

OMAHA BEE SPORTS ARE BEST

Creighton Prep Basket Tossers Cinch City Cage Championship Defeating South High 15 to 10

Excellent Five Man Defense of Young Bluejays Proves Great Factor in Victory for Blue and White.

By ARTHUR GALLESSEN.

WITH the city cage championship virtually at stake, Creighton Prep and South High engaged in a hotly contested battle at the Packer gym yesterday afternoon.

The Prepsters, by running up a long lead in the first stanza, managed to cop the contest by a 15-10 score.

The excellent five-man defense of the Blue youngsters was a great factor in holding the fighting Packers' score down. The game was one of the roughest played this season. So many players were on the floor at times, the gym looked like it was holding a wrestling tournament, instead of a basket ball game.

The Prepsters had the Packers completely at their mercy in the first half, which ended 14 to 3, in favor of the young Bluejays. The excellent long range eye of Monaghan, star Prep guard, did much to run up a big Blue and White score. Monaghan, time and again, eluded the Packer guards and shot from past the center of the floor, counting three times via the long route.

The Prepsters faced a rejuvenated Packer team in the last half. As the Prepsters outplayed the Packers in the first half, the Southmen completely outclassed the city champs in the second. Time and again, the South forward wall, composed of Wedberg, Smith and Bernard, as well as Clark, outclassed, out-dribbled, and "out-teamworked" the Prep leaders completely, but the long lead young Bluejays ran up in the first half was too much for the light Packers.

Coffey First to Score.

Captain Coffey started the scoring for the Prep late in the first quarter, by caging a neat field goal from near the center of the floor. After that the Blue squad gradually drew away from the Red and White cagers, running up six field goals to the Packers' three free throws. The Creighton Preps bombarded the South goal almost continually in that half. The light Packers seemed unable to solve the good five-man game the Blues put up and were distinctly outclassed in the frame. The heavier Blue guards completely smothered the diminutive Packer forwards on every play the Packers attempted.

Patton Changes Lineup.

Coach Patton shifted Captain Wedberg to forward, and sent in Hoden, pivot man, to Wedberg's position at center. It was then that South sped the fastest. Baskets by Wedberg and Clark put the Packers within five points of the Prepmen, and there they stayed.

With only seven seconds to play, O'Leary, Prep guard, handled Smith diminutive South forward a little too rough, and Smith was taken out of the contest with a pair of cracked ribs.

Moylan was taken out in the third quarter because of four personal fouls. The game was one of the roughest ever played at the Packer gym.

Reeves, Captain Wedberg, Bernard and Clark starred for the Packers. Clark's floor game was excellent, dribbling down the floor time and again to shoot at the basket. Reeves played a great defensive game, as did Bernard. Wedberg's work shone, although his playing was not of his usual caliber.

Bill Monaghan, O'Brien and O'Leary played the best for the Blue and White. Monaghan's long range eye was one of the main factors in the Prep victory. O'Brien played a great defensive game.

The lineup and summary:

	South High	Creighton Prep
Smith, G.	0	10
Wedberg, C.	0	0
Clark, R.	0	0
Reeves, E.	0	0
Hoden, C.	0	0
Wakelin, J.	0	0
Totals	0	15

	South High	Creighton Prep
Coffey, F.	0	0
Monaghan, B.	0	0
O'Brien, J.	0	0
O'Leary, J.	0	0
Patton, R.	0	0
Dugan, C.	0	0
Grant, J.	0	0
Totals	0	15

Curtis to Pilot Martinsburg.

Martinsburg, W. Va., Feb. 22.—Peter Curtis of Philadelphia today signed a contract to manage the Martinsburg club of the Blue Ridge Baseball league next season. Curtis has managed teams in Atlantic City, Jersey City, Wilmington, Des Moines and Binghamton. For four years he was athletic director of St. John college, New York.

Hurdle Record Broken.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 22.—A new record for the 45 yard high hurdle was set at a Phillips-Exeter academy track meet here today by Charles T. Elliott, Jr., of Brookline, Mass. His time for the event was 5.4 seconds, as recorded by the officials. The inter-scholastic record is 6.2 seconds and the A. A. U. record 6 seconds.

