Bluejays Meet Cornhuskers in Basket Ball Classic of 1924-25 Season Tonight

Both Quintets to Enter Fray on Even Terms

Creighton Squad Ranked Favorite Up to Time Mahoney Declared Ineligible —Kline's Squad Intact.

TWO of the greatest cage combinations in the middle west, the Creighton university of Omaha and the University of Nebraska of Lincoln, will clash on the Creighton floor tonight at 8 in what promises to be the classic of the local basket ball season.

The Blue and White and the Scarlet and White will meet tonight "even Stephen." There is no favorite.

Creighton, by virtue of its 14 consecutive wins, was, up till last week, an early favorite, but the loss of "Ike" Mahoney, one of the greatest centers in the west, puts the two squads on a par basis.

Some argue that Creighton should hold the edge, as the Schabinger-coached quintet has had a week to rest up for the game, while Nebraska has engaged in a pair of tough games with Iowa State and Missouri.

However, the Bluejays have three of their regulars, Ryan, Brown and Corenman, on the partly maimed list, and their play will be retarded considerably.

Coach Bill Kline will be able to use the team tonight which has worked all through the season, while Schabinger is still experimenting with Ryan, McKenna and Shinstock at the hub of his machine.

Ryan, who has been stationed at a forward all season, is playing a new position at center, and it is proving a difficult task for him to fit into the groove left by Mahoney.

As a result, the continuity of play which has characterized the Hilltoppers' style throughout the season, has been chopped to pieces.

E. C. Quigley of St. Marys, Kan., will referee the game. Frank Burch will umpire.

All reserved seats are gone, but Coach Schabinger announces that 800 general admission seats will go on sale at the box office. There will be standing room for several hundred more.

IOWA'S CHANCES SLIM AT RELAYS

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 27.—With the slimmest chances for a high score for years, Coach George T. Bresnahan, Dr. Walter R. Fieseler and 23 Hawkeye track men left tonight for Urbana to enter the annual Illinois relays tomorrow. Iowa's chief hopes, which lay in the mile relay event, which the Hawkeyes have won for the last three years, were shattered when Johnny Everingham, quarter-miler, was called home because of a death in his family, and when Roberts, colored veteran of the team, was spiked by a baseball player, leaving only two regular quarter-milers for the event.

The defeat to Wisconsin last Saturday showed that Coach Bresnahan's men were not performing in winning style, and since then he has been throwing his attention to the mile relay team in an effort to again win this event at the carnival. The loss of his two regulars upsets the entire plans of the Iowa mentor and the chances for even one first place are slim.

Nuckolls County to Stage Annual Cage Tournament

Superior, Neb., Feb. 27.—March 13-14 has been set for the dates of the annual Nuckolls county basket ball tournament. It was decided at a meeting of the school board of the county that the tournament should be held at Superior again. Superior conducted the tournament very successfully last year and made a considerable refund to the different schools taking part.

There is a probability that all the high schools of the county will take part. The teams will be divided into two classes—A and B. The winners of the initial round forming class A, and the losers, class B, will receive silver cups.

A reserve tournament is being planned in connection with the tourney.

De Palma in Motor Regatta.

Miama Beach, Fla., Feb. 27.—Ralph De Palma, favorite son of automobile racing, the only man in the speedy sport who ever became famous through defeat, will be one of the 10 automobile drivers who never have driven a motor boat, who will compete in the Biscayne bay regatta to be held here March 20-21, driving 10 boats built by the same hands, from the same specifications, power with identical motors and exactly alike in every detail.

Godfrey Matched for Bout With Baker in Mexico

Los Angeles, Feb. 27.—George Godfrey, Philadelphia negro heavyweight, was matched today to box 15 rounds with Sam Baker, colored boxer, of Los Angeles, in Mexicalia, Mexico, on March 8.

Promoter Tommy Simpson of Oakland also plans to sign Godfrey for a bout against Pat Lester, San Francisco heavyweight.

Hebron Cagers Win.

Hebron, Neb., Feb. 27.—In a basket ball game here Thursday night the Hebron High school team defeated the Geneva High school by the score of 20 to 13.

Bee want ads produce results.

Indoor Sports — By Tad

Talaber Throws Heine Engel

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Heinie Engel's carelessness was blamed today for his defeat, partially by default at the hands of Lou Talaber, world's middleweight wrestling champion, here last night. Engel won the first fall in 36:22, and was boring away with headlocks in the second, when as the champion became obviously groggy from the punishment, the Iowa title aspirant threw caution to the winds, and left himself open to a crotch and half-Nelson, which Talaber applied from a standing position.

