OMAHA BEE SPORTS ARE BEST

Creighton Hands Notre Dame Five Second Defeat

Corenman, Mahoney and Lovely Star as Schabinger Team Wins Another Contest.

CREIGHTON unloaded Saturday night handed Notre Dame's basket ball team its second defeat by the score of 23 to 12.

After the first five minutes of the game Notre Dame was practically unable to dent the defense of the Bluejays. Creighton took the lead at the start on a short field goal by Lovely, Notre Dame tying the score shortly afterwards on two free throws by Enright. The Hoosiers blew several easy chances and Creighton set out on the road to victory, grabbing a neat lead on Mahoney's foul and baskets by the latter and Corenman.

The Blue and Gold staged a comeback and brought the score to 7 and 6. Creighton, on baskets by Enright and two free throws by Crowe and Enright. Mahoney then caged a foul for another and the Bluejays were off again, piling up a lead that Notre Dame never threatened, when Corenman, Lovely and Trautman scored field goals.

Creighton led at the half, 14 to 6.

Trautman opened the second half with three free throws in quick order, followed by Lovely's easy short ringer. Trautman dropped in a perfect shot from the sideline and Diemhardt counted for the fighting South Blenders. Diemhardt again counted for Notre Dame and Lovely sunk the last counter of the game with a neat toss from the center of the floor.

Corenman, Mahoney and Lovely starred throughout the game for the Bluejays, with Koudele and Trautman contributing neat bits of play here and there. For the losers, Enright, Mayle, Miller and Diemhardt, were the shining lights.

Creighton.

	B.	F.T.	F.	T.P.
Lovely, r. f.	4	0	2	8
Troutman, l. f.	2	3	0	7
Mahoney, c.	1	2	2	4
Koudele, r. g., r. f.	0	0	2	0
Corenman, l. g., l. f.	2	0	0	4
Haley, l. g.	0	0	0	0
Speicher, r. g.	0	0	0	0
Ryan, c.	0	0	1	0
Yechout	0	0	0	0
	9	5	7	23

Notre Dame.

	B.	F.T.	F.	T.P.
Crowe, r. f.	0	1	1	1
Mahoney, l. f.	0	0	0	0
Enright, c.	1	4	2	6
Mayl, r. g. (c.)	0	0	1	0
Diemhardt, l. g.	2	0	1	4
Ward, r. f.	0	1	0	1
Miller, l. f.	0	0	0	0
Reardon, c.	0	0	0	0
	3	6	5	12

Referee: Birch; Earlham.

Entries Close for State Tourney

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 24.—When entries closed at midnight last night for the state high school basket ball tournament, to be held here for three days beginning March 6, 161 teams had applied for entry, officials announced. With those that are expected to come in the mails today and tomorrow the list of teams is expected to be a record-breaker.

Classifications of the different towns may be started next Saturday. Among the late entries are Creighton Prep of Omaha, Hastings, Clay Center, Chappell, Central City, Sutton and Ashland, all with teams that are regarded as strong. Creighton Prep, with the consistent game it has been playing all season, is expected as a sure class A contender for the state championship.

Fengler Wins Race.

Beverly Hills, Cal., Feb. 24.—Harlan Fengler, youthful speed pilot from Kansas City, won the 250-mile national automobile race here today in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 14 3-5 seconds, driving at an average speed of 116 miles an hour and smashing all records for the distance.

Tijuana Results

Yesterday's Results.

First race: 5 furlongs:
Cedric, 117 (Baker) 22.80 11.20 5.80
Lady Leband, 115 (Wood) 4.20 4.00
Lemon Seth, 94 (Gerrity) 3.80
Time, 1:01 1-5. Jay Roberts, Dernier Sou, Wild Thoughts, July Fly, Full Moon, Slippery Smile, Felecitor, Chence, Debtor also ran.

