AN "AMATEUR STANDING" WON'T PAY BOARD BILL

NORMAL SCHOOL STAR SIGNS WITH WINIPEG IN NORTHERN LEAGUE

(By J. E. Dahlgren)

Recommended by John A. Elliott, former president of the Minnesota-Wisconsin baseball league, now defunct, Leo Huber, La Crosse normal school student hailing from Nekoosa, a small Wisconsin town where they grow fast ball players and many of them, has signed a contract for a tryout with the Winnipeg club of the Northern league, tendered him by Charles Moll, president of the club, and former president of the Wisconsin-Illinois organization.

Huber will report April 21, quitting school here for that purpose. When interviewed here, Huber told all about it and said that he was to receive $75 a month, which will knock his simon pure amateur standing higher than a German army gas bag.

Rumors that several other Normalites had signed to play minor league baseball were denied by the men themselves.

Huber is enrolled at the normal school as a freshman in the physical education course. He plays the infield, his regular job being at second base. He has been kept out of all athletics at the normal this year because of injuries received in football last fall. He was reported to be a whirlwind backfield man but in one of the practices during the first week he hurt his knee, laying him out for the season. Huber hobbled around on crutches for a couple of months and could scarcely step on his leg up to a month ago when he had an operation performed here and since has been all right. One condition of his reporting for work in April will be that his knee will be completely well.

The Baseball Question

At this writing La Crosse businessmen—everyone of whom is as anxious to corral the almighty dollar as two strange cats are to fight—have not decided whether they want to get into the ranks of the live ones by taking a franchise in the Central association or stay right where they are at the present time. Someone has said that it is impossible to stand still; that you either go forward or backward, upward or downward. Surely taking a franchise in a baseball league is not a backward step.

It is to be hoped that a definite announcement of a concerted movement of baseball may be announced within the next 48 hours.

President Ford May Come

President J. F. Ford of the Central association, mayor of Fort Dodge, Ia., and all around sportsman with a statewide reputation, in a letter to Mike Malloy says that he may come to La Crosse to look over the baseball situation. He has asked Mike to reserve a place for him in the Tri-state bowling tournament which will be held here soon. Ford is a bowler of considerable ability, it is said and his appearance here would no doubt be for the benefit of all concerned.

Alex Comes and Goes

Alex Elmslie was in town the other day. He does not consider his visit here complete unless he can trim Charley Schweizer, his ancient rival, at billiards. He did it this time in a tastey manner showing much of the stuff which has made him one of the best billiard players in the country. Alex and Charley have crossed cues, so to speak, in many state tournaments and in many more private matches such as the one played at the La Crosse club and both enjoy the games, the Milwaukeean as a player and the local star as a spectator, as a rule.

However, that is not what we intend to bring to the attention of the readers of this column.

La Crosse is taking a back seat for Milwaukee every time Elmslie comes here. Keen competition has made Elmslie a good player. It may do the same thing for some La Crosse man. To that end it is to be desired that a city tournament be held annually, and some day, La Crosse may bring out an ivory nicker who will show them all how to play the game.

And We Begin to Live

Soon the ice will move out of the river, basketball days will be over, track athletes and baseball will be with us and the fishing season will open. All of which prompts us to wonder why a fellow will continue to live in this clime and freeze and pay coal bills and suffer for eight months of the year.

BOWLING

Go to Rochester

The Williams' All-Stars, winners of the Rochester, Minn., bowling tournament last year with a score of 2,809, will try to repeat next Wednesday in the "Queen City." Two other teams, which had planned to attend, will not be able to go because of inability to get a Sunday date. A number of the bowlers were unable to make satisfactory arrangements with their employers.

The members of the team are Schneeberger, Williams, Malloy, Hayes and Ed Erickson, among the best bowlers in La Crosse. They will enter in the singles and doubles, also.

The Tri-State Tourney

Indications are that the record for entries in the Tri-State tournament, which opens March 25, will be shattered this year.

"Eight Germania teams and ten City league teams have entered," announced Manager Mike Malloy on Saturday. "We want forty teams from this city and expect three or four from the Elks, and one or two from all of the other fraternal orders. The brewing companies will enter teams and many other concerns will send over a five man team. Tomah has promised three, Rochester three, Winona eight or nine, Dubuque four, Albert Lea one, Wabasha one or two, and Sparta one or two. Mayor J. F. Ford of Fort Dodge, Iowa, wants to bowl in the tournament. There were twenty-eight local teams entered last year. We sent out over 200 letters through the Chamber of Commerce."

The entries close on Wednesday.

