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FIELDING DOPE OUT

CENTRAL LEAGUE AVERAGES ARE PUBLISHED.

WHEELING CLUB LEADER

Staples at the Top in Team Work—Local Players Near the Top in Several Departments of Guns.

Robert A. Schmelle, President F. P. Carson's private secretary, has done out the Central league fielding averages for 1907. According to the Sacred Wheeling bel in team fielding with a percentage of .957 and closely following were Canton, Springfield and Evansville, the last named percentage, .953 putting it only four points behind the leaders.

South Bend ranks sixth in the team fielding averaging .945, closely crowding Terre Haute. Grand Rapids' dethroned champions were fall spilers in this department of the game, their percentage being but .942.

Malachel Kittridge, Dayton's manager, and Frank Crosa, who caught part of the season for South Bend and a game or two for the Tots, were practically the leaders among the backstops each averaging .985. Hanna Tinman, the leader of last year's bunch, this year's with a percentage of .985 in his 62 games, but it must be remembered that the German worked without relief through many a hard battle during the latter part of the summer. At that he handed out Hickey, who made his debut in a splurged debut, and who was next at the bottom of the list with the average of .937 in 53 games. Ben Harworth doubled behind the bat in seven games with perfect fielding, but he was not considered the best on his job in 113 games. Angel Grant, the careless leader of the local bunch was down near the bottom of the list in the figures, but the figures do not tell the story of his work across the family little captain covered.

Down at third B. B. Kelly, of the local nine, averaged .900, but he was better than any other local third sacker except Ed Ward, who slugging made him a valuable acquisition to the team. The real leader of the third sackman was the Francis. Grand Rapids' rough neck, who played around the corner in 120 games, and finished with an average of .951. Orazio Finch the league's star for the season of 1907, ranked fourth among the shortstops, playing 121 games at the job and averaging .921. Jack Ryan, Dayton's Chief's great fielder, was the real leader with a percentage of .934.

Of the outfielders Edward Java Corfer is credited with going through 87 games without a single error in the outfield across wave. Laughlin, who was famous more because he was dead and dutch and because he was an Indian than for his ball playing, had a percentage of .966 in 120 games. Corfer was second the leaders also, and Fred Price, who met an untimely death in a railroad accident last fall, was right behind Biffle. Biz Gene Chetie who had varied exploits playing for Grand Rapids, Dayton and South Bend, averaged .951.

Following are the averages in detail:

Team Fielding.

Clubs	Games	P. O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Wheeling	143	3484	1799	219	.957
Canton	143	3417	1797	245	.955
Springfield	139	3036	1686	205	.954
Evansville	143	3488	1848	256	.953
Terre Haute	144	3547	1875	263	.953
South Bend	144	3534	1896	267	.945
Dayton	144	3541	1876	268	.945
Grand Rapids	143	3488	1848	273	.942

Catchers.

Players	Club	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Williams, T. H.	12	61	17	1		1.000
Kittridge, D.	19	121	11	2		.985
Cross, T. H.	37	193	39	2		.985
Tinman, S. B.	62	384	77	7		.985
Yeats, O.	14	72	18	2		.979
Fielder, W.	94	419	102	9		.979
Bliss, Evans	40	187	41	4		.979
Kelly, C.	48	244	43	6		.976
Clark, E.	90	489	97	15		.975
Fuller, G.	40	216	37	7		.975
Yeager, C.	40	274	53	8		.974
Harworth, B.	113	641	102	20		.971
Spahr, W.	14	63	12	2		.970
Massey, D.	46	464	114	18		.967
Hickey, Jas.	53	291	71	12		.937
Thomas, J.	20	87	24	3		.937
Holmes, C.	46	408	113	25		.937
Johnson, S. B.	13	56	16	4		.937
Frazee, T. H.	38	411	105	28		.916
Moran, G.	14	61	16	6		.900

First Basemen.

Players	Club	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Myers, C.	121	1015	72	21		.991
Chenel, G. H.	35	319	19	3		.991
Ward, E.	120	1000	77	10		.990
Frazee, T. H.	13	124	4	1		.990
Spangler, W.	134	1211	100	20		.986
Richardson, D.	79	676	43	10		.986
Hickey, Jas.	16	144	8	2		.986
Haworth, B.	102	1004	53	16		.986
Beaden, S.	28	1159	107	17		.985
Kahn, T. H.	26	275	15	6		.972
Bliss, Evans	40	403	24	12		.972
Dailey, D.	35	303	18	8		.972
Bliss, G. H.	19	140	17	4		.972
Fuller, G.	21	180	11	5		.972
Clark, S.	30	191	13	4		.958

Second Basemen.

