

Omaha Bee Sports

Opinions Differ on Greatest Western Teams

Pa' Rourke and Jack Holland, Veteran Club Owners, Each Have Different Clubs.

All-Time Record, Western. Table with columns: Team, Year, G., W., L., Pct.

HAT team do you think was the greatest combination to be ever produced? If this question was passed around the circuit half a dozen probably would be nominated.

In Wichita many would be willing to wager the family plate that those Witches who won their last 19 games in 1921 could trim any other team that ever performed in the Western.

Up in Denver those who were daily guests of the Grizzlies of 1911 would not stung to string with the only team that ever won 111 victories in a season in the Western. This was the starter of a series of three consecutive victories, the only three straight flags won in the league.

Des Moines folk might call attention to the fact that their team of 1906 won by the widest margin ever established by any Western club, 23 games.

Omaha has had several wonderful teams. Few of the present-day fans know much of the teams named by Jack Holland, Oklahoma City president, and Pa' Rourke of Omaha, two who are associated with the Western at its birth.

believe it or not!

PHIL DOWNS, of insurance fame, used to hunt with a gun which had no safety. He don't use it any more. It seems that this double gun was so arranged that it was always cocked. Phil took it out and used it. He fired at a flock of ducks. Both barrels went off.

Large Entry List for State Tourney

- Arthur county, Hamilton, Kearney, Nemaha, Pawnee, Perkins, Platte, Richardson, Saline, Scott, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Union, York.

Jack Kirkwood Again Winner

Corpus Christi, Tex., Feb. 23.—Success again crowned the efforts of Joe Kirkwood, winner of the Corpus Christi open tournament, when he paired with J. M. Coleman, Corpus Christi amateur, won the amateur professional best ball event here Friday.

Sioux City Beats Bluffs.

Sioux City, Feb. 23.—A rally in the last five minutes of play enabled Sioux City High school to break a deadlock and emerge on the winning end of a 29 to 15 score over Council Bluffs here last night.

Play Finals in Golf Tourney.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 23.—C. S. Carlton, Jr., of Houston, Friday afternoon defeated W. C. Hunt, also of Houston, 1 up in the semifinals of the tenth annual Houston Country club invitation tournament.

Illinois Defeats Chicago.

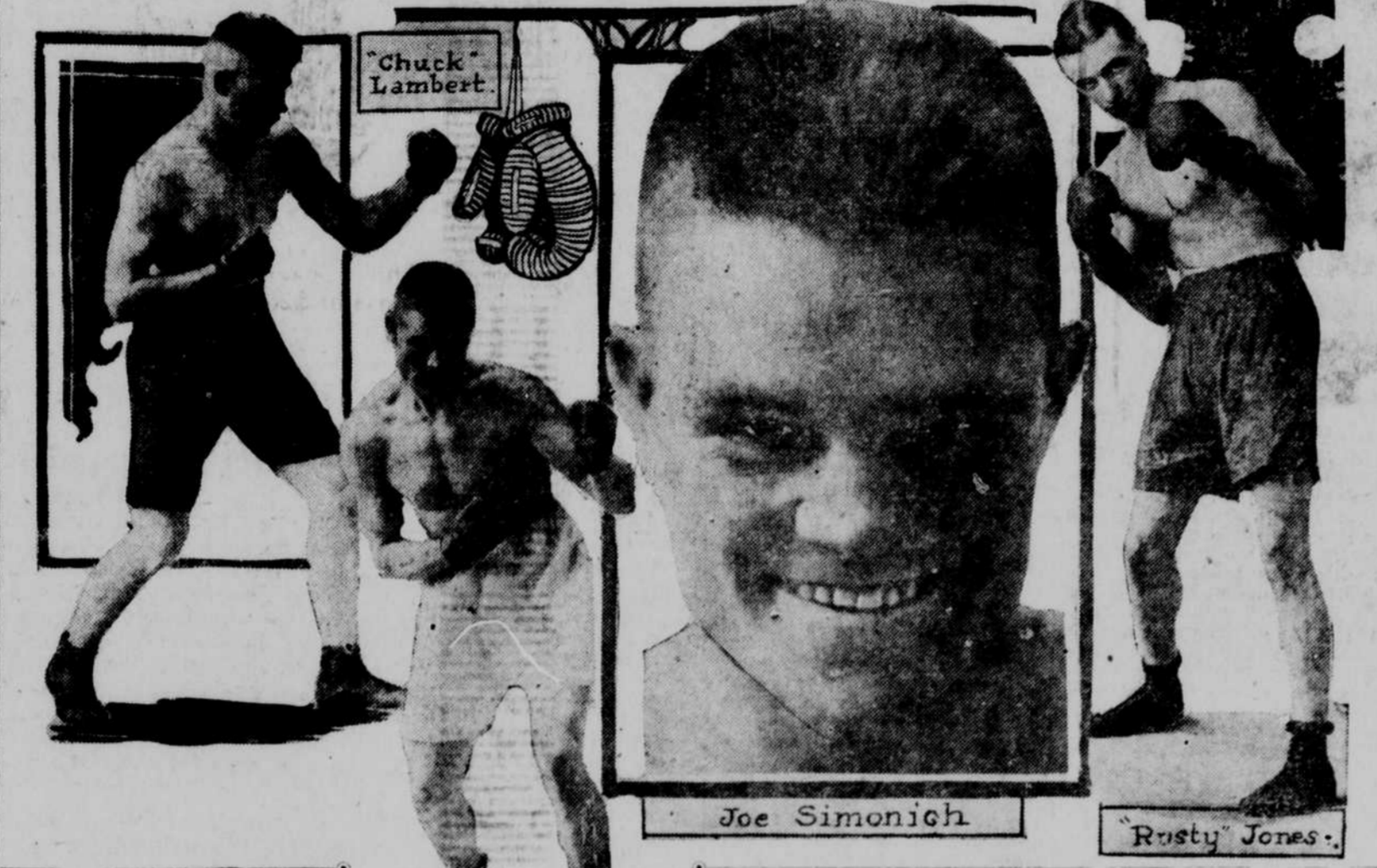
Chicago, Feb. 23.—Illinois defeated Chicago, 16 to 5, in a western conference wrestling match here last night. Illinois got two falls and Chicago one. In a gymnasium contest Chicago won 865 points to 783.

