

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

Annual Basket Tourney Starts Next Thursday

Commerce Plays Creighton—South Meets Lincoln and Central Clashes With Hastings in First Round

Opening Games Class "A."
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Nebraska's annual state high school basketball tourney will start next Thursday and continue until Saturday night, when the finals are scheduled to be played. The games will be staged on the coliseum floor at the fair grounds, Lincoln.

The tournament this year is the largest ever staged by the Nebraska High School Athletic association and is considered the largest affair of its character ever held in the United States. Two hundred teams will compete for the championship of the previous classes.

Classification of the schools and the drawings of the first round of games were announced yesterday by Director of Athletics Leuchring of the University of Nebraska. The tournament is held each year under the auspices of the university and this season more than 2,000 players are expected to compete in the contests.

Thirteen Classes.

The teams have been divided into 13 classes. The winners of each division will be awarded a silver loving cup. The winner of the Class A section, the feature class of the tournament, is regarded as state champion.

On paper, Coach Drummond's Commerce High school basketball team appear to be the strongest team in the Class A group. The Bookkeepers have suffered only one defeat thus far this season by a state school and the chances of the Leavenworth streets terrors winning the tourney in their class are bright. The defeat handed Commerce by Lincoln a short time ago lowered the Omaha prospects a little, but taking into consideration the Pen-pusher victories over South High, Beatrice, Central and University Place, Drummond's athletes appear to have more than an even chance of coping the silver mug in Class A.

Commerce meets Creighton High in the first round of the tourney, while South High and Lincoln meet their initial contest. Central and Hastings play, and Beatrice and University Place tangle in the first brace of Class A. Norfolk against Grand Island; Auburn against Superior; Kimball against Sutton and Bayard against Geneva, are other games scheduled in the first round of this division.

Defeated Creighton.

The Bookkeepers trimmed Creighton several weeks ago in a hard-fought battle by the score of 20 to 15, while Lincoln beat South, 28 to 19 at Lincoln.

The winners of the Norfolk-Grand Island game will play the winners of Creighton-Commerce mix in the second round, while the winners of South-Lincoln and Auburn-Superior contests clash in the next brace of games. The quintet emerging from the Kimball-Sutton game victors will play the winners of the Central-Hastings contest and the winner of Bayard-Geneva and the survivor of the Beatrice-University Place battle meet in the second round.

Play will start at 8 a. m. Thursday on all six of the floors that are to be used for the tourney. All teams that did not draw byes in the first round will play Thursday. The second round of games will be played Friday and the semifinals will be played either Friday afternoon or evening or Saturday morning. Finals in all classes will be played Saturday afternoon and evening.

To Provide Entertainment.

Plans have practically been completed for caring for the 2,000 athletes who will be in the city for the tournament. The State University, Y. M. C. A., committee in charge of housing states that it has secured rooms for all players by obtaining the use of many private homes and fraternity houses.

There will be entertainment for players in the evening when they are not in games. The university players will stage a one-act skit for the benefit of the visitors. Motion pictures of Nebraska football games will be shown.

The entries have been classified as follows:

Class A.
Norfolk against Grand Island.
Creighton Uni. High against Omaha Commerce.
Omaha South against Lincoln.
Auburn against Superior.
Kimball Co. against Sutton.
Omaha Central against Hastings.
Harvard against University Place.
Beatrice against University Place.

Class B.
North Platte against Fremont.
Clay Center against Lawrence.
Sidney against Nebraska City.
Albion against Beatrice.
Geneva Indians against State Farm.
Plattsmouth against Gresham.
Beatrice against University Place.
Central City against Wahoo.

Class C.
Aurora against Superior.
Arlington against Scottsbluff.
Peru Training against Friend.
Hickory against Neligh.
Schuyler against Newman Grove.
Beatrice against Columbus.
Ravenna against Harvelock.
Crete against York.

Class D.
Minden against Deshler.
Crawford against Oakbrook.
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Principals in Big Athletic Show Monday Night



At approximately 9:30 o'clock tomorrow night the fans assembled in the City auditorium will get a glimpse of a former champion and a husky Finn crawling through the ropes and taking final instructions from Referee "Sack" Taylor, prior to their scheduled wrestling match. While the match itself is not for any title of any sort, there is plenty of interest because Joe Stecher, a son of Nebraska and former wrestler of the wrestling crown now resting on the dome of "Strangler" Lewis, is to meet John Olin, Finnish champ, in a finish affair that is sure to be full of excitement from start to finish.