With this hold, the same that Wayne Munn used in defeating Ed (Strangler) Lewis in Kansas City recently, Talaber threw Engel forcibly to the mat. The Iowan struck on his head and was completely knocked out.

After a long wait the referee awarded Talaber the fall and Engel was assisted to his dressing room.

A.A.U. REINSTATES WILLIE RITOLA

New York, Feb. 27.—Willie Ritola, co-star with Paavo Nurmi in the distance running spotlight, was back in good amateur standing tonight and on his way to Louisville to compete in the senior A. A. U. track and field championships after a suspension that lasted only two days.

The Finnish-American star's reinstatement was announced officially tonight by A. A. U. on the basis of returns from a telegraphic poll of the national registration committee, taken on Ritola's appeal from the suspension imposed upon him by the New England branch of the A. A. U. for failure to appear at the American Legion games in Boston last Monday.

HOREMANS TRIMS WELKER COCHRAN

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Edouard Horemans, Belgium, defeated Welker Cochran, Hollywood, Cal., 400 to 266, in 10 innings in the eighth match of the international 18.2 balk line billiard championship tournament here today.

Horemans took the lead in the second inning with a run of 109. He played at close quarters and successfully made many difficult masse shots that few other players would attempt.

Cochran made the high run of the game with 110 in the sixth frame. Horemans finished with a run of 80.

PERU NORMALS DEFEAT YORK

York, Neb., Feb. 27.—The Peru Normals outclassed York college in the last half of their basket ball game here last night and emerged the victories by a score of 31 to 19. York had played the visitors even until then as the first half ended with York trailing by one point, 11 to 10. It was the 37th consecutive win for Peru in the state conference.

Newsey Sportlets

By Associated Press.

Olympic track champions have had little better than even break in the indoor campaign so far. Paavo Nurmi and Willie Ritola, who romped off with a total of six Olympic races, have added to their supremacy, but Ugo Frigerio, Italian, who won the Olympic walking championship has suffered a series of setbacks here, while Jackson Scholz, American sprinter and 200-meter champion, has met defeat several times since his return.

Willie Ritola, middle distance runner, star of the Finnish-American A. C., will appear in Louisville Saturday for the national A. A. U. track championship if the national registration committee votes to override the suspension handed down by the New England association Wednesday night. Ritola felt the wrath of the Boston officials because he failed to appear in a meet there Monday.

The National registration committee is taking a telegraphic vote and five replies have been received, all favoring lifting of the suspension. They come from New Orleans, Detroit, Columbus, and New York. The New England representative voted in favor of the suspension but his reply had not been received when the offices closed last night. Ritola, expecting favorable action, has planned to leave for Kentucky today.

Youngstown, O.—Frankie Genaro, American flyweight champion, outpointed Eddie O'Dowd, Columbus, in 10 rounds.

Following the Horses

MIAMI.

First race, 5½ furlongs: Carrier (Parks) 10.50 5.30 4.40; Fictile (Jones) 38.00 18.50; Fair Break (Stutts) 3.80. Time, 1:08. Golden Wings, Wilton Flanna, Thessaly, Hard Guess, Pentecost's Last, Clean Red, American Star and May Fly also ran.

Second race, mile and a sixteenth: Hands Up (Noe) 5.20 3.20 2.70; Miss Washington (Jones) 5.00 3.80; Tulane (Kurtzinger) 4.60. Time, 1:49 2-5. Brian Kent, Sam Reh, Sam Smith and Billy Gardner also ran.

Third race, ½ mile: Muffet (Costello) 4.10 2.60 2.30; Brettylane (Ambrose) 2.20 2.50; Barstola (Stutts) 4.10. Time, :49 2-5. Atalante, Donarita and Dickey Lee also ran.

Fourth race: 6 furlongs: Ducky (Maiben) 5.00 3.80 3.20; Muskallonge (Kennedy) 5.90 5.20; Sweepstakes (Parke) 7.20. Time, 1:12 4-5. Melvina, Eventide, Lagoon, Piedmont, Jaunebar, Approval and Jackson also ran.

Fifth race: Mile and 70 yards: Brilliant (Parrington) 8.10 3.50 2.20; Sweet Ann (Ambrose) 7.60 2.60; Slice (Buxton) 2.20. Time, 1:45 2-5. Boy O Boy, Tod Renesor, Defiant and Briggs Buchannan also ran.

Sixth race: 6 furlongs: Myrtle Belle (Smith) 5.20 3.00 2.40; McCrimmon (Buxton) 2.90 2.60; Hidalgo (Maiben) 2.50. Time, 1:11 4-5. Wax Lady, Venus, Shady Sadie, and Hayward also ran.

