

CENTRAL HIGH QUINTET FACES STIFF SCHEDULE

Fifteen Games, Ten Opponents and Three Trips on Road Are Ahead of Mulligan's Basket Tossers.

CENTRAL'S FLOOR SCHEDULE

Table listing basketball games for Central High, including opponents like Council Bluffs, Commerce High, and South High.

Games have been scheduled with Council Bluffs, Commercial High, South High, Lincoln, University Place, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Atchison, Beatrice and Fort Dodge.

Prospects for a successful season are accepted as bright. Mulligan has five veterans and several promising youngsters.

Three schools, Council Bluffs, University Place and Atchison, report they have complete veteran files, and St. Joseph has four of last year's men back.

Three Trips Carded. Three trips are planned for the cage men. One will include St. Joseph and Atchison, Kan.; one Lincoln and Beatrice, and the third Sioux City and Fort Dodge.

All Omaha games will be played at the Young Men's Christian association. Mulligan will not start team practice until after the Christmas holidays.

Six Nebraskans Given Places on All-Valley Team

(Continued From Page Eleven.) line, and he fulfills all the other requirements of a star end.

Captain Shaw of Nebraska, of course, gets a tackle position. His work has been an outstanding feature at Nebraska for three years. He is easily the best tackle in the conference.

Frost of Kansas is given the other tackle. He is a veteran, a second team choice last year, and only a shade behind Shaw in merit.

Nebraska monopolizes the guard positions with Kositsky and Wilder. Kositsky is little short of All-Western caliber. He is the best fighter on the Nebraska team.

Wilder makes an excellent running mate for Kositsky and with this duo on the job the center of the line becomes pretty nearly an irresistible stone wall.

Center is Problem. Trying to select a center is quite a job. Nebraska fans lean toward Bill Day and well they might for Bill is some foot ball man.

This makes a pretty good All-Missouri valley eleven. It is a team powerful on the defense with a sturdy line and an airtight secondary defense.

Several Lose Out. Several players who might be eligible for this mythical All-Missouri valley team lose out because they failed to play in the required number of games.

There is Ted Riddell of the Huskers. Riddell has been on the valley team for two years, but loses out this season because injuries kept him out of the game.

Hubka played tackle, end and in the backfield this season. Had he remained on one job he might have won that position, but he is shifted to the second team because he did not stick to one place long enough to prove his superiority.

Sam Kellogg in the game against Syracuse played as good a game as ever as was seen on Nebraska field. But he played it only one day, whether he could have put up the same stellar performance through the season is problematical.

Collins of Missouri is another victim. Collins last year was a first team choice. This year the Tigers were so weak Collins was given no opportunity to do anything and thereby loses out.

Classy Second Team. The second All-Missouri valley eleven is but little weaker than the first team and probably could give the latter a run for the money were it possible to match the two teams.

Foster of Kansas is given the call over Boy and Clark for quarter, because he is a better field general. Johnny Cook of Nebraska and Pringle of Kansas are two flashy backfield men, both good on open field runs, and Otopalik is a pretty classy fullback as we all know.

Hubka and Laslett at ends are all that any coach could ask. Nettels and Breddon are heavy, powerful tackles and Gates and Jones guards of first water. With Bill Day to complete the list at center, the second team becomes an organization of stellar qualities.

"BULLET" JOE IS A STAR AT BOTH TRAPS AND MOUND

Mainstay of Connie Mack's Hurling Corps Also Adept at Breaking Clay Pigeons With Scattergun.

Improves Control.

"I believe that a pitcher improves his control by shooting at clay targets. Traps shooting is simply the coordination of eye, arm, and mind—that is precisely what base ball pitching amounts to. When I am on the mound I first decide in my mind where I want the ball to go, and then my fingers and arm do the job automatically.

"I find the same holds true of trap-shooting. At first I had to think how I would line up my gun, then when I would pull the trigger, how far I would lead the targets, and a dozen or more other things. Now, after long practice, I do all these things automatically, and it's only a question of my mind, eye, and fingers working in unison.

"I hope I may be able to continue to shoot at the traps every winter, and that when I retire from base ball I will have an opportunity to take part in the Grand American handicap and other big tournaments."

