

It's the Scissors Hold on the Bank Roll that Counts Right Now

SUBMITS AUCTION LIST TO WESTERN

Harry Sinclair Asks for Bids from Western League Owners for His Ex-Federal Athletes.

OTHER WESTERN LOOP GOSSIP

Henry Ford Sinclair, oil magnate, banker, newspaper publisher and owner of some 90 per cent of the talent and alleged talent, which performed in the defunct Federal league, last year, has sent circulars to the club owners of the Western league, asking bids for the services of the ex-Feds.

TWO 'JOES' WHO WILL MEET ON WRESTLING MAT.

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PETERS WINS TWO STRAIGHT FALLS

Omaha Grappler Defeats Paul Martensen of Chicago by Using Celebrated Nebraska Scissors Hold.

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Martensen, however, furnished a surprise by sticking with Peters as long as he did. He clearly showed that he knew all the fine points of a defense against the scissors. His several matches with Joe Stecher taught him those points.

Time and again Peters locked the deadly scissors around Martensen's waist, only to have the Chicagoan by his great strength and agility, wiggle out of danger. But Peters stuck to him and it was only a question of time.

Peters Good on Defensive.

The go was a fast one, one of the best seen around these parts some time. Both wrestlers were on top part of the time and most of the work was on the mat. Martensen, when he got on top of Peters, never stayed very long, nor did he at any time have Peters in a very tight hold.

Finally, after forty-one minutes, he secured the scissors and putting on all his pressure, slowly turned Martensen over on his shoulders.

Peters Starts Fast.

Peters went after the scissors, locked his legs around his opponent only to have the hold broken.

Challenge by Ekland.

Ray Page, manager of Clarence Ekland, another Nebraska wrestler, challenged Peters to a match on behalf of his protegee, and was accepted.

Looks for a letter sweater.

On receipt of the news that Percy Haughton, coach of the Harvard football eleven, had purchased the Braves, Sherwood R. Magee, star outfielder, instantly started to scour the city for a letter sweater.

Wouldn't Annoy Gaffney.

"While Gaffney was talking, if Hank Gowdy blew some sneeze powder in his face or Red Smith accidentally dropped his favorite bat on Gaffney's toes, the owner would pass it off with a laugh.

There will be nothing like that this season. We have heard about Haughton's methods. Why, I hear that he makes any athlete he has anything to do with measure his food. He makes them eat something I never heard of, I believe they call them calories. They must be pretty good at that, for, according to the newspapers, Eddie Mahan, the Harvard captain, ate 139.14 calories just before the Yale game. I doubt if I ever will like calories, though, if they were any good, I would have run into them before this, I have patronized every lobster palace from Atlantic City to the City House in Frisco. I wonder if it's seafood.

"I suppose he will lecture us when we report for the southern training trip. He will say: 'My dear fellows, the only way to attain the ultimate of success in the grand profession of which you are gifted exemplars, is to have cohesive effort. Shut the enervating beer and awake in the morning with bright eyes, unwavering brain and speed to the park for your in-hibitory duties.'"

"In other words, he is trying to tell us to use team work and lay off booze. I also hear that Percy is quite a squash racket player. I don't know anything about the game, but if I don't walk me purposely too much I'll knock someone's fence down.

"Haughton, I hear, is a society man, so he doesn't want to be near Hank Gowdy when he is eating soup. Hank eating soup would make a good red seal record for the Victor people over in Canton. Perhaps he also would be bored at that playful little specialty of Schmidt and Maranville. With the former on one side of the dining room and the latter on the other, Maranville can take a Jules Junker roll and beat Schmidt's waiter with it nine times out of ten. When the waiter wears a 6 1/2 hat sometimes Maranville misses.

In Society Man.

"On the Pullman trains Haughton may not think it is clubby if the boys hold up the aisles with poker parties, and sitting half nude, shock people over in Canton trying to reach the dining car. And what they do to the innocent African porter will make Haughton jump off the train."

Ebbets Wants Help.

Charles H. Ebbets has written to Charley Weegman asking for a catcher and an outfielder for the Superbas.

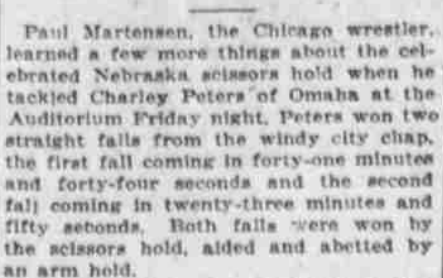
Champs to Hot Springs.

The world's champion Red Fox will train as usual at Hot Springs, Ark.

SPORTS SECTION of THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 6, 1916.

