

SEASON NEAR END FOR PRE-SEASON CAGE LEAGUERS

Regular Basket Ball Opening About Middle of December—Teams Already Preparing.

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Club	P.	W.	L.	Per.
Kirkwood	5	0	5	.000
Glendale	5	0	5	.000
Monmouth Park	5	0	5	.000
Montclair	5	0	5	.000
Bemis Park	5	0	5	.000
Kountze Park	5	0	5	.000
Northside	5	0	5	.000
Norwood	5	0	5	.000
Union Square	5	0	5	.000
Pontenelle	5	0	5	.000

This Week's Schedule.

Tuesday night: Morningside against Glendale; Montclair against Union Square; Bemis Park against Pontenelle; and Kirkwood against Monmouth Park.

Thursday night: Norwood against Kountze Park; Bemis Park against Montclair; and Glendale against Pontenelle.

Saturday night: Montclair against Norwood; Morningside against Kountze Park; Kirkwood against Monmouth Park; and Union Square against Monmouth Park.

With the pre-season basket ball league season nearing a close, Y. M. C. A. officials are already discussing the prospects and are making plans for the opening of the regular season, which is scheduled for the middle of December, and promises to be the greatest ever witnessed in the history of the cage game in Omaha.

From present indications more players and teams will be represented in the various leagues this season than in former years. Three leagues of six teams each are already certain, with a probable chance of a fourth league.

Teams Form Next Week.

The Church, Commercial and Tri-City Class A leagues will probably be formed within the next week, since the teams are practically assured of these organizations. Both the Church and Commercial leagues will be of Class B caliber, while the fourth league, if organized, will likely be of a lower class.

However, the Pre-Season league, which has thus far made a great showing, will not finish its regular season until November 27. A series of games will then be played between the two leading teams for the championship of the league and this, according to the officials, will take at least a few weeks.

Three Firms Interested.

Three of the firms represented in the Commercial Basketball league during the season just closed are taking interest in the cage sport and will enter five in the Commercial league for the first time. They are the Western Union, Bemis Pags and the Orchard-Wilhelm.

Two of the old time rivals in the Church league, who have been out for two years, will be back at each other. They are the First Christian and First M. E. quintets.

Carl Weigel and Lee Hobson, members of the champion First Christian team of by-gone days are back for more honors this year.

Howard, who formerly played with Parson college and Weiser, a former Drake star, will make themselves known in local basket ball circles this season. The Calvary Baptist Church leaguers were fortunate in securing the services of both.

"Swede" Everson is going to play with the Pearl Memorials this season. Raber and Corneman of the Western Union are two youngsters who will bear watching.

Under the able coaching of Gus Miller, the H. R. Bowens will be represented in the class A league. They have a great quintet this season and expect to carry off the city honors.

Bad Weather Causes Grid Games to Be Postponed

Rain played the most important part in amateur foot ball circles yesterday afternoon and as the result the special double-header foot ball games, between the Athletics-Fontenelles, Nonpareils and Fort Omaha Soldiers was called off.

Manager Phil Lynch of the Nonpareils, announced that the game with the Soldiers will be staged next Sunday, if weather conditions are favorable, while the Athletics-Fontenelle tangle will be played at a later date.

Jack Dempsey Injured; Unable to Box for Weeks

Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 9.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, will be unable to box for several weeks as a result of injuries received Friday night during the performance of a circus with which he is traveling. Dempsey, who arrived here today, will be forced to use crutches for some time.

Wisconsin Bantam May Come.

Writing from his home, Gene Gannon, the little fellow accredited with being the bantamweight champion of the state of Wisconsin, until he outgrew the bantam division, says he will come to Omaha on Council Bluffs this winter, if assured that the boxing game will prosper in Council Bluffs. He would like to meet some 120 pounders in the Bluffs shows.

Bee Basket Ball Team.

Ernie Adams, former Omaha unit of an amateur basket ball team, playing under the name of the Bee Sports, and is busy selecting players to make it the best team in Nebraska. The sports editor is booking games with Nebraska university, Creighton university and all the schools and colleges nearby that have good cage organizations.

Williams' Bout Cancelled.

The 12-round bout between Harry Williams, local heavyweight, and Capt. Bob Roper, was called off by Promoter Tommy Ryan. The men will probably be brought together at a later date, pending the result of Williams' bout at Walthill, with George Lamson.

Want Gymnasium.

The boys students at Central High school want a gymnasium for their indoor sports and will ask the girls to give them the use of one of the three young ladies have now.

Ohio Eleven Leads In Race in Big Ten For Championship

Chicago, Nov. 9.—The undefeated Ohio State eleven, with the scales of Michigan and Purdue dangling from its belt, tonight is a notch nearer the "big ten" foot ball championship, with Illinois trailing in second place and Chicago pulling up in third. Wisconsin and Iowa, with two victories out of three games to their credit, are tied for fourth place. Illinois has won four of its five games, while Chicago has three out of four.

