

BLUE AND WHITE DEFEATS GREAT LAKES, 25 TO 20

Creighton Team Wins Championship of West in Fastest Game of Season Before 2,500 Fans.

Creighton, 25; Great Lakes, 20. Before a cheering crowd, which taxed the spacious gymnasium of Creighton to the utmost, the undefeated Blue and White squad proved themselves the champions of the west by decisively defeating the Great Lakes Gobs basketball quintet by a score of 25 to 20. From the moment the whistle blew both teams displayed a brand of basketball never before seen in western basketball circles. The game was the fiercest and hardest fought ever played on Creighton floor.

By defeating the sailors, the Creighton five stand as undisputed basketball champions of the west, if not of the whole country. Owing to the splendid exhibition of team work there was no individual star on the Creighton team, but it was simply a star aggregation which met and so gloriously trampled on the surprised sailor quintet last night.

Lost From Start.

Following an introduction by the Creighton cheer leader, Frank Armstrong, of the individual members of the sailors' squad the game began. Play was fast and furious from the outset. Creighton's first opportunity to score came two minutes after play had begun, when Halla, captain of the sailors' squad, committed a technical foul, but Kearney had not yet settled down and missed the free throw. The first field goal was made by Captain Penney of the Great Lakes at the end of four minutes of brilliant team work on both sides. The game waxed warmer and Ecklund, emerging from a scrimmage, made a beautiful toss and the ball shot through the hoop. This caused consternation in the Creighton camp, but the Creighton rosters spurred their warriors on to renewed efforts. Wise responded with a splendid back-hand loop into the basket. Kearney followed with a thriller which brought the crowd to its feet. Ecklund was then incautious as to commit another foul and this free throw was made a counter. The score now stood five to five. On the next play Vandiver sped up from his stationary guard position and again brought the crowd to its feet by a magnificent throw from the middle of the floor. From this point on Creighton was never headed, although Chandler's accurate throwing of fouls kept the score close.

In the first half Wise shot three field goals from difficult angles while traveling at top speed and Kearney also contributed one to the total. One more field goal by Ecklund completed the Gobs' score at the half. The first period ended with the score standing 11 to 10 in favor of Creighton.

Come Back Strong.

Both teams came back strong in the second half and Kearney scored the first point for Creighton on a foul committed by Ecklund. After the tossup, the ball was brought to the Blue and White's goal. A throw for the basket was missed, and while the Gobs were grasping and fighting for the ball on the rebound, Kearney dashed in from the side lines, leaped and threw the ball, while in mid-air, for the most sensational basket of the game. Mulholland and Vandiver, in addition to their stellar guarding, found time to feed the ball to Halla and Kearney for a basket apiece. During the second half only two field goals were garnered by the Great Lakes, Ecklund and Penney being responsible for these. It was during this half that Chandler, although outplayed and outgeneraled by Kearney, gave the team a great exhibition of free throwing, making eight in succession.

On the whole the Gobs were outplayed in every department of the game by the Blue and Whites. Mulholland showed himself one of the greatest leaders of team work in the country and held the great Chandler scoreless. It was Mulholland who brought the ball down the floor time and time again and fed it to his forwards. Vandiver played the game of his life, his uncanny ability of intercepting passes being one of the main reasons for Creighton's victory. The work of both these stellar guards was the acme of perfection. The famous Chandler, hitherto hailed as the greatest player in the country, undoubtedly met his superior last night in Chuck Kearney, the little Creighton center, who played rings around him. Kearney proved this by making more field goals than any other man on the floor, at the same time preventing Chandler from making a single field goal. Wise also put up a wonderful exhibition of both offensive and defensive playing, his clear-headedness and speed proving an invaluable asset to the Creighton squad.

Captain Halla, with his customary bug aggressiveness, proved a thorn in the side of the sailor crew. He possesses a natural ability of following the ball and is always at the right place at the right time.

