

# Omaha Bee Sports

## Skeleton Plans Formed for New Tristate League

Committee Appointed to Canvas Various Towns Interested in Forming New Loop; 8-Team Circuit Planned.

THE Tristate Baseball league, that functioned early in the season of 1924, and then died a slow death, may be re-born, with Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa towns coming to form the new circuit.

At a meeting of baseball men held at the Rome hotel Sunday afternoon, skeleton-like plans were made for the reorganization of a tristate league made up of eight towns, one from Kansas, another from Iowa and six from Nebraska.

While no definite plans were made to form the circuit, a committee composed of Chester Hulse, of Norfolk, Jim Beltzer, of Lincoln, and Dick Grotte, former president of the Tristate league, was appointed to canvas the various towns interested in the forming of the circuit, with the idea of creating interest in the league.

Dick Grotte was appointed temporary chairman of the league. He was instructed to make public the names of the towns represented in the confab, therefore we cannot announce to the wide, wide world this morning just who was and who was not present Sunday. Grotte did say, however, that five towns already had agreed to join the fold.

According to early plans, the league will be an eight-team circuit, playing a schedule of 125 games, starting late in May and closing the season in September. Games will be played six days each week, with double-headers on Sundays and all other legal holidays.

A new plan of financing the league was discussed and it was on this point that the most serious difficulty was not made public.

Chairman Grotte will call another meeting soon to further the organization of the tristate league.

## Chadron Wins Cage Tourney

Chadron, Neb., Feb. 22.—The Rapid City (S. D.) high school basketball team took first place in the Chadron Normal college tristate tournament held here last night, winning over the Kimball five by a score of 20 to 13. The winners of class A also placed two men on the all-star team, an honor not attained by any other team participating in the tournament.

In the class B section the Pine Ridge Indians walked away with the Morrill team, defeating the latter, 25 to 22. Long shots by Shanzon for the Indians and Lowry for Morrill featured the contest.

Minatare, playing in Class C, emerged from the final contest victorious over the Manville (Wyo) quintet, the Nebraskans finishing with a score of 25 to their opponents' 17. The Minatare five held the small end of a 11-0-8 score in the second half of the first half. Byrnes, for Minatare, and Dols Barker, for Manville, were high point men.

The following class A players were given places on the mythical all-star cage team:

High forward, Chadron: Derby; forward, Rapid City: M. J. Morrison; center, Kimball: Hudson; right guard: Bayard; Sigmond, left guard, Rapid City, S. D.

## RACE-RESULTS

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## Hahn Smashes Nurmi's Record for 1,500 Meters

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Paavo Nurmi, the Finnish flash, won his race here tonight at the Georgetown games, but he wasn't the big show of the performance.

The real feature went to Lloyd Hahn of the Boston Athletic association, who hung up a new world record in the 1,500-meter run, capturing that distance from a fast field in 3:55.45. That clipped a fraction of a second off the record of 3:56.12 set by the famous Nurmi.

Nurmi, running in the 3,000-yard interval, gave the audience a big thrill, but failed to break the record. His time was 7:46.25.

The real race between Hahn and Jole Ray of the Illinois Athletic club. Ray set the early pace, but Hahn showed dazzling speed for the last four laps to win, going away from the Chicago runner, who was tiring badly.

**BUSY WEEK AHEAD FOR TRACK STARS**  
By Associated Press.  
New York, Feb. 22.—Five outstanding track meets of national interest are on the program for the week commencing in the national senior Amateur Athletic Union championships at Louisville, Ky., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and including at least two and probably three races for that perpetual plodder, Paavo Nurmi.

Monday has a double-barreled attraction with the pick of New England talent competing in the American Legion games at Boston in the afternoon, while the spotlight shifts to Baltimore at night, when Nurmi and a host of other stars compete in the Johns Hopkins fifth regiment meet.