Foot ball throughout the Western conference is enjoying a remarkable comeback, both financially and in playing quality, from the war time setback given the game a year ago. The receipts of the Michigan-Chicago combat yesterday will approach the \$35,000 mark, the attendance being close to the 25,000 mark.

The Michigan-Ohio contest drew 25,000, while the Chicago-Illinois game at Urbana a week ago drew 22,000.

HUSKERS' COACH BOOKING BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

Games With Notre Dame and Other Big Colleges Are in the Making for Nebraska Quintet.

Lincoln, Nov. 9.—(Special)—Basket ball games with Notre Dame Northwestern, Indiana and Chicago are being scheduled for the university of Nebraska basket ball squad, according to announcement of Head Basket Ball Coach Paul Schissler this week. Nebraska will also play several teams of the Rocky Mountain and Missouri Valley conferences.

"Our outlook is very good," said Coach Schissler. "We have so much material that I think two teams, one heavy and powerful and the other light and fast, can be used with ease simultaneously—a system that few coaches can adopt on account of the lack of material." Some 150 men have reported for suits thus far.

The coach, a week ago, announced a system of inter-club basket ball in connection with the plan of intramural athletics which will be inaugurated with the coming of Dr. Fred W. Luehring from Princeton next fall. Only the best men will be allowed to practice with the varsity.

Strong in Wrestling.

In wrestling as well as basket ball, the Huskers are going to come out strong. The two Munn brothers, Monte, 204 pounds, who is the university champion wrestler, and Wade, 185 pounds, are back in all their glory. Dale, the 200-pound foot ball fullback, is another strong candidate in the mat game. Wrestling has long been popular at Nebraska and indications are that a great team will be turned out.

It was stated unofficially on the campus that the erection of a new Nebraska gymnasium, which was planned for early next year, will probably be delayed two years. With the coming of Dr. Fred W. Luehring, new director of athletics, in September, next year, things are expected to sweep onward a bit faster.

Coaches are working hard to place Nebraska on the map in all branches of athletics.

Chauncey Olcott to Play Golf in Omaha This Week

Chauncey Olcott has a side line to his splendid tenor which will cause a good many of his friends to sit up and take notice.

Mr. Olcott has in the past few years taken up golf and declares it the medium through which he has been able to keep himself in physical trim for his arduous professional duties.

While he lays no claim to the theatrical championship, Mr. Olcott has dampened the ardor of a number of the followers of the little gutta percha gill who held him in light esteem as an athlete and he is one of the low handicap golfers of the Saratoga Golf club during his off season.

It is more than likely that Mr. Olcott's prowess will be put to a keen test in many an issue with his friends on the local greens during his engagement at the Brandeis this week.

Brown Stars of Lincoln Lose Match to Mina Taylors

On the Omaha alleys Sunday afternoon the Mina Taylors defeated the Brown Stars of Lincoln by 155 pins. Brown shot three fine games, 638 total, with high game 233. Joe Barbieri was high for the Mina Taylors with 595. A return match will be played next Saturday at Lincoln.

Central City to Open.

Promoter Harry Graves was in Omaha last week, arranging some star matches for his club at Central City, announcing that he expects to have the wrestling game going strong there this winter. Charley Peters will probably meet some good man the latter part of this month in Graves' opening show.

Play Tie Game.

Curtis, Neb., Nov. 9.—(Special.) The Curtis Agricultural college held the Gothenburg high school foot ball team to a 0 to 0 tie here Friday.

Denison Wins.

Denison, Ia., Nov. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Denison defeated Cherokee here yesterday by the score of 27 to 0.

Today's Calendar of Sports.

Racing: Continuation of fall meeting of Maryland jockey club, at Pimlico.

Fox Hunt: Annual meet of New England Fox Hunters' club opens at Belcher-woods, Mass.

Boxing: Benny Leonard against Soldier Barber, eight rounds, at Jersey City.

Johnnie Dundee against Mel Coogan, eight rounds, at Jersey City. Al Roberts against Stan O'Dowd, eight rounds, at Jersey City.

Battling Levinsky against Johnny Howard, 10 rounds, at Montreal. Pat Moore against Mike Erzie, ten rounds, at St. Paul, Minn.

Britton against George Daig, 10 rounds, at St. Paul, Minn.

Sammy Sells, 10 rounds, at Toledo.

McCarron, 10 rounds, at Toledo.

Mike O'Dowd against Butch O'Hagan, 10 rounds, at Detroit.

Joe Benjamin against Johnny Drumme, six rounds, at Philadelphia.

