

Benchwarmer

BY HAROLD ABRAMSON

According to the latest account by mathematicians who have not been able to keep up with numerous post season bowl games popping up all over the country, there are approximately 40 of these games this year.

Among these are: Prairie Bowl, Houston; Tropical, Jacksonville; Raisin, Fresno; Alamo, San Antonio; Tobacco, Lexington; Sun, El Paso; Orange Blossom, Tampa; Yam, Dallas; Tangerine, Orlando; China, Shanghai.

Derby, Nashville; Sugar, New Orleans; Papoose, Oklahoma City; Rose, Pasadena; Orange, Miami; Glass, Toledo; Pecan, Orange, S.C.; Angel, Los Angeles; Vulcan, Birmingham; Shrine, San Francisco; Bamboo, Manila; Cotton-Tobacco, Grennsboro; Cigar, Tampa; Aloha, Honolulu.

Peach, Macon; Cotton, Dallas; Harbor, San Diego; Will Rogers, Oklahoma City; North-South, Montgomery; Coconut, Miami; Gator, Jacksonville; Cattle, Fort Worth; Flower, Jacksonville; Pineapple, Honolulu; Oil, Houston; Japan, Tokyo; Optimist, Houston; Lily, Bermuda; Orchid, Mexico City.

The whole thing started back in 1902 when the gentlemen in charge of the Tournament of Roses, at Pasadena, decided to throw in a football game as an added attraction to the Rose tournament.

That year Michigan pinned a rose on Stanford to win, 49-0, and start a long string of Rose Bowl games.

Then followed some young upstarts in 1925, including the East-West Shrine game, the North-South game, and in 1933, the Orange Bowl blossomed out at Miami.

Bowl games have become as numerous as two dollar bills on Derby Day in Louisville. The matter of fact it is no longer an honor to be invited to a Bowl game; it is merely the old money factor that brings the teams in.

The Bowl situation has gotten so out of hand that it is ruining a good thing.

Society Scribe Views Cagers

By Doris Gibbs

Wednesday night's big event fitted in beautifully with the coming Christmas holiday. In case some of you were involved with other social affairs than the University of Nebraska's Christmas opener, I'll give you the details of some of the more exciting phases of the evening.

At exactly 7:05 or was it 7:06—anyway sometime between 7 and 9:30—the portals were thrown open and a beautiful display of massive figures danced up and down the floor. Some of these gay fellows were decked in glowing crimson and white and others were clad in bright green and white stripes.

Hears a Whistle

This went on for some time when without any warning at all, a shrill whistle was heard and the figures all rushed back through the portals from whence they had come. The floor was unoccupied for a few seconds and everyone was waiting in bewilderment for the next event.

Then a number of the cutest overgrown, barefooted pixies came rushing out on to the floor. In a little while they began jumping up and down on them in all sorts of peculiar ways—some of them actually flew through the air.

Arrives at Conclusion

After careful calculating I concluded that they must be Santa's little helpers getting in shape for their Christmas Eve toil. Well, after this had gone on for some time, the crimson and green figures again occupied the floor and began dancing back and forth once again.

Even Old St. Nick himself was there to hand the Huskers a nice bit of scoring (not that they didn't work for it too—nice going boys.) Oh, in case you didn't know; the score was 59-39.



Joe Malacek, Husker cager, is slated for the starting forward position against Minnesota in Monday's tilt.

Minnesota Cage Outlook Uncertain Says Cowles

This is the second in a series of articles about future Cornhusker opponents. Other articles will appear as the season continues.

The University of Minnesota's basketball outlook is one of uncertainty. Coach Osborne Cowles, who is new this year to the Minnesota staff, finds the process of arriving at a first five a real problem.

Not only has Cowles had to acquaint himself with men who are comparative strangers to him, but he was confronted with the problem of adapting latecomers from the football squad to his style of basketball.

The role to be played by the grid transfers—Bud Grant, Jerry Mitchell, Dave Skrien, Jerry Ekberg and Don Johansen remains vague.

An indication of the radical changes wrought in the over-all squad picture by Coach Cowles was the final cut to the permanent squad of 15 men which found three 1948 lettermen—Chet Tomczyk, Joe Holewa and Pete Tapsak being dropped, together with Joe Knoblauch, 1945 letter winner.

The varsity squad of 15 on which Cowles plans to concentrate includes five lettermen: Duane Baglien, who lettered in 1944 before entering the navy, and last year won a "B" letter award; Harry Grant, forward regular in 1947 and 1948; Jim McIntyre, three-year regular at center; Wally Salovich, 1948 reserve center and forward; and Jim Stark, 1948 reserve forward.

The group includes eight sophomores new to collegiate basketball competition. They are Thomas Bergstedt, Dave Ekberg, Don Johansen, Frank Lansing, Gerald Mitchell, Elmer Salovich, Myer Skoog and Dave Skrien.