Seventh race: Mile and 70 yards: Lady Choco (Ganelli) 19.20 8.90 3.10; Wish I Win (Dolin) 8.40 2.90; Waukulla (Noe) 2.30. Time, 1:45 4-5. Julia M., Blanche E., and Mary Agnes also ran.

JEFFERSON PARK.

First race: Six furlongs: Galatia (E. Pool) 8-5 7-10 1-3; Pillager (Jones) even 1-2; Trapdale (Lacoste) 2-1. Time, 1:14. Dave Goldie, Mit, Foxmore, Red Squirrel, Rosa Greener, Stay On, Sea Tide and Brownie Smile also ran.

Second race: Six furlongs: Grace Troxler (McAuliffe) 5-1 2-1 even; Recover (Moore) 6-1 2-1; Nora Hayes (B. Breuning) 7-10. Time, 1:14 2-5. Million, Boo Hoo, Neat Girl, Golden Locks, Hurry Scurry, Miss Babe, High View and Queen Agnes also ran.

Third race: One-half mile: Bombshell (Burke) 15-5 4-5 1-3; Basket Picnic (Meyer) 8-1 2-1; Flapper Girl (Heupel) 1-6. Time, :48 1-5. Billikin, Nadie Mc., and *Nat Evans also ran.

*Finished first but was disqualified.

Fourth race: Six furlongs: Gold Mount (Heupel) 9-5 7-10 1-3; Medina (Moore) 8-1 4-1; Peter Piper (H. Long) 2½-1. Time, 1:14 3-5. Korbly, Wild Goose, Rajah, R. E. Clark, Kinsman, Melbourne, Clever Seth and Good Morning also ran.

Fifth race: Mile and a sixteenth: Osaiden (Coles) 3-5 1-4 out; Soviet (McCoy) 4-1 7-5; Anapriga (McAuliffe) 1-5. Time, 1:49 1-5. Mayor Carrel, Telescope and Delysia also ran.

Sixth race: Mile and 70 yards: Buel's Meteor (Moore) 10-1 4-1 8-5; Peter Decoy (Anderson) 5-1 2-1; Valentino (Gaw) 2-1. Time, 1:49 1-5. Fearnaught, Gymnast, Hidden Money, Eleanor W. and Lady Gallivant also ran.

Seventh race: Mile and a sixteenth: Attractive (B. Breuning) 2½-1 7-10 1-4; Stormalong (LaCoste) 2-5 1-6; Koellia (McAuliffe) 1-2. Time, 1:49 1-5. Whirling Dun and Little Ammie also ran.

TIA JUANA.

First race: Four and one-half furlongs: Ali Baba (Metcalf) 10.60 4.80 3.00; Nine Sixty (Gormley) 3.80 2.80; Suomi (Martinez) 2.40. Time, :55. Lady Julian, Kaliko, Alborak, Jimmie Trinz, Brevet, Christy Mahon, Chiapas, Spanish Lay and Rey St. Clair also ran.

Second race: Mile and 1-16th: Pat Mabrey (Schafer) 4.00 2.60 2.80; Teraids (Young) 2.80 3.00; Dynamic (Griffin) 5.80. Time, 1:50 2-5. Fayette Girl, Shasta Springs, Bacchus, Wiseation, Missoula and Midnight Bell also ran.

Third race: Six furlongs: Schlenete (Mortenson) 11.80 4.00 2.80; Scattershot (Fisher) 3.20 2.80; Wee Girl (Hooper) 5.20. Time, 1:49 1-5. Peter Patter, Doctor K., Little Arnes, Lake Chapala and Lucille Russell also ran.

Fourth race: 5 furlongs: 4-year-olds and up; claiming; purse, $600: Bess L. 106 (Schaefer) 11.80 5.60 4.40; Good Hope, 108 (Fisher) 4.80 3.20; Keala, 108 (Mortenson) 8.00. Time, 1:01 1-5. Miss Nantura, Roxana, Angela, Bon Box, Chevalier, Skoki, No Wonder, Duc De Guise, Marse John also ran.

Fifth race: 5 furlongs; 4-year-olds and up, claiming; purse, $600: Dr. McArthur, 113 (Taplin) 12.60 5.20 4.80; Furious Bill, 110 (Craig) 5.40 4.00; Miss Caltha, 106 (Young) 13.20. Time, 1:01 2-5. Great Finisher, Pasha Broker, Busy Bob, Messalina, Rubicari, Rose Atkin, Krekzeunas, Querulous, Wild Thoughts, Emma Williams also ran.