Mack's Mainstay. "Bullet Joe" Bush is Connie Mack's mainstay in the pitcher's box. He is one of the best twirlers in the American League. Bush will show his true worth when Mack rounds together another championship ball club.

Recently Bush and Grover Cleveland Alexander, the great pitcher of the Phillies, shot a match race at 150 targets, and it resulted in a tie, each breaking 127.

Brown Outfielder Gets Assignment From Navy. Outfielder Bill Jacobson of the St. Louis Browns who last summer enlisted as a navy yeoman, with permission to delay reporting until the close of the base ball season, has been assigned to duty at the Norfolk navy yard.

Yale Sloan, another outfielder of the Browns, who enlisted with Jacobson, has not been assigned to duty so far as announced. Perhaps the navy has more yeoman and yeowomen than it can use just now.

The Browns will not miss either player greatly if Williams and Tobin, along with Smith, come through as expected.

Denver Catcher Signs Contract With Uncle Sam. Two catchers well known in Western minor league circles have joined the aviation corps of the army. They are Johnny Bassler, late of the Los Angeles Coast league team, and Al Bartholomy, who was with Denver in the Northwestern league the last season.

Bartholomy formerly was with Tacoma in the Northwestern league. Bassler was considered one of the best catchers in the Coast league the last season and his loss is a severe blow to the Los Angeles club.

Oakland Worries Not and Continues to Sign Talent. The Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league continues to take on former Northwestern league players for trials next spring. Among the new ones are Carl Hollings, who played as a pitcher and third baseman with Spokane; John Taffee, who also was with Spokane; Dick Nelson, a first baseman who had a trial with Seattle, and Clark Boldt, former Seattle outfielder.

Memphis Sighs With Relief; Cruthers Gets Exemption. Memphis fans are heaving sighs of relief—Press Cruthers, their second baseman, has been exempted from the army draft and is assured the team for next year. Cruthers is making his home in Memphis this winter and will be on the job early in the spring.

National and Sectional Ranking of 1917 Varsity Foot Ball Teams. THE following attempt to classify the country is based on foot ball in some cases for early defeats.

NATIONAL. 1. Georgia Tech. 2. Pittsburgh. 3. Minnesota. 4. Pennsylvania. 5. W. and J. 6. Notre Dame. 7. Ohio State. 8. Nebraska. 9. Syracuse. 10. Michigan. 11. Brown. 12. Rutgers.

SOUTHERN. 1. Pittsburgh. 2. Pennsylvania. 3. W. and J. 4. Auburn Tech. 5. Georgia Tech. 6. Auburn. 7. Drake.

MIDWESTERN. 1. Minnesota. 2. Ohio State. 3. Michigan. 4. Wisconsin. 5. Illinois. 6. California. 7. Indiana. 8. Northwestern. 9. Purdue. 10. Iowa.

PACIFIC COAST. 1. Stanford. 2. Oregon. 3. California. 4. Washington. 5. Oregon A.-M. 6. Arizona. 7. Washington. 8. Oregon A.-M. 9. Arizona. 10. Washington.

NEW ENGLAND. 1. Harvard. 2. Yale. 3. Princeton. 4. Cornell. 5. Columbia. 6. Brown. 7. Dartmouth. 8. Amherst. 9. Tufts. 10. Williams.

INDIANAPOLIS. 1. Indiana. 2. Michigan. 3. Ohio State. 4. Pennsylvania. 5. Wisconsin. 6. Illinois. 7. Iowa. 8. Northwestern. 9. Minnesota. 10. Purdue.

TEXAS. 1. Texas A.-M. 2. Rice Inst. 3. Baylor. 4. Texas. 5. Oklahoma. 6. Oklahoma A.-M. 7. Arkansas. 8. Texas. 9. Oklahoma. 10. Texas A.-M.

MISSOURI. 1. Missouri. 2. Kansas. 3. Nebraska. 4. Oklahoma. 5. Oklahoma A.-M. 6. Arkansas. 7. Texas. 8. Texas A.-M. 9. Rice Inst. 10. Baylor.

ILLINOIS. 1. Illinois. 2. Michigan. 3. Ohio State. 4. Pennsylvania. 5. Wisconsin. 6. Indiana. 7. Iowa. 8. Northwestern. 9. Minnesota. 10. Purdue.

