



Huskies and Pickers Continue to Hold Lead in Missouri Valley Conference Basketball Race

Washington and Nebraska Maintain Pace Set Early in Season—Kansas Also Among Leaders.

Missouri Valley Standings.

W.	L.	Pts.	Opp.	
Washington	4	0	1000	124
Nebraska	3	0	1000	98
Nebraska	1	0	1000	49
Iowa	1	1	667	94
Arkansas	1	1	600	44
Drake	1	2	600	71
Illinois	1	3	600	71
Missouri	1	4	600	80

At Lincoln: Nebraska 27, Kansas 27. Nebraska 27, Drake 14. At Ames: Ames 18, Grinnell 14. At St. Louis: Washington 44, Missouri 20. At Oklahoma: Okla. 44, Drake 28. Games This Week: Tuesday, Oklahoma against Kansas at Lawrence. Thursday, Nebraska against Kansas Aggies at Manhattan. Friday, Nebraska against Kansas at Lawrence. Saturday, Nebraska at Omaha at Norman. Ames against Washington at Lincoln. Wednesday, Ames at Washington and Washington maintained their standings among the elite of the Missouri Valley basketball conference and likewise bowed another contender into the parlor during the last week. Kansas demonstrated strength against Drake in the game which opened the Huskies' schedule by trimming the Bulldogs, 49 to 14. That put the Jayhawkers, last year's champions, also among the thousand percenters.

However, either Kansas or Nebraska comes out of the perfect classification this week as the Huskies are swinging around the southern end of the conference and are scheduled to meet the Jayhawkers Friday night at Lawrence.

Huskies and Kansas Aggies Meet. This trip will be a baptism of fire for Coach Kline's quintet. The Huskies open Thursday night at Manhattan. The Kansas Aggies gave the Huskies a tough battle here where the Huskies were using the hoops and consequently injured the long ones. Then comes the Jayhawk game Friday and thence south to Norman for a crack at the Oklahoma Sooners, rejuvenated and ready to avenge the defeat sustained here in the second game of the season.

Although a quiet week for most of the Valley teams it is the week in which the Huskies make or break in their trip to the title. Right now the class of the Valley seems to lie in teams representing Nebraska, Washington and Kansas.

Drake Minus Captain. Drake is feeling the loss of Captain Bill Boelter and Missouri has sunk among the growths of the ocean floor, having lost its first game to the Kansas Aggies and not out of it. They have lost two games but that may mean nothing. Coach Corvant is a keen student of the game.

Before the Aggie-Husker game here last week, Coach Browne of Lincoln High, the referee, was called over to meet Corvant.

"I know him well. He wallowed us last year when he coached Kansas City, Kan., to the national high school championship," Coach Browne stated.

From the few games already played it appears that this season's Valley race is going to be well worth watching. It is anybody's race.

Hoppe to Defend Title Against Jake Schaefer

New York, Jan. 14.—Willie Hoppe will defend his title of world champion in the bolting billiard player against Jake Schaefer, the only man ever to west the crown from him, in Chicago January 21-23 and 23, under the provisions of the annual championship tournament which provide that the players finishing second, third and fourth may challenge the winner.

State Conference Teams Wage Tight Battle for Honors

Wayne Cagers Show Good Form in Games Played Last Week—Penn, Hastings, Wesleyan Lead Field.

State Conference Standings.

W.	L.	Pct.
Penn normal	1	1.000
Nebraska Wesleyan	1	1.000
Hastings	1	1.000
Wayne normal	1	1.000
Doane	1	1.000
York	1	1.000
Midland	1	1.000
Nebraska Central	0	0.000
Omaha university	0	0.000

Lincoln, Jan. 14.—Three teams of the Nebraska conference are on top of the basketball ball here, Nebraska Wesleyan, Penn normal and Hastings, all winning their opening games last week.

Wayne normal's eastern invasion of Doane, Cotner and Nebraska Wesleyan territory featured the opening week. The Wayne five romped home with two wins out of three attempts, falling before the Nebraska Wesleyan attack, 32 to 20, Saturday night.

Coach Fred Dale's midwest quintet of basketweavers, with Captain Best in the leading role, disposed of Doane, 31 to 19, in the inaugural debut for both teams, staged on the Crete floor Thursday night. Jumping over to Bethany the following evening, the invaders had a close call, nosing out the Cotner Bulldogs, 22 to 21, in a thrilling exhibition of the cage sport.

The record in this column that it might be a world record. Mr. Greenfield assures us it is. The previous record was 112 straight victories, established by the Buffalo Germans.

On February 26, 1923, Passaic High beat this record when it scored its 112th victory over Ridgewood High school in a northern New Jersey interscholastic league contest.

The reader must not understand that any one team, any one aggregation of players, established this astonishing record.

The record, it appears, belongs to the school itself, to Ernest A. Blood, the basketball coach of Passaic High. In the game which broke the record of the Buffalo Germans, for instance, Passaic used four separate teams.

