

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

With the Nebraska baseball team about to open its spring season, an inspection of last year's record for the purposes of preliminary comparison seems to be in order.

Frank Smagacz was at the helm of the 1946 squad which won nine games and lost seven. The Huskers wound up in third place in Big Six competition with a mark of seven victories and five defeats. A late season spurt during which the Scarlet team won six of eight games did a lot to keep the overall record over the .500 mark.

Leading hitter on the '46 squad was Wes Maser, currently scrapping for a center field berth on the '47 aggregation. Maser powdered the ball at a .361 clip to lead the Nebraska batsmen, followed by Fritz Hegwood who compiled a .342 mark.

Hegwood won recognition with a terrific .433 clip during the last half of the season, but an unimpressive early showing trimmed his average to .342.

Home runs were at a premium in the Nebraska camp last year, for only Bill Kinnamon and Truck Williams were able to connect for the circuit.

Jim Sandstedt paced the pitchers with five wins and three losses, and fanned 42 batters. He worked in 57 innings, faced 283 batters and gave up 44 hits and 27 runs. Harold "Tap" Jacob was second on the mound staff with three wins and two losses. Both of these pitchers are back this season as is Wally Scheef who had a won none, lost one record.

As a team the 1946 Nebraska baseballers batted .238. Again it was a late season spurt which improved the UN figure from .197. Team fielding ended at .910.

In addition to being the leading hitter last season Maser led in number of hits with 22, total bases with 29, triples with three and assists from his shortstop position with 43. He tied for the most runs scored with 12 and in stolen bases with 10.

Hegwood and third sacker Wilbur Baack tied for the most doubles, three, and Fritz also tied Maser for the most runs scored.

Both Hegwood and Maser are back this season, but the veterans are having tough battles retaining their starting berths. Basketball ace Bob Cerv and Maser are waging a nip and tuck struggle for the center field post, while Hobe Hayes has been getting first call at second base over Hegwood.

An announcement of the committees for the National AAU meet in Lincoln on July 4 and 5 indicates that a number of members of the Husker athletic staff will be plenty busy during the gathering of the nation's best amateur track and field performers.

A. J. Lewandowski, L. F. "Pop" Klein, Ed Weir, Publicity Director John Bentley and Comptroller John Selleck are slated to serve on the general committee, while Ray Prochaska will assist Weir in handling the champions.

True track and field fans will be glad to learn that season tickets good for both days will be priced at \$3 for the meet. Reserved seats in the west stadium will cost \$2 per day and general admission tickets for the east stadium will sell at \$1.25.

Attention, basketball coach Harry Good:

During the intercollegiate jamboree held for members of Lincoln civic clubs at the coliseum Tuesday night, a representative of the Rotary club sank 65 of 75 free throws to win the event. Further information on this sharpshooter can be obtained from Lou Means, director of the annual intercollegiate fun night.

Freshman football coach Pop Klein was also on hand for the jamboree serving as a judge of the barber shop quartette contest.

Veterans Administration now is operating 32 former Army and Navy hospitals, six on a permanent basis and the remainder as temporary installations.

The 13 additions to Veterans Administration hospitals under construction on Jan. 31 will add more than 5,000 beds to VA's capacity when they are completed.

All-Intramural Cagers Boast Speed, Accuracy

All-Intramural Basketball Team.
 Forward: Rolland Emmett, Beta Theta Pi.
 Forward: Jim McWilliams, Sigma Chi.
 Center: Darwin Salestrom, Hufnagle Field.
 Guard: John Cady, Phi Delta Theta.
 Guard: Jim Myers, Phi Gamma Delta.
Honorable Mention.
 Jim Sharp, Delta Tau Delta; Bob Farmer, Phi Gamma Delta; Dan Herzert, Dick Thomson, Phi Delta Theta; Cletus Fischer, Hufnagle Field; Don Duncan, Don Hamilton, Beta Theta Pi; Ralph Damkroger, Farm House; Dean Kratz, Delta Upsilon; Al Lagman, Sigma Alpha Mu; Ted Jameson, Sigma Chi; Bob Newcomers, V-5's; Bob Allen, Phi Delta Theta; Al Lawson, Delta Upsilon.