Tuesday night the scene of competition shifts to New York with a picked array of talent, including Nurmi, Jole Ray, Igo Fregozo, Willie Pitola and numerous other stars participating in a benefit meet at Madison Square Garden in aid of the fund to complete the cathedral of St. John the Divine.

**GENE TUNNEY TO FIGHT HARRY GREB**  
St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 21.—A 10-round championship bout between Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion whose title will be at stake, and Harry Greb, middleweight champion, has been signed to take place here on March 17, Jack Todd, promoter, announced late today.

**Phillips and Fitch to Attend Walton Meet**  
KENNETH PHILLIPS and Harry Fitch, prominent Isaak Walton league workers of Omaha, have been appointed by the Omaha chapter of the organization as representatives to the national Walton convention that will be held in Chicago April 2, 3 and 4.

Hugh McCaffery and Harry B. Fleary, also members of the Omaha Walton's, will attend the convention, but not as representatives.

**President Coolidge Receives Number of Track Stars**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—President Coolidge today received at the White House a delegation of star distance runners gathered here for the annual games of the Georgetown University Athletic association. Paavo Nurmi, the Finnish marvel, together with his two countrymen, Primo and Nelson, was received at the request of the Finnish legation, and Representative Galloway of Massachusetts presented Jole Ray and Norton, two American stars.

**Schaefer Stands Out as Leader Among Challengers for Hoppe's Title**  
By Universal Service.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Five challengers, three of them from foreign countries, will attempt to arrest the champion's crown from the brow of Willie Hoppe, where it has rested many years, in the international all-balking billiard tournament opening at the Congress hotel tomorrow evening.

Billiard experts seem confident that the crown will remain with Willie unless an unusual upset occurs. Some contend that the three-cushion playing which the champion has been doing will affect his balling stroke, but others say his stroke will be the same smooth working affair it has been during these many years he has been on top.

Jake Schaefer of San Francisco is the leading challenger. He is the only man who has been able to take the title away from Willie since 1903. Jake did it here in 1921 but returned to Willie shortly afterward. Jake is at the top of his game right now as he has shown in exhibitions here during the last few weeks.

Weller Cochrane, of Hollywood, tied Hoppe for first place in the last tournament but was beaten in the play-off and again in a challenge match. Edouard Foremans, the Belgian, has been going great guns. But Foremans always does that in exhibitions. He is one of the outstanding billiard players but lacks the proper temperament to play his best in championship competition. If he can overcome this handicap, he will make things unpleasant for the others.

Erich Hagenbacher, who hails from Germany, has been playing among the best here for three seasons and his game has been steadily improving. Hereafter he has lacked competition in championship play. He can overcome this handicap, he will make things unpleasant for the others.

Kamatara Suzuki, the Japanese, is an unknown quantity. It is his first mingling with the first flight stars, having qualified for the tourney by winning the junior professional world's title.

In addition to the championship, the winner of the tournament, which ends March 3, will receive a diamond medal and \$3,000 in cash. The matches, each of which will be a best of three, will be played both afternoon and evening after tomorrow. J. Herbert Lewis, Chicago, will referee.

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## Big Ten Cage Race Narrows Down to Three Teams

Illini Quintet Remains at Top With Perfect Percentage—Maroons Drop to Bottom of Heap.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—With the half-way mark in the season past, the championship prospects in the western basketball conference has narrowed down to three teams, Illinois, Ohio State and Indiana. The last week's games made no changes in the positions of the three leaders and the Illini quintet is today still at the top with a perfect percentage, seven games won and none lost.

The Urbana tossers have five more games to play, the most important being against Indiana at Bloomington tomorrow. Friday they will meet Iowa at Iowa City and thereafter will clash with Purdue twice and with Wisconsin at Madison March 9.

Ohio, with seven contests won and one lost, now rests in second place and stands in a good position to take advantage during the coming week of a possible Illinois defeat by Indiana. The Buckeyes will meet two teams of low percentages this week, North-western tomorrow and Chicago next Saturday.