Sixth race: Purse, $700; claiming; 4-year olds and up; 5 furlongs: Caveat Emptor, 108 (Fisher) 6.60 4.40 2.20; Brandeis, 108 (Hooper) 10.60 5.60; Arctic King, 108 (Craig) 4.00. Time, 1:01. Convent, Boomerang, Decoration Lass, Marie Maxim also ran.

Seventh race: Purse, $800; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; 6 furlongs: Capistrano, 109 (Walsh) 5.00 3.00 2.40; Dominique, 118 (Edwards) 3.00 2.40; Stroller, 107 (Fisher) 3.00. Time, 1:12 2-5. Teton, Batsman, Isoceles also ran.

Eighth race: Purse, $800; claiming; 3-year olds and up; mile: The Cheetah, 86 (Sylvia) 29.80 12.80 6.00; Crack o' Dawn, 115 (McHugh) 4.00 2.80; Odd Seth, 108 (Griffin) 2.80. Time, 1:40 1-5. Duty Boy, Silent King, Post Dispatch, Sophia Goldman, Elias O., Scarecrow also ran.

Ninth race: Purse $700, claiming, 3-year-olds and up, 5½ furlongs: Top o' the Morning, 120 (Taplin) 4.20 2.60 2.40; Fort Churchill, 118 (Young) 3.80 3.00; Excuse Me, 115 (Griffin) 3.00. Time, 1:07. Recruit, Brimstone, Shasta Express, Smart Horse and Serena also ran.

TIA JUANA.

First race: Four and one-half furlongs; $800; handicap; 2-year-olds: Silver Slate 101 (Conin) 112; Three Sixty 108 bPress the Time 113; aEtile De O'Nay 109 cPromite 120; bGeo. O'Neil 109 aPrince Ronald 123. aMiramonte stable; bKastma entry; cInternational entry.

Second race: Four and one-half furlongs; $600; 4-year-olds and up; claiming: xAlice Harvey 104 Raven Wing 111; xLady Abbott 104 Tooters 111; xScamper 104 Pet O' 111; xLady Tiptoe 106 Belle 111; xVirginia Hope 106 Dan Arvi 113; xBlanche M'ers 106 Mabel Rowe 109; xBess Mack II 106 xAlajah 106; xAlbion Boy 108 xLast Chip 108; xHome Plate 108 General Fryer 111.

Third race: Mile and 70 yards; $600; 3-year-olds and up; claiming: Joe Patton 94 Chick Barkley 109; xYorkshire Maid 106 xAu Revoir 110; xBessie Young 102 xSunshot 111; xFranc Tireur 104 Lone Pine 115; Aggie 104 Lothair 115; xNoford's Last 104 xJay Roberts 110; xMary Contrary 106 xPat Mabrey 108; xMrs. Pat 108 Eye Bright 115; xMiss Paige 108 xChula Vista 115. Fourth race: Five and a half furlongs, purse $700; 3-year-olds and up, claiming: xMiss Omond 100 xJack Frost 110; xSequan 100 Miss Emma G. 113; xTimely Thoughts 104 xCaveat Emptor 114; xEffie Randall 106 xRunleigh 114; xEmma Williams 108 Lawrence 114; xRosa Atkins 108 Manning 115. aFrozen North entry.

Fifth race: Five and a half furlongs, purse $700, malden 3-year-olds and up: xWikiup 98 Must Polka 105; Papoose 105 cPostman 110; Morning Cloud 105 cAlleviator 110; bEllen Jane 105 aOlivia 112; Romany Rye 107 Rockfeld 115; aRancho Wikiup entry. bChula Vista entry. cSpreckels entry.

Sixth race: 5 furlongs, purse $1,000, handicap; 3-year-olds and up: Postillion 95 Swingalong 122; Lahorton 102 Lucky Play 130. Time, :58 3-5.

Seventh race: Mile and 70 yards; purse $700; 3-year-olds and up; claiming; xContusion 103 xSandalwood 110; xMitau 105 xPreservator 110; xWrackhorn 105 Buddie Kean 110; xBoab 108.

Eighth race: Mile and a quarter; purse, $700; 3-year-olds and up; claiming: xGloom Girl 99 xPiedra 112; xMizanna 105 No Rain 111; Marlon North 105 Romulus 117; xMalvern 107 Walter Dant 117; Malzavena 110 xCanute 112; Zouave 110.

Ninth race: Mile and a quarter, purse $700, 3-year-olds and up, claiming: Pop Ryan 96 Last 112; xGlammore 107 xFull o' Fun 112; Poor Puss 110 xBlack Thong 112; xZing 110 Doughoregan 113; xTom Owens 112 Marine Corps 117; xT. J. Pender.

Weather clear. Track fast.

JEFFERSON PARK.

