

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

Omaha Maroons in Win Over Iowans

Locals Open Up on Western Union in Second Half and Defeat Opponents, 34-20.

Omaha university's basketball team evened matters up with the Western Union quintet at Le Mars, Ia., Wednesday night at the Maroons' gymnasium by snowing the visitors under a 34 to 20 score in a game that was featured by streaks of teamwork on the part of both squads. The locals lost at Le Mars, 16 to 17. The game was a see-saw affair for the first 10 minutes of play and then the locals pulled into the lead, finishing the first half on the long end of a 16 to 15 score. The second period was different. Starting out with a rush the Maroons boosted their score to 22 before the Telephones tallied. The Iowans registered their final basket when Hiller sent the leather sailing through the ring from a difficult position.

The visitors fought hard from start to finish and deserve credit for their showing against the Maroons, who were speedy and accustomed to the floor. For the losers, Bell, left forward, was the outstanding star. He followed the ball well and had a good eye for the basket. Walters and Mock also played well. M. Presley with 10 baskets, and Davis with three field goals, starred for the winners. Banner and Reeves played a good guarding game.

The lineup follows:

OMAHA	FG	FT	Pts
Davis, F.	10	0	20
M. Presley, F.	10	0	20
Banner, F.	4	0	8
Reeves, F.	4	0	8
Walters, F.	4	0	8
Mock, F.	4	0	8
Hiller, F.	4	0	8
Bell, F.	4	0	8
Stratton, F.	4	0	8
Thompson, F.	4	0	8
Total	54	0	84

WESTERN UNION	FG	FT	Pts
Koch, F.	4	0	8
Bell, F.	4	0	8
Hiller, F.	4	0	8
Walters, F.	4	0	8
Stratton, F.	4	0	8
Thompson, F.	4	0	8
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Bell, F.	4	0	8
Stratton, F.	4	0	8
Thompson, F.	4	0	8
Total	34	0	68

Cotner Noses Wesleyan Out of 25 to 24 Win

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Cotner university, trimmed Nebraska Wesleyan, 25 to 24, in a thrilling game of basketball Wednesday night on the Bethany court. Wesleyan held a one-point lead up until the last minute of play, when Captain Eitzemiller scored the winning basket. Dewitt and Kahn held the scoring honors for Wesleyan.

The lineup follows:

Cotner	FG	FT	Pts
Eitzemiller, F.	10	0	20
McPherson, F.	4	0	8
Shull, F.	4	0	8
Raver, F.	4	0	8
Shorman, F.	4	0	8
Total	26	0	52

Wesleyan	FG	FT	Pts
Dewitt, F.	10	0	20
Harrell, F.	4	0	8
Kahn, F.	4	0	8
Andrews, F.	4	0	8
Rogge, F.	4	0	8
Total	24	0	48

Race Entries Close

Los Angeles, Feb. 17.—Entries are closed today for the sprint automobile championship to be run on the Los Angeles speedway next Wednesday, nine drivers having entered. They are Tommy Milton, Alton Soules, Ralph De Palma, John A. Thiele, Ira Vail, Roscoe Scales, Eddie Miller, Jimmy Murphy and Eddie Heame.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Ravenna, 58; Broken Bow, 8. Ravenna, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The local high school basketball team defeated the Broken Bow high school quintet here by the score of 58 to 8, in a fast game. Ravenna has just won one out of 14 played this far this season.

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Mighty Ruth's Great Ambition---Seventy-five Homers in 1921

Appetite of This Giant of Swatters Only Whetted by Last Year's Record; Confident He Can Shatter His Mark

By JACK VEIOCK.

International News Sporting Editor.

New York, Feb. 17.—A championship is a fickle thing, difficult to win, hard to hold. Winning and holding a title is a privilege given to but a handful among thousands of red-blooded young Americans who devote brain, brawn and untiring persistence to attain perfection in any line of sport. Champions come and champions go. The smiles of Babe Ruth fit him and you and she deals them out with reckless abandon. The newly-crowned champion hears the cry of the mob at his heels almost before the plaudits that heralded his rise to fame cease to ring in his ears. It has been the experience of the vast majority of champions that popular sentiment demands an ever-changing personnel in the king row. The sporting world is always ready to hail a new champion, and just as quick to acclaim a contender who can dethrone him.