In the semi-final match, "Big Bill" Dristy of Omaha and "Patty" McGill of Wisner, Neb., will provide the center of attraction. The Wisner grappler has been defeating all comers and already has it doped out that "Big Bill" is the next "rassler" to fall in line. But here we will let you in on a secret. Dristy's idea of the outcome of the match is all together different. For example, the Omaha

is that he is in tip-top condition for the match and confident of trimming the popular "Patty".

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The Stecher brothers, Joe and Tony, breezed into town Saturday, while Olin arrived late last night from New York.

The big Finn looks to be in good condition and if his size and bodee amount to anything, the Dodge, Neb., wrestler will have to have his pet scissors held working double time to trim the shoulders of the Finnish champ to the padded surface.

However, Mr. Rodel did scramble to his feet before the count of 10. Then followed a wild scramble by the spectators to get back into the clubhouse, but many who threw away their seat coupons had to cool their heels outside.

Draw Verdict Just.

"The last three rounds were just a succession of wild heaves and continued flops, but while Rodel could keep his pins he everlastingly walked Smith. At the end of a draw would have been the proper verdict had one been rendered. Every one of Rodel's falls came as the result of a hard, earnest punch."

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Easterners No Match for Omahans During Initial Stanza, Score 17 to 7 At Half-Way.

Cleveland, O., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Creighton defeated St. Ignatius in their basketball contest here Friday night, 31 to 23, after a hard-fought battle. Without a doubt Creighton gave the best exhibition of the passing game seen on St. Ignatius floor this season, and the visitors fully deserved their victory in the first half. Creighton simply outplayed the Saints and finished the opening period on the long end of a 17 to 7 count.

The Saints came back in the closing stanza and fought desperately to overcome the Omaha boys' lead, but the game had been won in the early part of the contest.

Kearney was the brilliant star for the Nebraskaans, and Wise was also in the first flight of the victors. For the Cleveland team Dorsey and Walsh were in the limelight.

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John Muir Elected President of Omaha District Soccer Loop

At the annual meeting of the Omaha District soccer league held last night at the city hall, officers and plans for next season were discussed. The following officers were elected by acclamation for the coming year: John W. Muir, president; Arthur Saunders, vice president; J. H. Nelson, secretary; and Albert Henderson, treasurer.

No definite word has yet been received as to the games between the St. Louis soccer champs which will be played this month. Players who will represent the Omaha team will be chosen after the game, Sunday afternoon at Miller park, when a contest will be staged between two picked teams. The game is slated to start at 3 p. m.

Hawkeye Wrestlers Win From Huskers

Iowa City, Ia., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The University of Iowa team won from the University of Nebraska grapplers here Friday by the score of 27 to 25. The Iowa wrestlers, who won their matches outclassed the visitors. All Iowa victories were by straight falls.

Nebraska scored its points on one fall and two decisions and a draw. The 115-pound match was the only draw. The outstanding Iowa star was Sweeney of the 135-pound class, who threw Long of Nebraska.

Beatrice High Defeats Lincoln Squad, 21-15

Beatrice, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The local High school basketball team defeated the Lincoln quintet here tonight in a hard-fought game by the score of 21 to 15. The Coyotes took the first half, 9 to 5 in favor of the locals. Twice during the last period of play the score was tied, once at 9 all and again at 11 all. The guarding of the Beatrice team puzzled the visitors throughout the game.

Indians' Training Squad Now Totals 19 Members

Cincinnati, March 5.—Advices from the Cisco, Tex., training camp of the Cincinnati National league baseball team tell of the arrival there yesterday of outfielder Dennis Williams, Maynard Felix, first baseman, and Pitcher Herb Brennan. This brought the total players on hand to 19, with 12 absentees.

Canary Also Learns of Debate Between Two Pickpockets As to Which Is Better Man.

"You c'n finger 'at out fur yehself, I sez."
"En I starts up th' street an' runs int' K' Lee."
"Say, sez K' Lee, 'I jus' heard a couple dubs arguin' 'bout 'ow good the is."
"One uv th' dubs, sez K' Lee, 'remaks 't th' other 'at 'e, 'inself, is 'one uv th' slickes' pickpockets west uv Chicago. 'Gwan, sez th' other d'ip, 'you couldn' put y'r han' th' Mississipp' river w'out splashin' water on bot' banks.'"

