

Nebraska Wesleyan Basketeers Now Are Leading in State Conference Race

Coach Glen Preston's Athletés Set Pace With Four Straight Wins

Cotner College Gives Leaders Merry Chase—Hastings, With Star Forward Missing From Lineup, Drops Pair of Games to Pace-Setters—Wayne Normal Holding Down Third Place in Cage Standings.

Nebraska Wesleyan's four straight wins without a defeat and Cotner college's rapid rise to the front are the features of the state conference basketball race now past the half way mark. Coach Glen Preston's athletes were hard pressed, however, winning from both Midland and Hastings by two and one point margins. The absence of Captain Huribart from the Methodist lineup slowed up the Coyote offensive and it was not until the Wesleyan leader was put into the fray that the score turned in favor of the University Place five. Cotner's fighting Bulldogs with victories over Hastings, Midland and Grand Island are maintaining a fast pace and will be hard to beat on their home court. Manning, former Geneva High school star, and Capt. Ray Borgard are the star goal scorers on the Bethany quintet. The Bulldogs surprised Cotner followers Tuesday night by swamping Grand Island, 28 to 15, in a game in which three regulars, Shuman, Ray and "Bill" Borgard were absent. Parminon's crew will battle with Midland Friday night in a battle which should be a thriller from whistle to whistle. Fred Dale's Wayne Normal outfit

with Captain Best, leading conference scorer, taking the spotlight, are holding down third position in the standings to date. The Wildcats defeated Cotner and broke even with Chadron Normal in a two-game series last week. Midland, suffering by the loss of Horn and Chambers, bowed down to both Wesleyan and Cotner but only after 40 minutes of red-hot basket ball. Coach Speer's five are a scrappy bunch and will give any conference five a run for their money. York college's basket tossing aggression pounced on the Grand Island Zebras Wednesday night and when the smoke had cleared the Fulmer outfit was ahead, 19 to 9. Grand Island slipped badly during the week losing to Doane, York and Cotner. The Finlanders scored 49½ points in a pair of close games with Cotner and Wesleyan. The Bronchos were handicapped by the absence of Stephens, their star forward, who was unable to make the trip. Kearney exchanged greetings with York and romped away with the long lead. The Huskies were split even with Wayne and Omaha. Nebraska Central and Peru Normal were idle.

We Could Use a Lon Myers at Paris

By Ed Hughes



MYERS MADE BRITISH RECORDS LOOK LIKE WALKING MARKS



AMERICAN LEAGUE CRYING FOR PITCHERS--YANKES WELL FIXED

Detroit Tigers Claim They Would Run One, Two, This Season If They Could Find Real Second Baseman—Might Get Dykes From Connie Mack If Cobb Would Swap Some of His Hurlers—Washington Also Needs Good "Chuckers."

No deal got beyond the rumor stage of extreme adolescence at the American league schedule meeting in Boston... This was the opinion expressed today by Edward G. Barrow, business manager of the New York Yankees, upon his return from the scene of activity, if any. Edward can take a philosophic view of the situation. He happens to be booked up with the only club in the league that is immune from the great drought, responsible for turning the American league into a one-team proposition. Intra-league deals have come to nothing for the past year or so because every manager, except Huggins, is after pitchers, Barrows said. "There can be no basis for trading for a pitcher as long as every man is after the same thing. They have even tried to get some of our pitchers away from us, but Huggins knows he is sitting pretty and has no intention of breaking up an all-star staff. It looks as though the situation will remain as it is in the American league until a flock of young pitchers is developed."

Athletes of Norway and Sweden Prove Best in Olympic Winter Sports

New York, Feb. 6.—Norway's pronounced strength in the ski contests gave the Scandinavian country the bulk of points that carried it to decisive victory in the winter sports of the eighth Olympiad, analysis of the games reveals. In four of the five ski events, Norway piled up 85 of its winning total of 134½ points, alone more than enough to beat out its nearest competitor, Finland, which was second with 76½. Norway tallied 22 out of a possible 25 points in the ski marathon, 20 in the ski speed event, 22 in the ski jumping contest and 22 in the combined ski speed and jump test. Thorleif Haug, crack Norwegian ski jumper, was the individual star of the winter sports program, collecting 34 points by winning three first places and a third. Clas Thunberg, the Finnish skating marvel, ranked second to Haug in the speed skating events, winning two of them and placing second and third in the others. Athletes of Norway and Sweden proved the most versatile, each scor-

CERTAIN figures will stand out for all time in various fields of endeavor, their overshadowing personality, in addition to their fame, putting them in the class of immortals. In this category must be included the late Lawrence E. (Lon) Myers, whose feats on the cinder path made him the most prominent runner in the early days of organized amateur athletics in America. This reputation was enhanced when he visited England and demonstrated to the hitherto unbelievers in the home of footracing that the American times were as good as any in the world.

Lon Myers, who was born in Richmond, Va., February 16, 1853, was noted among his companions as a runner and jumper, but none suspected the latent ability that he subsequently developed. He made his first appearance on the cinder path in regular competition at the election day games of the New York Athletic club, November 1878, when he won the quarter-mile handicap with ease. During the following summer he carried all before him and at the national championship meeting won no less than three championships, the 220, 440 and 880 yards.

