

OMAHA BEES SPORTS ARE BEST

LINKS WILL DO THEIR SPRING TRAINING AT TEXARKANA, ARK.; TO ENLARGE LANDS GRANDSTAND

Official Transfer of Lincoln State League Territory Will Be Made This Week—Wakefield Plans Big Things for Second Nebraska State League Town.

By Associated Press.
LINCOLN, Feb. 28.—The final chapter in the story of Lincoln's entrance into the Western League will be written here this week-end, when Howard Wakefield, who will have charge of the Capital City club, arrives from Chicago to enter into formal transfer for Landis Field, the local ball park. An association of Lincoln boosters recently subscribed \$20,000 to purchase the field in order to insure Western League ball for Lincoln next summer.

Lincoln has been out of the Western League since the spring of 1918, when the capital city club was transferred to Sioux City. The campaign to revive Western League ball here has been in progress nearly two months, the local boosters meeting some difficulty all along the line, the last being in securing the Lincoln territory for the Nebraska state league, of which the city was a member during the last two seasons.

An agreement was finally reached between the two circuits, for the purchase of the Lincoln territory for \$1,500, the holders of the Lincoln franchise in the state loop excepted from the profits. According to President "Dick" Grotte, of Omaha, head of the state league, the \$1,500 will be placed in the treasury for use in propaganda work on behalf of a new eight-club circuit including Sioux City and two South Dakota towns.

Howard Wakefield, the new Lincoln owner, is already on the job assembling diamond talent to the Lincoln club. Fourteen Sioux City players are on the reserve list, half of whom will probably be retained by the new Lincoln magnate for playing here.

Wakefield, who is a former major league player, will manage his team from the bench. The Lincoln club will probably gather at Texarkana, Ark., for spring training, according to Wakefield. It is planned that the grandstand at Landis Field shall be enlarged, although the new park is a much better baseball plant than the old "M" street park, used by the Western league in former years.

The old Western park has been destroyed, the ground now being the site of a municipal swimming pool.

Atkinson Claims District Cage Title

Atkinson, Neb., Feb. 28.—Valentine is claiming the basketball championship of northwest Nebraska. He has taken into consideration the fact that Atkinson defeated the claimants of the title on two different occasions. Valentine went down to a 26 to 13 defeat at the hands of the Atkinson quintet November 23 and again were defeated, 27 to 23, February 1.

Since defeating Valentine, Atkinson has defeated Neligh and Oakdale. The only game lost by Oakdale this season was the contest to Atkinson. Since Valentine has beaten all other teams in the western part of the state and Atkinson has defeated Valentine on two different occasions, Atkinson considers its claim to the northwest Nebraska title is equal to the claim of Valentine.

Portland Club Obtains Two Athletics' Players
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 28.—The Portland club of the Pacific Coast league today closed a deal with Connie Mack, whereby he obtains two Philadelphia Athletics' youngsters.

They are Bill Huneffeld, first baseman and outfielder, and Johnny (Skin) Jones, infielder. They were with the Montreal club in the Eastern Canada league last season.

Cyclones Depart for Meet.
Ames, Ia., Feb. 28.—Coach Sam Williamson and members of the Iowa State college track team left Ames tonight for Urbana to enter the Illinois relay carnival there tomorrow and Saturday. The team is expected to make a good showing in the two-mile relay and medley relay events. Ames athletes also will enter the short put, broad jump and hurdles events.

Cotner Defeats Wesleyan.
Lincoln, Feb. 28.—Cotner university hoopers defeated Nebraska Wesleyan, 21 to 15, on the Bethany court Wednesday night. The game was fast and hard fought.

Short-hots sports

No fewer than 71 women are owners of race horses in England.

The average age for heavyweight champions to lose their title is a little more than 33 years.

The longest distance for which there is a recognized world's running record is 100 miles; the shortest is 20 yards.

Babe Ruth led the American league in striking out last season, fanning 23 times. Kamm was next with 22 strikeouts.

As the result of examinations of 171 athletes ski skaters were found to have the largest hearts, while boxers have smaller hearts than the average person.

Dempsey's Black-Eyed Susan (Still Picking Petals)



By ED HUGHES.
"Dear Mr. Hughes—
I am a steady reader of your articles and I am going to take advantage of your generosity by asking you to express your opinion on a question which puzzles me, I think, all fistic fadoms.

"Is Mr. Jack Dempsey actually afraid of Harry Wills or is he drawing the 'color line' like a number of other champions? It can't be that they are afraid it won't draw, because the minute they sign it as a sellout."