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"Well," he said, "I gotta be goin' 't meet 'at waitress."
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"Yeah," retorted the Kid, sticking out his chest, "she got a good look at me in th' police court an' seen wot a handsome guy I am, an' w'en I ordered prunes fur dessert at night at th' restaurant, she smiles an' sez: 'An' won't yeh 'ave a li' date?'"
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Basketball Results

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Nebraska, 33; Iowa State, 16.
Nebraska, 25; Wesleyan, 21; Cotner, 19.
Doane, 16; Peru, 10.
Beatrice, 21; Lincoln, 15.
Aurora, 14; Elgin, 6.
Grand Island, 46; York High, 21.
Grinnell, 19; Washington, 17.

Benson Wins Rough Game From Packers

Defeats South High, 26 to 17; Calvert Stars for Winners And Nieman for Losers.

In a rough exhibition of basketball the Benson quintet triumphed the South High at the Packers' gymnasium Friday night, 26 to 17.

The game started out in a series of line-smashes and end-runs, Calvert of Benson scoring the first three points before a minute of play was up. Ackerman of the Southerners tossed a goal, and Hackendorf and Gustafson of the Suburbanites retaliated with a pair of baskets. Graham, the Packers' star right forward, accounted for six points, and Hill made a gratis toss, scoring the period, ending with Benson in the lead, 16 to 9.

The feature of the game was the floorwork and shooting of Calvert of Benson. Although loosely guarded throughout the game, he scored seven baskets. The whole Benson machine worked with oiled precision, the guarding and passing of Rodda and Olson being especially noteworthy.

Jimmy Patton's youngsters played an uphill fight, but were outclassed except for a few minutes in the second period when they brought South's score to within one point of Benson's total. Captain Nieman and Graham played stellar basketball for the Packers.

The lineup:

Benson High, 26.		South High, 17.	
G.	P.T.	G.	P.T.
Calvert, R. F.	2	Hackendorf, L.	7
Hackendorf, L.	7	Gustafson, C.	2
Gustafson, C.	2	Olson, L. G.	0
Olson, L. G.	0		
Totals 26		Totals 17	

Ames, 16.

G.	P.T.	G.	P.T.
Shepherd (c), F.	6	Green, H. C.	2
Green, H. C.	2	Harley, E.	0
Harley, E.	0	Boyd, P.	0
Boyd, P.	0	Ines, C.	1
Ines, C.	1	Williamson, G.	0
Williamson, G.	0	Woodward, G.	1
Woodward, G.	1	Currie, E.	1
Currie, E.	1	White, G.	0
White, G.	0		
Totals 16		Totals 16	

Homer Gruenther Elected Captain

Homer Gruenther, senior at the Creighton High school, yesterday was elected captain of this year's track team. The newly elected cinder path leader was a member of last season's team and was one of the local's best outdoor athletes.

Nebraska Wesleyan Defeats Cotner Team

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska Wesleyan defeated Cotner university, 21 to 49, here Friday in a hard-fought game. The Coyotes took the first half, 14 to 9. Cotner tied the score soon after the opening of the second period, but the Methodists pulled ahead in the last five minutes of play. Kahn caged five baskets for Wesleyan, while McPherson scored two goals from the floor for Cotner.

Advance Guard of Red Sox Set Out for Training Camp

Boston, March 5.—The advance guard of the Boston Red Sox set out for the south today with the comments of fans on the transfer of Harry Hooper to the White Sox huzzing in their ears, and without the company of "Stuffy" McNinnis, the holdout first baseman.

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Cornhuskers in Lead at End of First Half, 16-9

Floor Work of Coach Schissler's Squad Puzzles Cyclones Throughout 33-to-16 Game.

Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska's cage quintet was working in shipshape form last night when it defeated the Iowa State Aggies by the score of 33 to 16. The Cyclones jumped into a three-point lead in the early part of the first half, but after Nebraska had jumped ahead again the Huskers were never in danger.

The Cornhuskers were leading 16 to 9 at the end of the first half. Throughout the second period, Nebraska's floorwork was good and the Iowa Aggies were dazzled by the speed with which the Cornhuskers advanced the ball down the floor.

Iowa State was able to score only five field goals throughout the contest. Green, Ames forward, counted two of these goals, while Ines, Woodward and White grabbed one each. Ames counted six free throws out of eight attempts.

