

Bowlers Are Now Getting Warmed Up to the Tournament Stage. College Men in Base Ball

READY FOR THE BIG GAMES

Omaha Bowlers Prepare for St. Joseph and Pittsburg.

HARD FIGHTING FOR PLACES

As the Season Advances Interest in the Great Indoor Game Increases and Play Assumes Rapid Pace.

In the Metropolitan league the race between the leading teams is getting rather close, the Stars and Mixers being tied for second place, while the St. James still have the high game so far, having made 1811 on their three games last week.

Tournaments Draw Big

The Association tournament has been the most successful ever held in Omaha, there being 111 entries. As these men took part in the tournament to qualify for the bigger events—the Middle West at St. Joseph and the Omaha Bowling club at Pittsburg—it is evident Omaha will be well represented at both the large tournaments.

Omaha bowlers are recognized all over the country as being among the best, and there has been no event of local or national importance in which they have bowled that they did not get a place near the top.

A recent letter from the Omaha Bowling club people submitted a proposition to place an Omaha man on the executive committee. As there are only nine executive officers, it will place Omaha on the map as a bowling center.

Results of the city tournament:

Table with columns: Name, Pins, Name, Pins. Lists bowling scores for various individuals and teams.

Team standing and individual averages of Metropolitan Bowling league for week ending December 19:

Table with columns: Team, Games, W, L, Pct., Pins. Lists bowling statistics for various teams.

Men Who Carried University of Nebraska Colors on Gridiron



Top Row (Left to Right)—Chaloupka, Right Tackle; Earl Eager, Manager; Elliott, Assistant Coach; "King" Cole, Head Coach; Charles Borg, Assistant Coach; Jack Best, Trainer; Frum, Left Tackle; Second Row (Left to Right)—Beitzer, Left Halfback; Harro, Right Guard; Ewing, Left Guard; Captain Harvey, Right End; Minor, Left Halfback; Collins, Center. Bottom Row (Left to Right)—Birkner, Right Halfback; Kroger, Fullback; Johnson, Quarterback. THE NEBRASKA FOOT BALL TEAM OF 1908.

MICHIGAN'S BASKET BALL TEAM

Men Are Getting Into Shape for a Busy Season. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—Despite the rather warm foot ball discussions which are in order at the University of Michigan, basket ball preparations for the coming season are traveling along at a merry clip.

BASE BALL'S READY NUMBER

It is Two and Prevails in Both the Big Leagues. Striking Similarity in the Scoring Totals in Major Organizations Last Season—Tied on Five Tally Counts.

FIGURE COMBINATIONS IN GAME

The favorite number of runs scored by one or both sides in a base ball game is two. At least this is true if the games in the two major leagues last season are a criterion.

FOOT BALL ROLL OF INJURED

Disasters of Year Make Bad Showing for the Game. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Kendall B. Crossley, an insurance man, who has kept close tabs on foot ball for years, says that more injuries have been reported this year than in any season since 1905, when the rules were revised.

JIM FLYNN TO MEET LANGFORD

Pueblo Fireman Will Cough Up with the Diage. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—"Jim" Flynn, the Pueblo fireman who has been matched to meet Sam Langford before Sam Berger's club here during the holidays, has begun training at the camp recently vacated by "Billy" Papke.

VER WEIBE MUST PUT IT BACK

Amateur Standing Depends on Restoration of Money. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—James E. Sullivan announces that Ernest Ver Weibe of Harvard, whose friends presented him with a gold watch and \$50, must return the money if he wishes to remain an amateur.

Yale's Injured Captain Will Train Cincinnati.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 19.—Bobby Burch, the Yale captain who was out of the game most of the time this fall owing to injuries, has been offered the position of coach on the Cincinnati university team next fall.

Marshalltown's Schedule.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The following is the schedule of the Marshalltown High School basketball team, which has just been completed: January 8, Grinnell; January 15, Waterloo; at Marshalltown; January 22, Mason City; at Mason City; January 29, Waterloo; at Waterloo; February 5, Cedar Rapids; at Marshalltown; March 12, Cedar Rapids; at Cedar Rapids; March 19, Anamosa; at Anamosa; March 26, Anamosa; at Marshalltown; March 30, Grinnell; at Marshalltown.

SCHOMMER UNDER A CLOUD

Wisconsin Will Protest Chicago Base Ball Star. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Schommer, the University of Chicago base ball, foot ball, track and basket ball star, who will be a candidate again this season for the quietest is to be protested by Wisconsin, according to report from the Badger athletic camp, on the ground that he has already been active as a varsity man in this branch of sport for three years, and, therefore, should be considered ineligible.

SPIKES AND DRAFTING SEASON

Deal of Talk on These Topics, but No Legislation. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There was a deal of talk but little legislation of a radical nature at the recent base ball meeting here. The heralded crusade against the spit ball was conspicuous by its absence, and no action was taken against the murturous spitters in the absence of the players, although the magazine studied a new rotary spike which was submitted for approval with enough interest to indicate that they, too, realize the need for a change.

TAMPA TRACK TO BE REBUILT

Preparation for Busy Racing Season is Made. TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 19.—Under direction of E. D. Laurence, secretary of the Tampa Bay Racing association, the Tampa Bay track is being thoroughly overhauled and remodeled, the turns being banked higher than before and made less pronounced, thus making the track faster and better suited to the better class of horses, which are arriving for the big race meet, February 3 to 27.

ATHLETIC ROW WITH ENGLAND

Controversy Started in London is Just Getting Good. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There appears to be more chance for an international athletic meeting than at any time since the controversy began over the Olympic games in England last summer. The bitter attack on James E. Sullivan, president of the Amateur Athletic union and United States commissioner to the games, and other members of the American committee by a British Olympic council will not go unanswered, and the wound that was healing may be opened afresh.

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COLLEGE BASE BALL LEAGUE

Plans Being Laid for Series of Games by Missouri Valley Teams.

SERIOUS ATHLETIC HANDICAP

Lack of Field on Which to Practice Has a Dampening Effect on Interest in Athletic Lines.

LINCOLN, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—For the first time in many years the base ball championship of the Missouri valley will be decided next spring by a series of games among the seven schools composing the conference. Each college in the "Big Seven" will be required to play at least eight conference games and to meet no less than three of the teams in the league.

The plan for organization of this base ball league among the Missouri valley conference schools was proposed by Manager Earl O. Eager of the University of Nebraska nearly a month ago and it has been accepted by Nebraska, Missouri, Ames and Iowa. The three other schools in the conference, Kansas, Drake and Washington, are soon expected to get in line with the rest of the colleges and give their approval of the proposition.

As now planned the "Big Seven" league season will open the early part of April, when the Cornhusker teams will make a trip on which Kansas, Missouri, Washington, Iowa, Ames and probably Drake will be played in one or more games. Iowa will also probably go on a trip at this time, meeting some of the same teams that are played by the Cornhuskers.

During the last two seasons both Ames and Missouri had strong nines, but as they did not meet any of the conference teams to test the strength of their opponents there was no way in which either of them could justly claim the championship of the valley. For next spring both of these schools have an excellent quantity of diamond material and they are expected to be the leading candidates for the "Big Eight" title. Kansas and Nebraska both have several good players in school, but they appear to lack enough men of first rate caliber to round out a team that will be strong in every position and able to compete successfully against either Ames or Missouri.

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