OMAHA TOSSERS WHO PLAY FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP—These seven basketball cracks are members of the Brandeis team of Omaha, which will battle Nebraska Wesleyan, intercollegiate champs, for the absolute supremacy of Nebraska, Thursday night at the Omaha Young Men's Christian association. Last year the Brandeis five trimmed Wesleyan, and is confident of repeating the trick this year.



WARREN RITCHEE, LESTIE BURKENROAD, DUTCH PLATZ, BOB KORAN, MORRIS COHN, MARK HUGHES, RAY McWHINNEY

HAUGHTON WILL BE SHOCED

Sherwood Magee Pulls Some Funny Stuff About the New Owner of the Braves

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OVER ONE HUNDRED TEAMS IN TOURNAY

One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Schools Will Contest in State Basketball Event.

WILL BREAK ALL RECORDS

By JAMES E. LAWRENCE. LINCOLN, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The unprecedented flood of inquiries to Manager Guy E. Reed from Nebraska high schools relative to the annual Nebraska high school basketball tournament has been so heavy as to almost take the breath away.

His records show these teams entered for the big tournament: Alworth, Alma, Arlington, Atkinson, Arnold, Alliance, Alexandria, Bancroft, Battle Creek, Beatrice, Bethany, Broken Bow, Cairo, Cedar Bluff, Central City, Chadron, Chambers, Clark, Columbus, Cortland, Cozad, Craig, Crete, Creighton, Crofton, De Witt, Diller, Dodge, Elgin, Elgin, Elmwood, Eustis, Ewing, Exeter, Fairmont, Falls City, Franklin academy, Fremont, Fullerton, Friend, Fairfield, Geneva, Geneva, Gibber, Goldenburg, Grand Island, Hampton, Hardy, Hartington, Havelock, Hebron, Holdrege, Howell, Humboldt, Harvard, Hastings, Kearney, Kearney Military academy, Kenesaw, Kimball, Lincoln, Lawrence, Louisville, Lynch, Lyons, Lowell, Lural, Lebanon, Lexington, Merna, Madison, Marquette, Maxwell, Meadow Grove, Minden, Murdock, Nebraska City, Nelson, Nebraska Military academy, Newman Grove, North Bend, Norfolk, Ohiowa, Oskaloa, Omaha High School of Commerce, Omaha, Ong, Ord, Osceola, Osmond, Pallasda, Panama, Papillion, Plainville, Pierce, Plattsmouth, Randolph, Rayenna, Rising City, Rushville, Sutton, Sargeant, Seward, Shelton, Sidney, South Omaha, Stockton, Stickley, Scott's Bluff, Springfield, Stanton, Steele City, Stella, Stockville, Superior, Stronaburg, Table Rock, Talmage, Taylor, Teachers' High school of Lincoln, Tilden, University Place High school, Waco, Wahoo, Wayne, Wymore, Winneton, West Point, Wilber, Wilcox, Wausa, Wolbach, Wood River, Winnebago and York.

Sixty-Eight New Schools.

Sixty-nine of the seventy high schools which took part in last year's tournament are represented in this list. Sixty-eight new schools are also entered.

Announcement as to prizes is made as follows:

Class A trophy club to become permanent property of Class A champions will be awarded by the Armstrong Clothing company.

Medals—Gold basket ball balls on watch fobs will be awarded the six best players on the winning Class A team by the athletic board of the university.

Class B trophy cup to be permanent property of Class B champions will be awarded by the Magee Clothing company. Medals in this division same as in Class A.

Class C trophy cup to be the permanent property of winners of Class C to be awarded by Miller & Paine. Medals same as in Classes A and B.

Additional high schools desiring to enter the tournament must send their requests to Manager Reed before February 15.

Four Playing Floors.

This additional information has been sent out by Reed to schools:

The tournament will be held March 2, 3, 4 and 5. The playing floors available will be the armory and chapel at the university, the Young Men's Christian association and the city auditorium. The teams will be classified into three divisions—A, B and C. This classification will be made on the basis of your record for the season, the class of teams you have played, the size of your city, the number of veterans on your team, the number of boys in the high school and your tournament experience. A competent unprejudiced committee will have charge of all of the arrangements. The officials will be chosen from among the best college and Young Men's Christian association players in the state.

The rules as devised by the joint committee of the Young Men's Christian association, Amateur Athletic union and the National Collegiate Athletic association will be strictly adhered to.

A silver loving cup is the grand prize. The entire receipts of the tournament will be pre-arranged among the visiting teams according to the distance traveled. Last year four-fifths of the transportation was paid.

It is planned by the athletic department of the university and the Commercial club of Lincoln to help defray all the expenses of a banquet where all of the visitors can be present. The theaters will have good attractions and the variety organizations will hold open house.

MANY ENTRIES FOR BIG METROPOLITAN TOURNAY

Entries for the Metropolitan handicap bowling tournament, which starts February 14, are coming in fast. Nearly all of the class B teams are already entered and a number of class A teams have placed their names on the list.

