

At That, You Can't Blame Murphy



Judgments

COMISKEY is the real spirit and letter of the world's tour on which the two teams, composed mostly of White Sox and Giants, are about to launch. Comiskey is said to have counted on a personal outlay of \$2,000 for the trip. Big money-maker? Not that any one knows. That is not the purpose of the trip. According to the Sporting News, the purpose is simply to make good on a declaration Comiskey made twenty-five years ago when working as playing-manager for Chris Von Der Ahe, owner of the St. Louis Browns. Al Spalding and "Cap" Anson took two teams on a world's tour and it inspired the ambition in young Comiskey to duplicate the feat some day with a team of his own and another. Commy will share the gate receipts, of course, but every one knows they are an uncertain quantity. He will have a world of fun for himself and his friends and bring his team back more than ever flushed with determination to play their heads off for the "Old Roman," the most popular man in base ball, a man who has always gone on the theory that expending money brings in money. It is a theory in the benefits of which many share and the fans delight. Says the Sporting News:

Just at this time, when the public has been fed on columns and columns of figures showing the receipts, the club owners' share and the players' split, of this and that series, until it has almost become nauseated, it is refreshing to read a story of the real impelling motive of Charles Comiskey in arranging a world tour for two ball teams and a score or two of friends. There are figures and dollar signs in the story, but they do not relate to profits and divisions. It is not a tale of figures showing what is coming in or expected to come in, but what is going out, and an impression of Mr. Comiskey is that he is fully as happy when it is going out—provided the expenditure means happiness—as he is when it is coming in.

Will McGraw stand pat on his team for next year? The fact that he is going around the world and waiving the chance of a mid-winter reconstruction inspires such a belief in some minds. Well, Huggins has a fairly good team. There is talk of his landing Ed Konetchy for first instead of Merkle. Merkle can play all right most of the time, especially if no emergency shows up, but Konetchy undoubtedly would be a great strength to the Giants. But such trades are not what is most needed in base ball. Konetchy is needed far more where he is, in St. Louis—though he says he won't play there again—than in New York. The hope is that before next spring both the St. Louis team will undergo a few radical changes. It would help base ball.

Last winter was the best in the history of base ball for gossip. Never, in our knowledge, did a mid-season yield as much snappy, interesting dope. The player who was not traded or sold during the winter was the exception. Sometimes whole teams would change hands, new leagues were built, new rules promulgated, radical reforms advanced and innovations of every character projected. This year things haven't opened up quite as actively, yet the winter is not here. The dopsters seldom get under full headway till after the foot ball boys have their little inning. And at that a few good ones have been pulled even by now.

George Stovall goes to the Federal league, managing the Kansas City team. That lets a mighty good ball player set away from the American league, where, however, he was "in bad," for Ban Johnson didn't like him, and Stan's "it." The acquisition of such men as Stovall helps to substantiate the new organization, from which we may expect even larger results in 1914 than produced this year. We hear no more about the possibility of Omaha getting into this league, and we are sorry, too. A winning Federal league team in Omaha would be a simple wonder.

Ban Johnson frowns on the Herrmann suggestion of an interleague series instead of the world's series. He lays too much stress, it seems to us, on the financial factor as the determining issue. Those fans who travel miles to see a world's series game without seeing it are apt to favor the other plan. At any rate, why not give it a trial, at least before the courts of base ball this winter before consigning it to the scrap heap? Even if the majestic Ban doesn't like it, let's discuss it and get at all its bad and good points before passing it up.

The day on which it had been hoped to have the Giants-White Sox tourists play at Rourke park was a perfect one for base ball and would undoubtedly have drawn a crowd to fill the place, had Colonel Rourke embraced the opportunity to gather in a few extra baskets of yen.

Frank Chance has landed outfielder Walsh, a high class ball player, from Connie Mack. Chance expresses satisfaction with his infield. All right, then here's for the Highlanders, for when Chance expresses satisfaction with a team it ought to be a winner.

Guiding for manager next year. All right, come on. You can't beat the old boy.

Creighton University Foot Ball Team for 1913



CREIGHTON TEAM.

CREIGHTON TEAM A WINNER

More Ginger and Team Work is Shown Than Ever Before.

MEN GET INTO ALL THE PLAYS

Marquette Game Gives Them Confidence—Haskell Indians Come Saturday and Another Hard Game is Expected.

