



Sports Arena
By Jim Evinger

What does it take to win basketball games? Well, you can probably delve deep into the pages of the coaching annals for different answers. All well and good, but here's a better answer:

THE FREE THROW.
Yes, that art of tossing the basketball through the hoop from the foul line has won and lost more games than any of us can imagine. I'll give you some examples to bear out my point. In the past three conference games, the Oklahoma Sooners have missed only six free throws out of 38 chances.

.842 PERCENTAGE.
That's 32 of 38 for a percentage of .842. The worst "offender" in the art of the Okies is Center Hugh Ford. He has missed four of them (one was against Nebraska but that didn't make any difference).

In the Sooners' first Big Six game this year, the Aggies won in an overtime battle, 41-36. Ford was the only Sooner failing to cash in on nine free throws.

Against Kansas, the Sooners dumped in 14 out of 17 as the Jayhawkers lost, 42-31. Ford missed two in this mix and Allie Paine one.

In beating Nebraska Monday night, the Sooners potted 10 out of 12 to win 40-29. Ford and Garnett Corbin both missed. Now we'll take the other side—the losers to Oklahoma.

NEBRASKA FAILS.
Kansas missed 10 out of 17 when the Jayhawkers lost to the Sooners. Nebraska made 9 out of 21 when the Huskers played Oklahoma.

If the Huskers had not failed in those other 12 attempts, that would have been a one-point edge for the Scarlet cagers or a score not as decisive for the Sooners.

Coach Bruce Drake of the Sooners stresses his players to count from the free throw line. In fact, when he started practice this last fall, Drake had his candidates shooting 50 free throws each night.

100 SHOTS A NIGHT.
He even went so far one night as to offer a necktie free to the player who hit 48 out of 50. Forward Dale Carlile came through once and made the set figure.

As the season wore on, Drake increased the free throw practice to 75 per night. After defeating Kansas, Drake upped the ante to 100 each night in practice!

The results have paid dividends as you can readily well see. So Drake plans to continue the practice of shooting gratis flips. Maybe the Huskers can take a lesson from the Sooners again.

They took the first one last Monday night when the Sooners showed the basketballers how to toss free throws.

The DAILY NEBRASKAN

Six gymnasts carry big load UN gym team

Depending on six gymnasts to carry him through seven major meets, Coach Charlie Miller, Nebraska gymnastic coach, is preparing for the team's first meet on Feb. 8 with the University of Chicago there.

In a meet each team enters three men in each event. There are five events in every meet, four of which are performed on apparatus, the other one is tumbling.

This year Coach Miller will use six men with two or more entered in several events. The six: Jake Geier, two year letterman; Stan Southwick, one year letterman; Pete Kreisler, letterman; Ray Griffin, years experience; Guy Johnson, one letter, and Aim Pelcak, first year on team.

The different events are the horizontal bar, parallel bars, flying rings, side horse and tumbling. In the horizontal bar event will be Southwick, Kreisler and Pelcak or Johnson. Performing on the parallel bars will be Kreisler, Johnson and Geier or Southwick.

On the flying rings will be Geier, Kreisler and Griffin or Johnson while on the side horse will be Geier, Pelcak and Johnson, Griffin, Johnson and Kreisler and Southwick will do the tumbling in the meets.

A recent addition to the equipment that the gymnasts have available is a trampoline. Used for conditioning the trampoline is a piece of apparatus that resembles a bed, having a piece of canvas attached to the outer frame by strong springs.

"An interesting fact about this trampoline," Coach Miller pointed out, "is that more students come in to use it than those on the gymnastic team." A three minute workout on it is enough to tire the average person considerably, he also explained.

In his opinion this year's team will be a good one and the coach considers that Minnesota will be the team that will be outstanding in the Big Ten.

The Big Ten has an organized conference in gymnastics but Nebraska is the only team in the Big Six to compete in this event. There is a chance that next year another Big Six team will take up the sport and after that Coach Miller is hopeful that it will spread to the other schools.

The schedule for this year:
Feb. 8—Uni. of Chicago at Chicago.

Feb. 20—Uni. of Colorado at Lincoln.

Feb. 27—Uni. of Colorado at Boulder.

Feb. 28—Greeley State at Greeley.

Mar. 1—Rocky Mountain AAU championships at Greeley.

Mar. 8—Uni. of Minnesota at Lincoln.

