

OMAHA BEE SPORTS ARE BEST

MORE THAN 250 TEAMS ENTERED IN THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT; TO USE NINE PLAYING FLOORS

Classification of Schools Made on Basis of Team Records, Size of City From Which School Is Enrolled and Number of Veterans on Team—Previous Tournament Experience Also Counts.

THE 13th annual high school basketball tournament, which is to be held at Lincoln this weekend, is the largest of its kind in the world.

The first of these tournaments was held in March, 1911. Since that year the basketball meet has grown until this year more than 250 teams have been enrolled for the tournament.

Nine playing floors will be used to stage the games. These include high school gymnasiums, the state fair grounds coliseum, the university armory, the city auditorium and the Y. M. C. A. Each of the floors used will have, in addition to scorers and officials, a floor manager, appointed by Herb Gish of the athletic department of the State university, who is in charge of the tournament.

The executive committee in charge of the tournament, which met here Thursday night, is composed of the following: W. J. Braham, North Platte, chairman of the Nebraska High School Athletic association; M. G. Brooks, York, secretary; A. M. Nelson, Auburn, member of the high school control board, and H. D. Gish of Lincoln, general manager.

All profit derived from the games is turned back to the competing high schools to be held to defray expenses of their trips to Lincoln.

Play in the tournament will start Thursday at 8 a. m., and continue through Thursday and Friday until 11 p. m. Final games are scheduled for Saturday.

Teams entering the tournament are divided into classes, 16 teams to the group. The 16 top-notch teams compete in Class A for the state title. Silver loving cups are given to winners in all of the other classes.

While in previous years the high school athletes played a steady grind from 8 a. m. until 11 p. m. during each day of the tournament, there is to be allowed 45-minute intermission periods at noon and at 6 p. m. this year.

Drawings and classifications were made by a committee consisting of the state high school athletic board of control and members of the athletic department of the University of Nebraska. The classifications are made on the basis of team records, size of the team's city, number of boys in the high school and number of veterans on the team and previous tournament experience.

Ray French Will Not Report to Millers

Benmont, Tex., March 3.—Ray French, third baseman, sold by Brooks to the Minneapolis club of the American association, which is in training here, has wired Manager Kelly that he "will not report to a minor league club under any consideration."

Billy Wells to Fight Duffy.

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Champion Dempsey Leaves Hospital

New York, March 1.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, was far recovered today from the effects of an operation for hemorrhoids and an abscess that he left the hospital for a few hours in company with his manager, Jack Kearns. The champion, however, returned to the hospital tonight for final observation, but expects to be discharged tomorrow.

Kearns said plans for the future were indefinite. Dempsey has expressed a desire to take a trip to the Pacific coast and visit his parents at Salt Lake City, but Manager Kearns is contemplating a theatrical engagement that will keep Dempsey busy until time he begins training for ring engagements.

Young Athletes to Be Given Chance

Lead, S. D., March 2.—To give grade school boys and the smaller high school boys a chance to participate in competitive athletics of better than backlot caliber, R. G. Cartwright, departmental instructor, has inaugurated a group of basketball teams ranging from the "gnats-weights," 60 to 75 pounds, to the "wasp-weight," 100 to 115 pounds. Between these are the "mosquitos," 75 to 85 pounds, and the "flies," 85 to 100 pounds.

It is expected to be a new departure in Black Hills athletics, Mr. Cartwright said. "But it is more than justified by the results. We give the boys a wholesome interest in the formative adolescent age, and we are building for the future. If this system is kept up for a few years, the high school will have some wonderful material from which to select the 'varsity' squad."

Deadwood also has in part adopted the system and the "insert" teams have played numerous curtain raiser games for high school and town teams contests. While the Black Hills district high school championship is being determined at the district tournament at Spearfish Normal, March 7 and 8, it is planned to hold a grade school Deadwood lead tournament in Lead. Locally, the lighter high school boys making up four teams in three classes, 100 to 140 pounds, 85 to 100 pounds, and 60 to 85 pounds, will have a twilight tournament, probably during the next week.

Mr. Cartwright coaches all the teams in the two groups, lighter high school boys and grade school boys, except the two "gnat" teams. These are trained by A. L. Mendenhall, high school instructor.