First race: Purse, $700; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; 6 furlongs: Will Wells 105 Kennedy 122; Rodeo 100 Pirate Void 112; Taudiane 102 xGee 107; xDust Flower 116 xPhil Mayers 107; My Destiny 98 John Q. Kelly 112.

Second race: Purse, $700; claiming; 3-year-olds and up; 1 1-16 miles: Rolling Wave 84 Pensive 108; xSmart Guy 107 Jack Paine II 94; Ella Wood 103 Slanderer 111; xWar Idol 89 Peter Decoy 86; Gipsy Flyer 90 xFirst Call 98.

Third race: Purse, $700; allowances, "Tobeggan purse;" 3-year-olds and up; 5½ furlongs: Tonnere 96 Romp 92; Mom's Boy 106 The Vintner 112; Young Point 104 Centimeter 104; The Runt 102 aHuon Pine 102. aF. M. Kelly entry.

Fifth race: Purse, $700; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; 1 1-16 miles: Goodnight 100 xFlying Devil 111; xEleanor S. 102 Arabian 111; xRiky Mountain 101 Pity Politician 105; xPine Tree 101 xSnow Maiden 104.

Sixth race: Purse $700, claiming, 4-year-olds and up, 1¼ miles: The Archer 108 Proceeds 106; xSophy 92 xRork 106; Anniversary 100 Zanzibar 109; Cheer Leader 110 Overfire 98; Stone Age 111 St. Martins 102; xGladys V 90 Louis A. 106.

Seventh race: Purse $100, claiming, 3-year-olds and up, 1 1-16 miles: xGrass Trap 103 Generosity 92; Try Again 95 xTwelve Bells 104; Kentucky Rose 93 Chasseur 102; xWhite Haven 98 Trooper 108; xJudge Breuer 106 Deadlock 94.

Weather cloudy. Track fast.

HUSKERS DEPART FOR RELAY EVENT

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—Eight University of Nebraska trackmen left this evening for Urbana, Ill., where they will tomorrow compete in the University of Illinois relay meet. The entries are Captain Crites, Locke, Weir, Rhodes, Wirsig, Daily, Beckord and Lewis. Weir, who is captain of the Cornhusker football team, will compete in the high and low hurdles; Locke in the sprints and Rhodes in the all-around championship contest; Crites, Lewis and Beckord in the medley; Crites and Daily in the quarter-mile run; Beckord in the half-mile and Lewis in the mile.

Wirsig expects to be a competitor in the pole vault. Locke is to be entered in two of the sprints.

HUSKERS DEFEAT MISSOURI FIVE

Lincoln, Feb. 27.—University of Nebraska basket ball team defeated the Missouri Tigers, 24 to 21, in a hard played contest here tonight.

Baseball Headquarters to Organize Junior Ball Club

The Baseball Headquarters will be represented in the Junion league with a nine this summer, according to announcement made Thursday by Sam Zigman, well-known sportsman and part owner of Baseball Headquarters. Jimmy Krupa and Ed Kaiman will have charge of the team.

Delaney Kayoes "Tiger" Flowers

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—"Tiger" Flowers, Atlanta negro middleweight, believed for a time last night that he had defeated Jack Delaney of Bridgeport, Conn., on a foul, yet the Connecticut man won the bout by knockout.

Flowers, who had managed to avoid Delaney's right, went down in the fourth from a short blow to the chin, but was up at the count of two. Delaney rushed across the ring to attack and as he let his punch go, Flowers sank down, catching the blow on the shoulder. According to the rules, Flowers had fouled by going down without being hit and also, according to the rules, Delaney had committed a foul by hitting Flowers when he was down. Deputies of the state athletic commission argued that the foul was double, that one offset the other and the fight was resumed.

Within a minute Flowers went down again from a right half uppercut and this time failed to rise—the second time that he had been knocked out by Delaney in two months.

RUTH STRIVING HARD TO REDUCE

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 26.—"Babe" Ruth has trimmed his weight down to 225 pounds during his sojourn here and is 10 pounds from the 215 mark he strives to reach before departing for the New York American's training camp in Florida. Ruth has lost 20 pounds as his rewards for many hours of sweltering in hot water and vapor baths and daily long tramps over the golf course.

Ruth added horseback riding to his exercises yesterday when he hired a diminutive mount and cantered over many miles of Ozarz trails.

HUSKERS LEAVE FOR URBANA

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 27.—Headed by Track Coach Schulte, eight track and field stars from the University of Nebraska left here today for Urbana, where they will participate in the Illinois relays Saturday afternoon.

Among the entries at Illinois will be three Cornhusker football stars, who have shown surprising form in track events. They are Captain Ed Weir, all-American tackle, and Choppy Rhodes and Roland Locke, the latter varsity halfbacks.