Toward the end of the second half, Jimmy Condon relieved Wise for Creighton and Gurno relieved Driscoll for the sailors, but their entrance into the game did not in any way lessen the furious speed of the contest.

The crowd numbered over 2,500 and standing room was at a premium long before the game commenced. Great Lakes rosters among the audience were not lacking, as was evidenced by the cheers which greeted every score made by them. Box score and summaries follow.

Box score and summaries for Blue and White vs Great Lakes.

Regents Trying to Get Game With Oklahoma in Omaha Next Fall

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska university regents, meeting this afternoon, approved the Nebraska 1919 football schedule as announced last fall. The regents authorized Chancellor Avery to sound out the governing board of the Missouri Valley conference to determine if the rules would be stretched to permit Nebraska to play the University of Oklahoma, October 25.

DE ORO REGAINS THREE CUSHION CHAMPIONSHIP

Kieckhefer Loses Title to Cuban Cue Expert in Match Marked by Brilliant Play.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—(Alfred De Oro, the Cuban cue expert from New York, tonight regained the three-cushion billiard championship from Augie Kieckhefer of Chicago by winning the third block of their 150 point match. The total score was 150 to 148 in De Oro's favor. A year ago this month Kieckhefer won the title by defeating De Oro. He has met all comers and successfully defended his title several times. In the latest match Kieckhefer won the first and tied the second block, although De Oro displayed the most brilliant work. The second block ended last night with the score 100 to 95 in favor of Kieckhefer. De Oro won the final block tonight by a score of 55 to 48 in the closest sort of match play. The block went 71 innings, and the result surprised the galleries. Both De Oro and Kieckhefer had high ratings of four. The match went 194 innings.

With the Bowlers

As the last week approaches prior to the closing entries for the big International tournament of the American Bowling Congress, unusual activity is being displayed in all centers of bowling throughout the middle-west, and the estimate of final entries seems to be climbing up to about 700 teams. If this mark is reached it will be on par with the high water mark set by Toledo in 1916, when 756 teams were entered, and there is a chance for the 1919 entry to pass the 1916 tournament, which was a wonderful athletic contest. Small entries are coming in with additional entries, and this will have a tendency to increase the total. In former years Huntington, W. Va., had one or two teams, while this year this hustling river city will have six teams. Peoria has increased their anticipated entry from four to eight teams, and South Bend comes along with 12 entries, all of which is very encouraging. Quite a few new faces will be seen among the bowlers this year when teams from Pontiac, Mich.; Findlay, O., and other small cities are coming for the first time. When they attend the tournament once, they will never go back the next year as the fascination is there for the bowler. The entries are well over 50 teams at this time, and the final cleanup will bring the grand total well forward, if not over the 700 mark.

TEAM STANDING.

Table showing team standings for bowling.

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES.

Table showing individual bowling averages.

State City League.

Table showing state city league standings.

Middle Great Wrestlers.

Annapolis, Feb. 15.—The navy wrestlers had a walkover this afternoon, defeating the University of Pennsylvania by a score of 33 to 0.

SAVAGE PEEED OVERHANDICAP CIRCUS MATCH

Buffalo County Wrestler Criples Circus Finances When Slav Champ Fails to Throw Him.

When John Pesek, Buffalo county mat marvel, goes up against Steve Savage, the Slav champion, at the Omaha Auditorium next Friday night, he will meet a foe who has long been aching for a crack at the Nebraska phenom.

For Savage has an old score to settle with Pesek. He is thirsting for revenge, as it were, and he intends to have it Friday night. There's a story back of this old score.

Last year Savage was traveling with Yankee Robinson's circus as an added attraction. He was meeting all comers, guaranteeing to forfeit \$50 to any man he could not throw in 20 minutes.

Kearney, Neb., was one of the towns on the Robinson itinerary. Pesek learned that Savage was meeting all comers. So the foxy Pesek framed a stunt.