In spite of a poor start, the Creighton university foot ball squad promises to give Omahans some of the best foot ball ever offered to supporters of the Blue and White. The defeat of Marquette by a score of 13 to 6 on Creighton field October 15 was the first evidence of the ability of Coach Miller's proteges.

The Marquette game was the third of the year. The team got away bad on the opening day, being hampered by a sea of mud, and allowed the Kearney Normal school to hold it to a tie score of 7 to 7. Kearney has a very strong team this year, and Creighton was not discouraged. The following Saturday Wesleyan defeated Creighton at University Place 7 to 6. The weight of the Methodist was too much for Creighton, although they displayed better knowledge of the game.

In the Marquette game the team found itself. Marquette came to Omaha much heralded, having held Wisconsin to thirteen points on the preceding Saturday. Creighton men played a beautiful game and fight than ever before seen in a Creighton team. They gave the crowd a lesson in real clean tackling and worked together like a machine with the ball in their possession.

The one thing most noticeable in the Marquette game was the manner in which every man was continually fighting to win. On Walworth's long run, the entire Creighton eleven was scattered over the field, diving into their opponents and in every way hindering them from reaching the runner. This is a feature which has been lacking in former Creighton teams.

Coach Miller was hampered at the outset with a lack of experienced material. Captain Morey Miller, Brennan, Stapleton and Parker were the only trustees on hand. Miller worked patiently with the green material for some time and finally made a personal visit to the various departments, calling for more material. The answer was instantaneous, and twenty more men took the field the following night.

McCarthy and Black, two experienced men, returned to school, raising the total to six veterans. After the defeat at Wesleyan, it was only too evident that the line lacked weight. The solution to this problem was equally quick, and a list of huskies dropped whatever kept them from the field and came to the aid of their school. In this last group were Hall, Young, Hanley and Shannon.

A squad of forty men takes the field each evening and practices until after

Standing, left to right: Walworth, Dierkes, Schowalter, Hanley, Jones, Reel, Young, Setz, and Coach Harry Miller. Kneeling, left to right: Black, Casey, Stapleton, Kamanaski, Shannon, Hall, Coady and Flood. Sitting, left to right: Pitts, Brennan, Captain Morey Miller, Warren, Parker and McCarthy.

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With the Marquette game safely tucked away, the Haskell Indians, St. Louis and South Dakota offer the remaining all-time, and from the comparative showings of Creighton and these teams, Creighton is due for a very successful season.

Wolgast Now Wants to Match Abilities With Willie Ritchie

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Ad Wolgast is once more on the trail of Willie Ritchie. Taking his recent victory over his old foe, Battling Nelson, as an excuse the "Michigan Wildcat" has come out with another challenge in which he outdoes Freddie Welch in ranting about Ritchie's mauling methods. The Milwaukee promoters have announced that they will make Ritchie a big offer for a ten-round bout which he cannot afford to pass up.

Wolgast's speed and endurance in his bout with Nelson at Milwaukee were a surprise to many who thought he was entirely through as a fighter. The "energy" with which Wolgast trained for the bout was even more surprising, and accounts for his good showing. Wolgast hates the grind of training. His laxness in preparing himself for his battles has always been his greatest handicap. But his intense desire to humble his old rival aroused his ambition as nothing else could do. Reports from his camp were to the effect that he was showing more zeal for his work than ever before.

Every morning he ran miles on the road, something he had neglected to do for previous bouts. In the gymnasium he flailed his sparring partners with a earnestness entirely missing on other occasions. Wolgast accounted for his energy by saying that he felt more like his old self than at any time since his operation for appendicitis. But the fact that all his pride was aroused acted as a stimulant and caused him to work harder than he would have done had his opponent been any other than Nelson.

CORNELL STARTS EARLY WORK WITH HER CREW

ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 25.—Coach Courtney of Cornell has not forgotten the clean-cut victory of the Syracuse crew Wesleyan, it was only too evident that the line lacked weight. The solution to this problem was equally quick, and a list of huskies dropped whatever kept them from the field and came to the aid of their school. In this last group were Hall, Young, Hanley and Shannon.

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CRUCIAL TEST IS COMING

Cornhuskers Will Soon Be Obligated to Play on Other Grounds.

TO START ON FOREIGN SCHEDULE

Will Meet Ames Aggies Saturday on Their Home Field and Take On Kansas at Lawrence Two Weeks Later.

BY JAMES E. LAWRENCE.
LINCOLN, Oct. 25.—(Special.)—With the exception of the Iowa game—the closing event of the foot ball season of 1913, the University of Nebraska has practically completed the season at home and in the next three weeks the team will have its crucial test on foreign fields.