By Lee Harris.

The all-intramural basketball team this year offers one of the best combinations ever put together in the history of the university's intramural activities. The average height of the mythical five is near six feet, which is nothing too unusual, but the combined speed and accuracy of its members is something to be cherished by any coach.

The choice five has speed to burn and has proved its accuracy in almost every game played throughout the season. Many fine prospects did not reach the playoffs and possibly one or two players did not have the opportunity to show their true ability when the chips were down, but the team was picked on the basis of competition in regular season play plus the tourney and is the consensus of opinion of referees and intramural officials.

Jim McWilliams, the high point man of the intramural basketball playoffs held three weeks ago at the coliseum, led the way on the all-star team of '46-'47. The Scottsbluff ace topped all scorers in the tourney as he piled up a total of 46 points in three games.

Hot Pace.

In the first two play-off games, McWilliams racked up 40 points, being held to a total of six in the final contest against Phi Gamma Delta. Probably the steadiest player in intramural circles this year, McWilliams was always the big threat to opposition on both defense and offense as he led a good Sigma Chi team through a fine season, missing the intramural championship by a scant three points.

The winner of the intramural basketball trophy this year, Phi Gamma Delta, landed their star and team captain, Jim Myers, on the star-studded quintet. The varsity footballer who led the champs through a season in which they lost only one game, that to



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

JIM MYERS—Named to the all-intramural basketball team, Myers is currently a member of the Husker football squad. He helped his Phi Gamma Delta cage mates to win the fraternity tournament in March.

Delta Upsilon, was the big gun on a steady club.

Though he tapped in only 18 points in two tourney games, 11 of them came in the final game of the season with Sigma Chi.

Myers was rated as one of the top defensive performers plus being credited with the ability to snare more than his share of the scoring honors. He was the whole show in the colorful final play-off game between the Fijis and the Sig Chis. He harassed tall "Bus" Whitehead so much under the basket that the lanky 6' 7" pivot man was held to seven points. The final basket of the game in the last 20 seconds of play was also due to Myers. The alert York performer ranks near McWilliams on the basis of his fine performance this year.

Another season standout, who sparked Phi Delta Theta through the season, was slim, ever-aggressive John Cady of Lincoln. The hard-driving forward showed plenty of basketball savvy as he flashed his speedy form in and out of opposing defenses all season, causing many a one-sided contest. Cady was continually outfoxing opponents on both defense and offense as he sank more than his share of the points in

almost every game he played.

The only other member of the all star five not on one of the finalist teams was Rolland Emmett of Beta Theta Pi. The shifty Arapahoe forward was the big reason the Betas were victorious in the opening round of play against the Phi Deltas. Emmett collected a total of 28 points in three playoff games to lead the Betas to third place in the final standings.

In the one-point loss to Phi Gamma Delta in the semifinals Emmett again showed the way, this time racking up 10 markers. His elusiveness under the basket and his willingness to mix in team play are two of the fine features of this court star. He was supported by a staunch band of capable players many of whom rated close to the select five.

Rounding out the big five is Darwin Salestrom of the Hufnagle Field team, winners of the Independent crown. Salestrom played with a team which all season long was never on the short end of the score at any time.

At present he is also a candidate for a varsity football position having an eye on a fullback spot. The big St. Edward star has been rated by some as the top player in intramural play this year. The center position was the most hotly contended spot on the team as Sigma Chi's Bus Whitehead rated close to Salestrom. However, Salestrom was given the nod over Whitehead on the basis

of his sturdy performance in the playoff games.

All-Fraternity Team.
 F. Rolland Emmett, Beta Theta Pi.
 F. Jim McWilliams, Sigma Chi.
 C. Bus Whitehead, Sigma Chi.
 G. John Cady, Phi Delta Theta.
 G. Jim Myers, Phi Gamma Delta.

