

# HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

The university was host Thursday, Friday and Saturday to the state high school basketball tournament at the coliseum. With thirty-two teams from all corners of the state going into action, the crowds were of standing-room-only proportions, and brought back memories of the packed houses that witnessed the Lincoln Army Air Field contests.

Along with the basketball games, there were plenty of other attractions for the outstate visitors. Coach Bernie Masterson invited the high school athletes to view the Husker spring football drills, Ed Higgenbotham's swimming team was in action against Beloit Saturday afternoon, and Track Coach Ed Weir conducted a track clinic for high school coaches and athletes at the indoor track under the east stadium.

With entertainment such as this, the high school performers left the campus with kindly feelings towards the Husker athletic setup. These programs are a strong force in influencing high school stars to seek higher education at their own university, and perpetuates the long-standing Nebraska tradition of having the bulk of the

athletic roster in every sport composed of home-grown performers.

In a move designed to put University of Nebraska athletes under the same eligibility requirements that govern the rest of the conference schools, the university athletic board in its meeting last week petitioned the university senate to remove the 12-hour second semester ruling.

This measure, in effect only at Nebraska, demands that an athlete complete 12 scholastic hours during the second semester of any year in order to be eligible for competition the following year.

Other Big Six schools insist that their athletes complete 24 hours during the entire year, but do not require that 12 of these hours be during the second semester.

The faculty senate, rule making body of the university, now has the recommendations of the athletic board and must make the next move. Their acceptance of the board's petition will result in an equalization of the requirements. UN performers will then be on the same eligibility basis as the athletes of the other five conference schools.

## "N" Club Takes Twenty-Seven New Members

Twenty-seven new members were initiated into the "N" Club, composed of University of Nebraska lettermen, Wednesday night at initiation ceremonies in the "N" Room at the coliseum.

The initiates were football and basketball lettermen of the past year, as well as three war-time letter-winners who are now back in school after serving in the armed forces.

### Two Honorary Members.

Sixteen football lettermen were taken into the club, along with eight members of the 1945-46 basketball squad. Pop Klein, assistant coach, and Lonnie Cornell, Husker trainer, were made honorary members of the organization.

Mack Robinson was the only double winner in the group. The Norfolk athlete performed in a halfback slot on Patsy Clark's grid team last fall and moved to the hardwood court for the winter cage season.

Jerry Kathol, Hartington, is president of the "N" Club; Marvin Athey, Wauneta, vice president; Al Brown, Omaha, secretary; and Fred Lorenz, Lincoln, treasurer.

### New Initiates:

#### Football.

Major letter winners—Bob Costello, Lincoln; Roger Johnson, Scandia, Minnesota; Gerald Moore, Walthill; John Sedlacek, Seward; Dick Sskog, Lincoln; Bob Tegt, Fremont; Duane Weimers, Alma; Meno Wilhelms, Auburn; Bob Williams, Lincoln; Walt Wilkins, Omaha (1943); Mack Robinson, Norfolk.

Minor letter winners—Tom Gillespie, Lincoln; Bill Kinnamon, Lincoln; Clyde Renninger, Red Cloud; Bill Rolfsmeyer, Lincoln; Duane Sack, Plattsmouth; Bob Patton, Lincoln (1943).

Manager—Tom Noble, Lincoln.

#### Basketball.

Major—Don Barry, Norfolk; Joe Brown, Akron, O.; Tom Cook, Culver, Ind.; Gayle Lebsack, Lin-

## Husker Riflemen Win 7th Service Command Matches

The University of Nebraska team placed first in the Seventh Service Command ROTC Intercollegiate Rifle Matches, Col. James P. Murphy, director of military training at the university, announced Saturday.

The Nebraska team scored 3,579 points. Washington university at St. Louis was second with 3,470 and Iowa State third with 3,374. Kansas State was fourth and South Dakota fifth. All will compete in the national intercollegiate contests to be fired on home ranges between March 16 and April 16.

The Husker squad, coached by Sgt. John Lavold, is composed of: Kimball Magee, Bennington, Walter Palmer, Westfield, N. J.; Loyal Mehroff, Carrolton, Ill.; Charles Carothers, Broken Bow, and Glenn Laymon, Roger McWilliams, Gordon Havlicek, Robert and Sam Avner, all of Lincoln.

## Scarlet Baseball Team Plays Pair Of Practice Tilts

Scarlet baseball squadmen played two intersquad games last week, with the Blues taking a 3-2 win from the Reds of Wednesday, and repeating the triumph by a 4-0 count on Thursday. Both tilts were shorter than the regulation nine innings.

### Smagacz Satisfied.

Coach Smagacz was well satisfied with the results. Fritz Hedgwood and Joe Brown were hitting consistently, all pitchers got a chance to perform, and Kinnamon, Brown and Jewitt did the receiving in fine style.

coln; Dale Livingston, Hastings; Chuck Mulvaney, Omaha; Jim Sandstedt, Omaha; Leo Schneider, Rock Island, Ill.; Mack Robinson, Norfolk; Jack Dedrick, Sidney (1943).

## Swim Team Sinks Beloit Squad 57-27

The Scarlet swim team, making its best showing of the season, rolled over an abbreviated Beloit college squad, 57-27, in the Coliseum pool, Saturday afternoon. In a meet marked by close finishes, Nebraska took eight of nine possible firsts, losing only in the 150 yard medley relay.

High scorers for the Huskers was Orville Chat, Tekamah, who copped a first place in the 50 and 100 yard free style heats, and turned in a winning anchor leg in the 200 yard free style relay. Chat, a second semester enrollee fresh from the army, has developed rapidly into one of Coach Hibbingotham's star performers.

Moore turned in his usual excellent performance on the board, highlighted by a one-and-one-half forward somersault with a full twist that had the audience goggle-eyed, to take an easy first in the diving. In the distance events, Fred Hamlen took third behind teammate Bill Burr in the 220

## High School Tournament

CLASS A.  
Lincoln high 36, Benson 30.  
CLASS B.  
Lexington 26, Holy Name 48.  
CLASS C.  
St. Joseph 39, St. Francis 33.  
CLASS D.  
Hildreth 30, Ong 24.

yard free style, then returned later to win the 440 ahead of Beloit's Hildreth. Bob Holman in the 100 yard back stroke and Conrad King in the 100 yard breast stroke were Nebraska's other winners.

## 'Ah, Wilderness' Tryouts Will Meet in Temple

General tryouts for the last University Theater production of the season, "Ah, Wilderness," will be held in room 201, Temple, on Wednesday, March 20, from 3 to 6 and 7 to 9 p. m.

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