

Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

Predict Banner Year for Cage Sport in State

Cornhuskers, Conference and High School Preparing for Busy Season—Annual Tourney in March.

Basket ball, king of the indoor sports during the winter months, will start his reign over the realm of sport next month in real fashion. From all indications, basket ball will have a banner season in 1921, just the same as foot ball and other branches of sport witnessed in 1920.

With the holiday vacation period drawing to a close, coaches throughout Nebraska are planning stiff workouts from their basketeers and before the new year is many days old the majority of teams will be selected to represent their respective schools.

Huskers Play Illinois Jan. 1.

The University of Nebraska has the jump on most of the state schools. The Huskers play their first game New Year's night. The Creighton coach has his squad well in hand and when school takes up next month the Blue and White tossers will continue practicing for the first game of the season, scheduled with Yankton, January 7.

The high schools throughout the state are ready to start the cage season, and several schools have played games. Commerce, South Hill, Central and Creighton High will get down to real work next month and taking high school basket ball in Nebraska as a whole, interesting and hard-fought games are predicted before the season closes, and especially at the state tournament in Lincoln during March.

A great season for basket ball among the Nebraska conference schools is predicted in 1921. With eleven teams entered in the conference race and each school represented by experienced players, competition for the title is expected to be close throughout the schedule.

Maroons in Conference.

Coach Ernie Adams has entered a team in the conference scramble and no doubt the Maroons will give the other squads a hard fight for the honors, as the local quintet will be composed of nearly all last year's cagers. The Omaha basket flippers plowed through the 1920 season with a defeat and as a result of their clean slate, claim the conference championship.

The following institutions will enter teams in the race this winter:—Nebraska Wesleyan university, Hastings college, Doane college, Grand Island college, Wayne normal, Colver university, Peru normal, University of Omaha, Omaha college, Kearney normal and York college.

Reports from the different schools point to a season of interesting basket ball. Majority of the institutions have larger squads than last year and the coaches are confident of putting out well-balanced machines this winter. The cage schedules of the different schools calls for games with members of state conference as well as contests with representative out-of-the-state teams.

Creston Wrestlers Out To Meet All Grapplers

Creston, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Ed Bules, welterweight, and Earl Conrad, bantamweight, wrestlers, are anxious to meet any grapplers in the country weighing from 115 to 160 pounds. The wrestlers are managed by W. Conrad, who expects to tour the state with his proteges next month, meeting all comers. For matches with the Creston mat artists write W. Conrad, 612 North Cherry street, Creston, Ia.

Omaha Church Quintet Defeats Woodbine Legion

The Grace Lutheran basket ball team defeated the American Legion team of Woodbine, Ia., Saturday night on the latter's floor by a score of 29 to 21. Walker of the Grace Lutheran team made 17 points. The feature of the game was the guarding of Speckard. Hedberg also played a good game, shooting three baskets from the center of the floor in the last half.

Head of U. S. Hockey League To Probe Rough Tactic Game

Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.—William S. Haddock, president of the United States Amateur Hockey League, announced today that he will investigate reports of rough and unseemly playing in the game here last Tuesday evening between the Granites of the Ontario Hockey association and the Pittsburgh club of the United States Amateur Hockey league.

Gillis and Parquette To Wrestle Wednesday

Storm Lake, Ia., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Roy Gillis of Sioux City, wrestling cop, and Eugene Parquette of Des Moines, will meet here in a finish match Wednesday night, December 29. Both men weigh 175 pounds and are considered among the best grapplers in the Hawkeye state.

Dodd's Team Leading Race in Volley Ball Loop

Everett Dodd's team went into first place in the Business Men's Volley Ball league at the Y. M. C. A. by defeating Charles Boice team two straight games, 15-8 and 15-11. Boice team is now tied for second place with Long team and Stine's team in fourth.

Will Decide Champs Of "Y" Hand Ball

The "Y" hand ball committee is planning an elimination singles tournament for the afternoon players and also one for the evening players. When the champions of these two divisions have been decided, the winners will be matched to play a series of contests with Ed Lawler, present champion of the noon section.