Second race: Mile and 70 yards:
Briand Kent, 101 (Gerrity) 18.40 7.00 2.80
Encrinite, 104 (O'Donnell) 3.00 2.20
xFrank Fogarty, 111 (Cantrell) 2.20
Time, 1:47. xMadson, xLady Leonid, Theresa, Green Spring, xBrown Shasta, Wise Judge, xPromenade also ran.
xField.

Third race: Mile and 70 yards:
Blue Belle, 105 (O'Donnell) 9.40 4.80 3.20
Monardella, 101 (Harmsworth) .. 6.40 4.40
Piedra, 105 (Wilson) 3.60
Time, 1:46 2-5. Lizette, Nan McKinney, Warrior also ran.

Fourth race: 4½ furlongs:
The Araucanian, 112 (Mein) 10.00 4.40 2.60
Dr. Corbett, 104 (O'Donnell) 3.40 2.80
Lady Gorham, 107 (Ellis) 2.60
Time, :48 4-5. Helen Cook, Seth's Memory, Dr. McArthur, Settee also ran.

Fifth race: 6 furlongs:
Porto De Oro, 104 (Walls) 26.80 8.80 4.00
My Daddy, 107 (O'Donnell) 4.20 2.20
Ponjola, 103 (Mein) 3.00
Time, 1:12. Nayarit, Eminent, Combustor also ran.

Sixth race: 1 1-16 miles:
Little Chief, 125 (O'Don'l) 4.40 3.00 2.60
Better Luck, 118 (Kennedy) 3.20 3.20
Abadanne, 114 (Marlinez) 3.20
Time, 1:45 4-5. Super Cargo, Lady Astor also ran.

Seventh race: 5½ furlongs:
Top O' The Morning, 112 (Mein) 5.60 3.40 2.20
Tubby A., 117 (Ellis) 3.40 2.20
Faber, 112 (Abel) 2.80
Time, 1:07 1-5. Miss Fryer, Finis Gloriosus, Boss Man, Fireplace, Spear Shot also ran.

Eighth race: 6 furlongs:
Little Hope, 110 (A.Collins) 11.20 6.60 4.20
Bedazzle, 110 (Ellis) 5.40 4.00
Picnic, 110 (Barnes) 3.60
Time, 1:13 3-5. Dalton, Havana Electric, No Wonder, Zinon, Honest George, Calgary Lad, Canny Lady, Black Pat, Woodie Montgomery, Preservator also ran.

Ninth race: 1 1-16 miles:
Elias O., 104 (Mein) 21.00 8.80 4.40
Virginius, 103 (O'Donnell) 7.80 3.60
Doubtful, 108 (Horn) 4.20
Time, 1:47. Quecreek, Sagamook, Marcellis Boy, Chiva, Scarlet Bugler also ran.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS

Organizing a Party

Thirty-Six Rounds of Boxing on Program for Friday Evening

FRIDAY night's fight night again in Omaha.

The Nonpareil club will hold sway with a program of 36 rounds of fighting, three 10-round bouts and a six-round opener.

In the main event there will be Joe Simonich of Butte, Mont., and Morrie Schlaifer of Omaha, a pair of welterweights who can sock and sock hard with either mitt. They have been signed to fight 10 rounds.

This Simonich person is the one who won a popular decision over Schlaifer in Council Bluffs on the same night that Jack Dempsey knocked Luis Angel Firpo back into Argentine. Ever since that night Schlaifer has had a desire in his noddle to again tangle with Simonich so that he could erase that defeat.

FIGHT FACTS.

Place—Auditorium.
Time—Friday evening, 8.
Main Event—Morrie Schlaifer against Joe Simonich, 10 rounds.
Semi-Windup—Carl Lambert, St. Paul, against "Battling" Munroe, Omaha, 10 rounds.
Second Prelim—Ace Hudkins, Lincoln, against "Rusty" Jones, St. Paul, 10 rounds.
First Prelim—"Red" Wilson against Jack Schaefer, both Omaha, six rounds.
Referee—Leo Shea and Curley Ulrich.
Promoter—Nonpareil club.

