

The Creighton Bluejays Win Bertieys in A-Conference First Team

Gaver, Neary, Mahoney, "Fitz" and Lang Named

Nolan, Speicher and Bertoglio Awarded Places on Jack North's Second Eleven.

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THE North Central conference football scramble during the season just closed was without a doubt the best in the history of organization.

Close competition, strong teams and fine spirit helped make the conference season a great success.

South Dakota State, coached by Jack West carried off championship honors during the season. South Dakota university finished in the runner-up position and Creighton university was third.

Creighton played the State team, had a 7 to 0 lead in the fourth quarter and looked like a cinch until State took advantage of a "break" and tied the score.

A long punt, fumbled by Creighton gave State the ball on the 30-yard line and a forward pass, just over the goal line on the fourth down, enabled State to score.

In the final minutes Earl Welch, subbing for his brother, booted a field goal between the bars and it spelled defeat to Creighton and gave State the undisputed conference championship.

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High School Cage Coaches Prepare Squads for Coming Season

Develops Champ High Grid Teams

FROM a Junior High school limited to the 19th grade in 1922 to the undisputed southwestern championship and a claimant to the Iowa State senior high school football title is the story of the Thomas Jefferson High school of Council Bluffs, Ia.

Thomas Jefferson began football as a team averaging 134 pounds in weight won six straight games during the season of 1922. In 1923 the team lost two games, tied one and won four. In 1924 Thomas Jefferson gridsters won eight straight games.

William H. Thompson, who was the first coach at Thomas Jefferson, is an Omaha boy who came to Jefferson High school from Kingfisher college in Oklahoma. During the two years that he coached there, Kingfisher was among the ranking football teams of the southwest.

Returning this year to Thomas Jefferson he coached the "Yellow Jackets" to the southwestern championship. Thomas Jefferson has won every game while Thompson has been their coach.

Although Coach Thompson's team averaged only 150 pounds in weight, its record has been such as to cause such noted high school teams as Cedar Rapids, and Technical High school of Harrisburg, Pa., to consider Thomas Jefferson as a prospect for their 1925 schedule.

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Peru Leads With Four Players on Conference Team

Chadron Places Two Men on All-State Eleven—Buttgenbach Choice of All Coaches.

OUR members of Peru's championship eleven, two huskies from Chadron, a pair of Hastings stars and a representative from Midland, Kearney and Grand Island were given choice places on the all-state conference team plucked by the coaches, officials and sport writers who saw the majority of the battles waged during the 1924 pluck campaign.

Peru, Chadron and Hastings were the outstanding elevens in the race for the conference flag. Grand Island and Midland ran the leaders a close race, all showing considerable improvement over preceding years.

Coach Holst's Bronchos did not lose a game but were put out of the running on account of a tie game with Midland. The strength of the two teams was about on a par, both having played the games with Nebraska Wesleyan, a non-conference team.

Thanksgiving day saw Peru and Chadron battling on the latter's field for the state championship. The first few minutes of play after a Chadron backfield man had fumbled a goal, the Peru players scored a 6 to 0 win, carrying the ball across in tied.

To the winner goes the spoils—hence four Peru stars, Captain Gilkison, end; Welmer, tackle; Edie, halfback; and Buttgenbach, fullback were picked as players of all-state caliber.

Eastern All-Star Team Beats West
Cleveland, Dec. 6.—Eastern all-star football players defeated their western all-star college opponents, 13 to 12, here today.

Injury May Keep Hawkeye Star Out of Basket Ball
Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 6.—The injury to his shoulder will probably keep Bill Fleckenstein from playing basket ball this season.

McLean Invades New Orleans Track With Large Stable of Thoroughbreds
By TAD EVANS.
R. F. McLean, trainer for the Sneed and McLean stable of thoroughbreds of Omaha, has again invaded New Orleans with his string of bangtails.

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Open Basket Season at "Y" Tuesday Night

Commercial League Will Swing Into Action Wednesday Night.

THE Y. M. C. A. basketball leagues in the senior divisions of the sport are ready to open the season this week when the Commercial League Class A church league and two Class B church leagues swing into action.