Credit Due Coach. Read what Mr. Greenfield has written about the accomplishments of the Passaic High quintets in the last four years:

"Passaic's fame is due solely to the genius of Ernest A. Blood, affectionately called Professor by his devotees in Passaic. Under Mr. Blood's tutelage, 165 games have been won out of 169 played."

"I present unbroken string of triumphs had its inception in the season of 1919-1920. That year the Red and Blue courtiers captured 26 games in a row. The following season 31 triumphs were added."

"In 1921-1922, the season in which Bobby Thompson, star forward, scored 1,000 points alone, Passaic hung up 33 victories without a setback, and last year 28 successes were added. Six games have been played so far this year, all triumphs."

Passaic High has annexed more century scores than any other school in basketball history. In a little over four years no less than 12 one hundred scores have been compiled.

Products of the Blood school have been represented on New Jersey "all-state" basketball for the past four years. The best basketball ball star, is and foremost representative of Passaic High in the collegiate field.

Contrary to a prevailing fallacy that Passaic's opponents are "hand-picked," records prove that the "wonder" teams have swept through the open state championship competitions with the utmost ease. Over half of the games played within the past four campaigns have taken place on foreign courts.

The reader, of course, wondering about Prof. Ernest A. Blood. What is the secret of his success as a basketball coach?

How old is he? What does he look like? How does he talk?

Mr. Greenfield, for neglected to supply the human interest information about the "professor," who must be an interesting man.

Perhaps in another letter Mr. Greenfield will tell you about Professor Blood.

"The ability of a coach in any sport is measured by the success of his teams. Good coaches are rare. A good coach, or teacher, must possess a certain natural genius for teaching his sport."

Professor Blood must be a genius of basket ball, one of the greatest of games. If a football coach could show a record of 124 consecutive victories by his teams he would be called a marvel.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL. Big Springs Wins Two Games. Big Spring, Neb., Jan. 14.—Big Spring high school boys' basketball team defeated the Venango boys, 12 to 9. The Big Spring girls' team defeated the Venango girls, 32 to 16.

Cambridge Wins Double-Header. Cambridge, Neb., Jan. 14.—Cambridge High school basketball team won a double-header from Farnham here Saturday. The boys won 42 to 19 and the girls were victors, 12 to 9.

Loup City Five Wins. Ord, Neb., Jan. 14.—Loup City basketball team defeated the Ord High school team, 5 to 4, in a fast and interesting game here Friday night.

Gibbons wired: "Am getting weak in the four-broke packs. How about turning this fight over to our manager?"

The Gilt has grabbed a job as messenger boy with the W. U. and is studying both champs' styles studiously. He will challenge by parcel post.

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Mullins, it seems, doesn't want Wills to fight anyone but Champy Jack Dempsey. Rickard Saturday offered the black panther's boss something like \$300,000 for Wills-Firpo and Wills-Dempsey fights. Do you think Mullins took notice of that offer? No, not according to the reports from New York. Mullins made it known that Wills wants Dempsey and no one else.

Looks funny. If Wills is so good, why doesn't Mullins let 'em fight Firpo and Gibbons? If Wills is as good as Mullins says he is, then fighting Firpo and Gibbons is just picking up little loose change.

On the other hand, Mullins might figure that Wills is only good for one fight—a Dempsey battle. Dempsey and Wills would draw a record house as far as attendance is concerned and would probably be Wills' last fight.

Little is known of Wills' fistic ability. He has won over several set-ups here of late, but outside of these push-overs hasn't beat any notable heavyweights.

Shortest Ring Battles. IN a bout staged recently at San Jose, Cal., Jack Tollman, a light heavyweight boxer, knocked out Ted Titus in 12 seconds.

The record book doesn't record the duration of fights, but after diving down deep into ring history we find that Dal Hawkins knocked out Martin Flaherty at Carson City, Nev., March 17, 1897, in four seconds.

The two shortest fights on record were won by Battling Nelson and Billy Weeks. Nelson whipped William Rossler in two seconds at Harvey, Ill., and Weeks put Rocky Hagard to sleep in two seconds at Wilkeson, Wash.

One of the shortest fights ever held in Omaha was the Andy Schneider-George DeBary scheduled 10-round mill at the Auditorium some two years ago. Schneider rushed from his corner at the sound of the gong and landed a right to DeBary's jaw that sent the Canadian down for the count. The fight lasted about four seconds.

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Levi has a fighter's build, being broad shouldered, well muscled and fat on his feet. With his well-developed shoulder muscles he could be made to hit hard, but whether he can take 'em is another question. Few star football players ever make successful fighters.

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Muldoon Plans Benefit Bouts for Widow of Miske

New York, Jan. 14.—William Muldoon, former champion of the New York state athletic commission, made public a benefit bout would be held in this city for the widow of Billy Miske, St. Paul heavyweight, who died recently. Muldoon's plan called for the benefit bouts to be held at a club where the seating capacity would assure Mrs. Miske a generous sum.