Eddie Collins to Manage White Sox in 1925

Comiskey Makes Promises to Veteran in Order to Have Him Play With Team This Year.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Eddie Collins will manage the Chicago White Sox in 1925—and perhaps for two years beyond.

This year he will continue to play second base and F. A. K. Chance will remain as manager. This is the status of the "Collins trade" and "Chance resignation" rumors that have kept American league baseball fans on edge for a week past, according to reports current here today.

Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Sox, is said to have made this promise to the star second sacker to get him to remain with Chicago.

From sources close to the two interested parties, the mysterious maneuvers that began with the reports at the conference of organized baseball that "Collins was to be traded to the Yankees," were explained in this manner:

"Chance got the idea that Collins was disappointed because he was not named manager of the White Sox for 1924. The conference heard that Chance had made a trade of Collins to the Yankees, feeling that Eddie might not give his best efforts to the Sox under Chance's management.

"When Chance's conclusion reached Collins, the second baseman became a bit wrathful. Then Chance tendered his resignation, which Comiskey would not accept.

Wymore Gun Club Wins.

Wymore, Neb., Feb. 22.—In a shooting match held at the Wymore club grounds on the Blue River, east of town, Thursday, Wymore won by a shade over the Beatrice Gun club, the total being 215 to 214. It was the second win for the Wymore Gun club over the Beatrice club, the former match resulting in a win by six points for Wymore. Dr. E. W. Felten shot high score for Beatrice, breaking out of 50 rocks, and Jay Hayden was high for Wymore, with a score of 35.

Holdrege High School to Stage Cage Tourney

Holdrege, Neb., Feb. 22.—Arrangements for the high school cage tournament here next week have been completed and about 15 schools have entered the tournament.

Cups have been purchased for the winners in both A and B classes and pennants will be given to the runners-up.

The entertainment will be in charge of the newly formed H club.

Wayne Stages High School Cage Tourney

Wayne, Neb., Feb. 22.—Results Thursday in the basket ball tourney now in progress at Wayne were as follows:

Class A:
Scribner, 25; Wauna, 2.
Norfolk, 24; Wayne, 10.

Class B:
Lyons, 16; Ruffalo, 5.
Pierce, 18; Allen, 10.
Carroll, 13; Wakefield, 17.
Wiestka, 24; Coleridge, 9.
Watkinson, 18; Hadden, 10.
Osmond, 27; Bender, 18.
Chambers, 26; Orchard, 8.

St. Paul Musher Departs for The Pas Dog Derby

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 22.—Berton T. Baker of St. Paul today was musing his way to The Pas, Manitoba, to compete in the famous annual dog derby there the second week in March.

It is approximately 900 miles from St. Paul to The Pas. Baker said he believed the long trek overland would condition his half dozen huskies for the derby. It will be his first appearance in the dog race.

Tilden and Partner Win. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 22.—William T. Tilden, II, and his protegee, Sandy Weiner, won their opening rounds of the singles with ease in the first day's play in the midwinter invitation indoor tournament of the Buffalo Tennis and Squash club today. Cedric Major and Wilcox Adair fell before Tilden's and Weiner's initial onslaught.

Kane Substitutes for Mandell Chicago, Feb. 22.—Jack Kane, Chicago lightweight, tonight was substituted for Sammy Mandell of Rockford, to meet Mickey O'Dowd of Muncie, Ind., in a 10-round bout at East Chicago Monday night. Mandell is suffering from boils.Zarn Wins Dog Derby. Ashton, Idaho, Feb. 22.—Eighteen-year-old Olcott Zarn won the 25-mile American dog derby here today, his dogs defeating those of other veteran drivers. Young Zarn in past races always placed well but his win today was unexpected.

Champions of Their Class



Ivan Parke, 16-year-old jockey, whose sensational victories have led experts to declare he is destined to be the best rider in the world, is shown here with Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, who also is called the best ever, taken at the New Orleans race track, where Parke is riding.

Fremont Cage Tourney Opens

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 22.—Six games in classes B and C furnished the curling ringer thrills to the first annual basket ball tournament sponsored by Midland college which got off to a flying start this afternoon. With more than 200 basket ball artists gathered in Fremont for the opening contests, everything went off according to schedule. The results of the first round in classes B and C were as follows: Class B:
Weston, 18; Oakland, 6. Mead, 26; Uehling, 1; Yutan, 10; North Bend, 9; Waterloo, 17; Surprise, 2.