Ice Hockey Teams in Country to Compete Soon for Championship

This winter is going to be the greatest ever for ice skating in general and ice hockey in particular. Hockey for the first time is being governed by an organization that is not tied up with speed and fancy skating. There has been a lot of contention in recent years about the hockey interests dominating skating to the exclusion of speed and fancy skating and vice versa. All that is now done away with. The hockey players now have their own association and the speed and fancy skaters will have their wants attended to by the International Skating Union.

There are 12 clubs in the association at this time and these clubs have been placed in three groups as follows:

Group 1—Boston A. A., St. Alphonse of Boston, Philadelphia and New York.

Group 2—Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Paul and Duluth.

Group 3—Houghton, Calumet, Sault Ste. Marie, and Ely. Minn.

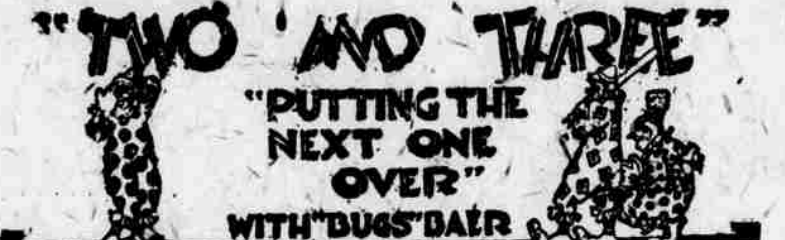
The teams in each group will play a schedule of games, then the winning team in each group will play each other to decide the championship of the United States. The winner of the United States championship will play the Canadian champion for the championship of North America and the winner of this match will play the winner of the international championship in Stockholm, Sweden, for the championship of the world.

The colleges are more interested in hockey this year. Columbia is back with a team after a lapse of six years. Rutgers will also have a team, a skating pool having been built on Nelson Field, Harvard, Yale and Princeton will have teams but not in the intercollegiate league. These teams play with seven men while the league rules call for six players. Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Cornell and Fordham will make up the league. Hamilton, St. Pauls, Stevens, New York university and West Point are other eastern institutions with teams

He Has Some Stride!



Think of striding a mile in six minutes and 35 seconds and at each stride clearing 41 inches. That's just what Joe Pearman, New York A. C., holder of three national titles, did in winning the one-mile national walking championship race. Pearman finished second in the 10,000 meters race at the Olympic games, and is holder of the one, two and seven-mile national titles. This picture clearly illustrates Pearman's tremendous stride and his perfect walking position. He is one of five men in the United States at present who can walk a mile in less than seven minutes.



The Cabinet.

Our next President Harding has opened up an employment agency for cabinet help.

He has already fired 11 full cabinets before he has hired 'em. Which indicates a hasty Ohio disposition. Even Woody didn't can anybody until he has been president for almost five minutes.

The last bird mentioned for Warren's cabinet is Bill Bryan. Very correct. He should be the last cuckoo mentioned.

Charles E. Hughes, the only gent with two full sets of whiskers on one chin, also has been subpoenaed by gossip for the job. Mr. Hughes was once the owner of a cabinet himself for 24 hours. He went to sleep president, but made the fatal mistake of waking up.

There are 10 jobs open in the cabinet. There is the Secretary of Foreign Entanglements, Secretary of Labor Strikes, Sec. of Army Grant Contracts, Sec. of Bootlegging, Sec. of War Taxes, the Postmaster-General and a couple of other secretaries.

Each vacancy pays 12,000 checks a year, but the jack is almost chewed up by the tax on amusements. The job isn't life imprisonment but only for the duration of feckle behavior. Soon as a cabinet member contracts symptoms of thinking in habit forming quantities, he is amputated from his portfolio and receives a souvenir postcard with a picture of Union station on it.

The Pennsylvania runs very popular three-day excursions to Washington, patronized by school teachers in summer and cabinet members in winter.

He lives to an unripe old age and

Wants Out-of-Town Games

"Monty" Montague, manager of the Grace Lutheran basket ball quintet, wants to arrange out-of-town games for his basket ball tossers. For contests with the Church league team, write Montague, 706 South Thirtieth street, Omaha.

