

BASKET BALL COMES ON NOW

Reason for the Real Hot Game Has Opened in Earnest.

LOCAL SCHEDULE IS A VERY GOOD ONE

F. M. C. A. Team Has Some Important Matches on Its List Already and Will Get Some Others.

New Year's day marks the beginning of the basket ball season, and in college and gymnasium circles generally everything in the way of athletic contests is now subordinated to that game.

This sport seems to be growing steadily each winter season and it has now become a well known game practically everywhere in this country.

Basket ball schedules are slow in making, so that not all the dates for the Omaha games are yet settled.

Between these dates the local association plans to play return games with each one of these teams in turn, though it is not positively settled that they will visit all the places.

The personnel of the local first team is almost the same as it was last year. With only one change in the lineup, grand team work is promised.

The ten left over, meanwhile, gave an opening for the formation of a second team of very high grade; so good, in fact, that it is not to be called the second team.

On the whole, the team that will represent the association this winter is a little ahead of anything the organization has been able to boast for some years and great hopes are entertained of its record to be made during the season.

BOWLERS START ON SCHEDULE

Play Will Be Resumed Monday After a Rest of Two Holiday Weeks.

Monday night play will be resumed in the Omaha Bowling League after a respite of two weeks.

Big Bill Wilson has trapped Dave Calhoun and Buck Theil for his Peoria push, and gives it out cold that he will be in the money all the way around the course.

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whose interest centers in the chunk of lignum vitae do not seem to relish a halt midway in the progress of the league play.

The first four teams in the list when the season closes on March 19 will get money prizes. To the leader goes the trophy and \$50.

That makes seven prizes for the teams, and there are five individual offerings as well. The man with the highest average for the season gets \$10, while the next best average draws \$8, and to the third best average goes \$4.

BOXERS START THEIR GAME

Good Match Fixed for South Omaha and Others in Prospect.

It is now practically assured that about January 15 the local sports are to be treated to as fierce a mill at fistfights as has been seen in these parts for many a day.

After so long a stagnant period at the boxing game this is welcome news indeed to the devotees of the rope enclosed canvas.

Concerning Broad's fighting little need be said. He has been holding his own with the best of the featherweights for long enough to gain fame and fame. But English can stand a little touting, and he deserves it.

Not even Robinson himself will assert that his cleverness is English's strong hold. He is not clever, but he is a fighter, and is furthermore the most aggressive party in a ring that one can imagine.

All in all, the go to come should be one interesting affair, and with the preliminaries planned the evening will be locally a memorable one.

Two other Omaha fighters are now lined up for matches which are to occur in the very near future. Billy Rhodes, the popular welterweight, has finally agreed in his usual reckless fashion to meet Tommy Ryan, the middleweight, at St. Louis before Danny Daly's new club.

Byron McKibben will manage Tacoma next summer. He will have Russ Hall with him, there's a mighty good one from the Western. McKibben was a good manager and Hall was the only real ball player on the St. Joe team last summer.

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CURLERS MAY BUILD A RINK

Omaha Followers of the Roarin' Game to Have Permanent Tee.

A curling rink is planned for Omaha. The Omaha Curling club contemplates building such a place and will hold a meeting Monday night at 1508 Howard street to take immediate steps in the matter if its feasibility becomes apparent at that time.

The curling club has at present thirty members, all actively interested in the sport. The weather conditions here have always made the matter of good ice very uncertain, even with the coldest temperature prevailing.

Not much difficulty is anticipated in making the necessary arrangements to defray the expenses of constructing the rink house. It is planned to have two rinks, each of which must be five yards by fifty.

The Curling club anticipates taking in many new members if the rink is constructed, as athletically inclined men are certain to become interested in the game when indulgence is made so easy and pleasurable. At Minneapolis and St. Paul curling rinks are successfully conducted.

to St. Joseph from here, has arranged to give Kid Broad a warming-up there for his fight with English here to follow. The date as now understood is January 5. The men are signed for twenty rounds. There is no conceivable hope that would dare to prophesy that Spike will go more than two or three of these save for suffering.

BASE BALL IN THE WINTER TIME

Peace Conference Falls Through Because the National Falls to Make Good.

Back to the woods for the gentle dove of peace, and on with the merry war of the magnates. Ban Johnson says there will be no conference at Cincinnati tomorrow and no negotiations for the Joseph club to have made. On form Spike has no show with Broad, and about one more momentary fight will end the game there.

Most of the devotees of the game seem very enthusiastic about the covered rink proposition. One of the biggest advantages next to that of good ice all the time is that it will make possible curling at night.

Of course, one would never expect to see any great proficiency at curling here. People do not have time enough. Here men curl until 5 o'clock every day and till 6 o'clock on Saturdays.

SQUASH CLUB IS STILL ACTIVE

Young Men Who Began the Sport Keep It Up with Great Vim.

Last winter a score or more of the young men of the upper ten organized a Squash club in Omaha, secured quarters, equipment, conveniences and then played the game with persistence all during the cold season.

The same quarters have been retained, on the second floor of the building at 105 South Fourteenth street, but they have been further improved. The building of a new back wall, or face, is an important feature, giving a more solid playing front.

Two rising players are found among the new recruits. They are W. T. Burns and "Spike" Kennedy. Each has caught the jang of the play remarkably well in the short time since the season began, and either bids fair to give the older cranks a run for honors before the winter closes.

The usual monthly tournaments are being adhered to again this season. One was held in November and another in December. Sam Burns won both of them, N. P. Dodge, Jr. being his opponent in the final round of the second affair. It was discovered, in both these contests, that the same players who led the game last winter were again the ones to stick up to the late rounds.

It grew to be a safe bet as to what four would be in the semi-finals. To avoid this the first tournament this winter there were decided to make the tournaments handicap affairs hereafter, for a time at least. This will give the weaker players an even chance with the others, providing the handicapping is judicious. It will enhance the interest and make competition more arduous.

In the first tournament this winter there were twelve entries. The second drew sixteen names. It is expected that fully twenty will participate in the January affair, which will begin as soon as the holidays are well over with.

Commission Makes Report to Congress on Its Final Efforts.

PERMANENT CHANNEL FOR THE BIG MUDDY

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The policy may be stated, in a few words, to be a continuous, progressive control of the river, contracting it where necessary, dredging the channel, proper direction and securely holding it in place.

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Chicago Man is Promoted.

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