

Iowa And Minnesota Fives Open Big Ten Basketball Campaign Tonight

BARRY'S YOUNGSTERS HOPE TO START SEASON WITH A VICTORY

Gophers Defeated Creighton, Notre Dame In Practice Games And Look Good On Paper; Hawkeye Quintet Remains Intact.

IOWA CITY, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Iowa and Minnesota will pry the lid from the Western conference basketball pie here tonight in a game that will be for the Hawks the testing of a team of youngsters who have been developing rapidly from a very clumsy organization, and for the Gophers, the initial conference appearance of a team coached by Harry Taylor, new director of Minnesota cage activities.

Minnesota has always been a dread foe on the basketball floor, especially at Iowa. The combination of the lengthy Scandinavians for which Minnesota is famous has sufficed to bring Minnesota a hand in three conference championships during the last 20 years and they have harbored an especial bugbear for Iowa.

Last year, when a rotation system was inaugurated, the teams failed to meet for the first time in many years, but the year before Iowa scored one of the few double victories that have been recorded in Hawkeye-Gopher basketball history. This year, Iowa got away to an unusually slow start, while Minnesota's new men and her new coach have proven an efficient combination.

Stars Are Gone.
The loss of Olson, Pesek and Eklund does not seem to have bothered Coach Taylor in the least, for he trounced North Dakota, Notre Dame and Creighton University with relative ease and reports from Minneapolis declare that the coach has the most of the football team favoring about the gym, anxious and fitted for jobs.

Walton, star of two seasons back, is again on the court and is taking the place of Pesek at center. Gophers claim he is likely to be among the conference high scorers. Capt. Dunder will be at one of the guards, while Rasey, a veteran, and Wheeler, another football man, are expected at the forwards. Schmitt, Ascher, Morris and Cox are more of the football men that are out.

Iowa probably has a stronger team than two non-conference defeats would indicate, for Butler and Walsh are both powerful teams, but the Hawks recognize that they are in for a hard game if they do not want to start the season with a defeat. The team has picked up rapidly in the last week, but there is some doubt if it has picked up rapidly enough.

Raffensperger, a sophomore, is expected to start at center. Capt. Janse and Laude, the veterans, will make the most watched pair, and will function as forwards. McConnell and Van Dusen will open at guard, with Hogan a probable aspirant. Boyson may get a forward chance, and Jensen vies with Miller for a look-in at center.

Belden Hill For 'Sippi Valley Presidency

JIMMY CROWLEY IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Noble Dame Star Cracks Under Strain Of Hot Stanford Battle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Jimmy Crowley, one of the four freshmen of the Stanford Noble Dame football team, was in the St. Francis hospital here yesterday recovering from a nervous collapse which he suffered yesterday on the team trip to the game from Pasadena where the Indiana men defeated Stanford 27 to 13 New Year's day.

Crowley got through the game apparently in good shape. He was taken from the train to the hospital, where it was said that his condition, though improved, probably would not permit him to leave for South Bend with the team. His breakdown was attributed to overstrain.

Charley Stuhldreher, another of the Hermies, and Walter Camp's all-American quarterback, arrived on crutches, with his leg in a cast, but was able to accompany the squad on the tour of entertainment planned for today. A bone in his ankle was broken early in the game, but, Spartanlike he played until the final gun.

Asked about the report that he had been invited to coach for New York University, Stuhldreher admitted that he had been approached on the subject but said there had been no negotiations yet. He indicated that he would not be averse to coaching after his graduation in the spring.

Several members of the Rockne team bore marks of the Pasadena fray as they were honored by alumni and football enthusiasts.

TIGERS CONQUER MICHIGAN 5'S AND PREPARE FOR BELLE PLAINE

15 to 13 Triumph at Muskegon Scored After Hard Fight; Cummins Leads Scorers.