Five team prizes, five individual prizes and eight single prizes will be offered.

Central City Defeats Grand Island.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Telegraphically, Central City defeated Grand Island in a basketball game played in this city last evening, 45 to 37. Greive and Severs, forwards, starred for Central City. This is the second time Central City has defeated the third city. Five this season. To date Central City has won every game played, having defeated Columbus, Grand Island and Ord.

Crete Defeats Fairmont.

CRETE, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Crete defeated Fairmont last night by a score of 38 to 30. Crete had the best of the game all the way through and sent in a star in the last half. The score at the end of the first half was 18 to 17. Fred Dell and Ellis starred for Crete, while Ethelbert played well for Fairmont. He far Crete had not lost a game on the new Boone floor.

Holes to Be Coached.

Walter Boles, catcher with the Los Angeles Coast league team, has been appointed coach for the base ball squad of Pomona university in California.

BELLEVUE GRID SCHEDULE

Manager Racialy Books Eight Games, Two More Than Usual for Eleven Next Year.

PLAY FOUR GAMES AT HOME

Manager Racialy has just completed arrangements for next year's football schedule at Bellevue college. Eight games will be played, of which at least four will be seen on the home gridiron.

This provides for two games more than usual, but Racialy states that athletic conditions are favorable enough to warrant the increase. He is planning, also, to arrange a longer basketball schedule next year.

Six of the games are return contests from this season, only two new colleges being on the list. One of these, the game for October 27, has not been definitely scheduled; the other is with Peru, November 10, at Bellevue. Last year the Peru game was cancelled because of slight trouble among the team, and this year no game was scheduled, but next year will see the renewal of bitter football rivalry between the two schools.

As usual the first game of the season will be with Cotter. The big game with Doane will be played at Crete, next year. Instead of playing a return game at Bellevue on Thanksgiving day, Tarkio will play the Thanksgiving game with Bellevue at Tarkio.

The schedule is: October 6, Cotter at Bellevue. October 20, Cotter at Bellevue. October 27, open. November 3, Midland at Atchison, Kan. November 10, Peru at Bellevue. November 17, Wayne at Wayne. November 24, Doane at Crete. November 30, Tarkio at Tarkio.

South High Puts It All Over the Commerce Five

Seniors and Juniors Tied in the Basketball Tournament

After four games have been played, the leadership in the interclass championship basketball tournament is a deadlock between the Seniors and the Juniors, and two games each.

The Sophomores and Freshmen, who have not won a game thus far, will battle for the cellar position tonight as a preliminary to the Omaha High-Sixty City High game.

In the two games played at the High school Friday afternoon, the Seniors and the Juniors defeated the Freshmen and Sophomores. The Junior-Sophomore game proved a battle to the finish, but the Seniors had a comparatively easy time.

The lineup: SENIORS. FRESHMEN. Powell (C), R.F. L.P. Underwood. Reynolds, L.F. L.P. Underwood. Miles Geisler, C.C. Underwood. Reed, R.G. R.G. Poff. Crowley, L.G. L.G. Castles. Substitutes: Yates for Miles. Goals from field: Reynolds, 3; Geisler, 4; Underwood, 2. Point throws: Crowley, 3; Referee, Mulligan.

SOPIOMORES. JUNIORS. Longwell (C), R.F. L.P. Usher. Potter, L.F. L.P. Usher. Foy, C.C. Rogers. Evin, R.G. R.G. Moriarty. Bowen, L.G. L.G. Moriarty. Substitutes: Smith for Longwell. Goals from field: Reynolds, 3; Geisler, 4; Underwood, 2. Point throws: Crowley, 3; Comp, 2; Rogers; Moriarty; Hamming; Referee, Mulligan.

Ames Aggies Lose to the Cornhuskers

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska scored a fifth straight Missouri Valley conference victory in basketball here last night by defeating Ames Aggies in a bitterly fought game on the local floor.

The final score, 35 to 21, does not reflect the close guarding of the Ames team until the final minutes of play, when Nebraska jumped ahead.

The first half ended 16 to 13, with Nebraska on the long end of the score. Thiesen and Jimmie Gardiner contributed most of the brilliant play for Nebraska, while Aldrich, the little Ames forward, was the visitors' star.

Tomlinson also contributed one of the features with a goal after taking the ball the full length of the floor. Injuries kept Captain Holmes of the visitors out of the game. Summary: NEBRASKA. AMES. Thiesen, L.F. R.F. (C) Aldrich. Rutherford, L.F. L.P. Porterfield. Nelson, C.C. Green. J. Gardiner, R.G. R.G. Tomlinson. HUSE (C), L.G. L.G. Boynton. Substitutes: Campbell, Thiesen. Shields for Nelson; C. Gardiner for J. Gardiner; Abbott for Porterfield; Bragdon for Abbott.