Players	Club	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Sondelman, W.	38	74	44	3		.972
McCombs, W.	118	397	374	32		.952
McGreer, C.	107	348	327	32		.952
Kalb, E.	108	400	349	39		.951
Kelly, B.	14	47	44	5		.951
O'Brien, D.	47	153	150	16		.950
Smith, G. R.	78	199	177	21		.947
Hamilton, S. A.	44	141	124	15		.947
Bonadna, J.	14	44	39	5		.946
Wheeler, T. H.	23	84	80	9		.946
Fraser, S.	15	48	39	6		.946
Mahoney, S. B.	19	61	57	6		.945
Hickey, Jas.	24	81	76	9		.945
Nelson, T. H.	81	77	295	35		.945
Grant, S. B.	119	359	378	43		.942
Bliss, Evans	40	124	126	15		.942
Robinson, T. H.	21	64	68	8		.939

Third Basemen.

Players	Club	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Kelly, B.	28	31	50	5		.951
Francis, G. H.	98	122	305	17		.951
Walker, D.	104	161	318	24		.951
Goodman, T. H.	61	127	134	20		.928
Finch, O.	121	151	347	38		.921
Brown, S. B.	12	11	32	4		.921
Hoover, S. B.	19	17	52	6		.921
Ward, E.	13	17	35	4		.921
Bliss, G. H.	19	17	35	4		.921
Venable, W.	104	200	182	32		.900
Frazee, T. H.	14	17	27	5		.900
H. B. Kelly, S. B.	46	44	54	11		.900
Bliss, Evans	40	44	54	11		.900
Sager, E.	119	144	297	47		.900
Robinson, T. H.	13	19	19	4		.888
Hickey, Jas.	12	11	21	3		.888
Armstrong, C.	11	10	21	3		.888
Moran, G. R.	14	14	18	4		.882
Ward's, T. H.	38	34	76	14		.882
Fuch, C.	14	15	15	4		.795
Sullivan, J.	20	14	35	12		.795

Shortstops.

Players	Club	G.	P. O.	A.	E.	Pct.
Klipp, G. R.	27	39	69	7		.960
Lindsay, C.	133	203	414	34		.955
Crowder, R.	142	193	375	34		.955
Finch, O.	121	188	374	34		.955
Dunn, S.	117	177	366	33		.955
Wenzel, W.	111	169	374	37		.948
Goodman, T. H.	34	51	105	8		.948
Nabiet, T. H.	13	14	33	3		.946

HULL OF MICHIGAN, IS AGAIN WINNER AT OXFORD.

LAWRENCE CAMERON HULL.

Lawrence Cameron Hull again demonstrated his athletic ability at Oxford, Eng., by winning the high jump, the weight event and the quarter mile run. Hull is a product of Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich., and the Lawrenceville, N. J., and Phillips academy, school of Brooklyn. He is a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

FOOD TOWN WINNER

BATTLE CREEK FIVE BEATS C.-A. C. BASKET BALLERS.

Game is Close, Score Being 32 to 27—Talcott Star for Locals.

C.-A. C. basketball team lost on the club's floor to Battle Creek Y. M. C. A. by a score of 32 to 27 last evening. The game was one of the hottest ever seen on a local floor and local fans were much crowded over the contest. Capt. Talcott, of the C.-A. C., played brilliantly throughout. In the first half his basket throwing was a feature. The Marts brothers played a good game all around for the visitors. Spore, of Battle Creek, shined for the visitors.

The game was very close up to the last minute of play, Battle Creek and Creek scored two baskets from the field. In the first half the C.-A. C. five had the lifting of the argument but seemed to slow up and the conditions at the end of the game. Half time and at the end of the game the Battle Creek commercial five were all in.

The large crowd that witnessed the game was on its feet half the time cheering the crack team work of the visitors. The visitors could not let up for a minute, for Capt. Talcott, of Talcott as the dynamo and forced none of the contest kept the score six points ahead.

The lineup and summary was as follows:

C.-A. C. (27)		Battle Creek (32)
J. Harris	forward	Abel
L. Harris	forward	Hunter
Potter	center	Spore
Talcott	guard	Kellogg
C. Dodge	guard	Finley

Field goals—T. Harris, 4; L. Harris, 2; Talcott, 4. Dodge, 1; Finley, 6; McMillan, 1; Spore, 5. Fouls thrown—Talcott, 3; Finley, 3. Time—Two 20s. Awarded point—Spore. Fyne and Mellon, referees. Myers and Abell, timekeepers. Bingham, scorer. Attendance, 350.

SENATORS AND ELKS TO MEET.

