

BRINGING UP FATHER

Drawn for The Bee by George McManus



BASKET TOURNEY MEETS APPROVAL

Change in Rules Should Also Make it Easier for All the Contesting Teams.

CUT TIME FOR EARLY FRAYS

Guy Reed and members of the committee in charge of arrangements for the state tourney to be held at Lincoln the last four days of next week are to be complimented on the competent and considerate manner in which they went about their work this year. Facing serious opposition in the form of injured players due to the strenuousness of the meet last year, as well as more entries than ever before, the director of athletics has come safely through with such arrangements that can be nothing but pleasing to all, even to considering the classification and pairings of the teams.

The most notable move made by the committee is to lessen the time of halves in the first three rounds to ten minutes, authorizing the halves in the semi-finals at twelve minutes and in the finals at fifteen minutes. Added to this big advantage is the fact that with one exception only one game a day will be played. Last year, the two Omaha teams played four games in less than twenty-six hours, which was probably one of the direct reasons for the deplorable physical condition of local players in the latter two rounds of the tourney and after their return.

In making the pairings there is little room for complaint. It might be said that Beatrice will have a hard schedule in playing Fairmont and Geneva, two strong state fives, in the first and second rounds. University Place will have a tough game with the State Aggies in the first round, while Gothenburg will probably have a tough time meeting Newman Grove and Columbus in the first and second rounds. Central and South High schools and Lincoln certainly cannot have reason for complaint as they have a reasonable schedule as could be expected under the conditions one can only attain the top by merit alone.

Season Draws to Close. The windup of the season finds the leading basket ball teams of the state registering the same upset roll as in weekly reviews. In only one instance is there a team that comes through the season with a clean schedule and that is Central High of Omaha. Even the local quintet has showed signs of shakiness and really has played less state games than any other quintet of the state.

Lincoln High school's two defeats over Beatrice and University Place by scores of 22 to 21 and 19 to 12, respectively, are easy wins over Central City, a quintet of supposed considerable repute, by a score of 46 to 25, are the three most notable games of the week.

Central City showed poor form by allowing Kearney, a quintet that has been beaten by both Minden and Grand Island, to defeat them. The latter two teams are classed in the second division of the state tournament and should prove strong leaders in that class. South High stock rose noticeably with an easy defeat over Plattsmouth.

Minden's defeat of Hastings by a score of 24 to 22, Stromsburg's defeat of Oesceola by a margin of one point, the score being 17 to 16, and Kimball's win over Sidney by a big score of 26 to 14, are all more or less surprises of the week. Fairmont's defeat of Crete was not much of a surprise considering that Coach Squire's men were in a highly crippled condition and playing a strange floor away from home. Central High's defeat over Council Bluffs by a score of 21 to 15, was more or less a good piece of luck, although they deserved their victory.

OMAHA NATIONALS DOWN THE M. E. SMITHS

With Bender and Lee shooting baskets from all angles of the court, the Omaha National Bank five downed the M. E. Smiths by the top-heavy count of 17 to 9. The Smiths put up a hard fight, but could not cope with the superior playing of their contemporaries. The lineup: O. N. BANK. SMITHS. Beck, L.P. Lockwood; Bender, L.P. Hovey; Lee, R.P. Peterson; Hawkins, R.G. Leach; Farrell, L.G. Lacy. Field goals: Beck (3), Lee (3), Bender (2), Hovey (3). Leach. Foul goals: Bender, Hovey. Referee: Moore.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE UMPIRES ARE CHOSEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The umpire staff for the coming international league season was announced tonight by Edw. J. Carney, president of the league. Will Ham, Carpenter, A. J. Clary, Bob Hart, Mack Freeman and E. S. Ha. di. oo. a.

CONGREGATIONAL FIVE DEFEATS SOUTH BAPTISTS

The St. Mary's Avenue Congregationalists had an easy time with the South Side Baptists in a preliminary to the Omaha High-Council Bluffs High game, the score ending 24 to 7. Jim Drummond did the heavy work for the St. Mary's team. Lineup: ST. MARY'S. SOUTH SIDE. Leake, L.P. Hall; Drummond, L.P. Joss; Gates, C.P. Kelser; Wongell, R.G. Johnson; Yeoman, L.G. Johnson. Field goals: Drummond (8), Leake (5), Gates (4), Joss (3), Groves. Free throws: Leake, Johnson. Referee: Charlesworth.