OHIO. 1. Ohio State. 2. Michigan. 3. Wisconsin. 4. Indiana. 5. Iowa. 6. Northwestern. 7. Minnesota. 8. Purdue. 9. Illinois. 10. Missouri.

NEW YORK. 1. Cornell. 2. Princeton. 3. Columbia. 4. Harvard. 5. Yale. 6. Brown. 7. Dartmouth. 8. Amherst. 9. Tufts. 10. Williams.

CONNECTICUT. 1. Yale. 2. Princeton. 3. Cornell. 4. Harvard. 5. Columbia. 6. Brown. 7. Dartmouth. 8. Amherst. 9. Tufts. 10. Williams.

MASSACHUSETTS. 1. Harvard. 2. Yale. 3. Princeton. 4. Cornell. 5. Columbia. 6. Brown. 7. Dartmouth. 8. Amherst. 9. Tufts. 10. Williams.

VERMONT. 1. Dartmouth. 2. Amherst. 3. Tufts. 4. Williams. 5. Cornell. 6. Princeton. 7. Harvard. 8. Yale. 9. Columbia. 10. Brown.

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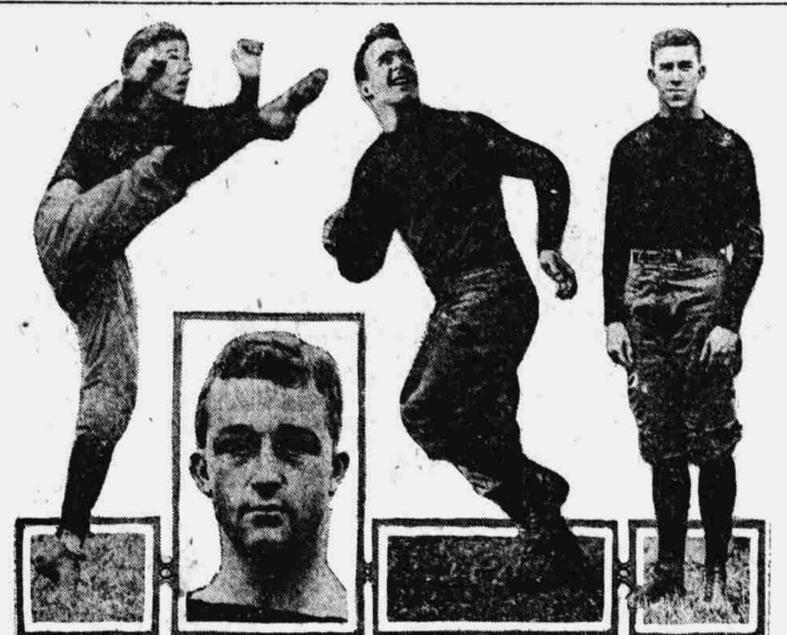
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Famous Harvard Four in War Service



All the members of Harvard's most famous foot ball combination—Brickley, Mahan, Hardwick and Bradley—are now in training for an assault on the Hindenburg line.

IOWA LEADS IN FORMATION OF NEW GUN CLUBS

Seven Scattergun Organizations See Light of Day in Hawkeye State in 1917; Three in Nebraska.

Iowa for the second successive year leads in the formation of gun clubs—births being given to seven in the Hawkeye state in 1917. Ten was the number of new clubs that Iowa contributed in 1916.

Interstate Association records show that 40 clubs saw the light of day in 1917, but unofficial figures give the list of new traps shooting clubs as well up in the hundreds.

The Interstate Association, the national body of traps shooting, offers to donate a trophy to every newly formed club, so that the members may have something to shoot for from the beginning.

It is quite evident, however, that the organizers of gun clubs are not aware of this offer, for in 1916, 737 clubs were formed, and only 72 asked the Interstate association for trophies. They all would have had 'em for the asking.

The appended list shows where the 40 new clubs are from:

Table showing the number of new gun clubs formed in various states in 1917.

Indianapolis Contributes Big Sum to Griffith Fund. Base ball fans of Indianapolis contributed \$932 to the "Bat and Ball" fund for American soldiers, started by Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington club of the American league.

Birmingham Lands Lad Expected to Be a Wonder. Lester Patterson, a sensational 20-year-old catcher, has been signed by the Birmingham Southern Association club for next season.