Pulls Rube Act. Dressing himself in a suit of farmer's clothes, Pesek came to Kearney and bought a grandstand seat at the circus. When the announcer informed the audience of the Savage offer, Pesek jumped to his feet and shouted, "I'll wrestle him."

The circus attendants snickered up their sleeves. This was going to be pretty soft. "That big hick'll get his neck broken," a razorback confided to a comrade. A gentleman of rural appearance nearby overheard the remark.

"I'll bet \$5 he won't," offered the rural party. The razorback snapped him up and passed out the worst of the farmers were backing the challenger. Immediately the circus men began to seek out followers of Pesek in the audience. They had no trouble finding them. Before the match started several hundred dollars had been risked on the outcome.

Surprise for Savage.

The circus men chortled in their glee. They didn't know it was Pesek who was going to enter the ring. Who would have suspected the rubish party as a professional wrestler? Certainly not them. Not even Savage suspected that there might be a colored party in the wood pile and when he tore into Pesek at the start of the match it was with the confidence of a champion.

Then he got the surprise of his life. For his former opponent proved to be a real wrestler. Desperately Savage strove to flatten his shoulders upon the mat, but to his surprise found his challenger was behind him most of the time. In the 20 minutes Savage could do nothing with Pesek. So he suggested 10 more minutes. Pesek was willing. They flew at each other again. Pesek laughing, Savage scowling. And again Savage failed to down his man.

Then, when it was all over and the Nebraska farmers had collected their bets and Pesek his \$50, Savage discovered the identity of his opponent. "John Pesek, eh?" snarled Savage. "You're the little fox kid, eh? Well, I'll get him some day, and when I do, you can kiss him goodby."

That's why Savage has been waiting for a chance at the Buffalo county lad. He'll get that chance next Friday night at the Omaha Auditorium, and he promises to make good. But there are a lot of Shelton county farmer lads who saw that impromptu match out at Kearney, who are going to be down here with the money they won that time in the hope of doubling it Friday. It promises to be a warm match that Omaha wrestling enthusiasts will see.

Seats will be placed on sale at the Auditorium, Merritt's drug store, Ernie Holmes and the Merchants hotel. Prices are \$1 and \$2 with a few choice ringside seats at \$3.

Dates Set for Lawn Tennis Championship Tournament

New York, Feb. 15.—Dates for the four championship tournaments of the National Lawn Tennis association were announced here today. The round of titular play will begin at the Philadelphia Cricket club June 16, when a week will be devoted to the deciding of championships in the women's, girls' and mixed doubles classes. The men's clay court championships will be played at the South Side club of Chicago during the week beginning July 7 unless a change in this date is found to be desirable, when the entire season schedule is later arranged. Play will begin at the men's grass court doubles at the Long Island Cricket club August 11, and the singles title will be decided at the West Side club, Forest Hills, Long Island, beginning August 5.

Fremont High School Wins Close Basketball Game

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Fremont High school basketball team defeated the Columbus High school squad at Columbus by the score of 17 to 16. Columbus led, 15 to 9, within the last five minutes of play. Fremont plays South Omaha High at Fremont next Friday night and Schuyler at Fremont Saturday night.

Institute of Technology Swimmers Easily Defeat Navy

Annapolis, Feb. 15.—The Massachusetts Institute of Technology swimmers easily defeated the navy this afternoon by a score of 33 to 0.

Hitting the High Spots on the Sporting Trail.

Someone always has to wake up the baby just when mother has put it to sleep. Boxing was doing very nicely with the probability that limited rounds would be legalized in several states. Then the prize lemons of them all, Willard, comes along and passes the money box. He got his once and he is now trying to get another crack at the treasury regardless of the consequences to anyone else.

The pretentious plan of General Pershing for athletics among the soldiers in France is reported to have been abandoned, due to the rapid discharge of the men. Base ball on a small scale will continue, but the idea of a big league will not be carried out. The wet weather in France in the springtime will practically stop all other sports.