Mar. 10—Illinois Normal university at Lincoln.

UN graduate discusses Latin customs on air

South American food and clothing customs will be explained by Mrs. Thomas Snipes, a graduate of Nebraska, who will be interviewed over a statewide wireless

Revenge seeker ...



Pictured above is Larry Beaumont, star Kansas State forward, who promises to be a fly in the ointment of the Huskers, Friday night, when the men from Manhattan play host to the Husker cagers. Beaumont plans to be a big factor in reversing a Nebraska victory which the Scarlet escaped with last week by a 33-23 count.

Dark Horse club impressive in 28-8 win past Davis Hall

Dark Horse, 1940 basketball champ, started right this year with a 28-8 win over Davis Hall, Tuesday night. It was a grudge win for Dark Horse, as Davis Hall beat the former quintet in the volleyball finals last week. A well balanced offense clicked for the victors, as Bob Anderson bucketed seven points to lead the scoring.

Scoring 16 points, Roger Leafgreen led T. K. B. to victory over Ak-Sar-Ben by 29-11, while Don Waddick of the Heagy's Manor quint came through with 12 counters to give his team a 30-6 win over Tappa Kegga.

Tighter defensive play featured the Pioneer Co-op-Omega Club thriller, as Harold Sears scored all but two of his team's points for a 14-11 Omega victory. In other games Tappa Nu Kegga beat Stratford 11-9, Husker Inn outlasted the Boomerangs by 9-6, while A. E. I. and Husk's "U" Kolonels each doubled the score on their opponents, A. C. B. C. and the Galloping Gosts, respectively.

network radio on the Farm Facts and Fun program at 1 p. m. Saturday. Mrs. Snipes has recently returned with her husband, also an alumnus of the university, from a three years stay in Brazil.

Wrestling team sends four to National Guard

By Bob Miller,
Losing four wrestlers to the National Guard, Jerry Adam, Husker wrestling coach, will have a job ahead of him in the effort to round his team in shape before the first meet on Feb. 4.

Floyd Ring, Eddie Schwartzkopf, Sam Salerno and Foster Schmidt were included in the National Guard when the latter was mobilized and their places on the team will be hard to fill.

Bob Burruss, Husker center, is reported to be considering coming out in the light heavyweight division and his presence will strengthen the team. In the event he does come out his main opposition will be in the form of Bill Rumbolz.

McConnell a help.
Ed McConnell, letterman in the 128 pound division, has reported and will be able to wrestle in either the 128 or 135 pound division as the need arises.

In the 121 pound event Milton Kuska and Dick Terry are battling it out while McConnell has the 128 division in his power. Jack Debusk, Hub Rodman and Kenny Husemoller are the leading aspirants for the head position among the 155 pounders.

George Cackle, letterman and Harold Walkup are entered in the 145 pound event with Cackle having the advantage. In the heavy-weight class Dick Peters, Bob Sauer and Herb Jackman are all scrapping for the first place spot.

The wrestling season, opening on Feb. 4 with an engagement with Kent university leads up to every college wrestler's goal, the National Collegiate meet at Lehigh university in Bethlehem, Penn., on March 28 and 29. The (See WRESTLERS, page 4.)

Husker cagers leave for game with K-State

Kansas State and Nebraska will break the tie that binds them tonight.

Below the top teams in the Big Six, the Wildcats and the Huskers

have won a game apiece in the league race. The winner of that game at Manhattan, Kan., tonight, will put the victor back in the conference cage wrestling.

The Wildcats beat Oklahoma and lost to Nebraska, while the Huskers have won from Kansas State and lost to the Sooners.

Seniors Don Fitz, Al Randall and Junior Sid Held will lead the Huskers into battle Friday night. The other two positions will probably be filled by Sophomores John Thompson and John Fitzgibbon.

Heading the attack for the boys of Coach Jack Gardner will be Jack Horacek and Dan Howe. Tom Guy, Larry Beaumont and Norris Holstrom. Probable starters:

| Nebraska | Pos. | K-State |
|------------|-------|----------|
| Fitzgibbon | | Horacek |
| Thompson | | Howe |
| Randall | | Guy |
| Held | | Holstrom |
| Fitz | | Beaumont |

Officials—Parke Carroll, Kansas City, and E. C. Quigley, St. Marys.
Time of game—7:30 p. m., Friday.

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