SCHULTE'S STYLE VINDICATED BY TIGERS DEFEAT

Nebraska Coach's Work is Proved High Class, When Huskers Gain Brilliant Victory at Columbia.

By KARL LEE.

The decisive victory of the University of Nebraska foot ball team over the Missouri Tigers by a score of 12 to 5 at Columbia Saturday, coming in line with a series of upsets running through the east, west and Missouri valley conferences, was in most decided terms a vindication of the Schulte style of play.

Newspaper writers of the valley, particularly in Omaha and Kansas City, commenting on the miserable record the Huskers have made thus far, were open in their criticism of the Cornhusker mentor. As one Missouri writer, the sports editor of the Kansas City Star, expressed it, "a defeat of Nebraska by Missouri would see the passing of Schulte from the valley."

And with the victory came the absolute vindication of the Husker style of play. With three substitutes, men who had been considered in the mind of the Husker chieftain of second class ability, namely Russell and Henry at backs and Newman at quarter, the Huskers smashed through for two touchdowns, each being scored on plays admirably drawn up and executed.

In Lincoln those close to the Husker coach have never once doubted his ability. As E. C. Quigley, National league base ball umpire, who, a graduate of the St. Marys college—a long a factor in western conference foot ball—has refereed grid contests in the United States, both east and west, for a decade, expressed it, "Schulte knows more foot ball, in the foot ball sense, than any coach at Nebraska since the days of 'King' Cole."

Barely Defeated Huskers.

Both Iowa and Notre Dame, two teams that barely defeated the Huskers, have proven their worth, both in east and west. Notre Dame defeated the Army Saturday by a score of 14 to 9, identical to that registered in the Nebraska-Notre Dame game of three weeks ago. Iowa has defeated Minnesota, Northwestern and lost to Illinois, a strong western conference leader, by a bare four points, the Illini men garnering their winning touchdown on a fluke play, an outside kick opportunely executed.

In the Missouri valley the dope is completely upset. Drake defeated Washington, Dick Rutherford's battling eleven at St. Louis, by a score of 14 to 13. Missouri had already defeated the Kansas Aggies and Iowa State, so by comparative scores Nebraska is clearly the leader in the valley. The Missouri-Washington game at St. Louis, besides attracting wide attention, will go a long way towards deciding who has the upper hand.

Last year Washington defeated Nebraska and thereby won the Missouri valley conference title. Kansas U, also a strong contender for valley honors, has played Iowa State, Missouri and Oklahoma to tie games, two of them being scoreless. The Huskers meet the Jayhawks at Lincoln this coming Saturday and the dope is that Schulte's men will be in top form, prepared to run up a score.

Sidney 13, Nebraska City, 6.

Sidney, Ia., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—Wester for Sidney intercepted a forward pass in the third quarter which spelled defeat for the visitors. The locals used straight foot ball while the City used shifts and freak plays. Mickey and Wilcox starred for the Nebraska lads while Harrison, Chantry and Webster were content with honors for the locals. Adams, West Point; Brusky of Purdue, and Hansen of Texas officiated.

Havelock Defeats Geneva.

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 9.—(Special.)—In their last game of the season the Geneva High school foot ball team was defeated Saturday by Havelock, 20 to 0.

Rourke Goes East to Attend Meeting of 3 Minor League Clubs

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Presidents and club owners of several western minor leagues left tonight in a special car to attend the annual convention of the National Association of Minor Leagues, which opens in Springfield, Mass., Tuesday, continuing for three days.

Any attempt to restore the draft, which gave the major leaguers the privilege to obtain the star players of the minors each fall, will be fought, according to A. R. Tearney, president of the Three-I and Western leagues, who effected the break between the minors and majors a year ago over the draft issue.

Included in the party were Thomas J. Hickey, president of the American association; Clarence Rowland, owner of the Milwaukee club; John J. Powers, president of the Los Angeles club; John Charles Ryan, president of the Peoria, Ill. club; John J. Cleary of the Terre Haute, Ind. club; Frank Miley, president of the Canadian league; Frank Isbell of Wichita, Kan.; William Rourke of Omaha; Edward Hanlon of Sioux City; Spencer Abbott of Tulsa; James Crawford, Tulsa, all of the Western league, and President Tearney of the latter organization.

Outline Procedure to Relieve Coal Shortage

G. W. Holdrege, general manager of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad received the following statement regarding the disposition of coal in transit from the director general of railroads.