Next Saturday the Cornhuskers meet Ames at Ames in the first of the elimination battles for the Missouri Valley championship and two weeks later the Cornhuskers go to Lawrence, Kan., for the biggest battle of the season with the old-time foe, the Jayhawkers. Sandwiched in between is a game with the Wesleyan Coyotes, but Wesleyan is not as strong as in former years and Stehm anticipates little difficulty in disposing of the Methodists.

The Ames aggregation, under the guiding hand of Coach Guy Williams, is of unknown strength. Early in the season the Aggies played Minnesota and were given an unmerciful drubbing, but the squad was made up of entirely unseasoned players and was at a tremendous disadvantage in that game.

Since then the Aggies have improved wonderfully and with Nebraska and Kansas are regarded as the real contenders for the valley honors. Nebraska always has had a most difficult task in beating the Aggies on their home grounds. Two years ago although the Cornhuskers had a big advantage in comparative scores, the best Stehm's machine could do was to secure a drawn battle. Ames and Kansas this season are being pointed for the Nebraska game and it means that Stehm's proteges will have to play their best foot ball against them.

Already Weeded Out.

Missouri, Drake, Washington and the Kansas Aggies already have been disposed of in the valley championship fight. The Haskell battle today between the Indians and the Cornhuskers had no bearing on the race inasmuch as the Indians never made a pretense of observing eligibility rules. It has been generally conceded that the victor of the Nebraska-Kansas-Ames bout will have an undisputed title to the Missouri valley honors. To maintain a clean slate means much to the Cornhuskers, for it will place Stehm's pupils in direct line as western claimants to the title. Nebraska's

clean-cut victory over the Gophers leaves no dispute as to the strength of the Nebraska eleven.

While Ames is held in wholesome regard the Kansas-Nebraska game on November 15 is regarded as the real battle for championship laurels. Arthur St. Ledger Moss, the Kansas fox, has a wonderful foot ball machine at Lawrence—one of the best the Jayhawkers institution has ever turned out, and that is saying considerably.

His squad is made up entirely of veterans who have shown themselves able exponents of both the old style and new style foot ball in the early season games. In fact Kansas' early season games have been far more imposing than the Cornhuskers, for the Jayhawkers have literally smothered their opponents with their fast offensive play.

A Thorn in His Side.

Moss would rather defeat Nebraska than win all of the other games on his schedule. He has been frank enough to say so, and he will have the assistance of many of the former Jayhawkers stars in pointing his eleven for the Nebraska game.

Nebraska will not be playing under the usual conditions on a foreign field, however, for hundreds of Cornhusker rooters are planning to make the trip to Lawrence. The Gopher game last week has done more to arouse interest than in the last five years, and the visitors are sure to be represented with a delegation of rooters almost as large as the home team.

There is one complication still standing out in the arrangements for the game. The Kansas protest of Ross is engendering a bitterness in the relations of the two schools and should Kansas stand firm in the matter it is certain Nebraska will not yield the point. Ross will be played in the game or athletic relations are sure to be severed.

Announces Its Policy.

Not a word has come to the Nebraska management relative to the Ross matter in the last week. The Cornhusker athletic board has announced its policy in the playing of Ross and has formally notified Kansas of such action, but no reply has been received. Before the end of the coming week the matter will be disposed of and there is very reason to believe Kansas will give in since the Jayhawkers have everything to lose by the cancellation of the game.

Reed has not completed checking up the tickets for the Minnesota-Nebraska game of last Saturday, but has gone far enough to definitely determine the attendance was better than for the Michigan game of two years ago. Exclusive of the Omaha delegation over 7,500 tickets were taken in and with the Omaha crowd it is certain to be well above the 7,000 mark.

With even the average crowds attending the Ames, Kansas and Nebraska games, the attendance figures promise to smash all records at Nebraska. Kansas

and Iowa both promise exceptionally big crowds and there is not the slightest question but that this will prove the most profitable season in Cornhusker foot ball. Nebraska's finances are in good shape and will see a big balance in the treasury when the gridiron games come to a close.

Morgan Believes the Abandonment of Big Auto Races is Bad

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—The abandonment of the two best known national automobile speed contests, the gold cup and the Vanderbilt, came with a shock to most of the followers of automobile racing, said W. J. Morgan, one of the pioneer promoters of speed contests, recently. Morgan, who is now completely retired from contest promotion work, is of the opinion that the above contests should not be allowed to die and that it was a great mistake that active missionary work had not been done in sufficient volume to make the running of the races possible.