New World's Record

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 17.—Another world's record was set at the American Bowling congress here this afternoon, when Nick and Ben Budinger of the Americus team of Chicago bowled 1,312 in the two-men events. Nick rolled 224, 247, 226, and Ben scored 231, 191, 193. The previous record of 1,304 was made by Schwoegler brothers of Madison, Wis., in 1909.

Singles

Otto Kalusch, Rochester, N. Y., 698.
Brian Bradshaw, Cleveland, 690.
Joe Shaw, Chicago, 683.
Ed Matak, St. Paul, 680.
Fred Meigan, Detroit, 679.

Two Men Teams

Budinger Bros., Chicago, 1,312.
Edwards-West, Buffalo, 1,299.
Smorowski-Lundgren, Chicago, 1,290.
Ware-Dech, Fargo, N. D., 1,287.
Snyder-Young, Toedo, 1,278.
Klug-Elwert, Toledo, 1,253.

Ye Old Fan's Yarns

Why Pink Hawley Quit

"D'jever hear why Pink Hawley quit baseball?" asked Ye Old Fan, shifting his chaw to an inner recess of his jowl in preparation for action. It was like clearing decks on a dreadnaught.

The scribe admitted that he hadn't.

"Well, 'course y' know Pink wuz manager of the La Crosse ball club for a number of years. He went fine the first two seasons, winnin' the flag each time, pitchin' regularly and getting away with it. John Elliott wuz shaking hands with the rest of the directors and they wuz a-pattin' each others' backs becuz they had a winnin' team and a fine manager. But it wuzn't long before Pink began to lose prestige with the home folks. They wuz gettin' to him on the diamond every time he pitched and soon Pink wuzn't pitchin' no more. Elliott prodded him and the rest of the boys got after him and Pink made a few trys at it but it seemed that his luck had deserted. He had just as much steam as ever and did whiff a few o' them but it wuz nothin' like the old stuff he used to give 'em. The team began to lose games and Pink decided he had to have another pitcher. The directors got tired of tryin' to pry the secret outa Pink so they went to the manager of the visitin' team one day and asked him.

"'Aw, there ain't nuthin' to it no more,' he said. 'We couldn't hit Pink once and we lost most of our games when he wuz in da box; but not any more. I orders da boys to bunt towards the pitcher's box when Pink is workin' and he can't pick 'em up; he's too fat. Da boys is all beatin' out bunts and it's beatin' you. I wouldn't tell you dis but da season's nearly over and we can't win anyhow.'

"And then the directors remembered that Pink measured 58 inches around his belt and they watched him. Sure 'nough. The opposin' manager had the straight goods. Pink stayed on the bench after that and it wuzn't long before the directors decided that they couldn't afford a bench manager. Pink sought other fields but the secret was out and he soon quit the game."

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Wins Net Title

NEW YORK, March 17.—Miss Marie Wagner won the woman's national indoor tennis championship for a sixth time Saturday when she defeated Miss Eleanor Goss, 6 to 3, 6 to 1.

Miss Wagner and Miss Margaret Taylor won the doubles finals, defeating Mrs. John Anderson and Miss Edith Howe, 6 to 4, 6 to 4.

Quits Racing

The possibility that Dario Resta will not be seen again on speedway or road has bobbed up. Two reasons are advanced for Resta's possible retirement. It is said he is not satisfied with his contract with Alphonse Kaufman, owner of the Peugeot in which Dario scored his American triumphs, and also that his wife, a sister of the late Spencer Wishart, fears he will meet the same fate as her brother, who was killed at Elgin.

SPORT-O-GRAPHS

By J. E. Dahlgren

As Omar Would Put It

A book of trout flies underneath the bough,
A fishing pole, a jug of bait and Thou
To guide me to the spot where fish abound—
And I would be in Paradise, I vow.

Which reminded the gentleman at the adjacent desk that it was just four weeks to the opening of the trout fishing season.

Many trout fishermen believe in preparedness; they are already laying a large supply of bait—in bottles.

But He's a Fisherman

PORTLAND, Me., March 13.—While snowballs as a diet may not have any appreciable effect on the high cost of living, they served their purpose in saving the life of William A. Murphy, a deep sea fisherman hailing from Newport.

Lack of water caused him to become so weak that he could not man the oars, and he gave up, expecting to die, when a snow storm started. Murphy scraped the fallen snow from the bottom of the boat, made snowballs and ate. That revived his strength sufficiently for him to guide his dory into the path of the steamship Matoa, eighteen miles off Brenton reef lightship.

Famous Sundays

Easter.
Chocolate Nut.
Billy.

Many a man who lives next door to a human that owns a musical feline which insists on midnight practice on the fence between the house is an ardent believer in cloture.