Field goals: Thiesen, 3; Rutherford, 3; Tomlinson, 5; Abbott, Green. Free throws: Thiesen, 3; Aldrich, 2.

Matthews at Atlanta.

The Atlanta club has signed Harry (Smutter) Matthews, the veteran catcher and manager.

Sloux Train in Missouri.

From Sioux City comes word there will be nothing doing with regard to training at Perry, Bourke and Hanlon had intended to train at Beatrice and Fairbury, respectively, but the deal is now off. Hanlon is thinking of sending his charges to Liberty, Mo., for training.

Ed Hanlon also breaks into print with the news that he has signed a couple of swell performers, but is not at liberty to divulge their names at the present writing. Hanlon ventures the information that they are both better than Class A players and will be a great help to the team.

Hanlon has started to prepare his program for the 1916 campaign and has sent out his contracts. He has sent contracts to Catchers Crosby and Donnelly, Pitchers Doyle, Gaspar, Kelly, Boothby, Clark and Tadiaco, Infielders Kane, Cooney, Hensling, Galaham, Naughton and Mueller, and Outfielders Davis, LeJeune and Watson.

Of the above number Naughton and Mueller and Tadiaco are new comers, all semi-professionals. Tadiaco comes heralded as a phenom by Dave Williams, former manager of the Indians. He pitches at Hillsdale, Minn. last year and set things on fire up there.

Topeka Downs to Business.

Topeka is another Western league city which is tearing things loose in rapid fashion. Upon the appointment of Lattimore as manager John Savage began to comb the country for promising young athletes and he has signed up half the Bushers in Kansas. Those he hasn't sized Wichita has.

Savage also has signed men who have been tried out in professional company. He has twenty-one such players.

Of last year's team Pitchers Grover, Dasher, Huggins, Hall, Sanders, Lakoff and Carroll; Infielders Cochran, Bostick and Fisher; Outfielders Trainor and Tyde-man and Catcher Rapps return. The new men include Wilder, outfielder from the Nebraska State league; Spoor, catcher from Oskosh; Flinnigan, third baseman from South Atlantic league; Wislip, catcher from Kansas City, and Daniels and Henson, outfielders from California. Otis Lambeth, a right handed hurler who was with Fort Dodge last year and in the Kansas brush a year ago, has also been signed.

Savage lost a good man in Pitcher Goodbred, purchased from Brooklyn. Goodbred, who is not overly modest, demanded a salary corresponding to that of the president of the largest national bank in Kansas. Savage couldn't see it. Goodbred wouldn't budge and Savage returned the purchase agreement to Brooklyn.

Wichita Sign Athletes.

Mills Ehrhart, president of Wichita, subpoenaed his crew last week. Wichita has quite a string of athletes on hand.

In the catching department Gray and Bouter will return while Clyde Geist, Tom Fowers, Joe Davis, Charles Clever, Britton, Zick Tallion, Gus Hedling, Louis Litschi and Bill Fox will be on hand to fill a few other positions. Then Wichita has Bill Abstein, Gus Helrich and Jimmy Jackson, sturdy veterans who are sure of jobs, and John Blue, Charles McDonnell, Joe Tobin, Major Braver, and several others who may or may not stick.

Railroad Rates Increased.

When the Western moguls gather in Lincoln, February 15, for the schedule meeting the recent advance in the interstate railroad rates is going to start a neat little fuss. The four-tenths of a cent per mile increase will mean just about \$20 more in mileage to each club in the loop. That is considerable of a sum the way base ball is riding in this modern day and the owners are going to do a whole lot of fussing and fuming before they settle the schedule. Ways and means to absorb the mileage by propitious schedule-making will occupy quite considerable attention.

Papillion Quintet Wins Over Bellevue

Bellevue academy basketball team lost to Papillion High school, 15 to 30, in a return game Friday night in the Papillion opera house. The high school men outdistanced the prep in the first half, the score at the end of the period being 15 to 4. Bellevue played up stronger in the second session, making eleven points.

The Papillion boys, however, doubled the score of the first half. The lineup: BELLEVUE. PAPILLION. Stewart, R.F. L.P. Calloway. Zurcher, L.F. R.F. Lieber. Hart, C.C. C. Jungmeyer. Smith, R.G. R.G. Fricke. Kintner, L.G. L.G. Sparman. Substitutes: None. Goals from field: Jungmeyer (6), Calloway (3), Lieber (3), Sparman, Stewart (4), Smith (3), Zurcher. Goals from foul: Lieber (2), Jungmeyer, Calloway, Zurcher. Referee: J. Hester.

St. Paul Gets Revenge.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The local basketball team defeated the visiting team on the Grand Island Business college team Thursday evening by defeating it by a score of 12 to 24. The game was featured by the aerial zone shooting of the local players.