Coast Mags Investigate Sacramento's Proposition. President Allan Baum, J. Cal Ewing and Judge W. W. McCredie were named a committee by the Coast league to investigate the proposition made by Sacramento for a franchise and to arrange the transfer of Portland if the conditions are satisfactory.

Connie Mack Up to His Old Tricks; Signs College Lad. Claude Davidson, infielder and former captain of the Brown University base ball team, has signed a contract with Connie Mack. He played base ball two years on the Brown team and was known as one of the heaviest hitters in the college game.

Ernie Walker Slated for Comeback, Asserts Allen. Ernie Walker, outfielder formerly with the Browns, who has been resigned by the Little Rock club after a season's layoff, is due for a big comeback, according to President Allen of Little Rock, and he has suggested to President Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals that Walker be given a National league tryout in the spring.

Cubs Lose Good Prospect When Uncle Samuel Steps In. Al Marriot, outfielder, purchased by the Chicago Cubs from the Fort Dodge Central association club and given a brief tryout in the closing days of the season, has been caught in the army draft and his major league prospects are thus nipped in the bud.

Ball Player Released From Army; Bum Foot. First Baseman Earl Sheeley of the Salt Lake City team of the Coast league, who was drafted last summer and reported to an army camp at the close of the Coast season, has been released by Uncle Sam. Sheeley is lame as the result of a broken ankle sustained two years ago and the army doctors concluded it would unfit him for service. But for this lameness he would be in the major leagues, for he is one of the great hitters of minor league base ball.

What's This? Herrmann Boosts Athlete Due for Can. President Garry Herrmann of the Cincinnati Reds says he wouldn't trade Dave Shean for George Cutshaw. This is interesting, considering that Shean and all clubs passed.

GUNBOAT NOT STRONG FOR ROYALTY

Also Off London Flower Girls WIPED LORD'S CHAIRS OF PAINT.

Gunboat Smith has ceased to be much of a fighter, as Fred Fulton's recent feat of polishing him off in quick style proves, but the heavyweight pug is still a source of humor. Here is a story of his visit to England, as the Gunner tells it himself:

"I went to Westminster Abbey one day with the missus," said Gunboat. "The place was full of dead ones. We walked around there an' I didn't see no reason to take off my hat like a lot of Englishers was doin' an' when one of 'em asked me to take mine off I told him to beat it on the fast foot. We stopped before the grave of Mary Boylan, terrible Mary queen of th' Scotch. My wife says: 'Gunner, whose grave is that?' An' I tells her I dunno, some bum, I suppose.

"Up steps one of th' john-darms who was standin' around an' tells me what for an' that I should have more respect for royalty. 'Beat it, sez', 'or I'll beat you on your chin' and he beat it an' I didn't have to. I was so sore right then that if I had hit 'im I'd a done it hard enough to make Mary roll over in her stone coffin.

"The Ways of a Lord. 'I went to the horse show wit' Buckley and we met Lord Something. He is a boxing nut, Buckley, me former manager, was bowin' an' scrapin' an' bullin' an' palaverin' an' holdin' his hat on his chin an' sayin', 'Yus, mub lord' an' I says, 'Hello, lord' and he liked it. He was a grand guy. He invites me an' Buckley up to sit in his box. We set when I reached fr m'h handkerchief

"I give onna them Chataquay salutes when th' king an' queen comes in I hits wet paint on m'h chair an' Buckley an' me finds that they had fresh paint all over 'em an' th' royal swab had sent us tramps up there t' wipe 'em off with our pants an' coats. He's a cadgy bird is that lord.

"The London Flower Girls. 'Then they had told me all about th' beautiful flower gals in London. Beautiful my sister's cat's left hind leg! One night when I was jumpin' from music hall to music hall in a taxicab doin' my act, one of 'em stopped m'h cab at th' Nelson monument an' wanted me t' buy sunflowers an' garages an' dopey ikes an' pansies. I have no briches on, I sez to her, me bein' in my ring costume. I have my dough back home,' I tells her. 'There is no small change pocket in a pair of boxin' trunks.' She was soosed to th' cowlid an' as handsome as Sam Langford an' she cussed me out like old man Keegan bossin' his wops on the New York Central track above Sing Sing. Nix on them beauteous London flower gals.