Pop Knows Everything

Willie—Pa, I see that Webster says that cloture is a proceeding which stops further debate; is that true?

Pa—No, my son, not in this house when I get home at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Write Your Own Caption

Bill for divorce in St. Paul court: KISS VS. KISS.

As we see it, all that the Reno branch of the Milwaukee road needs are some new ties, new steel, new roadbed, new steel coaches and a new locomotive. Outside of these trifling details it is a most excellent railroad.

Oh, Girls!

Assemblyman Hanson, reporting to the state legislature on his observations at the junior prom, said he saw $4.95 cents worth of some of the $5 silk stockings the girls wore, and when we remember that you had shoes on, or——

A news item informs us that ex-Alderman Ed Neuman, formerly of the Gund Brewing company, has purchased the Dome moving picture theater. From liquor to flicker, as it were.

"Yokel and Reuben to meet."—Headline, wrestling march.

"Suggested that Farmer Burns referee the scrap," adds B. L. T.

If Mr. Rowland really has any serious intentions of busting up that ol' American league this year we would advise him to hire the fellow who handled the Russian revolution.

Incidentally he might show Pancho Villa in Mexico the path to the seat now occupied by Venustiana Carranza.

High Sost of Sports

(Girard in Phila. Public Ledger.)

Sports come high, but we must have them. A billiard player insures his hand for $100,000.

A baseball pitcher earns $3 every time he hurls the ball.

A football coach gets double the salary of a United States senator.

Prize fighters have made more than $1,000 a minute.

Pretty good for men to be able to do that, but I once saw a horse capture more than $50,000 in two minutes.

Tom Moore's lines on Sheridan fit a large class of American people:

"Good at a fight, but better at play;
"Godlike in giving, but the devil to pay."

And in the meanwhile President Wilson is working away in Washington for a measly $15,000 a year.

President Ford of the Central association may have to equip this part of the machine with a self-starter if he expects any action.

Cambridge, Mass., news item announces that Censor Mike Casey will not allow the Harvard Hasty Pudding club to stage a bare-legged dance in which the dancers are men alleging that naked limbs are shocking. Casey goes south in the winter time so he won't have to blush when he sees the naked limbs of the Cambridge elms.

The Song of the Bush

I do not grieve
For those who leave
To star in the big leagues with thine and with thee;
I watch them climb
And bide my time,
For sooner or later they come back to me.

Life—'tis the same
As any game;—
We struggle along till we climb to the top
To bask the while
In Fame's fleet smile,
To be quickly forgotten after we drop.

Scissors—Bosh!

John Olin

Some one acting as press agent for Joe Stecher, recently quoted the Nebraska wrestling marvel as saying that he had killed a horse once with his scissors hold. John Olin, the Finn, who has one victory over Stecher to his credit, has no fear of the leg grip.

"Go out and get me another match with Joe Stecher," Olin told his managers, Waino Ketonen and Hjalmer Lundin.

"I admit I am inexperienced in catch-as-catch-can, and have much to learn. The man who beats me will have to show great speed and constantly trick me into bad spots. No slow, methodical wrestler like Stecher can do that. But matching us, strength against strength, I have all the best of it. His scissor hold has no terrors for me. I can break it just as I broke it in Springfield. To me it is not a punishing hold."

FORWARD PASS RULE CHANGED BY MAKERS

Artificial Tee and Side Line Coaching Banned in New York Session

NEW YORK, March 17.—The football rules committee on Saturday approved changes in the forward pass rule, voted against use of an artificial tee in place of kicking, and took steps to eliminate coaching from the side lines.

In the case of illegal interferences with a forward pass, under the new rule, the ball will be given to the offended side at the point where the foul was committed instead of being put back in play. To reduce side line coaching, a new rule forbids a substitute from communicating with fellow players until the ball has been put into play.

Y. W. C. A. CHALLENGERS VICTORS

Defefat Bethany Center Team Friday Evening by Score of 30 to 16

Bethany Center went down to defeat at the hands of the Y. W. C. A. Challengers in an interesting game between the two girls' basketball teams at the Y. W. C. A. gymnasium Friday evening. The score was 30 to 16. The Challengers had the best of the fray during the first half, this period ending with the score at 22 to 10, but in the latter half the Bethany team tightened up, allowing the victors but eight points, scoring six themselves.

The lineup:

Bethany—Margaret Weigel and Myrtle Kaeppler, forwards; Mary Konetchy and Frieda Gerky, centers; Anna Spika and Esther Schnick, guards.