Welker Cochran, the young Iowan who has been playing a wonderful game of 182 balling billiards has quit chasing Willie Hoppe for a title match, according to advices coming from New York. Backers in New York offered to post a \$2,500 bet, but Cochran refused, as Hoppe had refused to meet him in benefits for the Red Cross and War Work campaigns.

The National Amateur Base Ball association will hold a meeting in Chicago February 22. Several Omahans interested in the amateur game are expecting to attend the meeting.

Johnny Walker, a young soldier catcher, has been signed by the Des Moines club on recommendation of Bob Hasbrook, who was impressed by his catching on an army team. His home is in Toulon, Ill.

The National Base Ball association in its first bulletin starting the 1919 season, announce that the claim of Richmond for \$200 for the

services of Hanford with Omaha was not allowed.

The sales by Oklahoma City of Frank Graham to Kansas City and Harvey McClellan to the Chicago White Stockings was also announced. They purchased R. North from the Chicago Cubs.

Denver reports the sale of John Kelleher, whom they secured from Brooklyn, to St. Joseph.

The third annual handicap bowling tournament will start on the Omaha alleys March 7 and continue until the 15th. Entries will close March 5.

Myron Stunz will enter the individual championship bowling tournament at Recreation Hall, Detroit, on his return trip from the A. B. C. Entrance fees are \$25 which will be divided among the winners. An added purse of \$500 and a \$100 diamond medal for the winner will boost the purse. Thirty per cent of the players will finish in the money. The tournament will be held March 23 to 31.

R. Siple was eliminated from the second bowling team to represent Omaha at the American Bowling congress when H. Fritschler shot 1,902. Other high men are Warshaw, 2,002; Simmonds, 1,898, and Schoenman, 1,894. Schoenman is in a fair way to be forced out by J. Barbieri, who rolled 1,076 in his first five games. Several other high class bowlers have entered and the make-up of the team may be changed materially.

Vincent Rhodes, better known as "Big Rhody," has returned from overseas and has been discharged. Rhodes' home is in Papillon, but he is well known in Omaha as a ball player, having formerly been a member of the Brandeis team and the Omaha Western league team.

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Many Entries for Aquatic Meet at "Y" Pool Wednesday. The open swimming meet to be held at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday, is beginning to show signs of a real event. There are several old timers entered and others are expected from the Central High, Commerce High and possibly from Creighton and Council Bluffs.

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A bronze medal will be given to each first place man in each event, a silver for the highest total point winner and a bronze for second and third highest total point winners. This meet is open to any swimmer in the city. Entries may be made with the physical director at the Y. M. C. A. at any time before Tuesday evening.

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"STOVE LEAGUE" OUTLINES PLAN FOR SEMI-PROS

Earl Higgins Gives Composite of Regulations Preferred by Members of Class A Organization.

Omaha sandlot base ball players are still considering plans for the organization of a semi-pro league in addition to a "simon-pure" amateur association. The Class A players are practically unanimous for semi-pro ball and will probably complete arrangements in a few weeks.

"Hot Stove League" sessions, presided over by Earl Higgins, president of the Greater Omaha league last year, in his cigar store at Fifteenth and Douglas streets, have advanced many ideas for the conduct of the proposed league.

After hearing the arguments pro and con of the different team managers and players Mr. Higgins outlines the following plan which apparently meets with the most favor. The plan will probably be submitted at the first meeting in order to get definite action started.

A five-club league, presided over by a president and secretary-treasurer, is favored by a majority in discussing a league. The Higgins composite plan calls for one game in Council Bluffs each Sunday between league teams. A double-header is to be the Omaha bill for Sundays between two league teams and a league team and a traveling club. One game is planned for Saturdays and holidays when the Western league team is on the road.

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Two Tied for First and Second Places in Wingshot Match

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 15.—With 28 marksmen entered in the international wingshot championship—the last event of the fifteenth annual interstate trapshooting tournament—half the hundred targets could be thrown, and the finishing of the contest had to go over until tomorrow.