Ship in the Western League.

Tulsa has won the greatest percentage of games for its entire Western league life. In its five years in the league, Tulsa has won 439 games and lost 358 for a percentage of .553.

Denver is next best, but just 10 points back. Furthermore, Denver has fought through 20 seasons during which it has won 1,577 games, while losing only 1,496.

Three Principals in Friday Night's Fistic Show



Joe Simonich, Rusty Jones, Chuck Lambert.

Husker Quintet Defeats Pikers

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—Nebraska defeated Washington, 38 to 17, last night in a Missouri Valley conference game. Nebraska led at the end of the first half, 15 to 7.

Tennis Players Organize Ass'n

More than 100 tennis players of Omaha attended a meeting of racket swingers held last night at Commissioner Hummel's office at the city hall.

Murray Beats Davies.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—R. Linday Murray of Niagara Falls, former national champion, defeated James M. Davies of San Francisco, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 Friday in the feature match of the opening day's play in the annual mid-winter indoor tennis tournament of the Buffalo Tennis and Squash club.

Clark Re-Elected Tennis Head

Boston, Feb. 23.—S. P. Clark, of Philadelphia, was re-elected president of the United States Squash Racquets association at the annual meeting of that body here. The next national tournament was set for February 21-23, 1925, at Buffalo.

Record Entry List in Meet.

Urbana, Ill., Feb. 23.—A record-breaking entry of 47 institutions and more than 1,600 athletes has been made in the seventh annual Illinois relay carnival to be held here Saturday, March 1. The list included 34 colleges and universities, with individual athletes in special events and teams in seven relay races. Besides these are 12 high school teams in the interscholastic one-mile relay.

Knotty Problems

Question—A player receives the ball standing still. As the ball approaches him from the front, he tosses the ball to the back of his head, catches it again and then starts a dribble and shoot for goal. Is this a legal play?

Answer—No. If when he catches it back of his head, he tosses the ball in one or both hands, or touches both hands simultaneously, the trouble lies when he tosses the ball and not when he catches it back of his head. If he has tossed it with one hand instead of catching it, the play would have been legal.

Question—As the referee tosses the ball up in the air, one of the players has to cut-off bounds. The ball not being touched by any other player. How is it put in play and where?

Answer—The ball goes to an opponent who is outside his goal zone and who is not in the act of throwing or shooting the ball. It is a jump ball in his court near the point where it goes out.

Question—Can an official award two free throws for a personal foul on a player who is outside his goal zone and who is not in the act of throwing or shooting the ball? If so, on what grounds?

Answer—No. The referee should have awarded one free throw, if the offense was such that the free throw alone was inadequate.