NOTCHING a 15 to 13 victory over Muskegon Saturday in the wake of their decisive triumph at Grand Rapids Friday, the Washington Tigers are back home after their successful Michigan tour and ready for their opening home game on the Y. M. C. A. court Wednesday with Belle Plaine.

The Tigers, according to Manager Carlson, did not display the same dash and fire at Muskegon that was exhibited against Union High. Their team work was ragged, and it was mainly through sheer fight that the Wolverines were conquered.

Different Lineup.
Coach Novak made some changes in his starting lineup Saturday, employing Carter and Tangeman at center and guard, respectively, in place of Zvacek and McClung. The latter pair was inserted during the fray and helped in nosing out the narrow victory.

The playing of Cummins again was one of the features of the Muskegon game. The sophomore forward was the leading scorer of both contests, logging two field baskets and a pair of free throws at Muskegon for six points, netting him sixteen of the thirty-nine points accounted for in the two games.

Ralph Hitchcock was another who looked especially good. The rangy guard was the only member of the squad to play full time in both games and in each he acquitted himself creditably.

1,000 Saw Game.
Manager Carlson was loud in his praise for the manner in which the team was treated in both Michigan cities. School officials and others made everything as pleasant as possible, and the Washington manager intimated that relations with both schools likely will be continued.

The Muskegon game was held up until about nine o'clock Saturday night and was witnessed by about 1,000 spectators. About 600 saw the Union High game in Grand Rapids. Lineup of Saturday's game.

Cedar Rapids (15) Muskegon (13)
Boegel 10
Hines 10
Carter 10
Tangeman 10
Hitchcock 10
Zvacek 10
DeLore 10
Dempsey 10
Cummins 10
Knappe 10
Hines 10
Carter 10
Substitutions: Cedar Rapids—Cummins, Knappe, Zvacek, McClung, Aurscher, Muskegon—Zvacek, Haver.

NURMI OPENS AMERICAN TOUR IN NEW YORK RACES TOMORROW

Noted Finn To Match Speed With Leading U. S. One-milers; Will Oppose Ritola And Others In 5,000 Meter Event.

BY DAVIS J. WALSH.
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NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Not since the days of the Dorando Johnny Hayes match races of happy memory, has New York become so exercised as it has over the impending American debut of Paavo Nurmi, world's greatest runner, at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

Nurmi will start in a special mile and a five thousand meter run, and the Finnish-American A. C. games and his appearance will mark a revival in track and field athletics such as followed the Olympics at London; where Dorando was carried across the line in the marathon and Hayes, finishing second, subsequently declared the winner.

The incident made for arch rivalry in a common with it. After being beaten four times by Nurmi at Paris, the American runner who would not give his windpipe for a victory over the Finn, is an American runner with the ambition of a second footman.

Stars in the Field.
Joe Ray, Lloyd Hahn, Walter Higgins and Jimmy Connolly are some of the entries who will essay to take issue with Nurmi over the mile distance.

As far as the writer is concerned, they might as well try to take issue with an antelope. Nurmi will be handicapped by his lack of familiarity with indoor running, which is probably the case. My idea of an adequate handicap for Nurmi is to call in Houdini and let him do his worst.

The general interest, in fact, is in Nurmi himself and not in the possibility of his defeat. His records have created an aura around him such as no American public can recall, and he has added to his attractiveness with a personality that runs strongly to temperament and an immediate sense of humor.

Are Good Friends.
Evidences of bad blood between Nurmi and Willie Ritola, Americanized fellow countryman, also had its friendly appeal. Actually, they are friends, and the incident of Ritola's which has been said about the case that does not carry a basis of truth. It has been declared that their enmity started when Nurmi declined to shake hands after the 5,000 meter race in Helsinki. It also has been intimated that they had agreed to set a moderate pace in this event and that Ritola attempted to double-cross Paavo by stepping out on him three laps before the end.