The Church Class A league opens the season Tuesday, December 9, the Commercial League Wednesday, December 10, and the Class B Church loops on the following Friday and Saturday nights. Thirty-two teams will compete in the four divisions.

The "Y" basket ball committee has outlined a program this season which it hopes will do much to speed up the brand of ball played on the local court.

In the Commercial league and Class A Church loop only players of Class A class may play. Every player must be a senior member of the Y. M. C. A.

No team will be allowed to postpone a game, and no changes will be made in the order of the games to be played. If a team cannot report for a game, the contest will be forfeited.

In the Class B Church league only players of recognized Class B standing will be allowed to play. No player who has played on a major college or university team during the past year, or any other man who is unquestionably of Class A caliber, will be considered eligible for the Class B division.

The Commercial league schedule: Wednesday Nights.
December 9—7:30. Townsend Gunns against Anderson All-Stars; 8:05. Thompson against Grace Presbyterian; 8:40. Grace Presbyterian against Omaha Athletic club; 9:15. Nebraska Power against Nebraska Power.

Trojans Find Orange Easy Prey, Defeating Eastern Eleven, 16 to 0
Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Sweeping the invaders off their feet with a terrific attack, the University of Southern California football team defeated the powerful Syracuse eleven, 16 to 0, here this afternoon.

Simmons gained more ground than any other Syracuse player, McBride showed a few flashes, but his work was a disappointment.
N. Anderson and Fay Thomas, all-const tackles, had an easy time with the Syracuse stars, Waldorf and Starbuck.

The attack of the Trojans was a complete surprise; the team was practically unbeatable today and throughout the game the ball was kept in Syracuse territory. The field was slow as the result of a heavy rain last night.

The Trojans scored their first touchdown five minutes after the opening whistle. Bayley attempted to punt from the shadow of his own goal line, but Adams smeared the kick. Hawkins of the Trojans secured a three-point lead when he placed a perfect kick through the Syracuse goal posts.

Adams scored a touchdown when he broke through, blocked another punt and raced 40 yards for a touchdown. U. S. C. scored its second touchdown in the fourth quarter, obtaining the ball on the Syracuse 40-yard-line. Eddie Green, a substitute, tossed a perfect throw to Hawkins over the Orange line.

North High to Have Team in Field This Year

Creighton Prep, 1923 State Champs, to Start Season With New Lineup—Tech Five Looks Best.

ALTHOUGH Omaha prep schools will not compete on the hardwood court for several weeks, coaches of the four principal high schools have had their men going through their paces for some time in preliminary workouts and the first official practices will start Monday at all schools.

There is another high school basketball team in Omaha this year. Coach Hill's North High five, but as the North Side team is still more or less in an embryonic state, little is expected of it in the way of competition for city honors.

The basket ball season rolls around again to find two Omaha high schools, Central and South, without proper playing floors.

Central has a fairly good practice floor but no means to accommodate spectators, while the South High "match box" fits the South High enrollment like an overcoat on a flea.

Technical and Creighton have good gyms and will bear the brunt of games played this season.
The Nebraska state and Omaha city champions of 1923, the Creighton prepsters, are in a woeful condition.

Drennan lost every regular from his championship team, and has but one letterman, Captain Wallace Gould, around whom to build another championship team this season.

The Central High five, runner-up for state honors in 1924, have been utilizing a new system to pick men to contest for positions on the squad. Coach Knapp has had an interclass league functioning for some time in order to discover just who's who in Purple Togs and expects to pick his squad from the contestants in the intramural loop.

Marrow, Robertson and Horacek are lettermen who were eligible for the squad, and Knapp has a half dozen other candidates who will put up a bid for a place on the team.

Coach Drummond's Technical High team looks to be the class of the city quintets. Led by Captain Elmer Holm, guard; Charquist, Swartz and O'Brien, all of whom are forwards, are back in Maroon suits.

Charmack and Holm are veterans of the state championship five of 1923, while Swartz and O'Brien played good ball last season.
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