

Fort Dodge Five Takes Lead In Team Event Of State Bowling Tournney

WALL-CRAVEN LEAD DOUBLES; GIESKE SINGLES PACEMAKER

Local Teams Fail To Place Among Leaders In First Two Days; Last Year's Champion Is Seventh In Singles Event.

THE WAKHONSA Hotel five of Fort Dodge, the doubles team of Wall and Craven of Mason City and F. Gieske of Davenport were setting the pace in the three sections of the state bowling tournament which opened at the Lincoln alleys Saturday night. Local entrants failed to place among the leaders Saturday and yesterday and the five headliners in each division are at present in the hands of visiting toppers.

While the scores registered by the present leaders are fairly good, it is unlikely that the leaders will retain their positions during the week. Not any of the prominent local tennis has appeared, and there are several strong out-of-town entrants are likely to make their presence felt.

Hamilton Hills 'em. One of the best individual games turned in to date was by Hamilton of Mason City, who with the Klammer-Kleener, Hamilton kicked the maples for 244 in his third game giving him a total of 610 for the set. The singles champion last year failed to do so well and finished with a count of 588, giving him seventh place for the time being. He did better in the team event, getting a total of 625. Wall's count of 586 in the leaders in the all-events.

Following are the leaders in each division and the scores of all Saturday and Sunday games:

Wakihonza Hotel, Ft. Dodge	
W. Wall	2,371
M. Craven	2,784
H. Gieske	2,013
K. Kleener	2,068
W. Wall	2,500

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W. Wall	1,581
M. Craven	1,150
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Ritola Issues A Challenge To Nurmi

WANTS TO RUN OVER 5,000 METER ROUTE

Willie Thinks He Has Good Chance Of Beating His Fellow Countryman At This Distance.

BY DAVIS J. WALSH (International News Service Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Barring the use of a first class horse, the only possible way to around Paavo Nurmi a beating was uncovered today with a defy from Willie Ritola for a meeting at 10,000 meters, which happens to be Ritola's distance to the nearest fraction of an inch. The latter, it seems, aired his views on the subject, following his notable effort in breaking the world record for five miles on Saturday night and the immediate reaction of officials of the Finnish-American Athletic club were to open negotiations for the big race.

I don't want to take anything away from Nurmi's record, but since he came to this country, Ritola said. But I must point out that I have been given none the best of it in meeting him in short races. I know I need the same when I go to the mark with Nurmi at 3,000 meters at the municipal games. The distance is far too short for me because I lack Nurmi's speed. Unless he is off form, which he never seems to be, I have much of a look in with him at 5,000 meters, either. Double that distance, however, and I think I will be able to give Nurmi all the running he wants.

Previous to July 6, 1924, Nurmi held the world record of 30:40.8 for the distance, but on the date mentioned Ritola stepped out and won the 10,000 meter race at the Olympic games by all of 300 yards, setting a new record of 30:40.8 seconds, which is quite a few seconds where was Nurmi? There rests the plot. According to inside information given the writer at the time, Nurmi approached Ritola, begging the runner to help him to take matters easy for the good of the team. He wanted Ritola to do a brother act in which the two stars would come down to the tape together.

"You go out there and run," was Ritola's alleged reply. "I am going to run a race and if you can beat me, all well and good. But if I can beat you, you go home and die."

The strained relations between the two Finns began with that moment. Nurmi withdrew from the race altogether, leaving the honors to Ritola and his partner. They lapped the field two or three times on a 500 meter track and finally Ritola won off by himself when the Swede burned out.

Element Of Doubt. Whether Nurmi, great as he is, could have beaten Ritola in that race is a question that has had no solution to this day. The writer is one who would back Nurmi against the field at any distance from a half to ten miles. Yet, it is hardly a diplomatic thing to venture that a man who gets 12 seconds under a world's record could have been beaten by any one.

If Nurmi can follow Ritola's pace over a longer route—and plenty of wise money will say that he can—he would almost certainly run around Willie in the closing laps. But the element of doubt would be there to the end, which element has been non-existent in Paavo's races to date.

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NEBRASKA LEADING VALLEY CONFERENCE

Washington Also Unbeaten; Hawkeye Quintets Rest On The Bottom.

MISSOURI VALLEY STANDINGS	
Nebraska	100
Washington	95
Kansas	90
Missouri	85
Illinois	80
Indiana	75
Ohio	70
Michigan	65
Wisconsin	60
Minnesota	55
Iowa	50
North Dakota	45
South Dakota	40
Montana	35
Wyoming	30
Colorado	25
Arizona	20
California	15
Idaho	10
Utah	5
Nevada	0

DES MOINES, Jan. 19.—The University of Nebraska basketball team now tops the Missouri Valley conference race with three victories and no defeats. Washington university of St. Louis also has a perfect record but the Pikers have played only one game to date.

Kansas, champions last year, lost its first game last week and rests in third place with three wins and one reverse. The Jayhawkers, although having played only one more game than Nebraska, have counted almost twice as many points, scoring 123 points against 68 for the Cornhuskers. Missouri is second in the scoring column with a total of 94.

The Iowa teams of the loop are not faring so well. Ames is on the bottom of the heap with three defeats while Drake is immediately above the Cyclones with Grinnell and Oklahoma one notch in front of the Bulldogs.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

COLLEGE	
Coe 23; Beloit 20.	
Minnesota 26; Chicago 16.	
Michigan 39; Ohio State 29.	
Illinois 34; Indiana 24.	
Ohio Wesleyan 40; Texas U. 30.	
Mercer 25; Chattanooga 19.	
Lawrence 13; Ripon 6.	
Army 35; New York college 27.	
Tulane U. 30; U. of Mississippi 15.	
Knox 22; Augustana 21.	
Oklahoma A. S. 25; Texas C. 15.	
Franklin 20; Rose Poly 3.	
Haver 25; U. of Louisville 16.	
Wabash 22; Butler 19.	
Nebraska 30; Drake 8.	
Oberlin 34; Baldwin-Wallace 25.	
Princeton 42; Swarthmore 20.	
Charleston Teachers 32; Norm. U. 18.	
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