

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

With the Big Six (Mid-West) basketball race drawing to a close, it's time to join the rest of the conference cage followers and select an all-conference team.

Our all star aggregation would have Dan Pippin of Missouri and Ray Wehde of Iowa State at forwards, Gerald Tucker of Oklahoma at center and Allie Paine, Oklahoma, and Otto Schnellbacher, Kansas, as guards.

Why not Charlie Black? The lanky Kansas forward with the sweeping one hand rebounds had an erratic season and was either very good or a bit on the subpar side, so he lost out in our way of judging to his less-heralded teammate, Otto Schnellbacher.

Pippin and Ray Wehde are a pair of consistent shot makers. After a slow start due to an appendectomy, Wehde began to find the range, and at the close of the season he was one of the most dangerous scorers in the loop.

Iowa State's record of five wins and five defeats is due in a large part to the harum-scarum maneuvering of Wehde who sifted in and out of opponents' defenses with deadly effect.

At the other forward Pippin, the Tiger marksman, used a minimum of effort to build his scoring total. The Columbia ace was usually in the right place at the right time with his deliberate one hand tosses.

Tucker had no peer at center. Nebraska fans who watched the Sooner hotshot against the Huskers didn't get a look at the Tucker who was a real threat later in the season. The big fellow's pivot shots and accuracy at the free throw line earned him the conference scoring championship and paced the Sooners to the league championship.

Ancient Allie Paine, 27-year old Oklahoma balance wheel, was a tough competitor when the chips were down. His last second free throw against Iowa State in the game which cinched the title for the Oklahomans was just one of the game saving feats performed by the Sooners' chief playmaker.

Schnellbacher, the fifth member of the team, got plenty of competition from Dick Reich of Oklahoma and Black for the last spot on the first team. While Black had erratic streaks, the Jayhawk's gridiron star kept up his scoring pace. Schnellbacher was a good rebounder and an important cog in the KU machine.

On the second five we would have Hal Howey of Kansas State and Paul "Lefty" Courty of Oklahoma at forwards, Black at center and Reich and Joe Brown of Nebraska at guards.

The Huskers' scoring ace, Claude Retherford, was in contention for one of the forward posts, but a late season slump hurt the Indiana hotshot's all around value.

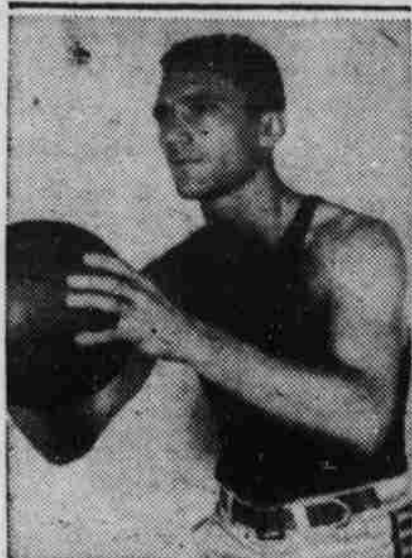
Howey's performances against Nebraska would entitle him to a first team berth, but he was not quite as dangerous against other conference teams.

His forward running mate Courty had a fall away shot that was practically impossible to guard. The Sooner portsider was an important member of Coach Bruce Drake's pennant winning outfit.

Joe Brown earns his spot on the basis of consistent performances. Brown's second half showing against Kansas State was typical of this dangerous scoring threat. A superb ball handler, Brown amazed opponents and fans alike with his nonchalant one-hand heaves at the basket from far out on the court.

Other players considered for conference honors were Thornton Jenkins and John Rudolph of Missouri, Ray Evans of Kansas, Clarence Brannum of Kansas State, Jack Landon of Oklahoma, Don Paulson and Ron Norman of Iowa State and Joe Loisel of Nebraska.

Olga San Juan, who has an important featured role in Paramount's "Blue Skies," made her professional debut as a dancer with a group of school children who presented a program for the late President Roosevelt at the White House.



Veteran Oklahoma guard who helped the Sooners win the Big Six basketball championship. Paine was chosen on the Daily Nebraskan All-Conference team.

Lightweight UN Grappler Not So Frail

BY DOC RINGLER

If it weren't for the city of Omaha, Coach Jerry Adam's wrestling team would hardly exist. No less than six men on the starting lineup hail from the first city.