HASTINGS Y. M. C. A. TEAM MEETS DEFEAT AT CRETE

CRETE, Neb., Feb. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The Hastings Young Men's Christian Association team, brought here by Bob Hager, met defeat at the hands of a combined high school and college team tonight, 46 to 16. Coach Schiesler, playing left forward, starred for Crete, getting nine baskets in three-fourths of the game, which he played. Hager and Paris starred for Hastings, the latter getting ten of the visitors' points. Referee: Squires. Cotner, Timekeeper: P. King, Doane. Score: Tyler. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

CONNIE MACK ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF FIVE MEN

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, tonight announced the release of five players. They are Pitcher Harry Eccles and Shortstop Harry C. Zeibold, who go to the Wheeling Central league team; Pitcher Wilbur Davis to Atlanta, Southern league; Pitcher Walter Anker, Asheville, North Carolina league, and Harry Damrau, a third baseman, to Raleigh, North Carolina league.

JACK JOHNSON TOLD TO GET OUT OF BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Weekly Dispatch says that Jack Johnson, the former heavyweight champion pugilist, has been ordered to leave England and will sail for South America on March 2.

Wagner to Montreal.

The Cincinnati club has completed the deal by which Infielder Joe Wagner goes to the Montreal International league club.

PACKARD BOUGHT BY CHICAGO CUBS

Charley Weeghman Pays Harry Sinclair \$10,000 for Crack Southpaw Hurler.

PLAYERS' FRAT TAKES A HAND

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Magnates of the Federal league, assembled here to wind up its affairs, decided tonight to postpone the obsequies three weeks, when action to clear up the small indebtedness remaining will be taken. Inability of Ed Swinner of the Pittsburgh club to be present was assigned as the reason for the postponement. The sale of four players was announced. The Chicago Nationals bought Eugene Packard, the left-handed pitcher with the Kansas City Federals last year, for \$10,000. Nick Allen, catcher, and Shearer, outfielder, with Newark last season, were sold to the Milwaukee American association club; and Pitcher Miles Main, last year with the Kansas City Federals, was sold to the St. Paul club of the American association.

Stovall to Be Taken Care Of.

George Stovall, manager of the Kansas City Federals, met the Federal league club owners and received assurance from Harry Sinclair and the others that "he would be taken care of." It was reported that a place would be found for Stovall in one of the big leagues. A committee consisting of Messrs. Timme of Milwaukee, Norton of St. Paul and Cantillon of Minneapolis talked with Charles Weeghman of the Cubs about the future of Roger Bresnahan and the proposed transfer of the Cleveland association franchise to Toledo, but the result of the conference was not announced.

Fraternity May Act.

James Gilmore, president of the Federal league, hinted during the day that the Base Ball Players' fraternity might put to a test the legality of the system under which organized base ball is conducted and that there was a possibility of a players' strike before the season of 1916 is well under way. He said that the Federal Trade commission has asked the league's documentary exhibit in the Sherman law suit recently dismissed by Judge Landis.

Aero Club Makes Offer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A course of training in the use of aeroplanes for an officer of the militia in each of the forty-eight states and 100 to each officer

Central Senior Five Interclass Champs

The seniors clinched the interclass basket ball championship of the high school by romping away with the juniors by a 28 to 19 score, as a preliminary to the Omaha High-Council Bluffs High game. Ralph Powell starred for the seniors, making seven field goals. Lineup: SENIORS. JUNIORS. Gelsler, R.P. Usher; Bohson, L.P. Nicholson; Powell, C.C. Rogers; Reese, R.G. Comp; Crowley, L.G. Hartmann. Field goals: Powell (7), Reynolds (2), Gelsler (4), Usher, Rogers (2). Referee: Drummond.

Tekamah Basket Ball Five is Chesty

TEKAMAHA, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Tekamah High school basket ball team played Lyons here last evening and won, 108 to 20. The last two weeks' games have resulted in 77 to 7 and 78 to 13 scores for the locals, who have lost only three games this season. The Craig High school team cancelled its game with the locals and refused to give another date. An open challenge is extended to Craig for a game to be played any time and any place.