The Minnesota player who will probably give Nebraska most trouble is big Jim McIntyre, 235 pound 6-9½ center from Minneapolis. During the 1946-47 season he scored 314 points for a new Minnesota record and totaled 183 points in 12 conference games to finish second to Bobby Cook of Wisconsin. He was a unanimous choice for All Conference honors and received much mention for All-American.

McIntyre is an all around player and holds records for highest points scored, single game, most

free throws scored and the best shooting average in conference games.

Coach Osborne Cowles has attempted in two months of preparation to single out the best possible combination of defensive ability and shooting skill from out on the floor.

The 15 men who now comprise his varsity squad represent in his mind the best available on these two broad standards.

Basketball schedule

Dec. 6—Nebraska; 18—DePaul; 20—Navy; 22—St. Mary's; Jan. 1—Colgate; 8—Michigan; 10—Wisconsin; 15—Purdue; 17—Iowa; 22—Indiana; 29—Illinois; 31—Northwestern; Feb. 5—Ohio State; 12—Iowa; 19—Michigan; 21—Michigan State; 26—Purdue; March 5—Wisconsin.



JIM MCINTYRE, Minnesota's 6-9 center, offers the only real threat to a Husker victory Monday. He was a unanimous choice for All Conference honors and received All-American mention.

Husker Cagers Vie for Win Two

Basket Rules Get New Look

A novelty at Wednesday night's cage encounter between the Huskers and Northwest Missouri was the new ruling enabling players to converse with their coaches during timeouts.

With the basketball season swinging into high gear next week, it seems that a review of the 1948-49 rule changes is in order.

The most noticeable of these changes is the one concerning timeouts. It states "During any timeout, official or one called by either team, the competing teams are allowed to huddle on the sidelines next to their respective benches and receive instructions from their coach." This ruling should eliminate needless substituting for the purpose of sending in instructions from the bench.

Another change governs substitutes entering the game. They are no longer required to report to the referees upon entering the game. They must, however, report to the scorer's table and be beckoned onto the floor by one of the officials while the ball is dead.

A ruling stating that "all jump balls must take place in the center of the nearest of the three restraining circles," is the third major change. This will open up the game and the jumps which are crowded against the sidelines will be eliminated. The ruling will be an asset to coaches using tipoff plays as the tips will be held in uniform points on the floor.

IM Wrestling Starts Tuesday

Intramural wrestling will begin Tuesday December 7, with matches daily through December 10. All-university finals will be held during the half of the basketball game between the Husker and Iowa State.

Pairings in each weight division will be posted Monday, December 6. All grapplers planning to compete must report for first round matches in the Coliseum basement at 7:00 p.m. Monday.

Competitors need not represent organizations, but may compete on their own. Organizations wishing to compete as teams were to have their entries filed by December 1. Over 180 entries have been filed, with the majority of these coming from the 14 fraternity entries.

Winners of each individual

Nebraska university's basketball team take on the cagers of Minnesota in the coliseum Monday night at 7:30 p. m.

The Gopher team is playing its first season under the direction of Coach Osborne "Ozzie" Cowles. He holds a record as a producer of champions in college basketball, both at Dartmouth and Michigan.

Minnesota's starting lineup Monday night is scheduled to include two sophomores completely

Students attending the basketball game Monday night should have ticket number seven ready for doormen at the South entrance of the coliseum. Ident cards must be presented with activity book for admission

new to collegiate competition. They are Tom Bergstedt and Meyer Skoog.

Other starters for the Monday tilt are Jim McIntyre, finishing up three outstanding years in the center slot and an All-American and Wally Salovich and Harold Olson.

Win Openers

Both teams won openers with the Minnesota squad whipping Western Illinois State college and Nebraska outscoring Missouri State Teachers college 59-39.

Last year the Minnesotans beat the Huskers 63-59 after Nebraska scored 18 points in the last few minutes of play to come within one point of the Gophers.

Coach Harry Good's five will vie for their second win against a Gopher team which does not appear too strong.

McIntyre Problem

Main problem for the Huskers will be guarding big Jim McIntyre, Minnesota's All-American center. The 6-9½ center has been the bright spot on the Gopher team for three years.

Good's starting five will probably see the same five that started against Missouri State Teachers.

This means Claude Retherford and Joe Malacek will be starting forwards and Bus Whitehead will be at center. Bob Cerv and Henry Cech will be at guard positions.

weight class will receive the official intramural medal, and a trophy will be given to the winning fraternity. Each organization must have four or more entries to qualify for Jack Best points. Two men in each class may be entered by an organization.

Competitors will weigh in from 4:00 to 6:00 Monday in the Coliseum Basement.

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