Metcalf Accepts Offer at Ames

Minneapolis, Minn., March 3.—T. Nelson Metcalf, track coach at the University of Minnesota, today announced his acceptance of his appointment at Iowa State college at Ames. He will take up his new work next September.

"We tried our best to keep Metcalf at Minnesota, but the Ames offer carried too many inducements," said F. W. Luehring, Gopher athletic director. Metcalf made a splendid record in his year here.

Winner May Enter Tourney.

Lincoln, March 3.—Announcement was made here this morning that the winner of the 13th annual state high school basketball tournament has been invited to enter the interstate tournament to be held at Colorado Springs March 13 to 22.

Lewis to Wrestle Londos.

St. Louis, March 3.—Champion Ed Lewis will wrestle Jim Londos, Greek heavyweight, here March 12. On the same card will appear Renato Gardini, Italian heavyweight, against Stanislaus Zhyzsko.

Leeburg, Fla., March 3.—The Phillies' pitchers and catchers were hard at it in the hope of a match with Mickey Walker for the world's title.

Creighton university basketball players and friends of Jimmy Lovely, Bluejay cage captain, presented him with a gold watch Saturday night as a sort of appreciation for the wonderful record Lovely has made since he enrolled at Creighton.

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The first annual Missouri valley basketball tournament for the western states was won by the Kansas College for the Deaf. It defeated the Iowa team, 37 to 10, and Nebraska, 25 to 12, in the finals Saturday.

New Chilean Heavy Belongs to Old School

By Ed Hughes



Romero-Rojas Bent on Staging Free-For-All Back-Room Fight With Firpo

"Private Fight" Days of Ring Are Over—Prize Fighting Is a Business—Scrappers Are No Longer Satisfied With Diamond-Studded Belts and Silk Colors of Foe—Argentine Needs More Boxing and Hitting Skill.

LUIS FIRPO, it is reported, has announced his "plank" for this year's heavyweight "election." If it is true, then the management of the second division of training for the title is again faulty.

Firpo, it is said, will train on planked steaks for both Wills and Dempsey. The report describes the Wild Bull bursting into the following ecstasies at the toothsome spectacle of a planked steak:

Baseball Dope

Winter Haven, Fla., March 3.—Thirty-six White Sox started spring training today for the first time at the new camp at Winter Haven, Fla.

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Avinon, California, Cal., March 3.—Vic Keen's arm is improving and the Cub pitcher may escape a visit to Honolulu for his first spring practice today.

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Hot Springs, Ark., March 3.—Manager Trip Speaker arrived from his Texas ranch today for his first spring practice in 1924.

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San Antonio, Tex., March 3.—Reports that Ira Flagstad, outfielder, and Bill Pierce, pitcher, of the Boston Red Sox are holding out practice at the Grand Hotel in San Antonio.

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Clearwater, Fla., March 3.—The Brooklyn Dodgers got down to stern business today in their drills were instituted at the local training camp.

Leaders Give Way at A. B. C.

Chicago, March 3.—New leaders in the doubles and singles and considerable rearrangement of the first dozen in the five-man events greeted the start of the week in the American bowling congress tourney.

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Vallos and Crute of Youngstown, O., crashed into the doubles lead with 1,268, replacing Groth-Strey of Chicago, one of six local pairs still in the first eight.

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A. Van De Walle of Mishawaka, Ind., the first soloist to pass 700, took the lead in the singles with 704. He was followed by Merrick of Janesville, Wis., with 665; Quinliven, Chicago, 663; Crute, Youngstown, 670; Cook, Janesville, 667; McEvoy, Youngstown, 670; Lorenz, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 654; Kokenmuller, Chicago, 652; Kinella, St. Louis, 648; Moorman, South Bend, 648; Kneeger, St. Louis, 648.

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Anderson Tobacco company held the five-man lead with 2,857, and other visitors had altered the standings of the first 10, the Huntington (Ind.) five to 2,822 for sixth place, and the Little Fremont (O.) stove company taking 11th place with 2,768.

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Speaking of Firpo reminds us of his new challenger, Quintin Romero-Rojas, the Chilean champion.

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A friend of mine, who has spent some time in South America and who is in touch with things down there, tells me of a strange offer made by the supporters of Romero-Rojas.