Friday night he expects to knock Joe out.

In the semi-windup, "Battling" Munroe meets Carl Lambert of St. Paul in a 10-round bout. This should be another fight similar to the last Munroe-Carl Augustine bout in which there were more knockouts than an adding machine could keep up with.

"Rusty" Evans of St. Paul, lightweight, who has a record of 13 knockouts and five decisions to his credit out of 18 fights, meets Ace Hudkins of Lincoln in a 10-round fight which should be worth the price of admission.

"Red" Wilson and Jack Schaefer of Omaha meet in the opener.

Penn Relay Team Captures Honors

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—The University of Pennsylvania carried off the feature event of the annual Johns Hopkins-Fifth Regiment indoor games, by capturing the distance medley relay collegiate championship from Boston college, which placed second, and the University of Pittsburgh third, after New York university had been forced out of the race. The New Yorkers were eliminated when their second runner fell, receiving injuries which made it impossible for him to continue.

Kelley of Boston college took the lead early in the first lap, but Hill of Penn, forged ahead at the first change of the baton. New oYrk, which had been running well up, then dropped out, and Cavanaugh of Boston overtook McLean, the third Penn runner. Pittsburgh all the while being well in the rear. McLane, however, soon overtook the Bostonian, and the three teams held the same positions to the end.

Georgetown university emerged high scorer with a total of 39 points. Other scorers were: Johns Hopkins, 19; Boston college, 8; Penn, 7; La Fayette, 5; Princeton, 4; Navy, 1.

Two Iowans Place in Horseshoe Tourney

Lake Worth, Fla., Feb. 24.—C. C. Davis of Columbus, O., won the 1924 mid-winter national horseshoe pitching championship tournament here by winning his 22d game scheduled yesterday afternoon without having met defeat.

Frank Jackson of Kellerton, Ia., former titleholder, who dropped a game each to Davis and Loren May of Akrn, O., finished in second place. "Putt" Mossman of Eldoro, Ia., playing in his first national meet, won third place with 19 games won and three lost. May was fourth.

Deaf Schools to Hold Cage Tourney

A basket ball tourney between schools for the deaf from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and South Dakota will be held in the gymnasium of the Nebraska School for Deaf two days commencing February 29.

Two games will be played the afternoon of the first day and the finals will be played the night of March 1.

Winners of the tourney will be presented with a trophy by the Omaha Sporting Goods company. George Parrish will referee the games.

Gopher Track Coach Offered Position at Ames

Ames, Ia., Feb. 24.—It is reported here unofficially that T. N. Metcalf, track coach at the University of Minnesota, has been offered the position of director of athletics at Iowa State college here to succeed C. W. Mayser, resigned.

Metcalf was here yesterday, but refused to deny or confirm the report. Ames officials also declined to discuss the matter. Metcalf is a former Ohio State athlete.

Cyclones Defeat Gophers in Indoor Track Meet

Ames, Ia., Feb. 24.—The Iowa State college track team defeated Minnesota in an indoor dual meet here yesterday afternoon, 60 to 44. Towler of Minnesota was high individual scorer with 13 points. Local indoor records for the mile run, broad jump, and shotput, all of which were taken by Iowa State, were established.

New Tank Record for Women

By Associated Press.

Honolulu, T. H., Feb. 24.—Mariechen Wehselau, youthful Hawaiian swimming star, set a new record for the women's free style 220-yard swim in a 20-yard tank here yesterday, covering the distance in 2:49 2-5. The mark was made in a handicap race which Helen Moses won.

Warren Kealoha won a 100-yard free style race from Norman Ross of the Illinois Athletic club by a hand. His time was :55 1-5.