Class C:
Leigh, 14; Cedar Bluffs, 13; Valley, 22; Dodge, 11; Elkhorn, 2; Bruno, 0. (Forfeit). Able drew a bye.

Saturday morning quintets of classes B and C will clash in the semi-finals. They have been arranged to meet in the following order: Mead against Waterloo, Yutan against Weston, Valley drew a bye, Leigh against Elkhorn.

North Bend and Yutan gave the crowd a few exciting moments in the class B elimination process when the Saunders county lads emerged victors by a margin of one point in the final moments of play. Leigh and Cedar Bluffs played the same sort of a game in class C when Leigh nosed out the Cedar Bluffs five by one field goal after trailing until the last 10 seconds of play. Dodge succumbed to Valley easily and the Douglas county lads are predicted as close contestants for the class championship.

The tournament ends Saturday night when the finals in the three classes will be played off. Trophies for the winners in each class will be awarded at that time.

Lincoln to Stay in State League

Lincoln will remain in the Nebraska State league for the coming season of baseball, according to an announcement made yesterday afternoon by Dick Grotte, president of the circuit, which held a meeting at the Roma hotel.

A vote of five to one for Lincoln remaining in the State league for the season of 1924 was taken by the State league directors, Grotte said.

A prominent baseball man will arrive in Omaha this morning from Chicago to talk over with the State league directors the chances of securing the Lincoln franchise in the circuit.

The Western league has been trying to place the Sioux City franchise in Lincoln for several weeks. Sioux City will probably remain in the Western this coming season.

League Refused Class B Rating Springfield, Mo., Feb. 22.—H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Minor Leagues, has again notified President J. W. Seabough, president of the Western association, that the board has refused the association a class B rating.

Basketball Results

Odell Breaks Even.

Odell, Neb.—Odell divided a double-header basket ball game here Wednesday night with the Hastings high school team. The Hastings first team winning, 9 to 6, and the Odell second winning, 8 to 2.

Hardy Defeats Belvidere.

Hardy, Neb.—Hardy defeated the Belvidere quintet, 41 to 19, in a fast played game here Wednesday night.

York, 27; Newark, 21.

York, Neb.—York high defeated Newark high, 27 to 21, in a fast played game here Thursday night. Outstanding was point man for Newark with six field goals. Yorker scored eight points.

Valparaiso Wins Tourney.

Valparaiso, Neb.—Valparaiso high school basket ball team won the second annual Saunders county cage tournament held in Ashland last week.

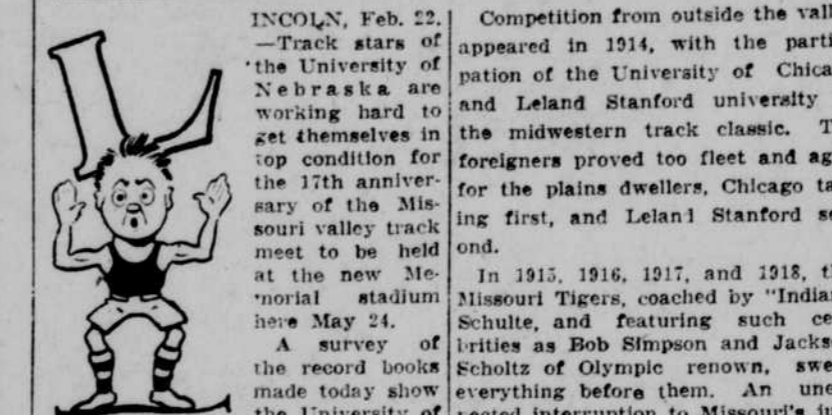
Gregory Defeats Stewart.

Gregory, Neb.—Gregory town cagers defeated the Stewart cagers, 42 to 22, Thursday night in a fast played game. It was the first defeat for the Stewart quintet in three years. On the other hand, Gregory has not been defeated in the last three years.

Odell Wins Fair.

Odell, Neb., Feb. 22.—In a double-header basket ball game here Thursday evening the Odell high school team won the first of two games. Odell scored 18 to 12 for the boys and 29 to 8 for the girls.