Casey to Coach Mount Union.

Alliance, O., Dec. 27.—Eddie Casey, captain of the 1919 Harvard foot ball team, today signed to coach the Mount Union college foot ball squad for the next three years. He coached Mount Union this season.

Association College Quintet Cancels Game With Bowen "Bones"

The basket ball game scheduled between the Bowen Furniture company of the Greater Omaha league and the Association College quintet of Chicago at the local "Y" for Thursday evening, has been canceled, according to N. J. Weston, physical director of the "Y."

The Association College team was unable to arrange their schedule so as to arrive in Omaha in time for Thursday night's contest. According to present conditions at the "Y" it will be impossible to arrange another game with the Chicagoans.

Will Organize Association to Govern Boxing Delegates Appointed by Governors of 18 States Will Meet in New York Next Month.

New York, Dec. 27.—Formation of a national body to govern and control professional boxing will be undertaken here next month. Delegates appointed by the governors of 18 states will convene at the headquarters of the International Sporting club on January 10, 11 and 12. During the three-day conference the foundation for a national organization will be laid and rules and regulations for the standardization of boxing throughout the United States established.

The new association, which will absorb the army, navy and civilian board of boxing control, will be formed by carefully selected and officially appointed delegates from New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Colorado, Wisconsin, Montana, Minnesota, Oregon, West Virginia, Louisiana, Washington, Florida, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

This group represents almost all the states where boxing is legalized. Boxing is permitted in several other states under what may be termed local option, but those which will be represented by officially appointed delegates will be the ones to take the initial steps in the formation of the new national governing body.

A man of national reputation and an outstanding figure in sport probably will be selected for president of the body. Tex O'Rourke, present matchmaker for the International Sporting club, will be secretary of a national governing body for boxing will lift the sport to a high and permanent plane and good favor with the newly-elected governors of such states as do not now have a boxing law or who are inclined to frown upon the sport due to unsatisfactory conditions which surround the game at this time.

De Oro Issues Challenge Publicly to Willie Hoppe

New York, Dec. 27.—Alfred De Oro, former champion at three-cushion and pocket billiards, has issued a public challenge to Willie Hoppe, the balk line titlistholder, to meet him in a three-cushion match. The Cuban player announced that Hoppe can have the privilege of naming the number of points to be played and the date for the match.

Dick Burrus Sold To Columbus Team

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 27.—Dick Burrus, first baseman recruited by the Philadelphia American league club from Columbus, S. C., two years ago, has been sold outright to the Columbus club of the American association, it was announced today by Manager Mack. He added that it was a straight cash transaction no other players figuring in the deal.

See Want Ads Are Best Business Getters.

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former British champion, and Gerald L. Patterson, also of Australia, former world's champion, were picked. The play will begin on December 28.

The choice of the American team was fully expected as a result of the form the two experts have shown since their arrival here, while the choice of their opponents was uncertain until the last moment.

For a time it was believed Brookes could not stand the strain of play in both doubles and singles, but he has been displaying a good bit of his old brilliance in practice and seems to believe he can hold up his end.

Patterson has been showing erratic form in his practice games, but is confident he will overcome this before the challenge round starts. Experts here regard the contest as an open one. The wagering odds, however, favor the Americans.

Ira Vail Wins Auto Race At Track at Bakersfield

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 27.—Ira Vail, Sunday, won from Roscoe Sears and Eddie Hearne what was advertised as "the dirt track automobile championship," when he made 100 miles over a one-mile track here. Vail's time was 4:28:18.5.

The world's record is held by Tommy Milton, who covered the distance at Phoenix, Ariz., on October 10 of this year in 1:24:2.5.

Race officials believed that Vail established new records for the 25, 50 and 75-mile marks over a mile dirt track. His 25-mile time was 22:29.45; the 50 miles was made in 45:04 and the 75 miles in 66:57.25.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Howells, 28; North Bend, 19. North Bend, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Howells High school basket ball team defeated the North Bend team here by a score of 28 to 19, in a hard-fought and interesting contest.