Entry List Open for National Cage Tourney

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Many of the high school basket ball teams that have competed in the last six national interscholastic tournaments of the University of Chicago are making early bids for the seventh meet opening, March 31.

Windsor, Colo., winner last year, is likely to represent Colorado again. Walla Walla, Wash., a strong contender for two years promises to return and Lexington, Ky., 1921 winner, probably will be back for the third time.

Hockey Player Arrested.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 27.—A warrant for the arrest of Nelson Stewart, Cleveland hockey player, charging assault and battery on a spectator at Tuesday night's hockey game, was issued by Tom Walsh, city prosecuting attorney.

McGraw Gets Laugh Out of Report of Sale

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 26.—"It's a joke," was the only comment John McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, would make today when questioned as to the reported purchase of the Giants by a syndicate headed by John Ringling, the circus man, and builder of this city.

"I have nothing further to say, except that the reported sale is a joke," the Giant manager reiterated.

The Giants are in spring training here.

"Babe" Ruth After New Home Run Record; Wants to Lead Majors With Bat

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Ordinarily an individual's waist line might be classified under the heading of irrevelance from a national point of interest, except when that individual happens to be "Babe" Ruth. Just now, in a figurative sense, the eyes of baseball fandom are centered upon the mighty struggle of the mighty hitter to reduce his famous waist line and condition himself for a campaign in which he hopes to fulfill a twin-ambition.

The "Babe's" double-barreled goal this year is to eclipse the record season's home run harvest of 59, which he established in 1921, and to lead both major leagues in batting. The "Babe" has been spending his time this winter on the links and in the hot baths at Hot Springs, Ark. There was a time when temperament was Ruth's main obstacle but he has overcome this.

Granting, however, that the "Babe" will be in trim when the barrier lifts on the 1925 chase, his chances of setting a few new records with the bludgeon are not remote. The widespread impression that Ruth was just a home run hitter has been pretty well removed by the evidence of the past season or two. Ruth is now recognized as one of the greatest all-around stars the game has ever known. Walter Johnson filled a somewhat similar role in the game's drama last fall.

Starting his 13th season in the majors, Ruth's record would seem to leave little to stir any ambition but his own. He first attracted note at a star pitcher, then inaugurated a new era in long range gunnery and finally, established his merits as an all-around star, a good base runner, quick thinker and reliable fielder, as well as a champion batsman and run-maker. His all-around worth was recognized officially when the American league gave him its most valuable player crown in 1923. Last season, Ruth led the American league hitters for the first time with a mark of .378 but this was topped by the modern record percentage of .4235, set by Rogers Hornsby of the St. Louis Cardinals. Ruth is out this year to pass Hornsby in the averages as well as in home runs.

Boxer Has "Rubber" in His Arm Tightened So Joint Won't Slip

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 27.—Bud Taylor, Terre Haute (Ind.) bantamweight flash, who one year ago looked like he was headed right for the crown, is staking his future on a surgical operation which may either end his career or restore him to his claims for championship. Dr. W. G. Fralick, noted specialist of New York, asked to perform the operation, performed a similar operation on Pete Zivic.

Taylor knows that if the operation fails he may be left with a stiff shoulder, and be permanently retired from the game. The injury twice has prevented Taylor from a championship bout at the famous Madison Square garden.

Boxing Al Ziemer at Cleveland, O., a year ago last September, Taylor let fly one of the famous wild, long right swings. The blow missed and out popped Bud's right shoulder. Seconds aided in replacing the member and he finished the fight.

Later Bud fought Tommy Ryan at Three-I ball park, Terre Haute, and again that right shoulder popped out. Then followed his famous fight with Georgie Rivers at Los Angeles, Cal. He threw out the shoulder in the second round, yet gameness carried him on to victory in four rounds.

Several weeks ago at Indianapolis, Taylor again boxed Al Ziemer and as in their first match Bud's arm popped out.

Then he was booked to box in New York and Cleveland. His left thumb, which had been bothering him, was bruised in work prior to the New York scrap and he was forced to ask postponement. Cleveland then called off the Taylor melee, fearing he was not fit.

That caused Taylor to go to New York, where he consulted Dr. Fralick, noted specialist.

The tendon, surgeons say, has been stretched by Taylor's long right-hand swings. As a result of the loosened tendon it pops off his shoulder blade. The operation is intended to shorten the tendon by splicing it, and then sewing the strands together. When healed the tendon thus will be shortened and tightened and will hold its place in the natural pivot the shoulder blade affords.

Says "Bugs" Baer:

HERE is a sad-eyed daguerrotype of the supreme Ajax of baseball.

