

Stras Strikes Out!

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In the opinion of this staff writer, Don Strashelm, sports writer for the Lincoln Star, is completely off-base in his press handling of the Jim Cederdahl case.

Strashelm has condemned Jim for his failure to participate in spring-football drills now being held by coach Bill Glasford. He has stated that "he is proud and happy that Jim Cederdahl will not be out for early fall drills."

Mr. Strashelm bases his argument on an athletic department rule making it compulsory for all freshmen to come out for spring drills. The basis for this rule is that it gives the coaching staff ample opportunity to judge a boy's playing ability and select their pre-season squad.

Jim Cederdahl wants to play football! Thus far only the viewpoint of the Athletic Department has been voiced; however, a glance at Jim Cederdahl's side of the story may cast a different light on the case.

Jim states, "I am not quitting football. I still have the desire to play the game. I am not out for football because I'm under the impression that I was given permission some time ago to play baseball. Therefore, as far as I'm concerned, I am not quitting football."

This is Jim's statement concerning his action for supposedly "quitting" the football squad. Jim states that he was promised (this promise would naturally come from the athletic department) that he could participate in both football and baseball at the University of Nebraska. It was under this impression that he enrolled at Nebraska.

It was still under this impression that he failed to report for spring football drills. For his failure to report, he is now being criticized for supposedly choosing baseball over football, and one who considers himself better than his freshman teammates.

Now this poses the question, "Why wasn't the matter of this promise given mention in previous stories concerning the case?" Jim's assertion comes only from a verbal agreement between Bill Glasford, Mr. Cederdahl and Jim.

Here is the disheartening case where the athlete accepts an agreement in good faith, and when the bargain is broken by the other party concerned, the athlete is forced to suffer.

This, in my opinion, is what is happening to Jim Cederdahl. Jim was given two courses of action. He was forced to choose between football and baseball, and when he chose baseball he was labeled a traitor to "Cornhusker tradition" . . . a "tradition" undefined by Star Staffer Strashelm.

What is this tradition of which Strashelm refers? Does this tradition refer only to one sport—namely football, or does it pertain to athletics as a whole at the University of Nebraska?

Why should Jim Cederdahl, who unquestionably has the ability to participate in more than one sport, be curtailed in his efforts to bring glory to the University and himself?

Of course as the athletic department has previously stated, they are not curtailing Cederdahl's chance of participating in baseball.

As Strashelm stated, "Coach Bill Glasford has scheduled the spring football practice early in an effort to all the athletes to compete in other sports."

Looking at this generous offer from Cederdahl's viewpoint, it is not now as generous as it appears.

Anyone with any baseball knowledge knows that baseball is a sport requiring muscle relaxation, while football requires the exact opposite. A football player's muscles must be hard to stand the physical contact encountered in scrimmage. For this reason alone Cederdahl could not possibly get in condition for baseball. He couldn't play ball as he is capable—if he could even make the squad.

Mr. Strashelm states, "It takes a good imagination unless you are familiar with present day football to believe that anyone can be more than a sub after losing out on all those valuable practice sessions."

If this statement is true, Bobby Reynolds certainly has a good imagination, and he was certainly no sub—and I do believe that he is playing in "present day" football after missing spring practice.

Again if the statement is true, could it not pertain just as well to present day baseball as well as present day football?

How can Cederdahl be expected to make the baseball squad after missing almost a month of practice in the diamond sport? Undoubtedly Mr. Strashelm decided to overlook this fact as it pertains to baseball.

Jim is a fine baseball player with an abundance of natural ability but men who are baseball-wise will tell you that it takes at least a month to get in proper shape for baseball. After football drills end this month, Jim would not be available, as baseball begins on the very day football ends—All Sports Day.

Jim has taken these facts into consideration, and since he had the verbal agreement with Glasford decided to go out for baseball.

The whole argument against Cederdahl, leaving out the verbal agreement, is that all freshmen are required to go out for spring drills. Could it be that this is a "special" year and that Jim Cederdahl's case is a "special" one.

This could be a special year due to the fact that freshmen are eligible to compete in varsity sports for the first time since the war. Also is Jim Cederdahl an ordinary freshman when it comes to the learning and application of the fundamentals of football?

Wasn't Jim as valuable or even more valuable than a lot of the varsity backs? Bill Stern said, "Jim Cederdahl is one of the best freshman backs that I have ever seen."

After viewing the facts on Cederdahl's ability as stated by Bill Stern, could it be that Jim has learned the basic fundamentals of football? Mr. Strashelm implies that spring football is a period where a "new" boy's ability is determined for the following fall. Cederdahl is far from a "new" boy, and is his ability unknown to the coaches?

Cederdahl's case is not an isolated one. Any boy who has baseball ability and has played a year of varsity football should be allowed to play baseball just as sophomores are. For all practical purposes as far as football is concerned these boys are sophomores since they have played as much varsity ball as actual sophomores.

Due to the above reasons, could the rule requiring all freshmen to participate in spring drills be unjustly applied in the case of Jim Cederdahl?