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He recently proposed an interesting "match" that includes Firpo and Rojas. It suggested that two sides of three men each be thrown into a locked room and a free for all started. Firpo on one side, Rojas on the other. Just how this would determine the

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In Ames, Nebraska learned last Wednesday night, that it had a formidable foe. The Huskers managed to win by a 2-point margin, but a late spurt by the Cyclones almost snuffed the Nebraskans under.

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Nebraska has two games remaining, but if the Cornhuskers were to lose both, it would not change their position. The Huskers meet Ames

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COLLEGE ATHLETES AS USUAL WILL MAKE UP STRONG PART OF UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAMS

University of Illinois Games Bring Out Many Promising Athletes for Competition Across Pond—Hubbard's Performance of 24 Feet, 7 Inches Indoors Stands Him in Good Stead to Win Broad Jump.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

NEW YORK, March 3.—That college athletes will form the week-end team—taking into account that some of them may object to being called a wolf—was determined with even greater emphasis over the week-end and just concluded.

At the University of Illinois games for example, De Hart Hubbard, of Michigan, cleared the astounding distance of 24 feet seven inches, indoors.

The Des Moines club of the West-end, barring the unforeseen, will win the Olympic broad jump as sure as was good for 25 feet in an outdoor pit.

Almost equally commendable was the pole vaulting of Brownell, of Illinois, in doing 12 feet 10 1/2 inches. At that Brownell will not lack for company. Three men—Libby, of Dartmouth; Owens, of Pennsylvania, and Schopp, of Yale—tied at 12 feet 6 inches at the indoor intercollegiate in New York and three others were better than 12.2. No one, perhaps, however, will take serious issue with Hoff, of Norway, who is credited with a world's record of 13 feet, nine inches.

The clubmen, of course, harbor most of the sprinting talent with Padlock, Murchison, McAllister and others lined up, but Chester Bowman, of Syracuse, turned in a very nifty performance in sprinting 70 yards in 7.15 seconds at the indoor championship.

So should Charley Moore, the Pennsylvania State hurdler. He won as he pleased at the 70-yard distance in 9.10, after an indifferent start. Moore is the present world's record holder at 50 yards.

Ralph Hills' winning effort of 46 feet 3 1/2 inches over an intercollegiate record, but at that, not worthy of the Princetonian's best. He is the only American on view at the moment who has a chance to win the Olympic shot put.

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Links to Train at Nowata, Okl.

Lincoln, March 3.—I'm told I have the nucleus for a winning line ball club. I think, now competing, who has a chance to take issue with the foreigners over a distance of ground.

Howard Wakefield, Lincoln's West-end league manager, arrived here this morning and delivered himself of the foregoing speech. He added that he would be in a much better position to say what Lincoln's chances will be a few days after March 17. The Lincoln club will start training at Nowata, Okl., on that date.

Wakefield had originally planned to take his club to Texas for the spring workout, but changed his plans.

He is here to close up a few odds and ends and to dicker with contractors for the erection of an addition to Landis field. The field now seats 2,500. Wakefield plans a seating capacity of about 4,000.

Bill Lelivelt, secretary of the Lincoln club, will open an office this week and remain here until the club goes south.

Wakefield was badly handicapped by a late start as the Lincoln deal hung fire for several months. He is taking over the entire Sioux City reserve list, and will give them all a chance to make good. He has also signed Ed Zink, Lincoln State league pitcher, and Fred Conkey, the heavy-lifted catcher of last year's Links.

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Gibbons to Fight Moore.

Winthrop, March 3.—Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul light heavyweight who went 15 rounds with Jack Dempsey at Shelby, Mont., will meet Jack Moore, New York heavyweight, in a 16-round bout here on March 14, it was announced today.

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Advertisement for 'Sporty DORIS' featuring a woman's face and text about a 'gold watch Saturday night'.

'RACE-RESULTS' section with 'Yesterday's Results' and 'NEW ORLEANS' race listings.

'RACING ENTRIES' section with 'Today's Entries' and 'NEW ORLEANS' race listings.

Advertisement for 'LANPHER HATS' and 'Eczema!' featuring a hat and a person's face.

Advertisement for 'Missouri Valley Cage Statistics' and 'Spring Patterns'.