Hawkeye Mat Men Defeat Huskers

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—The University of Iowa grapplers defeated the Nebraska wrestling team, 19 to 10, in a thrilling meet staged before an overflow crowd at the university armory, Saturday afternoon. The winners took three falls and two decisions, while the Huskers had to be satisfied with two falls out of the seven matches scheduled.

115-Pound Class—Pfeffer, Iowa, won decision over Blore, Nebraska. Time advantage: 9:40.
125-Pound Class—Captain Kellogg, Nebraska, won a fall from Prickley, Iowa, with half nelson and wrist lock. Time: 2:10 in second extra three-period.
135-Pound Class—O'Brien, Iowa, won fall from Mooberry, Nebraska, with a head scissors and bar arm hold. Time: 11:26.
145-Pound Class—Skinner, Nebraska, won a fall from Voltmer, Iowa, with body scissors and bar arm lock. Time: 9:03.
158-Pound Class—Grattan, Iowa, won a fall from Thomas, Nebraska, with body scissors and bar arm lock. Time: 9:03, second extra three-minute period.
175-Pound Class—Captain James, Iowa, won decision over Robertson, Nebraska. Time advantage: 8:05.
Heavyweight—Karoski, Iowa, won a fall over Berquist, Nebraska. Time: 7:32.
Score: Iowa, 19; Nebraska, 10.

Kansas City Blues Arrive in Spring Training Camp

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Battery men and officials of the Kansas City Baseball club of the American association arrived here yesterday. The squad was comprised of Manager Wilbur Goode, Business Manager John Savage and 18 pitchers and catchers. The Blues will commence their spring training tryouts at Maier's park near here. Six exhibition games between the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league and the Blues have been arranged to be played here March 25 to 30.

Mortimer Beats Morgan.

Boston, Feb. 24.—Stanley G. Mortimer, New York, runnerup last year for the national racquet championship, defeated Hewitt Morgan of New York in the semi-final round of the national racquet tournament here yesterday. Clarence W. Pell, New York, national champion, defeated Stanley W. Pearson of Philadelphia, in three straight sets. Pell and Mortimer will meet in the finals tomorrow.

Purdue Grapplers Win.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Purdue wrestlers defeated Northwestern, 14 to 9, in a western conference meet at Evanston yesterday. The score was tied at 9 all at the end of the light heavyweight match, Harker of Purdue threw Lowry in the heavyweight match and won the meet. Purdue also defeated Northwestern in a gym meet, 545, 5-10 points to 511.

Fighter Is Killed.

Panama, Feb. 24.—Lorry Murray, a welterweight boxer of Brooklyn, N. Y., is dead in a local hospital after a bout last night with Soldier Underwood of the American garrison.

Badgers Defeat Iowa Tracksters

Madison, Wis., Feb. 24.—Wisconsin outpointed Iowa in a conference track meet here last night, 46 to 39. The meet was bitterly contested throughout, and was not decided until the last event. By winning the relay by a few feet, the Badgers took the count. Iowa held the lead until the last three events.

Brookins, Iowa flash, was the outstanding star of the meet, winning two firsts, a second and representing the Hawkeyes in the relay. Phelps, Iowa, lowered the local record in the two-mile event by one-fifth of a second, making the distance in 9:49 4-5.

Former Husker Star Runs Century in :09.9

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Keith Lloyd, former Nebraska university track star and brother of Harold Lloyd, film comedian, won the 100-yard open dash at the Los Angeles coliseum yesterday in 9:9 seconds. The meet, in which Lloyd was participating, dedicated the new track at the coliseum and was scheduled as the sixth A. A. U. relay carnival.

Advance Guard of St. Louis Cards Start for Camp

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—Although the main squad of the St. Louis Nationals is not scheduled to begin spring training until March 3, an advance guard of five recruits departed yesterday for the training camp at Bradentown, Fla.