Indiana, besides the two difficult contests with Illinois and Ohio, has two more games to play, against Purdue at Lafayette February 27 and against Michigan March 2.

Minnesota, Michigan and Purdue all hold middle positions today as a result of the last week's play, each having a percentage of 500. Chicago, defeated twice during the week, dropped to cellar position, replacing Wisconsin, and Northwestern advanced one round of the ladder. Iowa suffered two defeats, but remains in seventh place.

**Standings:**

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Illinois	7	0	1.000
Ohio	7	1	.875
Indiana	6	2	.750
Michigan	4	4	.500
Minnesota	4	4	.500
Purdue	3	4	.429
Northwestern	3	4	.429
Wisconsin	2	5	.286
Chicago	1	7	.125

**NEBRASKA CITY**  
NEBRASKA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF added another victory to its long list when it defeated Nebraska City on the local floor Saturday night, 22 to 11.

Neither team scored until the second quarter, when Flood, husky Deaf star, came from the foul zone. The Deaf lads were leading at the half, 10 to 1.

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## CULVER CITY AUTO RACE CALLED OFF

Culver City, Cal., Feb. 22.—The 250-mile automobile race that was to have ushered in the 1925 season of the American Automobile association here this afternoon, was called off after it had started when one of the competing cars got stalled and tore up 14 feet of the board track. No one was injured.

The car that barricaded the track was driven by Stuart Wilkinson. In the 16th lap the machine had a mixup with Frank Elliott's car and was left perched atop the speedway. The other cars managed to slow down and avert collisions.

Firemen were called to remove the blocking machine, but it was impossible to pry it loose, and, besides, the track was so damaged that it was not considered safe to resume the race.

The race will be held at a later date.

## EASTERN CAGERS IN CLOSE RACE

New York, Feb. 22.—Dartmouth and Princeton, with five games won and none lost, continue at the head of the team standing of the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League.

Princeton and Dartmouth will clash for the first time this week at Hanover on Saturday. At the same time Yale and Cornell will be squabbling over the cellar supremacy. Tomorrow night Columbia plays Dartmouth at Princeton.

## Pickers Replace Husker Cagers in Valley Race

Missouri and Grinnell split even for the week. The Tigers won over the Iowa team and lost the game with Nebraska. Grinnell defeated Ames.

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## Silver-Benjamin Battle Tonight

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Stormy weather today, with showers expected tomorrow, cast doubt on the outdoor boxing card billed for Recreation hall here tomorrow afternoon. The main event is a 10-round bout between Joe Benjamin and Jack Silver, one of the elimination matches arranged by the New York boxing commission to produce a successor to Benny Leonard, retired lightweight champion.

Benjamin and Silver, leading lightweights of the coast region, agreed to weight in at 138 pounds at 2 p. m. Both boys are reported well under that weight. Jimmy Dougherty will be referee.

If the weather is favorable, the promoters expect the biggest crowd that has attended a local fight since the old days when San Francisco was noted for champions. The bout will be postponed in the event of rain, against which the management is insured.

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## OMAHA 'Y' ENTERS VOLLEY BALL MEET

The Omaha Y. M. C. A. will be represented by two teams in the state volley ball tournament which will be held in Lincoln, Thursday, February 26. Lincoln is the present champion.

Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Beatrice, Hastings, York, Norfolk, Aurora, Fremont, Seward and Columbus will compete.

Lines—Captain Arthur Palmer, J. W. Stine, Paul Havens, Ed. Christensen, W. Charles, D. S. Geyer, Charles Boy, Paul Arches and P. Reiser.

**CYCLE FIVE LEADS PIN TOURNAMENT**  
The South Side Cycles are leading the Omaha alleys handicap bowling tournament with a score of 3,030. The tourney will come to a close tonight.

According to Manager Jameson of the Omaha alleys, the tourney has proved a decided success. Forty-two five-man teams have competed, 100 doubles and 130 singles.

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