotamus, apparently not in the least fatigued by his gymnasium work and his ten-mile run on the road in the early morning.

Berry was so well pleased with Jeffries' showing he declared he was willing to increase his bets on the battle of July 4 to \$25,000.

Berger has not hesitated to say that in the past Jeffries' work lacked fire and ginger, but yesterday morning he declared that he was satisfied for the first time.

"We could not possibly have hoped for anything better," said Berger. "Jim is in great form. About all he needs is plenty of boxing, and you may depend upon it, I will see he gets it."

Rickard requested Berger to go to San Francisco a week from Sunday, when the promoter proposes to post an additional \$30,000 to the purse money. Rickard will then have posted \$50,000 of the amount to the fighters. The \$100,000 will not be due until forty-eight hours before the big contest.

The Sound Sleep of Good Health

The restorative power of sound sleep can not be over estimated and any ailment that prevents it is a menace to health. J. L. Southern, Eau Claire, Wis., says:—"For a long time I have been unable to sleep soundly at nights, because of pains across my back and soreness of my kidneys. My appetite was very poor and my general condition was much run down. I have been taking Foley's Kidney Pills but a short time and now enjoy my meals, and my general condition is greatly improved. I can honestly recommend Foley's Kidney Pills as I know they have cured me."—Wilkinson & Co., J. F. Kiedalsch & Sons.

AMUSEMENTS

"The Flower of the Ranch," which comes to the Grand this evening is another one of Joseph E. Howard's dozen or more musical successes and is one of the most unique things yet given to the public by this prolific musical writer. "The Flower of the Ranch" is a musical-melo-drama, filled with a lot of rattling good musical numbers, and the novelty of the piece lies in the fact that it is as closely worked out, in the minutest detail, as any of the highest class dramatic productions. There are nearly twenty of the catchiest musical numbers and a big chorus, both of which could be removed and then there would still be a corking good play of the western kind.

The plot tells the story of the life of a little girl, the only survivor of a stage coach wreck, who is taken home by a warm-hearted old rancher, and made one of the family. She is too young when the accident occurs to know her name, and there is no evidence left to tell who she is. Her romping, bright nature furnished a lot of sunshine for the ranchers, who dub her the "Flower." Sixteen years on a ranch brings her into young womanhood, and then the love affair follows, in which a young rancher, a scheming sheriff and a villainous Mexican and others, including the foster father, are the principals.

During the action and development of the story, in which there are a lot of strenuous melodramatic situations, Mr. Howard has very cleverly introduced some of his very best music, which makes it surprisingly pleasing and interesting. "The Pajama and the Nighties," a pretty duet backed up by a bevy of girls clad in shimmering nighties and pink pajamas; "Clarence" and "The Days of '49," in which

Wm. Slattery Dead, William Slattery, one of the oldest citizens of this place, died here Sunday afternoon at the age of 87 years.

The remains are to be taken to Keokuk this evening for burial in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Slattery has no near relatives and lived alone here. He was a resident of this place for fifty years and

The Difference in the Play of the National and American Leagues

Which plays the better ball? Sam Crane tells in Pearson's Magazine, now on sale. He describes and analyzes the play of the two leagues, plainly shows the difference, and incidentally explains why the National League regularly wins the World's Championship. Here, for the first time, is a frank comparison of the two leagues, made by a man who has followed the game for thirty years. If you think one league is better than the other, read this story. Crane hasn't attempted to please both sides; he speaks sincerely. His story should settle all arguments.

The needlessness of the increased cost of living is explained in the same issue; a few men fix the prices for their own profit; here's the whole story. The influences which made Mr. Taft change his mind about the tariff are set forth by Alfred Henry Lewis, also he names the four men who really control the government. The diseases which infect seventy-five per cent. of young men and affect principally innocent women and babies are described in plain words; it is the first explanation of the greatest social evil. An old-time newspaper man writes of newspaper methods yesterday and today; another story tells how two women with rifles defy the United States Supreme Court. For entertainment there are seven splendid short fiction stories, including a corker—the second story of Dan Tark, by F. C. Macfarlane.

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