The five were Roscoe Holm, Syracuse, N. Y., outfielder; "Terrible" Thomson of Nebraska university and Louis Farwell, who has been playing in California, catchers; and Herman Bell of Alton, Ia., and George Berry of Oakland, Cal., pitchers. Manager Branch Rickey will not arrive at the camp until March 3.

Canada Forges to Front.

Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Canada forged to the front yesterday in the two final events of International Amateur speed skating championships and tonight Charles Gorman of St. John, N. B., winner of both, stands elevated to the rank of champion, the first Canadian in 10 years to attain the honor.

Hastings Defeats Cotner.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 24.—Hastings college defeated Cotner here last night in a basket ball game by the score of 31 to 23. The game was one of the fastest seen here this season. It was close throughout, the score at the end of the first half being 12 to 12.

Yale Wrestlers Beat Penn.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Gaining three falls and one decision, Yale wrestlers defeated the University of Pennsylvania mat men here today, 18 to 3.

Art Griggs to Manage Omaha Baseball Club

Will Succeed Konetchy as Pilot—Signing of Coast Leaguer Will Put McCarty in Outfield.

By RALPH WAGNER.

OMAHA'S 1924 Western league baseball club will have a manager in the person of Art Griggs, San Francisco first baseman and former St. Louis and Cleveland American league infielder.

This announcement was made last night by Barney Burch, owner of the Buffaloes, after he had received a telegram from Griggs, in which the latter informed the Omaha mogul that terms were satisfactory to him.

The San Francisco club sold Griggs to Burch for a cold $4,000, according to Barney. The new Buffalo boss who will succeed Ed Konetchy as manager, is expected to arrive in Omaha next Sunday. He will confer with Burch in this city and then the two will leave for Shreveport, La., where the Buffaloes will do their spring training at an "ivory" camp located near that city.

The signing of Griggs to manage and play first base for Omaha means that John McCarty, purchased from the Syracuse club of the International league at the recent baseball meeting in Chicago, will play in the outfield. McCarty was an outfielder up until last season when the Syracuse team stationed him at the initial sack.

But Griggs! Burch was all smiles when he received the Coast Leaguer's telegram last night. A smile a mile wide made its appearance on Barney's "map" when he read where Griggs was satisfied with the terms the Omaha club offered and would report to the Buffaloes as soon as the other Coast league teams had passed waivers on him, which will be this week.

Playing with the San Francisco team last season, Griggs socked the ol' ball hard, collecting 21 home runs and an even dozen three-baggers along with something like 40 doubles, all of which speaks well of his slugging powers. He scored 88 runs for the Coast league team and hit in a total of 101 runs. Griggs is 35 years old and is said to be one of the best fielding first sackers in the Coast circuit. He was field manager for the Seals last season.

Before joining the Seals, Griggs played with St. Louis Americans as second baseman and later with Cleveland. He went from the Indians to the San Francisco team.

Like his new manager, Griggs got his start in the baseball whirl in the Texas league, the birthplace of many a big league star.

Burch well remembers when, as a youngster at Houston, Tex., he used to go out to the Houston baseball park and watch Griggs and a lot of other present and former major league stars play. It was at this park that he got the first glimpse of the ball player who was destined to later become the manager of the Omaha Western league team.

Along with the announcement that Griggs had signed to manage the Buffaloes came word that Burch has received the signed contracts of "Frisco" Thompson, second baseman; Jimmy Wilcox, third baseman, and "Red" Wilder, catcher. The contracts of the remaining Buffaloes have been mailed out and should be in Burch's hands within the next week or so.

The only holdout thus far is George Hale, catcher, who is asking for an increase in salary.

Appleby Wins From Collins With Cue

Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—Edgar T. Appleby of New York gained the national amateur billiard championship tonight by defeating Percy N. Collins of Chicago, the title holder, in the final game of the national class A 18.2 balk line billiard championship tournament. Appleby first held the title in 1922.