American League to Give Diplomas

Boston, Feb. 6.—At the annual schedule meeting of the American league here yesterday it was voted to award a diploma each year to the player in the league who is named as the most valuable. Heretofore, as in the case of George Sisler, named for 1922, and Babe Ruth, elected last season, the players received buttons. It was decided to award diplomas to both Sisler and Ruth, who are the first to be named to the "American League's Hall of Fame."

Running in the colors of the old Manhattan Athletic club of New York, whose emblem, the Cherry Diamond, was carried by many famous athletes of the decade of the '80s, Myers' performance brought much prestige to that organization. In 1881 his club determined to send him to England, where doubt had been expressed—and reasonably so—that any human being could perform all of the feats that had been attributed to the American meter.

Some idea of Myers' versatility may be gathered by a glance at the records he established both here and abroad from 1880 to 1885. These were accomplished over a variety of distances, both on the flat and over long obstacles. No man before his time or since has ever shown such marvelous all-around footracing ability, and while nearly all of the records he established have gone by the board, there appears little likelihood that his equal will ever be seen again.

Coach Patton Has Tough Job

South high's basketball coach, James Patton, has a tough job ahead of him this week. The Packers play Geneva Friday and Sutton Saturday and to-date Coach Patton has been unable to find a suitable combination of basketballers. Graduation hit the South high quintet a hard blow last month and now Patton is playing doctor and trying to mend the punctured South team.

Final Creighton Track Tryouts

Coach Chet Wynne of the Creighton university track team will hold final tryouts for places on the Blue Jay track team that will be entered in the Kansas City Athletic club indoor meet at Kansas City Saturday, at the Creighton gymnasium this afternoon.

Stocking and Potter Winners

Nebraska's annual state squash tournament got off to a flying start at the Omaha club yesterday when George Stocking and cub champion, "Cub" Potter, former champion, won their games, the feature matches in the first day of the tourney. Stocking defeated John Caldwell, 15 to 12, and 15 to 7, while Potter beat Francis Gaines, 15 to 2 and 15 to 9.

State League Meeting Opens

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 6.—As representatives of Nebraska state league clubs gathered here late this afternoon there was a strong under current for a tri-state league composed of the stronger cities of the circuit. Resident Grote and Representative Segist of Sioux City, Herald of Norfolk and Jackson of Grand Island were here, waiting for representatives of Lincoln, Beatrice and Hastings to arrive before beginning their meeting.

Stars of Track World in Meet

Kansas City, Feb. 6.—Some of the best athletes of the midwest are entered in the Kansas City Athletic club indoor track and field meet to be held here Saturday night. Included among the stars are Harold Osborne, Joe Ray, Ray Watson and Eddie Knouick of the Illinois Athletic club.

Purple Plays Fremont

The more or less unsuccessful Central high school basketball team will play Fremont on the latter's floor tonight and try to get sweet revenge for the defeat the Fremonters handed the Purple three weeks ago.

Pikers Drop First Conference Game

Norman, Okl., Feb. 6.—Washington university tasted its first Missouri Valley conference basket ball defeat of the season here today when it bowed before Oklahoma university, 21 to 19, in one of the most spirited cage contests ever played on the Sooner floor.

Pancho Villa to Meet Marks

Pancho Villa and George Marks, the California flyweight, will battle 15 rounds in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, with the world's title at stake.

Dennison Plans Show

"See yourself as others see you." That will be the title of Johnny Dennison's show which will be staged at the city hall February 13 for the Omaha municipal amateur ball players.

Parcouth to Meet Mat Artist

Clarenda, Ia., Feb. 6.—A wrestling match between Ralph Parcouth, middleweight champion, and Marvin Barrackman, a favorite with southwest Iowa fans, is scheduled at Clarenda, February 7. Barrackman has an unbroken line of victories in Clarenda, and it is thought the world champion may have a close run for his title. Interest is high, and the reserved seat sale is now far up in the hundreds.

Phillies to Camp Soon

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—Manager Fletcher of the Philadelphia National league baseball club will leave with his pitchers and catchers for their southern training camp at Leesburg, Fla., on February 23. They will start rounding into shape two days later. The infielders and outfielders will report at Leesburg about March 1.

Team Owners Busy Grooming Entries in Famous Dog Derby

Ashton, Idaho, Feb. 6.—The American dog derby, to be run here February 23, has taken on an international aspect with the entry of a team from Canada. A competitor from Alaska also is anticipated. Whether Canadian or Alaskan dogs, trained for long drags instead of for speed, will be able to hold their own with the fast American teams of this section is a dispute unsettled, but Idahoans generally are willing to "bet their shirts" on their entries.

Doane Completes Schedule

Crete, Neb., Feb. 6.—Doane college will play nine football games next fall, according to the schedule announced by Coach Nosek. The Crete school had one of the stronger teams of the state conference last year and expects to have a 1924 winner. The Doane schedule follows:

Advertisement for Napier's Supreme shoes, featuring an image of a shoe and text: "Napier's Supreme... TAKE SALTS IF RHEUMATISM IS BOTHERING YOU... Tells Rheumatism Suffers to Take Salts to Get Rid of Toxic Acid... 'The Richelieu'... \$10 Napier's MENS SHOP 307 South Sixteenth Street"