Challengers — Barbara Leisgang and Jennie Daniels, forwards; Irene Edwards, Hazel Bronson and Josephine Holcomb, centers; Ruth Edwards and Grace Williams, guards.

Following the game the two teams were entertained in the library of the association building and refreshments were served.

STATES TO CO-OPERATE FOR BETTER GAME LAWS PROBERS MAY MEET HERE

That Minnesota and Wisconsin have agreed to name a joint legislative committee to revise the game and fish laws, and that a hearing will be held in La Crosse or St. Paul before the end of the month was the news brought to La Crosse Saturday by Frank E. Withrow upon his return from Madison where, with others, he appeared before legislative committees in discussion of the new bill which had been proposed for introduction.

"Mr. Barber of the conservation commission informed me that all the necessary steps have been taken and that a joint committee will be named to go over the situation," said Mr. Withrow. Frank Gillet of Genoa David Gantenbein of Diamond Bluff, and 250 others met at Madison to discuss the various points of the new bill. One hundred amendments were offered, it was said.

It was announced that the commercial fishermen will ask for a law prohibiting the sale of game fish, that they will agree to supervision of their hauls in the Mississippi river and other boundary streams, but that they will object to paying the wages of the warden. The bill will be redrafted in time for introduction at the present session and all of the ticklish questions now in dispute will be settled, it is expected.

Mr. Withrow announced that the Minnesota legislature would agree to name a committee to act in conjunction with the men from Wisconsin.

The great American slang is incomprehensible to the British brother. After hearing that Ambassador Bernstorff had "thrown the bull" he informed a friend on the quiet that the Yankees regarded the German as a "bloomin' Spanish athlete, don'tcheknow."

As we rumble to press the fashion dictors are cutting inches off the bottom of women's skirts.

The new ones will make the dear girls look shorter, especially the tall, thin ones.

And they will also make the men look longer.

DILLON BARS GOTHAM WILL NOT BOX THERE

Claims Critics Are Against Him Every Time He Fails to Score Knockout

(By H. C. Hamilton)

NEW YORK, March 17.—Jack Dillon, erstwhile Indianapolis bearcat, mankiller, and holder of several other sanguinary titles, is the most unfortunate scrapper inhabitating the United States. His refusal to battle Jim Flynn after he had lost his chance to get on with Les Darcy, brought it out fully.

When Dillon came to New York not a long time ago Billy Miske battled him for ten rounds and did a fairly good job of it. Dillon scored heavily against the St. Paul false alarm, but he was much surprised the next day to discover that nearly every newspaper in the city had come to the conclusion that Miske had beaten him.

Then Jack came back to New York and met Miske again. He didn't make quite so good a showing, but he did well and easily held Miske to a draw. However, the critics again set it down as a victory for Miske.

Then Dillon got mad. He came to the conclusion that his former roughness had got him in bad. He had made such a habit of beating up his opponents that critics were unable to see his side of the bout when he failed to knock somebody down a few times when he appeared in a ring.

So he got himself matched up with Al McCoy as a prelude to his battling Darcy. He whipped McCoy so badly it was a shame, but he was incensed when he awakened the next morning and found himself criticised for not knocking McCoy out. In fact, two rounds of the scrap were credited to McCoy by more than one.

McCoy took a beating that many a heavyweight would have fallen under. He was hit plenty of times and he was hit hard. He deserved full credit for winning the bout just as far as he did, but he didn't get it. Dillon says he won't fight again in New York. No one can censure him for such a decision. He was rapidly losing his reputation when he decided to go back to Indiana.

SPORT DOPE

Crane, the new shortstop obtained by Washington from the Baltimore club, cost the Senators $6,000 in cash and players.

Pitcher Earl Hamilton, of the St. Louis Browns, is working out in Havana with Marsans, Acosta, Gonzales and other Cuban big leaguers.

In case war is declared few of the minor baseball leagues will be willing to take a chance in competition with the "world's game" the coming season.

The Chicago Cubs are to open their spring tour of practice games at Pasadena, March 2, with the Los Angeles Pacific Coast league team as their opponents.

Word from St. Louis has it that Manager Fielder Jones of the Browns is to start house cleaning. Half a dozen or more of the Browns are to be traded.

Managers Hugh Jennings of the Detroit Tigers and John McGraw of the New York Giants are to spend a few days together at Havana before joining their teams at the training camps.

TOSSERS CLAIM TITLE

The Midget Tossers basketball team, after defeating the Cardinals Saturday by a score of 5 to 0, claimed the city championship of the juvenile division. The game was played in the high school gym and Kelly starred for the victors. The team lined up as follows: Don Gordon, center; Hurtgen and Kelly, forwards; Pamperin and Captain Reay, guards.