The newcomer to the charmed circle of all-stars, Whitehead, was the tallest competitor in intramural play. He worked in very well with the Sig Chi offense as he fed the high point man McWilliams. Beside setting up the rest of the team and starring on defense, Whitehead averaged close to 10 points per game. In the finale with Phi Gamma Delta, he potted seven markers.

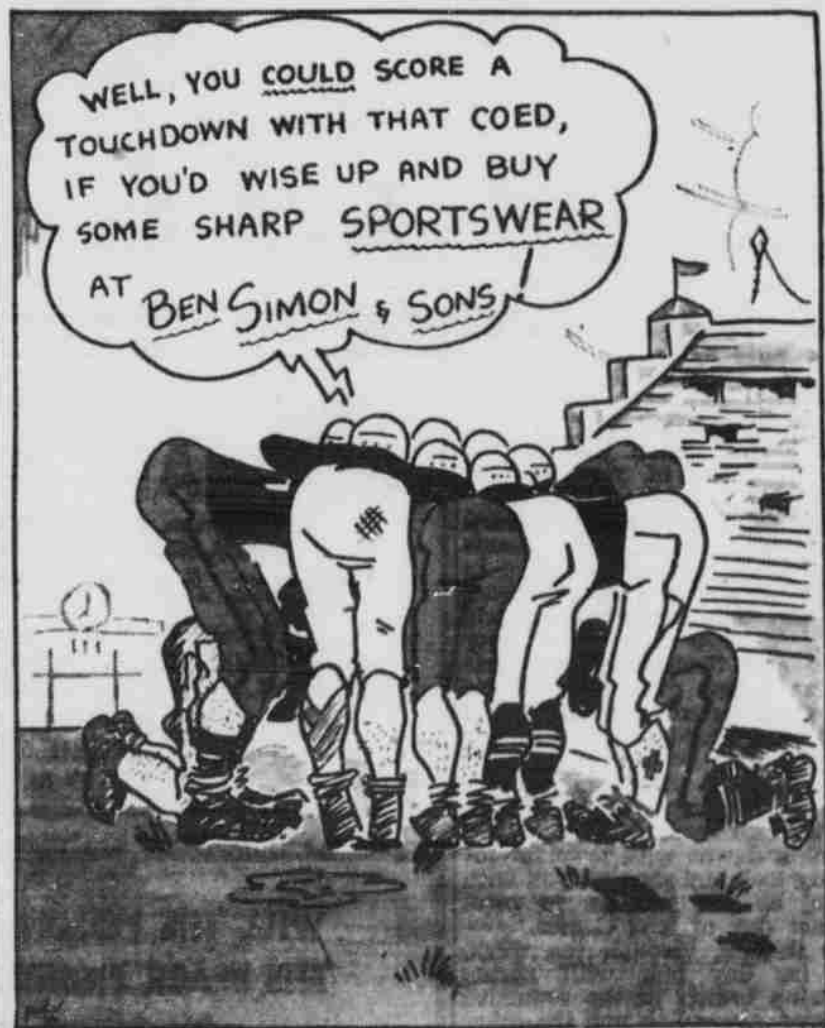
Marked Man.

He was a marked man if there ever was one, and played the role well as he caused many an opposing coach a hard evening. He used his 6'7" frame to good advantage most of the time on offense and was always a sturdy bulwark on defense.

All-Independent Team.
 F. Pat Rooney, "520" Club.
 F. Lloyd Jones, V-5's.
 C. Darwin Salestrom, Hufnagle Field.
 G. Kenny Fischer, Hufnagle Field.
 G. Bill Fox, Hufnagle Field.

Joining Salestrom on the roster of the All Independent team is Pat Rooney of the "520" Club. Rooney was the high point man for his club throughout the season and may be said to have looked like a one-man team at times. The Nebraska City star is the smallest man on the team but is one of the fastest. He might have made the all-intramural five had

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