Jake Schaeffer to Play Hoppe

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Young Jake Schaeffer, Californiaillard star, who will meet Willie Hoppe, world's 182-pound champion, in the second challenge match of the season for the championship here next week, is expected to arrive in Chicago today.

Hoppe, in 1921, lost the title, which he had successfully defended for 17 years, to Schaeffer, but came back a year later and regained it in the recent 1923 championship tournament in New York, and when it finished he was second in line to Walker Cochran to challenge the champion.

Schaeffer has been playing in a series of exhibition matches on the Pacific coast and his average in the majority of them has been higher than Hoppe or Cochran were able to roll up in their two championship engagements.

Fred Thompson to Get Tryout With St. Louis

Lincoln, Jan. 14.—Fred (Terrible) Thompson, university of Nebraska athlete, will get a chance at major league baseball, it was announced here today by O. A. Beltzer, manager of Lincoln State League club.

Recently signed Thompson, the Husker athlete has been sold to the St. Louis Cardinals and will report for spring training at Bradenton, Fla.

Thompson is the second Nebraska athlete to get a chance this year at the big show. Vern Levellan, captain of last year's football team, was signed sometime ago by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Levellan carries a right arm that may make him famous as a pitcher. Thompson is a catcher.

Crofton Wins Two Games

Crofton, Neb., Jan. 14.—Crofton High school basketball team journeyed to Creighton Thursday, and defeated the Creighton team. The Crofton boys defeated Creighton by a score of 20 to 14. The game was very rough. The girls won by a score of 18 to 12. A great number of fouls were committed.

Win Mixed Doubles Tournament

Mrs. T. R. Jamelson and O. Bloemer won the mixed doubles bowling tournament at the Omaha alleys yesterday with a score of 1,054.

J. H. London and Miss Leaverton with a score of 955 won fifth prize money.

H. Hall and Mrs. Crew and John Boyle and Mrs. Huff with 933 points to their credit, split the prize money for ninth and 12th places.

Coeds Form Rifle Club. Claremont, Cal., Jan. 14.—Because of increasing interest in riflery among Pomona college co-eds, a women's rifle club is to be organized with indications of a membership of about 30 women. Members of the team who will represent Pomona in intercollegiate rifle matches will be chosen from this group.

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Trinity College Coach

Iowa City, Ia.—Howard H. Jones, coach and athletic director of the University of Iowa, has been released from his contract by the board of control of athletics, that he might accept a position as football coach at Trinity college, Durham, N. C. Secretary Kuever of the board made the official announcement.

Coach Jones has been at the University of Iowa since 1916. He issued a statement saying that this week, so in accordance with the necessary to ask for a release from the University of Iowa contract because of climatic conditions and the desirability of coaching on a part-time basis. He plans to remain here until August, when he will leave for Durham.

There is little or no discussion here as to who will succeed Jones as head of athletic affairs at the University of Iowa. The announcement of his resignation came as a complete surprise.

U. S. Olympic Ski Team Is Announced

New York, Jan. 14.—National and Olympic committee today announced that the American ski team to compete in the Olympic contests will consist of Ragnar Omstedt of Grand Beach, Mich.; Sigurd Overy of St. Paul, Minn.; John Carleton, formerly of Dartmouth; Anders Haugen of Minneapolis; Lemoine Batson of Eau Claire, Wis., and Harry Lien of Chicago.

The committee decided to enter six skiers, including Haugen and Omstedt, whose eligibility was questioned by the Olympic committee. There were any disqualifications a team would still remain.

"After a thorough investigation of the cases of the men whose eligibility was questioned," said Frederick W. Ruben, secretary of the American Olympic committee, today, "the American Olympic authorities are convinced that they are entitled to compete as amateurs. The alleged connection of these men with professional ski jumping was misconstrued, and the term 'professional' does not apply to them in the generally accepted sense."

Firpo Starts Work for Coming Bouts

Buenos Aires, Jan. 14.—Louis Ange Firpo, the Argentine heavyweight fighter, has started training for his coming fight with Farmer Lodge and Ermilino Spalla. Tomorrow is to be his first workout with the negro, Calvin Reppess, whom he brought to Buenos Aires from the United States.

Firpo will meet Lodge during the first fortnight in February and Spalla during the second fortnight, according to present arrangements. He is to sail for the United States in the middle of March for a tour, during which he will have 10 bouts.

Harvard Cagers Lose to Valparaiso Five

Harvard, Neb., Jan. 14.—A bit of flashy offensive work followed by a tight defense and conservative playing, pulled the game out of the fire and Valparaiso high, in a fast, clean and close basket ball encounter with the local high school quintet, last night. Although the locals showed early season form in the handling of the ball, they led the Valparaiso youths until the last minute and half of play. Russell, forward for Valparaiso, and Brohm, Harvard guard, playing opposite each other, lead the scoring with 7 and 4 points, respectively. Valparaiso, 11; Harvard, 10.

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