Bekins was the scoring star for the Cornhuskers with a total of 13 points. Although not throwing free tosses true to form the Nebraska center grabbed five field goals. Smith, Nebraska forward, annexed four field goals, while Newman and Carnan made two each.

The Cornhuskers will wind up their season when they meet the Iowa team in a second game here tomorrow night.

Fontenelle Golf Club Holds Confab

Plans for the formation of the Fontenelle Golf club were discussed at a meeting of the members held last night at the office of Park Commissioner Falconer at the city hall. More than 20 members were present.

"Battling" Ortega Wins

New York, March 5.—"Battling" Ortega of California received the judge's decision over Frank Carbone of New York, 15 round bout Friday. Ortega weighed 155 pounds and Carbone 158.

High School Basketball

Bluehill Legion, 66; Upland Legion, 12.
Upland, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—It was strenuously reported that Upland defeated Bluehill Legion 66 to 12. The real score for this game shows that the Bluehillers won 66 to 12.

Fairfield, 35; Franklin Academy, 24.
Fairfield, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—The Fairfield quintet won over the strong Franklin Academy five here, 35 to 24. This is the third straight win for Fairfield.

Ravenna, 66; St. Paul, 5.
Ravenna, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Ravenna made a track meet out of its game with the St. Paul basketballers here and outplayed them, 66 to 5. Ravenna has won 15 out of 17 scheduled games.

Grand Island, 46; York, 21.
Grand Island, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Grand Island closed its season by defeating York, 46 to 21.

Albion, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Albion, Neb., closed its season by defeating Elgin, 31 to 10. The game was evenly contested during the last period.

Crete, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Crete, Neb., won over Crete here, 28 to 18, in a fast game, the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

Shenandoah, 31; Clearfield, 13.
Shenandoah, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Shenandoah trimmed Clearfield at Clearfield before a large crowd, 31 to 13. Shenandoah gave quintet won from the Malvern girls, 21 to 5.

Stromsburg, 23; David City, 16.
Stromsburg, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Stromsburg gave quintet won from the David City girls, 23 to 16. The Stromsburg grade school boys defeated the Polk students, 3 to 8.

Farmington Record.
Farmington, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—Farmington High school won 12 out of the 14 scheduled games this season, having won over the Rustin, Elwood, Bertrand, Maywood, Lexington, Hays and Garden City. Farmington has scored 423 points to its opponents 276. McKenzie, Greenlee and Buss are the stars of the team.

Chester High Girls.
Chester, Neb., March 5.—(Special.)—The Chester high girls' basketball team held its 15th anniversary record by being defeated in three years. This season the Chester girls scored 42 points to their opponents 128. By virtue of their undefeated season the Chester girls team claims the championship of the state, and will compete with only other claimants for this honor.

Rodel-Gunboat Smith Bout Earns The Macaroni for "Ups and Downs"

"Talking about peculiar fights," said an old-timer, "the fight between Gunboat Smith and Boer Rodel at the old Forty-fourth street club in New York several years ago was the greatest riot of grand and lofty boxing I ever saw. The Boer took at least a dozen Kellermans, yet when he wasn't diving and could remain on his feet he gave the Gunner the worst beating of his career."

"The old Gunner, never very accurate in his shooting, was particularly wild this night, and Rodel kept popping them to his features until he had Smith looking like a comic valentine. Enraged at the awful cuffing he was getting from the smaller man, Smith kept working his arms like flails, and every once in a while he would make connections, with the result that the Boer would take a sweet plunge toward the floor."

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Each team is limited to two bowlers who have an average of 175 or better. The eight quintets will be named after the eight recent exalted rulers of the lodge. A trophy cup will be awarded to the team ending the circuit with the highest average.

Dan Butler, George Kennedy, F. J. Melchior, W. P. Conklin, W. D. Lane, Harry Izard, William Barron and C. J. Cain will captain the teams.

A meeting of the "Bills" will be held at the Omaha alleys Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dan Butler is president of the league and Carl J. Cain is secretary.

Doane College in Win Over Peru Normal Five

Peru, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—In one of the hardest-fought Nebraska conference basketball games ever played on the Peru Normal floor, the locals Friday lost to the Doane college squad of Crete, Neb., by the score of 14 to 16. From start to finish the contest was hard fought, close guarding and good teamwork featuring.

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