Huskers Prepare to Carry Off Honors in Missouri Valley Conference Meet



INCOLN, Feb. 22.—Track stars of the University of Nebraska are working hard to get themselves in top condition for the 17th anniversary of the Missouri valley track meet to be held at the new Memorial stadium here May 24.

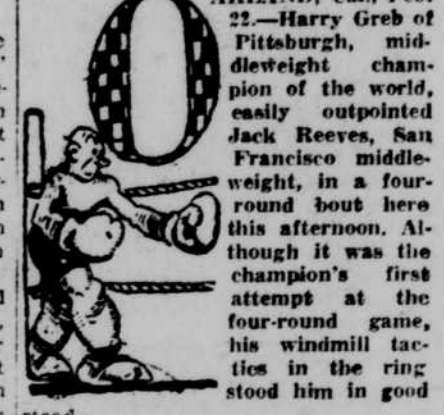
A survey of the record books made today show the University of Missouri, with nine conference track championships to its credit, leads the valley in track victories. Nebraska, winner the last three years, is second in the number of meets won.

The first official valley meet, held in Kansas City in 1908, was won by Ames, but Nebraska did not compete that year. The following year the meet, also held at Kansas City, went to the tracksters from Grinnell.

The Kansas Jayhawkers won the meet in 1910 and Missouri began to bask in the limelight by annexing the victory the following year. The Tigers made a sun bath by repeating in 1912 and '13.

Harry Greb Wins Easy Decision Over Jack Reeves

Californian Completely Dazed by Flying Gloves That the Pittsburgh "Windmill" Threw at Him.



AKLAND, Cal., Feb. 22.—Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, middleweight champion of the world, easily outpointed Jack Reeves, San Francisco middleweight, in a four-round bout here this afternoon. Although it was the champion's first attempt at the four-round game, his windmill tactics in the ring stood him in good stead.

Reeves was completely outclassed and it wasn't even necessary for the judges and referee to render a decision.

Time after time the champion danced around the Californian, who was completely dazed by the flying gloves which came to him from all directions. The crowd booed Greb at times when he clinched, but the champion appeared to do this in order to give his opponent a chance to catch up with him.

Grand Island Defeats Cotner

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 22.—Grand Island college defeated Cotner university here last night by the score of 24 to 22. Grand Island started the game with three straight baskets and held a five-point lead at the half. Cotner came back strong in the second period and rung six baskets before Grand Island could get started.

The locals, however, in an uphill battle, wiggled through for enough goals to give them a two-point lead, which was held during the last five minutes of play.

The last half was a see saw affair with one team ahead and then the other, many sensational shots bringing the audience to its feet. Manning played the stellar game for the visitors, while Myrberg, Mandeville and Rehder divided honors for the locals in number of baskets.

The University of Nebraska basket ball team meets the Washington university quintet in Lincoln tonight. Third position in the Missouri valley will be at stake.

Kearney Tourney Has 50 Teams

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 22.—Twenty-two games were played in the first day of a three-day basket ball tournament among 50 odd central Nebraska high schools here Thursday. This is the third annual tournament held here under the auspices of the K. club.

Class A:
Lexington, 12; Shelton, 16.
Central City, 17; Sutherland, 5.
North Platte, 9; Kearney, 21.

Class B:
Minden, 4; Sumner, 22.
Arnold, 9; Kenesaw, 12.
Litchfield, 13; Bertrand, 6.
Bloomington, 16; Overton, 2.
Farrum, 14; Ansley, 9.
Kearney College Prep, 10; State Industrial School, 8.
Elm Creek, 10; Huntley, 6.
Kearney Junior High, 14; Aurora Junior High, 4.
Grand Island Junior High, 8; Goshute Junior High, 6.

Class C:
Axtell, 8; Brady, 7.
Minden, 4; Kearney Freshmen, 5. (extra period).
Riversdale, 2; Rosalia, 14.
Waller, 8; Stanston, 20.
Amherst, 8; Berwyn, 6.
Waverly, 13; Poole, 2.
Edgelyville, 11; Napoleon, 16.
St. Scholas Central City, 2; State Industrial School, 2.

Brookings—Mike Ballinger, Philippines, won decision over Joe Souza, Brooklyn, 10 rounds.

The dual swimming meet between the Omaha "Y" and the Tech splashes, scheduled for Saturday night, has been postponed indefinitely.

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