Today we can boast of no less than a score of champions in various branches of sport who stand out brightly in their various fields of endeavor. Some are national, some international title-holders. All are facing a year of keen competition and concentrated effort. How many of our champions will survive the attacks of the mobs at their heels? A fair percentage, no doubt, will come through with flying colors, but some of them must fall. Let us look at a few of the brightest of our title-holders:

Long before springtime's balmy breezes fan the northern states Babe Ruth, baseball's most sensational star, will trek southward to prepare for another big season.

The home run king has a grand ambition. He also boasts a generous waistline. For these two reasons he is going to Hot Springs, Ark., with the battering ram of the New York Yankees. He will reduce his girth that it may not interfere with his grand ambition—To hit 75 home runs during the 1921 campaign!

Here is a champion who stands in a class by himself. In 1919 he shattered all previous home run records by hitting out a grand total of 29. His achievement caused the fans to marvel.

"He has made a record that will stand for a long, long time," they said.

And then, in 1920, the Colossus of Swat came back in all his glory, adding 25 homers to his 1919 performance, a season total of 54, a mark no player of past days had ever dreamed of.

Right in His Prime. Ruth is now in his prime. He reached his 27th birthday February 7. As star players go he has many a year in base ball to look forward to and if he takes the proper care of himself and Dame Fortune does not interfere to dim the light of his batting eye, he may hold his ground as world's champion hitter of home runs for some seasons to come.

With the optimism of a man who believes in himself, though with never a sign of self-consciousness, Ruth recently said that he has every reason to believe he can beat his 1920 record of 54 home runs, and added that he would like to reach the 75 mark.

In 1920 the pitchers of the American league gave Ruth 148 bases on balls, robbing him of just that many chances to swing home run hits. In addition, he missed 12 full games, or some 40 times at bat. He hopes to cut into both of these obstructions during the season to come.

As a champion the "Big Bambino"

Al Lippe to Manage Fistic Affairs of L.P. Arthur Johnson. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17.—Al Lippe, the well-known manager, will handle the affairs of pugilist Johnson, when the colored jockey succeeds in obtaining his release from Leavenworth prison. Lippe received a letter from the former heavyweight champion asking him if he would manage his affairs and try to arrange a match with any of the big fellows.

Shotton Signs Contract. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—Bert Shotton, outfielder, Wednesday signed a 1921 contract with the St. Louis Nationals, and it was announced he again would act as field captain of the team.

Base Ball Chatter. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Feb. 17.—Western league critics are speculating much of Tommy Connolly, the Chicago lad purchased by the Yankees from the Athletics, will make 150 hits for 241 bases and score 82 runs in 130 games. He hit 26 doubles, 11 triples and 11 home runs.

Trouble seems to come in bunches for eccentric Dutch Ruether. Mrs. Ruether has been granted a divorce from the former world's series star and in addition has been awarded a monthly alimony of \$125. She also has the custody of their 6-year-old son.

Willie Jackson, the Coast league phenom, can make good at third base this spring. He has been able to direct to second base, according to the plans of manager John McGraw, and nothing would please him better.

Freddie Schupp, Cardinal southpaw, has sent in his resignation to manager Branch Rickey and adds he expects to win 20 victories for the St. Louis club this coming season.

There seems to be some question whether or not Bob Ruth will observe the rules laid down by Miller Huggins this summer. No other Jackie has been able to discipline the outfielder and there is some question as to whether Huggins will be successful.

George Chaney, Baltimore lightweight, says he will demand a match with Benny Leonard. He may not have to wait long, for Chaney will be a welcome entry into the lightweight family, so far as Leonard is concerned.

Battling Jack Nelson, owner of a gym on Milwaukee avenue, has taken over the management of Al Zaxner, a New Orleans featherweight.