"He Was Deep Down. 'Did you make any money on the Carpenter bout?' he was asked. 'I made so much,' replied the Gunner, 'that I come back home as a stoker, so deep in th' ship that when I heard th' luncheon bell where I was I had to keep climbin' all afternoon t' get up on deck in time fr th' 6 o'clock dinner an' I slept in a place where they come down every other day an' fumigated me an' th' rats and th' ropes."

VETERAN TOM JONES ONCE MORE SENDS ENTRY TO NIP RING TITLE AND DOLLARS

Pilot of Many Champions, Will Lead Byron Downey Between Ropes at Columbus, Wednesday Night, in Hope of Landing Another Championship and the Wealth That Attends It.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Tom Jones, who already has established more or less of a reputation as a pilot of pugilistic champions, will attempt to lead another aspiring young slugger to a world's title at Columbus, O., Wednesday night. He will send Bryan Downey, the Ohio welterweight, into the ring with Ted Lewis, welterweight champion, and Jones expects Bryan to emerge the winner.

The battle will give Downey the chance he has been angling for ever since he began to bulge in among the top-notchers, yet it imposes upon him a condition that may deprive him of the title even if he beats Lewis. Downey must knock Lewis out to gain a verdict.

Under the terms of the agreement the bout is to go 12 rounds and no decision is to be given. No matter how far Downey may outpoint Lewis if the champion is on his feet at the end of the scrap he will retain his title.

Is Optimistic. Jones optimistically believes Downey will win by the knockout route, but there is little in the record of the Ohio brawler to justify his optimism. Downey has shown himself to be a clever scrapper and one who is always on his feet, but he has failed to pile up an impressive record of knockouts that would justify the prediction he will floor the champion for the count.

The bout will be held under the auspices of the Queensbury club of Columbus, of which Bill McKinnon is matchmaker. Walter Hughes, official referee of the Columbus boxing commission, will be the third man in the ring.

Fans Warm Up. Ohio fight fans are considerably warmed up over the match. Lewis won his title in an Ohio town—Akron—and there are a lot of fans who believe he will lose it in a Buckeye municipality. It is expected the match will attract a record-breaking house.

The scrap will be the first that Downey has engaged in since he placed himself under Jones' management. Lewis has been boxing on the Pacific coast, but has returned east to train for the contest.

As a sidelight to the negotiations that preceded the signing of the fight agreement, it is interesting to note that the conference in Chicago at which the agreement was signed was the first time Tom Jones and Jimmy Johnston, manager of Lewis, have spoken in several years. Memory as to the cause of the enmity between Jones and Johnston is faulty, but for some reason the two have been at loggerheads for years, and only their unwillingness to let their personal feelings stand in the way of their fighters' interest enabled them to meet amicably here.

Greb Still Puzzles. Fight fans and fighters are still trying to figure out the Harry Greb problem. Fans are utterly unable to fathom the reason for Greb's success in the ring, and even men who have battled him have vastly different ideas concerning the Pittsburgh middleweight. They differ on the cause of his great showing, but seem to have a unanimous idea of the effect.

George Chip, the erstwhile Newcastle miner, has been against the Smoky City buzz-saw a couple of times and has some suggestions to make about him. Chip also is very well satisfied with what has gone before, as far as Greb is concerned, and is none too eager to have any more of the Greb game.

"I've had plenty of chance to study this fellow," Chip said recently, "and have reached the conclusion that he has just one trick that makes him good. That is his ability to make an opponent so gosh-darned tired that he can't keep up the pace Greb sets.

Defense is Tight. "That's all there is to it. If you want to beat Greb you've got to figure out some way of merely sticking along with him. Unless a man is in perfect condition he hasn't got a chance with Greb unless he should happen to catch him with a solid swat on the chin and knock him out. That also is almost impossible, for Greb has an extremely effective defense, without seeming to have any at all. His defense doesn't look like anything at all because he handles himself so awkwardly, but just the same nobody is able to puncture him to any great extent.

"I do not agree with those who say the Pittsburgh man is merely a flash and will not stand up long. I think he is a great fighter and that he will keep on demonstrating it if he has good luck and doesn't break an arm swinging the way he does.

"One thing about Greb that gives him a great advantage over other men in the middleweight division is that he is young and fresh, whereas the others are a bit worn and frayed from long usage. His great natural stamina makes it possible for him to set a pace that few can carry with him. That tells the whole story."