No one can really answer your question with authority, Mr. Hinds et al, except James Harrison Dempsey himself. He is the only being who really knows whether the mention of the name Wills produces a quiver of fear in his heart and brain. As for the rest of us, we are left entirely to appearances and the impression they establish.

Should Dempsey retire undefeated, without having met Wills? He should have no doubt about the matter. It would simply mean that Dempsey was always scared of the black man, for such a contest would net him more than a million dollars.

The Dempsey outfit has had many offers for a Wills bout, but all have been turned down. Yet Jack jumped at the chance to meet Carpenter, Gibbons and Firpo. This surely indicated that he sized Wills up as much the hardest proposition.

Renault May Box Fred Fulton

Jack Renault, Canadian heavyweight champion scrapper, who is on his way to a championship battle with Jack Dempsey, has been signed by the National Collegiate Athletic association for the world position on a card to be staged March 7. The promoters have not selected Renault's opponent, but Fred Fulton, Cliff Kramer, Jack McAuliffe and Floyd Johnson are being considered.

The Minneapolis club would like to stage a Fulton-Renault bout, but it is doubtful if the promoters can induce long Fred to take the match, as he has been promised a meeting with Renault in Madison Square garden late in the spring.

Huskers Defeat Cyclones, 18 to 16

Ames, Ia., Feb. 28.—The University of Nebraska basketball team tonight held its third place in the Missouri Valley conference race here tonight by defeating Iowa State college, 18 to 16.

The game was poorly and loosely played and only for a few minutes during the first half did the home team lead. The Huskers led at the 14. It was the last home game for Ames.

Ames staged a rally in the last five minutes of play but it was cut short after the Nebraska lead had been cut from 6 to 2.

Two Hundred High School Cage Teams Already Entered in Tourney

By Associated Press.
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 28.—Two hundred high school basketball teams have already enrolled for the 14th annual Nebraska interscholastic tournament which will be held in Lincoln March 6, 7 and 8. It is expected that the entry list will exceed that of last year, when 237 teams competed for honors in 13 classes.

The tournament will bring more than 2,000 high school athletes to Lincoln over the week-end. It is expected that a like number of fans will accompany the teams to the capital city, special rates of fare and one-half for the round trip having been granted by Nebraska railroads on the certificate plan.

Members of the Nebraska athletic control board will meet in Lincoln tomorrow to classify the teams and make the drawings for the tournament. Class A will include 16 teams. The title dispute will be decided in the class A contests. Attractive loving cups will be awarded the winners in all classes.

Drake university of Des Moines and Nebraska university will meet on the state fair grounds coliseum court here in a Wednesday night basketball game, and Nebraska high school athletes and their team mentors and

Champion Chess Player of Russia to Play in Omaha Next Wednesday

Alexander Alekhine of Moscow, Russia, one of the leading chess players of the world, will appear in an exhibition match against 40 of the best players in Omaha at the Brando's restaurant next Wednesday at 8 p. m. He will play two blindfolded.

Alekhine, who won the national championship of Russia when he was 16, recently played 10 of the best players in New York City at the same time blindfolded, winning eight and drawing two. He has challenged the world's champ, Capablanca, and expects to meet the champion in New York City soon.

While in the east next month, Alekhine will attempt to smash the world record of playing and defeating 25 players blindfolded. He will play under the auspices of the Omaha Chess and Checker club.

Tech and Central Swimmers to Compete in Final Meet Friday

Technical and Central will add another sport to their collection of interschool competitions Friday night at the Technical pool when the two school swimmers engage with the Purple splashers in the first dual swimming meet ever held between the two prep institutions.

Central High won the state championship last year, and by virtue of their victory over the Lincoln High tanksters earlier in the season are looked upon as the favorites to win the meet.

That is only my way of looking at it, Dempsey may see it in a more disturbing light. After all, he is to do the battling with Wills, not the writer.

Bob Simpson Sees Champ in Keeble

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.—The coming world's greatest hurdler is the future held out for McCullough Keeble, lanky Austin, Tex., boy and University of Missouri athlete, by Bob Simpson, coach and the most famous hurdler of all time.

Keeble, a sophomore, smashed the world's record for the 50-yard hurdles in the Missouri-Kansas dual meet here last night.

The Texan topped the sticks in six seconds flat, shaving one-fifth of a second from the record established by his mentor in 1916 and a mark that experts at that time said could not be bettered.

Keeble will represent his school in the Olympic tryouts and it is the prediction of his coach that he will be a member of the American Olympic team.