Brandeis Team Wins From Picked Cracks

A benefit game between the Brandeis Stores team and a picked bunch of local cracks was pulled off Friday evening at the Nebraska School for the Deaf. The Brandeis won, 47 to 22. The proceeds will be used by the Nebraska School for the Deaf team to help pay expenses for their trip to the state basket ball tournament.

ELMWOOD GOLF CLUB TO MEET AT THE CITY HALL

A meeting of the members of the new Elmwood Golf club will be held in Joe Hummel's office at the city hall Monday night. The Elmwood club members will play this summer on the new municipal links at Elmwood park.

Huggins Goes South.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Manager Huggins and six players of the St. Louis National team left here tonight for the spring training grounds at San Antonio. Seven pitchers and three catchers will join the training squad Sunday and the rest of the team will report on March 4.

BLUFFS OUTPLAYED BY CENTRAL HIGH

Omaha Quintet Defeats Visiting Team at "Y" by Score of 21 to 15.

PURYEAR RAISES A RUMPUS

Coach Mulligan and his crew took ample revenge for their defeat earlier in the season by defeating the Council Bluffs High last night by the score of 21 to 15. The game was a real battle from the start to the finish. "Turk" Logan, the speedy running guard on the Central High quintet, carried off the honors for the home team, playing the floor in brilliant style and garnering four baskets besides. For the Bluffs team the youthful Shepherd, a substitute who started the game at forward on account of Puryear being out of the lineup, played in big league form, making two field goals and adding three more points on foul throws. Puryear, the rangy center on the Bluffs team, did not start the game on account of an injury to his finger which he sustained a short time ago in a game. But with his team facing defeat, he entered the game at the beginning of the second half and was responsible for a rally that looked dangerous for a short time. Opens with Rush. The game opened with a rush and Logan caged the ball for two points after only a minute of play. Patty threw a foul goal and Maxwell followed quickly with another field goal, making five points in all before the boys from across the river were able to score. Shepherd obtained the first point with a free throw and Mahoney followed shortly after with a goal from the field. Field goals by Mahoney and Shepherd put the Bluffs in the lead, 7 to 4, but Parvater quickly put Omaha back in the lead with a field goal during the remainder of the first half

BRANDEIS' BEAT OMAHA U

Store Team Manages to Wade Through Collegians, Thirty-Two to Nineteen.

DUTCH PLATZ GARNERS WELL

The Brandeis Stores chalked up another victory in the Tri-City league last evening in taking the University of Omaha team in tow, 32 to 19. The department store flippers had everything their own way in the first period, amassing 13 counters as against 4 for the collegians. In the last half Coach Kavan's progress more than held their own and succeeded in scoring 15 tallies while the Brandeis secured 14. Dutch Platzi at left forward for the Merchants took first place in the matter of garnering field goals. The Creighton foot ball star shot four the first period and also featured in every play on the court. Leo Burkenroad also got away good, the lanky passer flipping five double-deckers through the hoop. For the University of Omaha Ernst played the brilliant role. Captain Adams and Leach also showed up strong.

The contest was one of the clearest pulled off in the Tri-City league this season. In all a total of only ten fouls being committed. Referee Moore, who inaugurated his arbitrating career in the Tri-City loop, did an excellent job of the affair, his work being well liked by both quintets. The lineup: BRANDEIS. OMAHA UNI. Platzi, L.P. Ernst; Burkenroad, R.P. Leach; Fitchell, C.G. McBride; Koran, L.G. Adams; Substitutes: McWhinney for Platzi, Colin for Hughes. Field goals: Platzi (4), Hughes (3), Burkenroad (2), Fitchell (2), Ernst (3), Leach, Adams. Foul goals: Ernst (5). Fouls committed: University of Omaha, 3; Brandeis, 2. Referee: Moore. Timekeeper: Goodrich. Scorekeeper: Reel.

SEYMOUR LAKE AND FIELD CLUB WOMEN TO TANGLE

Twelve women golfers from the Field club will battle twelve women from the Seymour Lake Country club in an indoor golf match at Bill Clark's indoor course in the Baird building Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Thompson is Manager.

The Fort Smith club of the Western association announces that Herschel Thompson, second baseman, has been named to manage the team this season.

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