Pell Retains Title as Racquet Champion

Boston, Feb. 24.—Clarence C. Pell of New York retained his title as national racquets champion here today by defeating Stanley G. Mortimer, also of New York, three games to two.

Sharp volleying and ability to return the ball until his challenger erred gave Pell the victory.

Odell Cagers Lose.

Odell, Neb.—Odell high school cagers lost to Jansen, 10 to 6, in a hard-fought game played at Jansen Friday night.

Morrowville, 20; Lynn, 4.

Morrowville, Kan.—Morrowville defeated Lynn, Kan., 20 to 4, in a loosely played game here Friday night.

Hanover Cagers Break Even.

Washington, Kan.—Washington and Hanover high school basket ball teams divided a double-header here Friday night, the Washington boys winning, 18 to 15, and the Hanover girls winning, 25 to 17.

Stamford Wins Pair.

Republican City, Neb.—Stamford high school cage teams defeated the Republican City quintets in a double-header here Friday night, the boys winning, 24 to 6, and the girls winning, 16 to 8.

Broken Bow Defeats Callaway.

Broken Bow, Neb.—Broken Bow high school quintet walloped the Callaway quintet, 72 to 20, in a game played here Saturday. Broken Bow has lost but three games this season.

McCook Wins Pair.

McCook, Neb.—McCook high school basket ball team defeated the Danbury quintet, 12 to 7, in a game played here Tuesday night. McCook also defeated Cambridge, 19 to 7, Wednesday night.

"Harry Wills Is Fighter Above All I Want to Meet in Ring"—Dempsey

By THOMAS L. CUMMISKEY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—**"Harry Wills is the one fighter above all that I want to meet in the ring. If I ever get a shot at him I'll knock him out in less than three rounds, and I'll hand him the worst smashing he ever got."**

This was the way—unusual for him—Jack Dempsey spoke of his negro challenger today on arriving from a long exhibition tour of the south. He went on:

"You know, I'm sick of the bunk being handed out that I'm afraid of Wills. I'm postive I can lick him. And I might as well say so. Just let someone arrange the match.

For a long time, a stock question put to the champion by scribes has been:

"Well, Jack, are you going to meet Wills?"

It seems to have nettled him. He insists he's ready for the battle at any time, but that nothing is ever done about it.

Both Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, confirmed a report from Richmond, Va., when they were there a few days ago, that they hope to close for three fights this summer—with Tommy Gibbons, Harry Wills and Luis Firpo.

"I'm willing to tackle all three within a period of four months," said Dempsey, with Kearns nodding, "if we get the right offers. I hope Tex Rickard will take them on. 'Doc' (Kearns) is going to have a conference with him on Monday. I certainly hope something will be done about all three."

Asked if they were in any way bound to fight only for Tex Rickard, Kearns said:

"Not at all. We are under no obligations to Tex. But he is one man we know can put things over. No fear of not being paid by him. You can't say that for 9 out of 10 of other would-be promoters. However, if Paddy Mullins wants the champion to fight Wills for Lew Raymond's syndicate, we'll take it—if they produce the jack."

And then Kearns cut loose with big money talk.

"We'll sign up for a guarantee of $500,000, with $300,000 to be put in the bank to our credit as evidence of good faith. This would be assurance no political or other influence would spoil plans."

Fans Watch for Slowing Up in Ty Cobb's Work

Coming Season Will Be Twentieth for Georgia "Peach" in Big Show—Establishes Record With Bat.

By Associated Press.

DETROIT, Feb. 24.—**Ty Cobb, manager of the Detroit Tigers, has been attracting the attention of baseball fans since his second year in the American league. That was back in 1906. He joined the Tigers the year before much the same as any recruit breaks into the big leagues but it did not take the Georgia Peach long to demonstrate that he was quite different from the ordinary rooky.**

During the 195 season Cobb failed to hit in the .300 class. Since then he has not failed to hit in the select circle of batters. Next spring the Tiger leader will begin his 20th season with the Detroit team and he is attracting nearly as much attention as he did when he was earning his reputation as the greatest all-round player in the game. However, the attention he now is attracting is a little different. Baseball fans have become accustomed to Cobb batting .300, but now they are asking: "Is Cobb slowing up?" "Will Cobb bat .300 next season?" "Will next season be Cobb's last as an active player?"