His glossary of names includes Kenesaw Mountain Landis. If memory doesn't hamstring sentiment, then we recollect that Kenesaw Mountain was the scene of a seven-reel thriller during the civil war, in which Jackie Coogan took part.

Kenesaw Mountain is known as the "Battle in the Clouds."

Northern and Southern competitors in this elimination tournament of the gods chased one another with evil enthusiasm.

AND the judge is well named. He has been battling in clouds ever since he took the oath of office.

His job has been no moonlight sonata. The Judge has been hammered from all sides like a saddle-colored coon in a battle royal. But he sticks to his guns like a hero to his medals and is still trying to convert chaos into law and order.

Even as this bug article is being written, another cloud is semmering around the judge's judicial whiskers. It is the Dolan-O'Connell debate. The fans are hollering for a recount. When the judge opens the ballot boxes, he may discover that they are stuffed with sublimate corrosive of hokum.

On the other mitt, there may be something more sinister imbedded in the fragments. It is up to the judge to perform the autopsy.

It is a tougher job than trying to get a laugh out of a coroner's jury.

IF there is one commuter who can do the job and do it right, it is the old boy with the triple label. Kenesaw Mountain Landis wil separate the chaff from the wheat and call it breakfast food.

We are glad that it is his job and not ours. The knight of old, who wrestled with the griff, the monitor and the rest of that monster league had no more fearsome job than the judge.

Take a look at those blazing black eyes crowned by an aurora of silvery hair. Look at tht chin jutting out like Cape Cod and that forehead looming up like George Herriman's "Enchanted Mesa."

Put them all together and they spell knowledge. And that is what the judge needs in his present dilemma. And then some.

With The Pugs

At New York—Jack Delaney, Bridgeport, Conn., knocked out Tiger Flowers, Atlanta, fourth round; George Godfrey, Philadelphia, knocked out Tut Jackson, Columbus, O., fifth round; Bob Lawson, Troy, Ala., knocked out George Jones, New York, fourth round.

Lightweights will resume the tournament being conducted by the New York state athletic commission to determine achampion tonight. Benny Valger of New York meets Alex Hart of Philadelphia and Solly Seaman of New York faces Frankie Lefay of Albany, N. Y., substituting for Archie Walker of Brooklyn. Walker is suffering from an affection of the right leg and yesterday announced his inability to participate.

Jake Schaefer Favorite to Win Billiard Crown

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Jake Schaefer, former world's 18.2 balk line billiards champion, has made himself the favorite to take the crown from Willie Hoppe, defending titlist, in the international tournament here by a dispaly of unprecedented form, before which records have crashed. They are tied for leadership in the standing.

Erich Hagenlacher, the German cue artist who was to have furnished the opposition sat in a chair watching the former champion break all world's records by running 400 from spot. Schaefer broke Welker Cochran's mark of 384 made in the 1921 tournament and broke the average record with 400 for one inning.

The exhibition dwarfed the brilliant afternoon match when Cochran defeated Kamakichi Suzuki, the Japanese, 400 to 113, in four innings with a high run of 308.

Edouard Horemans, the Belgian, will meet Cochran this afternoon and tonight Hoppe will engage Hagenlacher.

The standings:

Player—	Won	Lost.
Hoppe	2	0
Schaefer	2	0
Horemans	1	1
Hagenlacher	1	1
Cochran	1	2
Suzuki	0	2

SYNDICATE HAS OPTION ON MUNN

Chicago, Feb. 26.—A syndicate of Chicago promoters, after a conference here today with Gabe Kaufmann, manager of Wayne Munn, claimant of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, tonight turned over to Munn $5,000 as an option on his services for which the promoters offered $100,000 from March 15 to June 1.

Munn is at present bound by theatrical contracts, from which he expects to be released by March 15. Under the proposed contract Munn's services would be placed at the disposal of the syndicate, which might elect to show him in pictures, on the stage, or compel him to engage in wrestling matches.

JOHN LEVI LEAVES INDIAN SCHOOL

By Associated Press.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 27.—John Levi, Haskell's widely famed all-around athlete, has left the Indian school for his home in Oklahoma to prepare for reporting at the spring training camp of the New York Yankees early in March.

The big Indian won letters in all four branches of major athletics. For three years he was high point scorer for the Haskell football team and for two years he was national high point scorer on the gridiron.

In 1923, Levi scored 104 points in football and in 1924 he boosted the total to 162.

Baseball Dope

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 26.—Seven players joined the California-bound squad of Chicago Cubs here tonight, bringing the total number in the party to 24. Several other players will be picked up at Los Angeles.

