ED SMITH WILL REFEREE WILDE-MASON BOUT

British Champion Refuses to Fight With Ollie Pecord as Third Man In Ring.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Toledo, Ohio, March 9.—Ed Smith, a sporting editor of a Chicago paper, will referee the Jimmy Wilde-Frankie Mason 12-round bout for the flyweight championship of the world here Friday evening.

After more than an hour in conference with Dave Hughes, manager for Wilde and the Welshman himself, the Toledo boxing commission came to the conclusion that Wilde will not alter his opinion, which is in opposition to Ollie Pecord, Toledo, as referee and virtually gave in on the question of an arbiter.

Don't Want Record.

Hughes and Wilde were given until Thursday to make their final decision. It is certain, however, the Welshman will hold out against Pecord and in that event Smith will officiate.

Wilde's objections to Pecord are based largely on that official's work at the Willard-Dempsey affair last July 4. He told Ad Thacher, who is promoting the bout, that he wouldn't fight for Pecord, and the referee question was left open until today. Pecord more than a month ago when he heard of Wilde's objections, gracefully withdraw from any consideration but the commission held out that he should officiate if it was possible to induce Wilde to go on with him in the ring.

Wilde's workout Monday afternoon with a half dozen heavy sparring partners made a lot of friends for the Briton. He showed some neat speed and disclosed that he is a past master at the ring game. The house is sold out for the bout, 3,500 seats having been disposed of.

Today's Calendar of Sports.

Racing—Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey club at Havana; winter meeting of Business Men's Racing association at New Orleans.
Bowling—Opening of annual tournament of American Bowling Congress at Peoria.
Basket Ball—National championship tournament of A. A. U. opens at Atlanta.
Swimming—National A. A. U. 500-yard junior championship at Minneapolis.

Tampa, Fla., March 9.—Shanks is being groomed to play first base for the Senators.

Mason and Wilde Will Battle for Flyweight Championship Friday

Frankie Mason

Jimmy Wilde.

COMMERCIAL CAGE LEAGUE ENDS SEASON

Omaha University Reserves Win First Place, Hebrew Association Second.

Two hard-fought games marked the close of the Commercial Basket Ball league last night. A large crowd of cage fans was on deck to see the windup.

Coach Ernie Adams' University of Omaha Reserves finished in first place with nine victories to their credit and but one game chalked against them in the lost column, that being a forfeit in the earlier part of the season, when they were unable to finish the second half of the game on account of having to make train connections for South Dakota.

Forfeit Game.

The Uni squad, who were scheduled to play the Thorpian Athletic club last night, were awarded a forfeit game an account of the latter team failing to appear. An exhibition game with the Beddeos was staged and Coach Adams' warriors won by the score of 28 to 8.

Second place in the league went to the Young Men's Hebrew association, as they scored an 18 to 15 victory over the Council Bluffs High School Reserves. This contest was snappy and hard-fought throughout, both quintets displaying a real brand of basket ball. The Hebrew association quintet took the lead after a few minutes of play, but the high school warriors soon evened up matters and from then on it was a see-saw affair. The first half ended 8 up.

Kline Stars.

Left Forward Kline was practically responsible for the Commerce Reserves' 17 to 15 victory over the Western Union quintet, as he made 12 of the 17 points. The guarding of Yuhout and Hanson also featured for the high school lads, while the shooting of Corenman and Raber starred for the wiremen.

As a result of Commerce's victory both the high school five and the Western Union are tied for fourth place. Medals for first, second and third places will be presented to the teams next week. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the teams in the above named order.

The Greater Omaha league will finish its season tonight and three snappy contests are anticipated.

Following is the official standing:

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Omaha University Reserves	9	1	.900
Y. M. H. A.	8	2	.800
Council Bluffs Reserves	7	3	.700
Commerce Reserves	3	7	.300
Western Union	3	7	.300
Thorpian A. C.	0	10	.000

National Basket Ball Meet Opens Today With 16 Teams

Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—Fast work in practice games Tuesday by the 16 basket ball teams here for the national A. A. U. championship tournament indicated that the event would be hard fought.

Games will be played afternoon and night beginning Wednesday. All entries will play either Wednesday or Wednesday night, the Los Angeles Athletic club, present title holders, meeting the Louisville five on the first day. All sections of the country are represented.

With the Bowlers

GREATER OMAHA LEAGUE.

Rogers Cafe.		Billings Dental.	
Neal	596	Ashton	520
Barron	634	Spellman	473
J. Jorosh	548	Morrell	515
Kennedy	450	Hollock	482
Wartchow	656	Kent	524
Total	2884	Total	2514
G. W. Com. Body.		**Scott Tents.**	
Doherty	550	Martin	447
Bowers	529	Devine	624
Dahmke	526	Koran	531
Canfield	520	K. Sciple	559
Erman	477	Stunz	533
Total	2602	Total	2694
Sams' Indians.		**Bowen Furniture.**	
Boord	459	Shaw	611
Zadina	589	Gibson	582
Mayer	565	Karis	629
Willis	549	Jedlicka	607
Atkins	578	Fitz	582
Totals	2736	Total	3022
Washington Shirts.		**Ford Livery.**	
Maurer	492	Radford	553
Hammer	526	Swoboda	467
Johnson	567	London	518
Yousem	583	Eidson	550
Toman	533	Housen	518
Total	2701	Total	2606
Beau Brummels.		**Paulson Motors.**	
Chiles	535	Younger	497
Blakeney	524	Goden	534
Zarp	617	Olson	523
Zimmerman	522	Brannian	456
Huntington	551	Jarosh	458
Total	2749	Total	2468

BOWLERS FROM ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY MEET

Peoria Tournament to Include Teams From Ottawa, Toronto, Havana and Tampico.