It is to laugh.
Ritola had all he could do to stay on Nurmi's heels through the greater portion of that race. There was no "understandings" no brother act about it. Nurmi went out to win and he did. They met that morning in a ten-round match. But they neglected to say that Nurmi was cackling, while he looked back over his shoulder, when the incident in question occurred. Friends of Ritola was all "run-out."

Withdraw From Race.
Ritola refused to be a party to the proceeding and Nurmi withdrew from the race, which was won by Ritola in 12 minutes and 30 seconds over the world's record. If it was possible to have beaten Nurmi at Paris, Ritola would have done it in this race. They will meet tomorrow night in a 5,000 meter race, but he is a familiar with board floor running and having finished a hard mile earlier in the evening, will be at something of a disadvantage, but he is the better runner of the two, the best of the latter ever knew and the writer, for one, entertains but slight doubt of Nurmi's ultimate victory.

Grand Circuit Track Stewards Meet Today
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 5.—(By International News Service.)—Stewards for racing on grand circuit tracks throughout the United States will be drawn up by stewards of the Association at the annual meeting here today. From indications before the meeting it appeared that the circuit for 1925 would be made up to Toledo, Columbus, Kalamazoo, Hartford, Syracuse, Readville, Lexington, Florida, and Cleveland.

Nothing Serious.
"What now, John? Why the file of ancient magazines?"
"Just having a literary jag."
"Literary jag?"
"Reading the advertisements of old brands."

BRAVES WOULD SIGN GRANGE
KNEASS, CAPTAIN of the University of Pennsylvania basketball team, leads the scorers of the eastern intercollegiate league in which only one contest has been played. He made ten points against Yale at Philadelphia Saturday night.

CHRISTY MATHISON, president of the Boston Braves, would like to sign "Red" Grange, gridiron wonder of the University of Illinois, if the football star can play baseball. During the recent minor league conclave at Hartford, the former Giant pitcher asked several western magnates about Grange.

"ONE OF THE GAME'S greatest pinch hitters was made into a baseball star in his football reputation," Matty said.
(Moose) McCormick, former Giant player, who was a gridiron star at Bucknell when it matriculated there.

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LEONARD COLLAPSES BEFORE FOOTLIGHTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(By Universal.)—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, "proved yesterday" he was as game on the stage as he is in the ring. With a fever of 104 caused by a severe attack of the gripple, Leonard tried to go through his act at a local theater, but after seven minutes collapsed and was rushed to his home in an ambulance.

None in the audience realized Leonard was in a serious condition as he began to tell the story of his fighting career. Suddenly the audience started to reel before him and his legs became unsteady. He moved over toward the wings of the stage where Charlie Leonard, the champion's brother, caught him as he fell.

Later, when he had rallied somewhat from the collapse, Leonard said "I felt myself slipping."
Dr. Sol. Rettenberg, Leonard's physician said that it would probably be a week or ten days before the champion would be able to resume his theatrical duties.

Tommy Griffith, who journeyed to the Brooklyn Dodgers from the old New England league, is beset by a rival in the Giant Dick Cox from Portland of the Pacific coast league. With Eddie Brown, Griffith, when doing well, the newcomer will find only one vulnerable spot in the outfield where Griffith is or was wanted to wander. If the argument becomes serious, Cox is a favorite, as he was a boxing instructor in the army.

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SPORT JABS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla.—Gene Sarazan lowered the 18 hole course record at Hollywood by scoring a 67.

CHICAGO—The wedding of Harry Grib, world's middleweight pugilistic champion, and Miss Louise Walton of Boston, actress, was postponed indefinitely when Father Malloy of St. Thomas of Canterbury church, declined to officiate because neither had obtained permission of their diocesan authorities to marry.

ST. LOUIS—Manager George Sisler of the St. Louis Americans will add another pitcher and a right-hand hitting outfielder to his team, he announced. He is anxious to get Johnny Moss of Chicago and Emil Mousel of New York.

READ the classified ads and be sure you receive your share of opportunities.