Good shooting was done today, two tying for first place, with 49 out of 50, and two for next place with 48 out of 50. Leaders today were: F. G. Fuller of Mukwonago, Wis., and George Nicolai, Kansas City, with E. W. Remond, Butte, Mont., and H. C. Herndon, Georgetown, Ky., contending for second place.

The five leaders, when the full 100 targets have been fired at, will divide a purse of more than \$2,000.

SCHOOL LEAGUE ENDS FIRST HALF OF WINTER PLAY

Community Center Basketball Loop Completes First Round With This Week's Games.

The first round of the Community Center basketball league ends with this week's games. Central Park, champions last season, are safely anchored at the top of the heap, but South High and Dundee are not too far below to be out of the reckoning.

Castelar and Clifton Hill showed considerable improvement in last week's game and are likely to trip up some of the leaders in the second round. Clifton Hill's green team gave Central Park quite a battle for a while in their game last week, but finally succumbed to the superior prowess of the league leaders.

In the second round, Central Park will have the advantage over its rivals, as the two hardest games, with South High and Dundee will be played on the Central Park floor.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

Table showing last week's results for basketball.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.

Table showing this week's schedule for basketball.

TEAM STANDING.

Table showing team standings for basketball.

NEBRASKA TRIMS MISSOURI TIGERS in Speedy Contest

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 15.—Nebraska trimmed the Missouri Tigers again here tonight in basketball, 28 to 26, and stepped into second place for the Missouri Valley conference honors as a result of the victory.

The Kansas Aggies have tight hold on the first round of the ladder with a record of five straight victories. The Huskers won again tonight by closely guarding Scott and Vogt, the Tiger stars, so that they were practically smothered during the entire game.

Nebraska shot strong and piled up a lead of 14 to 5 before the visitors fairly got going. Then Missouri knotted the count and climbed up ahead, 22 to 14. The Huskers came up from behind and clinched the victory in the last two minutes of play. Jackson starred for Nebraska with 12 points while Scott made 10 points for the team.

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TEAM BOWLING WINS TITLE FOR SCOTT'S TENTS

Consistent Shooting by Every Member of Team Captures City Championship Honors.

The Scott Tents captured first money in the team play in the Omaha championship bowling tournament on the Farnam alleys last night. The doubles and singles will be played this afternoon on the Omaha alleys.

For team play the winners gave one of the classic exhibitions ever seen on the local runs. Every man shot well up into the 500 class and but 67 pins separated the high and low team. The three games were all better than 900 and but 13 pins difference was made between the high and low total.

The attendance is far lower than in previous tournaments and indications are that the events today will show a similar decrease. Soldiers returning from the army have not yet reached their swing in the reason attributed to small entries.

Although the other teams did not shoot as consistent scores, several teams bettered the high score in last year's tourney. The Beau Brummels came in for second money with a total of 2,850, but 11 pins behind the winners. They had the high total for a single game with 1,042.

Barbieri rolled the high single game with a score of 254 and was second for three games with a total of 631. Kury rolled the high individual total for three games with 635. His score in each game was over 200.

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Table showing team scores for bowling.

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Chicago Increases Lead in Basketball Competition

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Chicago increased its lead for the western conference basketball ball title tonight by triumphing over Northwestern, 24 to 17. The game gave Chicago an unbroken line of seven victories.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 15.—Illinois defeated Wisconsin, 16 to 14, in a western conference basketball game here tonight.

Ithaca, Feb. 15.—Cornell defeated Columbia, 32 to 20, in an intercollegiate league basketball game here tonight.

Davenport, Ia.—Davenport high school, 24; St. Ambrose, 18. Iowa City, Ia., Feb. 15.—Iowa defeated Ames, 27 to 17, at Iawka ball tonight. Nicholas and Brown, for Iowa, and Shepard of Ames, were the stars of the game.