Those who climbed aboard the Cub train here were Charley Grimm, former first baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates; Denver Grigsby, outfielder; Elmer Jacobs, Eulas Morgan, Perry Jones, Charley Taylor and Art Weis.

Hanford, Cal., Feb. 27.—The Kansas Blues were preparing to take their first workout of the spring training grind here today. A banquet was tendered the team after their arrival yesterday. The players expressed themselves as pleased with local conditions and facilities.

New York, Feb. 27.—Manager John McGraw took charge of practice in the Giants' training camp at Sarasota, Fla., yesterday and came out of several conferences with the signed contracts of Jack Scott, Jack Bentley and Arthur Nehf, all pitchers; Frank Frisch, captain and second baseman, is expected to sign his papers today.

The Giants will return to two sessions of practice daily tomorrow.

Over at the Yankees' camp in St. Petersburg, the pitchers unleashed some speed and a few curves for the first time. Nick Cullop, who appears to have made a deep impression with Manager Miller Huggins, continued to hit far and wide and drew enthusiastic comments.

Waite Hoyt, Joe Dugan, Lou Gehrig and Whitey Witt will leave New York today for Florida, leaving only one regular in the northland—the left-handed pitcher, Herb Pennock, whose contract awaits signature.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—The first group of the Philadelphia Nationals and the second contingent of Connie Mack's Athletics will leave tonight for their respective training quarters at Bradenton and Fort Myers, Fla., only two players, Wilson and Betts, will be in the Phillies' party, others will go to Bradenton direct from their homes.

The Athletics party will include Dykes, Hale and Zinn, the last named, a rookie infielder.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 27.—With the first squad of Cleveland recruit pitchers preparing to start today for the Indians' spring training camp at Lakeland, Fla., reports were received here from Hot Springs that several veterans are suffering sore arms.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 27.—Manager Jack Hendricks of the Cincinnati Reds is enthusiastic about the prospects of his team, which he believes will give a good account of itself in the league race.

The Cincinnati contingent of the team will leave here tomorrow for Orlando, Fla.

Boston, Feb. 27.—The arrival of the advance guard of the Boston Braves at St. Petersburg, Fla., yesterday, was unmarked by a demonstration of any kind, advices reaching here indicating the populace has become blase because of the fact that the Yankees also train there.

Catcher Mike O'Neil, who has been holding out for more money, has been informed an increase will not be forthcoming and he is expected in a day or two. The status of three pitchers has not been announced.

St. Louis, Feb. 27.—Manager George Sisler and his vanguard of Brown players went through their first workout at Tarpon Springs, Fla., yesterday. There were 26 men in uniform, the only absentees being Pitchers Bush, Girard and Danforth and Catchers Dixon and Porter.

A heavy fog at Stockton, Cal., prevented the Cardinals from practicing yesterday morning but they made a good showing at batting practice in the afternoon.

TOURISTS DODGE NEBRASKA ROADS

"Nebraska roads were a source of unfavorable comment practically everywhere I went in the west, even as far distant as the Pacific coast," said M. E. Morrison, executive secretary of the Eppley Hotels company, just returned from an extensive trip.

"Hotel men told me frankly that the complaints of tourists were so numerous and so bitter that they were sending eastbound autoists by northern routes and southern roads, any way at all to avoid Nebraska and portions of western Iowa.

"Western states spend millions on good roads and are more than repaid by tourist trade. If the people and the legislators of Nebraska could hear what is said and see the effect of our state's lack of good roads, I believe it would bring an immediate change in the attitude toward this important subject."

ACTION URGED ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Alarmed because the new school board has as yet "done nothing" to carry out the grade school building program, the executive committee of the United Improvement clubs, Thursday passed a resolution, declaring that "a very grave emergency exists, particularly with reference to grade schools" and insisting "that the board proceed without any further delay to carry into effect the program of building to relieve the grade school congestion."

President R. A. Coad, in a letter to R. A. Van Orsdel of the school board declares that "so far as we can see the board is no nearer starting on the actual work of carrying out this $2,500,000 school building program than the day after election."

The school board meets tonight.

WOUND FATAL TO YOUTH HUNTER

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 27.—Francis E. Parr of Roseland, 21-year-old hunter, who was wounded by the accidental discharge of a shotgun at the wolf hunt near Holstein Tuesday, died here following the amputation of his right leg.

The gun was in the hands of a fellow hunter and was discharged as he was crawling through the fence.

ILLNESS FATAL TO OMAHA WOMAN

Mrs. Maud F. Harkness, 49, wife of C. F. Harkness, 2513 Charles street, died Thursday at the home. She had lived in Omaha for 17 years.

Funeral services will be