Question—May a referee penalize a player twice for two fouls committed at the same time? For instance, a player pushes an opponent and trips him almost simultaneously.

NEBRASKA CIRCUIT DIRECTORS VOTE TO KEEP LINK TERRITORY UNTIL THEY RECEIVE \$2,500

Whether or not the Western league club owners will consent to fork over \$2,500 for the territory now occupied by Lincoln remains to be decided by the club owners of that circuit. Barney Burch, secretary of the Western league at the meeting and immediately following the conference wired all the club owners asking their opinion on the deal.

A. Haugen Wins Ski Jump.

Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Anders Haugen of the American Olympic ski team, awarded on the basis of form and distance, his victory wrestled the cup from Bing Anderson, of the Nansen Ski Club, Berlin, N. H., who needed, but one more leg to gain permanent possession. Anderson won it two successive years.

Complete Practice for Race.

Los Angeles, Feb. 23.—Practice for the opening national championship classic of the 1924 speedway season, to be held tomorrow in the Beverly bowl, was practically finished yesterday. Jerry Wunderlick and Clifford Durant made lap after lap at 120 miles per hour, at times but three or four feet apart.

HAIR STAYS COMBED, GLOSSY

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WHAT THE AMATEURS SAY

JIMMY MOORE, star hurler of the Woodmen of the West, says the Woodmen team was the victim of circumstances one day last season when it journeyed out to practice at Mundy beach.

It seems that two public school teams were scheduled to play on the beach grounds and that one of the clubs had not showed up. The Woodmen club appeared on the scene and immediately started to warm up on the side lines. Soon afterward the scorer for the team that was present approached one of the Woodmen players and asked for the manager. The player pointed out Manager Gary and the scorer without hesitation went over and said to the Wows manager: "Can you give me the lineup for today's game?"

Mike Roggall and Evans Win.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 23.—"Mike" Roggall of Omaha won over Sid Socklyn of Lincoln by a shade in their eight-round bout held here last night.

"Rusty" Evans of York, Neb., was awarded seven of the eight rounds in his bout with Louis Kelly of Des Moines. Evans scored a knockdown over Kelly.

"Muff" Bronson knocked out "Batling" Tampico, Mexico, in three rounds. Percy Owens and Kim Lawson fought four rounds to a draw.

Pat McGill Gives Strangler Lewis Cause for Worry

Nebraska Has Champ in Bad Way in Recent Contest Held in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Ed (Strangler) Lewis will never forget how close he came several times in his wrestling bout with Pat McGill of Nebraska to relinquishing his world's heavyweight title. The match was one of the greatest ever seen here.

Five times during the 1 hour, 15 minutes and 25 seconds wrestling Lewis was tossed through the ropes and out of the ring. That the champion was not injured severely was a little short of miraculous, as the manner in which he went hurtling out into the press stands resulted in several broken chairs and some narrow escapes for the newspaper representatives.

Lewis had weight and experience on the Nebraska boy, who shapes up like a championship prospect. Lewis used his 238 pounds, which gave him 20 pounds the best of the weight, to good advantage in the end, when, after breaking loose from a punishing bear scissor, he went after McGill like an unleashed bull and clamped on three successive headlocks.

With this final headlock Lewis was in position to bring down all the weight of his bulk on the body of his young opponent, and he jounced himself down on his man again and again until he fairly pounded the breath out of him, at the same time wrenching McGill's head from side to side like a bulldog worrying its victim.

At last, when the champion let loose, McGill fell back exhausted, with his two shoulders on the canvas, and Lewis himself was hardly able to stagger to his feet.

With four games scheduled for tonight bringing the three leading teams of the conference title race into action, it is safe to say that there will be a radical change in the present line-up.

LAGRATA The World's Greatest Cigar.

The Fight They Are All Talking About! MORRIE SCHLAIFER "The Fighting Fool" vs. JOE SIMONICH "The Assassin" of Butte. Welterweights 10 Rounds. Battling Munroe vs. Chuck Lambert. Omaha vs. St. Paul. Light Heavyweights 10 Rounds. Ace Hudkins vs. Rusty Jones. Nebraska Lightweight Champion vs. The "K. O. King" St. Paul. Lightweights 10 Rounds. Jack Schaefer vs. Red Wilson. Omaha vs. St. Paul. Middleweights 6 Rounds. Friday, February 29th :: Auditorium. Prices \$1, \$2, \$3, Plus Tax. NONPAREIL CLUB. Tickets Now on Sale at All Depots.