Ord, 16; Burwell, 4. Ord high school basketball team closed a successful season of home games here Tuesday night when they defeated the Burwell quintet in a fast game by the score of 16 to 4. Burwell failed to score in the last half, and succeeded in making but one field goal during the entire game.

Stromburg, 29; Clark, 15. Stromburg, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The local high school basketball team defeated the Clark high school quintet here by the score of 29 to 15, in a hard-fought but clean and interesting contest.

Gothenburg, 32; Kearney, 20. Gothenburg, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The local American Legion basketball team defeated the Kearney State Normal quintet here on the latter's floor by the score of 32 to 20. The former soldiers took the lead from the start and kept it in the lead throughout the game.

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Ruth's 1920 Home-Run Record

Date	Opp.	Pitcher	Inning	Men on Base	Place
May 1	Pennock	(L)	6	0	New York
May 2	Jones	(R)	6	1	New York
May 11	Wilkinson	(R)	1	1	New York
May 11	Kerr	(L)	5	0	New York
May 12	Williams	(R)	5	0	New York
May 23	Wellman	(L)	6	1	New York
May 25	Leonard	(L)	1	1	New York
May 26	Dauus	(R)	2	0	New York
May 27	Harper	(L)	6	0	Boston
May 27	Kerr	(R)	8	0	Boston
May 29	Bush	(R)	4	1	Boston
May 31	Johnson	(R)	8	1	New York
June 2	Johnson	(L)	1	1	New York
June 2	Carlson	(R)	8	0	New York
June 2	Snyder	(R)	8	0	New York
June 10	Okrie	(L)	3	1	Detroit
June 13	Myers	(P)	6	0	Cleveland
June 16	Faber	(R)	8	1	Chicago
June 17	Williams	(L)	4	0	Chicago
June 25	Shocker	(R)	6	0	St. Louis
June 25	Pennock	(L)	1	0	New York
June 30	Bigbee	(R)	9	0	Philadelphia
July 30	Perry	(R)	4	1	Philadelphia
July 30	Oldham	(L)	5	0	New York
July 10	Dauus	(R)	3	0	New York
July 11	Elmke	(R)	3	0	New York
July 14	Shaw	(R)	1	0	New York
July 15	Burwell	(R)	11	2	New York
July 19	Kerr	(L)	3	0	New York
July 20	Faber	(R)	5	0	New York
July 22	Kerr	(L)	9	0	New York
July 23	Morton	(R)	6	0	New York
July 24	Bagby	(R)	4	0	New York
July 25	Shaw	(R)	6	0	New York
July 30	Van Gilder	(R)	9	2	St. Louis
July 31	Shocker	(R)	8	0	St. Louis
Aug. 2	Williams	(L)	4	1	Chicago
Aug. 5	Elmke	(R)	2	0	Detroit
Aug. 6	Dauus	(R)	3	0	Detroit
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Aug. 19	Caldwell	(L)	4	0	Washington
Aug. 26	Kerr	(L)	1	2	New York
Sept. 4	Jones	(R)	3	0	Boston
Sept. 4	Bush	(R)	6	0	Boston
Sept. 9	Coveleskie	(R)	3	0	Cleveland
Sept. 10	Caldwell	(L)	1	1	Cleveland
Sept. 13	Elmke	(R)	6	1	Detroit
Sept. 24	Acosta	(R)	1	0	New York
Sept. 24	Shaw	(R)	1	0	New York
Sept. 27	Rommel	(R)	1	1	Philadelphia
Sept. 27	Rommel	(R)	6	0	Philadelphia
Sept. 29	Keefe	(R)	9	1	Philadelphia

Games Tonight

Notre Dame against Nebraska at Lincoln. Council Bluffs against South High at South High. Commerce against Benet at Benet. Creighton High against Nebraska City at Nebraska City. Athletics against St. Benedict College at Atchison, Kan. Peru against Cotner at Lincoln. Western Union against Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln. Kansas Aggies against Kansas at Manhattan. Drake against Missouri at Columbia.