Salt Lake Club Winds Up Year With Profit of \$1,600. The directorate of the Salt Lake base ball club, in the Pacific Coast league announces that it has made a profit of \$1,600 on the season. There was a deficit in the playing receipts, but this was made up and the margin created by the sale of Players Hannah and Rath to the majors.

Salt Lake City Hurler Reported on Way Oversea. Pitcher Adolph Schinkle, Salt Lake City hurler, now in the national army, has written friends in Salt Lake that he is on his way "somewhere," which is taken to mean that he was selected for a detachment to go abroad and that he probably is in France by this time.

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Match Plestina to Meet Cutler for \$1,000 Side Bet. Omaha Heavyweight Battles Chicago Grappler in Windy City on December 17 for Huge Side Bet.

Marin Plestina, Omaha heavyweight wrestler, and Charlie Cutler, the Chicago grappler who started Joe Stecher on his meteoric career in Omaha in 1915, are scheduled to clash in Chicago December 17 for a side bet of \$1,000. Joe Coffey will promote the event.

Plestina now is in Chicago training for the match. Marin left Omaha soon after his job here with Stecher Labor day. The huge Slav went to Detroit, where he chased Strangler Lewis out of town. Then he went into Ohio and trimmed everything in sight in Akron, Canton and Columbus.

Upon returning to Chicago he posted \$1,000 to wrestle anybody in the world. Cutler was the only one to bite. He offered to wrestle Plestina, and his friends put up \$1,000 that he could lick the Omaha heavyweight. So Marin dug down into his jeans for the thousand and the huge side bet is up.

Interest in Chicago over the match is reported to be keen, with Cutler the favorite. Omaha fans, however, believe Plestina will murder Cutler.

Omaha and Crook Lads Will Battle For Floor Honors. Soldiers stationed at Fort Omaha and Fort Crook will extend their athletic rivalry to basket ball Christmas night when the floor quintets of the two local forts will clash at the University of Omaha gymnasium.

Fort Omaha captured the foot ball title from the Fort Crook lads so now the latter are determined to have revenge at basket ball. The University of Omaha suggested the game and will give the use of the gymnasium to Uncle Sam's boys.

The university also has offered the soldiers the use of the gym for practice whenever they want it, afternoon or night. The soldiers have accepted and a number of games will be staged. Monday night, the Fort Omaha soldiers will play the University of Omaha five.

Cards Sign Kid Hurler To Report Year From Now. The St. Louis Cardinals are looking away ahead. The club has signed a high school star from Cynthia, Ky., under agreement to report in 1919. He will attend a college in 1918. His name is Stanley Rees and he is said to have made a great record as a pitcher in Kentucky high school circles. He is only 19 years of age, yet stands nearly 6 feet in height.

Red Sox Will Buy Martin On Sayso of Duffy Lewis. Report from Oakland has it that on Duffy Lewis' recommendation the Boston Red Sox will pay a fancy price to the Oakland club for the release of Pitcher Speed Martin. Lewis says Martin is a sure winner in the big show if given the right sort of a chance to get along.

Jack Lelivelt to Succeed George Stovall, is Report. Report from Vernon has it that Jack Lelivelt, former outfielder with various American league and American association teams, is a favored candidate to succeed George Stovall as manager of the Vernon Tigers. Lelivelt's last engagement was with Kansas City.

Jimmy Viox Decides His Rest Was Only Temporary. Jimmy Viox, who quit the Kansas City team last year and declared he was done with the game, met Manager John Ganzel in Louisville and agreed to return to the Blues next year. It now seems that he quit only long enough to go home and help harvest the crops on his farm.

What Ho? Ask Omaha Mat Fans as Plestina Declares War on Demetral. Demetral saw the big dough of the Michigan city vanishing in the distance while the Strangler gobbled up the gravy. So Demetral wrote Plestina and asked Marin to come to Detroit.

Marin did as requested and within two weeks had chased Lewis into Ohio. Now comes the climax. Plestina has declared war on Demetral and posted \$500 to bet that he can throw Demetral five times within the hour. What happened, Omaha fans ask. Two months ago, Demetral and Plestina were buddies, working together to remove Lewis. Now the Omahan and the Greek are arch enemies. Your guess is as good as any.