"The statement made by the officers of the Savannah Automobile club that automobile contests had degenerated into a money-making proposition may or may not be true said Morgan. "It is quite true that Indianapolis placed the sport on a purely commercial basis, just as the conductors of successful horse races have done for many years. There is no particular disgrace in money being made in sport, provided the sport is clean and entirely on the square. All sport is more or less dependent on what is known as 'gate receipts,' except in the case of, say, an American cup race, where millionaires build the competing boats and then it is the pleasure craft that carry the crowds and make the money.

"Possibly the nearest to complete amateurism in automobile contests occurred when I gave the Florida Beach races, under the auspices of the Florida East Coast Automobile association. Most of the prizes were donated by prominent motorists and there were no gate receipts charged because you could not charge unless you fenced the entire beach besides it was federal property.

"The greatest amateur driver of the day were down there, including W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr.; H. L. Bowden, Boston; W. Gould Brokaw, Frank Croker, George W. Young and others. These amateurs faded away before the onrush of professional factory drivers, as is always the case where the professional is pitted against the amateur.

"I believe that automobile racing can be revived by again placing it on the basis that it occupied during the Florida races and in this case there had better be a strictly amateur division formed and some of the large cups transferred to that class for competition. The professional or factory representative can, of course, be in the professional division, where he belongs."

TO DO BIG BATTLE SATURDAY

Haskell Indians and Creighton to Play on Local Field.

FIRST MEETING IN MANY YEARS

Visitors Used to Be Considered Invincible, but Local Squad is Better Prepared to Win This Time.

The celebrated Haskell Indians will attempt to take the scalps of the Creighton warriors on Creighton field next Saturday. Judging from the showing of the Indians to date this year, Creighton is due for a rough battle.

The Indians have had easy sailing among their opponents in the south, and yesterday battled with the wily Cornhuskers at Lincoln. They are reputed to have the best team in years, and have at least two old Carlisle stars wearing their colors. No one ever attempted to hold the Indians to a clean observance of ability rules, and they all look alike. But they don't all play alike, according to Posey Kennedy, who is coaching the Haskell team this year. Kennedy coached the Kansas university team last year, and is very anxious to launch a whirlwind of a team this year at Haskell to show up the Jayhawkers. And, according to Kansas City sport writers, he is sparing no efforts to get a good team, consequently, acquired the Carlisle men. They are reputed to be essentially adept in handling the forward pass, and are said to possess one of the best, if not the best, punter in the west.

Would Delight in a Victory.

After the Indians the Creighton team will make their last trip of the year, playing St. Louis at that place November 4. St. Louis has not made a good showing this year, and Creighton supporters are confident for the first time of a Creighton victory. Creighton has never yet beaten the Missourians and a victory would be heralded with delight.

Omaha university will follow the St. Louis game. This game is regarded as a jinx. Whenever Creighton meets Omaha, one of Creighton's star men invariably gets laid out. The two teams have met on two former occasions, Justin Young and Morey Miller being the Creighton victims. Both of these were stars and both were disabled for the rest of the season by injuries. Young was forced to play out of the game for a year, only returning this year prior to the Marquette game.

No game is scheduled for November 22. Tarkio having called off her engagement with Creighton for that date. Cotner may be substituted.

The Thanksgiving day with South Dakota is not regarded with the usual misgiving. The internal dissensions at South Dakota and Notre Dame, have convinced Creighton that the Coyotes are not invincible, and they are beginning to nurse hopes of a victory over the human whirlwinds from the north.

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YALE WILL ENTER BASKET BALL TEAM IN EASTERN FIELD

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 25.—The financial difficulties which last year caused the withdrawal of the Yale University Basketball Ball association from the Intercollegiate league will no longer remain an obstacle and Yale has decided to re-enter the league. It is hoped that sufficient undergraduate interest will be awakened in the sport to prevent a deficit at the end of the season, for this year's veteran team, under Captain H. D. Swarth, should prove a strong factor in the league.

The Intercollegiate series promises to be well contested. Cornell, the winner of the 1912-13 championship, will have three members of the team back in the game. The Princeton team, which finished second, lost but one man through graduation and will also be able to draw from a championship freshman team. Columbia, Pennsylvania and Dartmouth will all have teams made up mostly of last season's men.