The latest addition is Bob Yambor who has climbed into the drivers seat in the 121 pound class. "Pee Wee" has been Yambor's nickname ever since he can remember, he doesn't remember how he got it but they've been calling him that since he was six years old.

Bob was barely big enough to sit at the table without the aid of a high-chair when he started wrestling for Omaha South. But potent things come in small packages. In his freshman year he wrestled in the 85 pound class though he tipped the scales at less than 70 pounds. He was beaten twice that year but blazed through the remaining three years with 42 straight wins and was a three time All State.

"I think the Big Six title is a little out of our reach this year, but we'll put on a rough show," responded Pee Wee in regard to the Big Six meet coming up March 14 and 15.

Boxer, Too

During his stay of two years in the Navy, after graduating from South High in 1944, he temporarily discontinued his wrestling wars. However, he proved that he could handle himself in the rock and sock game by winning the regimental lightweight championship at Farragut, Idaho. Right now he's seriously thinking of entering the intramural boxing tournament if time permits.

Pee Wee entered the University of Nebraska in January this year and promptly dominated the 121 pound division. His favorite hold is the chicken wing and the half nelson.

"Gibbs from Oklahoma was the toughest man I ever tangled with to my way of thinking," stated Pee Wee. He went to Oklahoma A & M in 1942 and had too much experience for me to master."

"At the present time he is nursing a knee injury, a result of the Kansas State dual meet, which he hopes will be mended in time for the Big Six meet.

Championships For Swimmers, Wrestlers Soon

Husker swimming and wrestling teams are beginning to concentrate on the conference championships in these events which will be held on March 14 and 15. Swimming teams will meet at Ames, while Mid-West conference wrestlers will gather at Manhattan, Kansas, to decide the grappling title.

The potent Iowa State teams are favored in both events. Cyclone swimmers have defeated every team in the conference, and the wrestlers have duplicated the feat. Kansas State, Nebraska and Oklahoma are other conference members with teams in these sports.

Nebraska swimmers have a meet with Washington of St. Louis on March 8 before turning to the loop championships, while Coach Jerry Adam's wrestlers wind up their regular season on Monday, March 11 by entertaining Michigan State.

Scarlet Matmen Falter Twice On Road Trip

The Husker wrestling team lost its second meet on a week end road trip, bowing to Cornell College of Mount Vernon, Ia., 26 to 4, Monday night at Mount Vernon.

Mike DiBiase, ace Scarlet heavyweight, salvaged two of the Nebraska points by battling to a draw with the Cornell heavyweight, Dale Thomas. Bobby Yambor, 121 pounder, got the other Nebraska points by ending in a draw with Sherrill in the opening bout of the evening.

Cornell wrestlers scored two falls. Hauser pinned Micker Sparano in 6:33 of their 128-pound

match, and Dexter disposed of Harold Sholund in 3:29 in the 175-pound tussle.

On Saturday the Huskers lost to Indiana, 21 to 3, at Bloomington. DiBiase got the only Husker points by decisioning Hasapes of the Hoosier squad. The Indiana grapplers won all the other matches by decision.

William Bendix found himself in a new position for acting during filming of Paramount's aviation epic, "Blaze of Noon." Playing the role of a mail pilot, Bendix had to hang upside down in a plane cockpit for five minutes during the scene.

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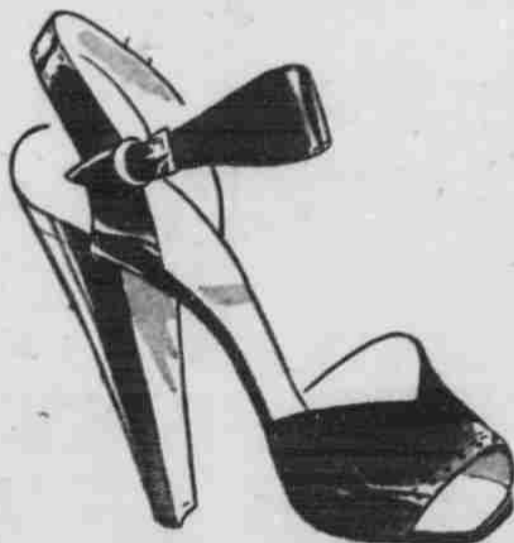
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