A new Missouri Valley conference record for the 150-pound shotput was established in the meet by Richardson of Missouri, with a heave of 45 feet 6 1/2 inches, three and one-half inches better than the old mark.

Missouri won the meet by a score of 47 2/3 to 27 1/3.

Felber Signs Contract

Oscar Felber, Oklahoma City Indian right gardener, has turned in his signed contract to Secretary Jim Humphries and relieved the Indian management of any doubts they might have had concerning an agreeable settlement with "Cotton."

Joe Tate and Roy Allen are the only two regulars on the tribal rolls that have not signed in their signatures.

Siki Taken to Hospital

Havana, Feb. 28.—"Battling" Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, today was taken to a hospital suffering from bronchial pneumonia. Orders have been given by his physicians that the fighter must have absolute rest.

Billy Wells to Fight Duffy.
Oakland, Cal., Feb. 28.—Billy Wells, English welterweight champion boxer, left his way here from New York to meet Oakland Jimmy Duffy in a four-round bout next Wednesday.

Pirates Arrive at Camp

Paso Robles, Cal., Feb. 27.—Players of the Pittsburgh baseball club of the National League and Manager William McKechnie arrived at their spring training camp here today.

Wild Bull Does Not Want All His Boxing Controlled

Willing to Meet Black Panther for Raymond—but Wants No Strings Tied to Him Before Fight.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 28.—Although Luis Firpo said today he was not yet ready to make a final decision he indicated that he now was disposed to waive his demand for the deposit of \$50,000 in Buenos Aires to clinch a match with Harry Wills, the American negro fighter, provided the Raymond syndicate waived the condition that it should control his boxing engagements in the United States prior to a fight with Wills.

It was announced today that the total receipts of the Firpo-Lodge fight last Sunday amounted to 11,461 pesos, or \$48,000 at the current rate of exchange. The ticket sales at various prices aggregated \$23,956.

WHAT THE AMATEURS SAY

WE overheard "Red" Tucker, the feisty third baseman of the W. O. W.'s, tell this story to a friend.

Several years ago "Red" was a member of a small town team that possessed a left-handed pitcher named Hines, who had a world of speed and a deceptive motion. One day "Red's" team journeyed to a nearby town, where they battled with the home boys on even terms for eight innings and in the ninth "Red's" team scored a run. When the home boys came to bat they managed to get a man to third base and one to first, then with two outs and two strikes and three balls on the batter, "Lefty" Hines made a motion as if he were going to throw the ball to the batter, but instead he threw to first base. This was a close-sighted fellow from the visiting team's home town, thought "Lefty" had thrown one of his fast balls and promptly called the batter out.

"I never saw so many people at a game in all my life," said "Red." "And do you know that they haven't heard a word from that umpire since, and it was two weeks before our players had returned from their hurried journey which they took when the ump awarded us that game."

Tristate Boosters to Meet in Sioux City

According to reports received in Omaha last night, baseball men behind the proposed Tristate league will hold a meeting in Sioux City next Sunday to organize the circuit.

Three or four of the Nebraska State league owners have been quoted as in favor of entering the league, although nothing definite has been announced.

George Segrist, owner of the baseball park at Sioux City and also owner of the Fairbury franchise in the State league, was in Omaha yesterday with a lot of new ideas as to organizing a baseball league.

Scotia Claims Cage Title

Scotia, Neb., Feb. 28.—Scotia high school basketball ball team lays claim to the Loup valley title, defeating Oid, 20 to 14, here Wednesday night. The team played the entire season without a defeat being chalked against it. Scotia will be represented in the Nebraska state cage tournament at Lincoln.

Humboldt High Wins

Humboldt, Neb., Feb. 28.—Humboldt high school basketball ball tossers humbled the Humboldt American Legion quintet, 8 to 6, in a hard-fought contest here Tuesday night.

Sidney, Neb.—Sidney high defeated Chappell, Chadron tournament champions, 44 to 32, here Tuesday night. Chappell failed to score a basket during the fourth period. The score at the end of the first half was 2 to 2.

Spring Patterns

Now on display. Men's garments—carefully fitted and tailored, at medium prices.

Good goods and good work. We have seen fitting Omahans for 22 years, and can fit you.

MacCarthy-Wilson

Daylight Tailor Store
S. E. Cor. 15th and Harney

Neglected coughs

A cold often leaves behind a cough that hangs on and on—wearing you out with its persistent hacking. Dr. King's New Discovery will stop it quickly by stimulating the mucous membranes to throw off the clogging secretions. It has an agreeable taste. All druggists.