Billy McCarney Believes Martin Will Win Bout

New York, Feb. 17.—Billy McCarney, the manager of the late Luther McCarney, is one man who thinks that Bob Martin, the soldier-fighter is going to take Bill Brennan, when they meet for 15 rounds at Madison Square Garden next Friday night. Billy is willing to go so far as to predict that Bob is aiming directly for the heavyweight championship.

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Deshler High Tossers Win Over Davenport By Score of 112 to 2

Deshler, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The Deshler high school basketball team snowed the Davenport quintet under a 112 to 2 score here last night in a game that appeared more like an indoor track meet than a court contest. The local hoopers started out in the lead and as the score indicates, easily won the game. Good teamwork, passing and accurate basket shooting spelled defeat for the invaders.

Oklahoma Wng Shot Wins Interstate Cup At Annual Tourney

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—E. C. Wheeler of Pawhuska, Okla., won the interstate individual amateur wing shot cup in the feature event of the third day of the Seventeenth Annual Interstate Trapshooting Tournament at "Uncle Bob" Elliott's Blue River park Wednesday.

In the regular shoot in which there were 36 entries, Wheeler tied with Frank Troch of Vancouver, B. C. Hoffman of Philadelphia and George Nicol of Kansas City, with 23 each out of a possible 25 flyers. In the shoot off Troch scored five straight, while Nicol and Hoffman both missed. Wheeler hit seven straight, while Troch missed his seventh.

In the regular target program of 150 blue targets, Frank Hughes of Mohridge, S. D., was high amateur with 141. Wm. Moon of Jewell, Ia., was second with 140. The strong northerly wind made shooting difficult, many good marksmen making poor scores. Mrs. Fred Eichen of Coffeyville, Kan., broke 61 out of a possible 100, which is far below her usual shooting.

Ernie Glover in Win Over Tabor (Ia.) Wrestler

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Ernie Glover defeated Everett Miller of Tabor, Ia., here in a wrestling match by winning two straight falls. The local grappler won the first tumble with a head scissors and wristlock in one hour, 29 minutes and 51 seconds, and the second and final in 29 minutes and 40 seconds with a headlock.

Challenges were received from Jack Rose of Fort Morgan, Colo.; Walter Johnson, "The Cowboy Wrestler," Oshkosh, Neb.; Ben Zersen, Denver, Colo.; and Billy Edwards, Nebraska City.

Yaryan Returns Signed Contract to White Horse

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Everett Yaryan, a catcher, who led the Western league in home runs, with 42, and was purchased from the Wichita club, Wednesday signed a contract with the Chicago Americans.

Logan Outposts Thorpe

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—Bud Logan of Minneapolis, outpointed Harvey Thorpe of Kansas City in their 10-round bout in Kansas City, Kan., Wednesday night, newspaper critics decided. They are lightweight.

Omaha Athletic Club Team to Play Kearney Quintet Here Saturday

Denny Ryan, athletic director at the Omaha Athletic club, is a busy person these days. The O. A. C. director is preparing his basketball players for the game to be played at Creighton gymnasium Saturday night with the Kearney Independent quintet, one of the strongest semi-pro quintets in the state.

The Kearney team has a clean slate this far this season and is of the opinion that its record will remain so after the game with the locals. Of course, Director Ryan and his squad think different and the local hoopers even go so far as to predict the outcome of the contest—in their favor.

Burch and Finn Return From Western Loop Confab

Barney Burch and Mike Finn, owners of the Omaha Western league base ball team, returned to the city Wednesday afternoon from Des Moines, where they attended the annual meeting of the club owners of teams in the circuit.

Finn will remain in Omaha until early in March, when the players leave for Fort Smith, Ark., for spring training.

Woman Drops Dead as Cops Raid Home and Find Still

Concordia, Kan., Feb. 17.—Martha Hooker, 65 years old, dropped dead when officers raided her farm near Formoso, Kan., yesterday and seized a still and several gallons of home made liquor. O. O. Long, her son-in-law, and Bert Gosney were arrested but released on bonds. The still was disguised as a straw stack.