Will Roll Series on Temple Alleys—Bowling Notes.

Senators and Elks will roll a series on the bowling alleys tonight. A fast series is expected and both fives will work for a victory.

Antlers lost two games to the Horns in the Elks league. Jay rolled 213 for high and tied with Teeters at 179 1-3 for best average. Scores:

ANTLERS.

Ferrine	150	184	181
Sherman	181	166	180
Teeters	150	186	206
Chaffee	179	152	178
Bush	146	165	137
Hadridge	145	185	157
Totals	854	935	893

HORNS.

Dolph	138	187	152
Kimale	147	129	145
Hover	146	166	151
Jay	182	181	213
Handsup	165	195	166
Totals	774	978	882

Tylers won from the Regulars in the Antlers league. Tylers made the scorer rolled 181 for high score and 179 for average. Scores:

REGULARS.

Smith	74	152	137
Mohn	121	121	98
Dewey	121	121	89
Jones	121	121	89
Warwick	181	158	128
Handsup	121	121	89
Totals	811	842	741

TYLERS.

Calson	142	119	151
Kies	121	138	138
Zimmer	158	138	181
Kaiser	158	181	158
Kamm	125	125	125
Handsup	150	150	150
Totals	859	876	908

CARSON IS CAPTAIN

WILL LEAD HIGH SCHOOL ELEVEN NEXT YEAR.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR 1908

Team Not to Start Under as Many Handicaps as the '07 Sound in Opinion of Followers.

With the election of Clarke Carson, son of Dr. F. R. Carson, president of the Central league, as captain of the South Bend High school team for 1908 the prospects for a winning team next year are bright. It is thought at the school by football followers that Carson's election occured at a meeting of members of the team held at the school and was unanimous, the new leader's record at end during the past season entitling him to the position without a doubt.

Carson was one of the stars of the team this past season. It is said that only the very best of interference could force a gain around his end of the line and never a single runner was able to circle the opposite end. Aside from his playing on the defense he was adept in running down punts and repeatedly downed backs anxious to recover from about as soon as they had caught the ball. With his knowledge of the game and experience he will undoubtedly make a first class leader.

Strongest Team Next Year.

The team will be stronger next year than it was this year. Only two men will be back in the squad which is a different state of affairs from that existing the past fall when only four men with experience were out for the team.

While the team this year did not win the title it held after the defeat of Goshen at the finish in 1906 it put up a pretty good article of football. There was a good deal of chaff on the colors and weight and inexperience. Coach Ewalt had a hard job and he had much to do with the comparatively poor showing. The team averaged 17 years of age and only 134½ pounds in weight.

The team this year had a good leader and did much to round the team into form as it finally attained. He played his position well and ran the team in a skillful, spirited manner. He will be back next year.

The record in seven high school games this year was two victories, two ties and three defeats. Mishawaka and Lancaster were the games which ended in victory for the local team. Of the ties two of the strongest teams in the high school race, were held to no score. Goshen was winner in the final game of the season and the game was the hardest fought game of Michigan City. The second defeat by Michigan City really should not be counted, since it is unusual to expect to provide more than one conflict and the local team was crippled. Two of the best players were substitutes aided when they played the locals as Michigan City by other things not included as a rule in ethics of the game.

BLACKBURN BEATS GUENTHER.

Mulatto Scores Knockout by Trick Over Australian.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 7.—Jack Blackburn, the formidable mulatto, scored a clean knockout over George Guenther, the russet Australian negro, early in the fifth round of their bout here last night.

Blackburn tricked Guenther to his feet by a feint and then shot his right with his back to Guenther. The latter thought he had him in an awkward position and rushed upon him. That was just what Blackburn wanted and he had the Australian on his back. The other suddenly turned around and landed a terrific swing to the jaw. Guenther fell like a log and never moved until he had been counted out.

The Australian was game to the last fight. Guenther, who is a stiff punch-er, rushed his rival savagely, trying for a knockout, but Blackburn's superb defense and footwork saved him. Guenther weighed possibly 20 pounds more than the victor. It was the first time he was ever knocked out.

GOTCH DEFEATS INDIAN.

War Eagle Makes Hard Fight Against Champion Wrestler.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Frank Gotch, American wrestling champion, threw Chief War Eagle, the giant Indian, to the mat twice in two falls at Brook's Casino last night, but it took the best the champion had to pull the trick.

It was one of the most desperately fought battles ever seen on a Chicago mat, and the immense crowd was in an uproar from beginning to end. The Indian's tactics were longer heard in Chicago, but none more fierce and exciting. War Eagle opposed a tremendous amount of the skill and quickness of the champion with brute force. There have been longer bouts