Peoria, Ill., March 9.—The 20th annual tournament of the American bowling congress will get under way here Wednesday. Nearly 900 five-men teams from all parts of the country, Canada, Mexico and even Havana will meet in competition for the world's titles.

Among the entries this year are teams from Ottawa and Tam- Canada; Havana, Cuba, and Tampico, Mexico. Middle western states dominate the entries.

The largest annual ten-pin event previously held took place in Toledo, O., where 795 teams entered.

The famous Birk Brothers team of Chicago, which holds the record with 3,061 pins, made at Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1917, is among the entries. The Frankson and Lane team, formerly known as the "Aquila Cigars," which rolled its way into the "3,000 class" last year is also entered. Last year's champions, the Ahearn Hotels of Oshkosh, Wis., will defend their honors.

The meet will continue from March 10 until the early part of April and the awards will be the world's championship in each event, team, doubles and singles.

Omaha will be represented by fine five-men teams, the first of which will bowl on March 18. Other Omahans will bowl on March 19 and others still on April 4.

Ken Sciple Will Not Take Part in Peoria Bowling Tournament

Scott Tents will compete in the American Bowling Congress in Peoria next week without the assistance of Ken Sciple, a mainstay of the Scott five and recognized as one of the top-notch Omaha pin tumblers.

Sciple's business will keep him from taking part in the A. B. C., he announced yesterday.

He will attend the state tournament in Fremont this week, however, as a member of the Scott team.

Wally K. Schoenman, the only Omahan who ever won an event in the Midwest Bowling tournament, will probably take Sciple's place. Schoenman is not lined up with any team this season. Schoenman captured the Midwest all-events in 1915 and his team won the five-men contest.

Sciple holds the distinction of rolling up the highest three-game score ever made in Omaha and, according to Bill Learn, the highest score ever made. Three years ago Sciple rolled two 300 games in succession and followed them with a 270 to show it wasn't merely luck. The games were bowled on No. 7 at Farnam alleys.

INDOOR SPORTS

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TRYING TO FIX UP A FOUR HANDED PINOCHLE GAME IN A BLOKE'S HOUSE. SAID BLOKE IS A ROTTEN PLAYER BUT IS OWNER OF A FAT CELLAR AND LOVES PINOCHLE

CREIGHTON FIVE BEATS DUQUESNE IN PITTSBURGH

Omahans Showed Marked Superiority Over Pittsburgh Quintet; Final Count, 31 to 27.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 9.—The Creighton University five of Omaha, Neb., had little difficulty in defeating the erratic Duquesne University passers of Pittsburgh tonight, the final score being 31 to 27. The margin of victory does not tell the story of the difference in the two teams, for Creighton showed to much better advantage than the locals, but were handicapped by performing on a strange floor.

The Nebraskans led at the half, 20 to 15. In the last few minutes of play Duquesne staged a rally, but a field goal and one from the foul line by Kearney put the game on ice as the whistle blew. The foul shooting on both sides was ragged. The lineup:

CREIGHTON—31.		DUQUESNE—27.
Haley	F	Kendricks
Wise	F	Davies
Kearney	C	Vebelumas
Mulholland	G	Evans
Vandiver	G	McGrath

Substitutions—Shaw for McGrath; Harrison for Davies; Condon for Vandiver.

Field Goals—Kendricks 4, Davies 4, Evans, Shaw, Haley 6, Wise 3, Kearney 3, Mulholland, Vandiver.

Foul Goals—Kendricks, 6 out of 12; Davies, 1 out of 9; Kearney, 4 out of 14.

Referee—Slack.

Penn to Meet Maroons.

Philadelphia, March 9.—The athletic council of the University of Pennsylvania approved the proposed series of basket ball games between Pennsylvania, winners of the intercollegiate league title, and the University of Chicago, champions of the western conference. Action by the Chicago faculty is awaited.

Greb Beats Turner.

Akron, O., March 9.—Harry Greb, Pittsburgh, was given the newspaper decision over Clay Turner of New York in a 12-round bout here Tuesday night. The men are light heavyweights.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 9.—Oscar Vitt, star third baseman of the Red Sox, is still a holdout in California. Marsans has signed a contract.

Omaha University Basketeers Claim Conference Title

Omaha university basket ball team claims championship of the Nebraska State conference. The locals were admitted into the state conference three weeks ago and since that time have met four conference teams and beaten them all.

Doane, Wesleyan, Wayne and Midland have all turned down the Omahan's requests for games. "Wesleyan was offered a game on any court in the state on any day in the season at Omaha's expense," said Manager Pressly of the locals last night.

Midland college of Fremont, Neb., also claims the title.

Call for Track Soon.

The first call for track candidates at the High School of Commerce will be issued Friday morning, Coach Burrell Evans announced Tuesday. According to the plan that has been outlined over 400 students will answer the first call. Each pupil who takes military science will try out for the team.

This will be the first time a track team has represented the business school. Several star athletes have been lined up by the coach and he expects to turn out a winning team.