To the first question the answer is "Yes," without qualification. Baseball players in the major leagues are regarded as old at 35. Few of them ever attain the age of 40 in the big show. Cobb is between those two figures, hence there is no doubt that he has slowed up considerably from the years when it was regarded an ordinary feat for him to steal not only second, but third base.

There is no reason why Cobb should not bat .300 next season. He has done it for 18 consecutive seasons and by doing it last year established himself as the only player in the history of the major leagues who has hit for .300 or better for 18 years in a row. The late Captain A. C. Anson did it 20 years, but there was a break of two years in each of which he fell below .300.

Whether the next campaign will be Cobb's last as an active player is up to Cibb himself. Judging from his physical condition he should be able to play the outfield for at least three more years, barring accidents. He has threatened to retire as an active player and whether he will carry out that threat at the close of next season time only can tell.

Establishes New "Y" Record

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—Victor Kippe, representing the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A., set a new national Y. M. C. A. record for the 250-yard backstroke here Saturday, when he won the final heat in 1:51 2-5. The old record was 1:53, also held by Kippe.

McGinnity Rejects McGraw's Offer

Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 24.—"Iron Man" Joe McGinnity, noted pitcher, who managed and helped to pitch the Dubuque Mississippi Valley league club to a championship last year, has definitely decided not to accept an offer by John McGraw to join the New York Giants as pitching coach this year, it was learned here yesterday.

McGinnity, now a millwright at Decatur, Ill., recently announced his retirement after 31 years in professional baseball but considered McGraw's proposition carefuly several weeks before rejecting it.

A. B. C. Opens on Special Alleys

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—The 24th annual tournament of the American bowling congress ten-pin classic of the North American continent opened here last night with local five-man teams representing the Rotary club, and Knights of Columbus going into action on the 28 specially constructed alleys in the One Hundred Thirty-second regiment armory.

Fifty-six teams of the 2,131 five-man drives entered, rolled in the two squads of the evening.

In addition to the 2,131 five-man teams entered in the tournament to last 33 days, there are 4,700 two-man squads and 9,447 single individuals to fight for the prize money amounting to more than $100,000. The entry fees amount to $147,510.

Milwaukee heads the out-of-town entry list with 120 teams and Detroit comes next with 100. All of last year's champions have been entered and will be hot on the trail of top honors again.

Baseball League to Hold Meeting

A meeting of the Commercial baseball league will be held Tuesday night at 8 in the office of N. J. Weston, physical director at the Y. M. C. A. The league will be composed of eight teams and will play under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. and the Muny Baseball association.

Muny Baseball Body to Meet Wednesday

A meeting of all class "B" and "C" managers of the city will be held at the city hall Wednesday night at 8. The new classification will be explained in detail by the author, John Dennison, secretary of the local amateur association.

All managers are urged to be present and should anything arise that makes it impossible for the manager of the team to attend he should send a representative in his place. At next meeting of the board of directors of the Muny association, indications point favorably to the adoption of the new classification.

Kearns to Have Busy Week Making Plans for Dempsey's Coming Campaign

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Plans for the 1924 heavyweight boxing program are expected to take definite shape next week as a result of the arrival in New York yesterday of Jack Dempsey, the titleholder, accompanied by his manager, Jack Kearns.

Kearns said last night he expected to resume early this week conferences with Tex Rickard on the prospective return match with Tommy Gibbons, who already has accepted the promoter's terms for a match here early in June.

Kearns also expects to discuss details of a return match with Luis Angel Firpo or a bout with the winner of the prospective Firpo-Harry Wills contest, which may take place in July. Providing Dempsey succeeded in disposing of Gibbons, his second match would take place in September.