"The machinery set up by the railroad administration to distribute the coal held in transit by the railroads, in accordance with the directions of the fuel administrator is in full operation and as a result wherever possible coal is being distributed in accordance with the priority lists established by the fuel administrator where such coal is absolutely needed. Therefore, where there is real need for coal, the problem should be taken up immediately with the railroad ordinarily supplying the coal and every effort will be made by such railroad to meet the demand. It is, of course, essential both because of the present bituminous coal strike and in order that the needs for the coming winter may be looked after, that fuel be used as economically as possible. It should be remembered that the railroads did not interfere with the delivery of coal. To conserve coal as much as possible, regional directors of railroads have been given authority wherever it seems absolutely necessary to eliminate for the time being, train service, but in order to provide for the essential business needs of the country, no general curtailment of train service is contemplated. The maintenance of the public transportation service is of paramount importance in order to serve the countless needs of the general public and the interruption of that service should be minimized as far as possible."

Omaha Whist Club Score

Then open meeting of the Omaha Whist club was held at the Rome Hotel Friday evening and the following averages were made:

- North and South Players.
- Cook and Dreyfuss, plus, 51-9.
- Thomas and Naylor, plus, 51-9.
- Ellis and Martin, plus, 51-9.
- Prichett and Sweet, minus, 5-9.
- Tox and Mallory, minus, 5-9.
- Vanning and Nelson, minus, 1-9.
- Austin and Williams, minus, 2-9.
- Suck and Kilgore, minus, 3-9.
- Daugherty and Dorward, minus, 3-9.
- East and West Players.
- Barton and Davis, plus, 10-9.
- Burness and Cahn, plus, 9-9.
- Masterson and Scannell, plus, 5-9.
- Peterson and Peterson, plus, 3-9.
- Abbott and Cowdrey, minus, 3-9.
- Barker and Voorhees, minus, 3-9.
- Ohlman and Shroyer, minus, 7-9.
- Cotter and Stebbins, minus, 8-9.
- Alkin and Smith, minus, 9-9.

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Plestina Beats Two.

Everett, Wash., Nov. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Martin Plestina defeated Bob Spurling and Ray Sanders, two falls each in 34 minutes here last night.

Smith Beats Walker.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 9.—

Homer Smith of Benton Harbor, heavyweight, gave Hugh Walker, Kansas City, a severe beating Saturday night in their 10-round, no decision bout.

A recent death of a woman in London from a mosquito bite is said to have been the first fatality of the kind in England.

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The Telephone's After-War Problems

Telephone conditions are not what they were at the beginning of the war.

The requests for telephone service and for additional equipment are so great now that we do not have a sufficient number of trained employes to meet the situation to our satisfaction.

In addition to this problem, the conditions in manufacturing plants throughout the country are such that it is impossible to get equipment promptly.

Government Control Was Fair

Three months ago the property of this company was returned to its owners by the United States Government.

During the period of Government operation our property was as well maintained as conditions would permit, but it is not the same property as it was at the beginning of the war. It is not as adequate for its job, nor as well manned as it was.

It is in no way the fault of Federal control that our property is not in as good condition as it was, or that our forces have been scattered. It is due to causes for which neither the Government nor the management of this company are to blame.

Telephone Materials Taken

During the war, labor and materials needed for both telephone operation and construction, were turned to military uses.

Some materials were so vital for military purposes that even the work of providing telephone facilities for the Government was retarded. None could be spared for commercial telephone purposes.

Many Skilled Men Taken

No less urgent than its demands for equipment was the Government's request for skilled telephone men. Our army vitally needed men necessary to create, maintain and operate the vast inter-communication system necessary in modern warfare.

One man in five from this company joined the military forces. Additional telephone experts and skilled operators went into other kinds of Government work and contributory industries.

Reserve Equipment Used Up

Our reserves of plant and equipment were drawn upon during the war until they were exhausted, and our staff of experienced employes was seriously depleted.

Demands for Service Tremendous

Immediately after the signing of the armistice business sprang into intense activity. Social life, dormant during the war, became again a heavy burden on the telephone.

Before we had time to restore our exhausted reserve of telephone materials, or replace and add to our forces, a heavy demand for telephone service and for extensions to telephone equipment was thrown upon us.

The demands for telephone service the last six months have passed all former records.

In the Midst of the Race

We are now in the very midst of a race between an overpowering demand for telephone service and the upbuilding of our system whose growth was held back and whose forces were scattered by the vital needs of war.

Much progress has been made in the reassembling and adding to our forces and in the extension of our property, but far more work is still required before we can furnish a pre-war grade of telephone service.

Under existing conditions telephone service cannot be up to the pre-war standard. It is beyond human power to immediately overcome the handicap.

Service is Constantly Better

No persons in any industry are working more earnestly for the public's welfare than the employes of this company.

Our employes are laboring tirelessly to provide adequate telephone facilities, and to furnish the best grade of telephone service possible under existing conditions.

Telephone service has not been the best; it is not yet what we want it to be; but it is improving and will continue to improve.

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