If it is staged, however, the Firpo-Wills encounter probably will not be promoted by the New York syndicate headed by Lew Raymond. Raymond had obtained tentative agreement of both fighters to terms involving a $500,000 purse, but his withdrawal, forecast as a result of the deadlock with Firpo over the place of deposit of a $50,000 preliminary forfeit, may take place definitely within a day or two.

Bill McCarney, Firpo's business representative, said tonight he would advise Firpo to cancel negotiations with the Raymond syndicate unless there is a change in the present situation so that other offers McCarney says have been made for the contest may be considered.

Western Ready to Purchase the Link's Franchise

State Directors Are Willing to Transfer Territory if Purchase Price Remains in the Treasury.

The transfer of the territorial rights of Lincoln in the Nebraska State league club to the Western circuit is up to the owners of the Lincoln team, according to an announcement made Saturday night by President Dick Grotte of the Husker loop.

The Western league has agreed to pay over to the State circuit the required amount asked for the Lincoln territory. The State league directors via telegraphic vote last night agreed to transfer the Lincoln club, providing the owners of the capital city team would not ask for their share of the purchase price.

At the meeting of the State league directors held in Omaha Friday night, the directors held out for $2,500 for the Lincoln territory, each club of the league to receive one-sixth of the purchase price. Last night these directors agreed to transfer the territory to the Western league for the above-mentioned price, if the owners of the Lincoln club would let their share of the $2,500 remain in the State league treasury. The league, if the deal goes through, expects to use the $2,500 in securing a town to take Lincoln's place in the circuit. The other club owners agreed to put their share in the treasury.

Before leaving Omaha Friday night, the Beltzer brothers and Charlie Moon, owners of the Lincoln club, announced that they would not, under any condition attempt to establish a State league club in their city now, in view of the sentiment which is demanding Western league or nothing, and it is a fairly safe bet that no man in his right mind would come here, build a park and attempt to make money establishing a State league club.

President Dick Grote of the State loop didn't put much faith in the report from Lincoln last night that legally, there is no state league. According to the report, the State loop clubs are supposed to have their guarantee money in before February 15, signifying that they are to play ball the following summer. This has not been done yet, so that there is not, legally, a State league.

According to Grotte, the constitution of the league was changed at the Grand Island meeting so that the February 15 clause was eliminated.

A. A. U. Tourney to Be Held Here

The second annual Midwest A. A. U. senior basket ball championships for women will be held under the auspices of the Catholic Daughters of America at Creighton gymnasium March 20, 21 and 22.

Miss Sophia Rauber, chairman of the tournament committee, predicts an entry list of 20 teams. Last year's tournament was attended by 12 of the best women's cage teams in the middlewest. The Metropolitan Athletic club girls carried off the honors in the 1923 tournament.

The tournament is open to registered amateur teams in Nebraska, Iowa and North and South Dakota. Entry blanks may be obtained from Miss Rauber, city clerk's office, Omaha, or from C. P. Wendell, secretary of the Midwest A. A. U., in care of the Omaha Athletic club.

Omaha U Schedules Two More Grid Games

Coach Ernie Adams of the University of Omaha announces that two more games are practically signed up for the 1924 football schedule. York has sent a contract for a game there November 21, and Grand Island wants a game there Thanksgiving with a return game here the following year. Adams says it is practically certain that both contracts will be signed.

Houston Golfer Wins Golf Tournament

Houston, Feb. 24.—Ossie Carlton of Houston, Texas state champion, yesterday won the annual invitation golf tournament at Houston Country club, by defeating Tommy Cochran of Wichita Falls, 5 and 4.

Gopher Cagers Lose.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 24.—The Minnesota basket ball team went into eighth place in the big 10 race here last night when it defeated the Northwestern five, 24 to 16, in a slow, listless game.

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