Mr. Strashelm has given a very biased opinion in regard to Jim Cederdahl. He looks at the matter only from the standpoint of football—not from the standpoint of Jim Cederdahl or baseball. His idea of fairness in regard to Jim's working his way up from the "Bee squad" is in our mind unfamiliar with present day fairness.

In short, we are dismayed and angered that Mr. Strashelm is "proud and happy that Husker coach Bill Glasford has made it clear that Cederdahl will not be out for early fall drills."

Without a doubt, Mr. Strashelm has gone down "swinging."

Rules Set-Up

Intramural Baseball Begins To Roll April 9

The intramural softball tournament will begin on April 9. All team entries are due in 102 of the Phys Ed building not later than Tuesday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Games will be played at several places to be announced at a later date. No spikes will be allowed. Anyone playing with spiked shoes will cause an automatic forfeit of the game.

The department will furnish bats, the game ball and catcher's glove and mask. These may be checked out at the Phys Ed building cage.

All games will be six innings, unless by mutual agreement the teams decide on a shorter contest.

Each team must furnish one competent umpire each game. Two umpires will alternate between balls and strikes and bases each inning.

Any man in school is eligible for participation except all members of the varsity baseball squads and any men specifically barred by varsity coaches of any sport.

The entire softball program will be under the supervision of the intramural department. Teams desiring to practice before the schedule starts or at other times, should furnish their own bats and balls.

If enough teams enter, separate leagues will be established (all eligible for final playoffs):

1. Interfraternity league.
2. Independent league.

Regular softball rules will apply. If needed, a special sheet of rules will be circulated. Teams must forfeit if at least six players are not ready to play.

A trophy will be awarded to the championship fraternity. Intramural medals to the winning independent team.

There will be a meeting of all softball managers on Monday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the P. E. building. Teams

are asked to have a representative present.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE NOTES

1. Postponements or Cancellations
 - A. Due to the crowded schedule, there will be no postponements of any games.
 - B. Any of the games that cannot be played on account of rain or field conditions will be cancelled. Games cancelled due to weather conditions "may be played" if the team managers desire to arrange for a Saturday game or on some other available field during the week.
 - C. Games will be cancelled by the Intramural Office or Field Supervisor.
 - D. Games scheduled for the playoffs will be postponed should conditions not permit playing of any games.
 - E. All intramural softball games must be played by Saturday, May 17th. (Ruling of the University Administration)
2. Playoffs Of League Winners
 - A. Playoffs for the Intramural Championship will begin tentatively on Wednesday, May 9th. Exact date will be announced later.
 - B. The best four (4) Fraternity and Independent teams in each league will qualify for the Playoff tournaments.
3. Equipment
 - A. Equipment for games at Ag College will be checked out at the northwest corner in the basement of the Ag Activities Building.
 - B. Equipment for games on Coliseum field will be checked out at the Physical Education Building Equipment Cage.
 - C. The two opposing managers must go to the Equipment Check-out Cages to secure the game equipment. Both managers will be required to make a deposit in the amount of \$10.00 or equivalent. NEITHER DEPOSIT will be returned until ALL EQUIPMENT is checked in. Replacement cost will

be charged for all equipment unnecessarily damaged or broken or lost.

4. Forfeits
 - A. Games will be forfeited if a team does not have at least six (6) men ready to play within five (5) minutes of the scheduled time of the game.
 - B. Any team forfeiting two (2) games will automatically be dropped from the schedule of the league.
1. Special Ground Rules Governing All Fields Used For Softball Games
 - A. Runners may advance one base—AT THEIR OWN RISK—on all overthrows on plays at first base, third base, or home plate.
 - B. On wild pitches or passed balls at home, the runner may score AT HIS OWN RISK. This is to apply on all diamonds whether there is a backstop or not and regardless of the distance of the backstop from home plate.
 - C. Ground rules will be made before each game, covering such items as trees, fences or other obstacles which might interfere with players attempting to play the ball.
 - D. Games may be shortened to less than six (6) innings by managers of both teams agreeing before the game begins, or in case of darkness before the inning begins. A full regulation game will consist of six (6) innings.
2. OFFICIAL SOFTBALL RULES WILL GOVERN IN ALL GAMES, except in the above conditions or situations.
 - F. Teams using the Coliseum field are asked to avoid climbing over the snow fence surrounding the Varsity baseball field. There will be a man stationed behind the fence to retrieve balls.

NOTICE: THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT PERMIT PLAYING SOFTBALL OR BASEBALL ON EITHER THE CITY CAMPUS OR AG COLLEGE CAMPUS ON SUNDAYS.

Colorado Gridders Scrimmage

Three weeks of schooling behind them, Colorado's spring football forces undergo heavy achievement tests this weekend and next.

Two extra-heavy game-condition scrimmages have been lined up by Coach Dal Ward to climax 20 days spring practice, the real finale coming off here March 29, when the varsity tangles with an alumni team.

Ward and his staff are looking for good things in the scrimmages since this spring's drills "were one of the most successful Colorado has had in the past few years."

Three departments will rate careful checking for on these three will depend much of Colorado's ranking next fall. They are: offensive fullback, defensive backs and offensive and defensive

tackles.

These spots were hard hit by graduation as the Buffs lost Fullback Marvin Hodel, No. 1 runner the past three years, Tackle Jack Jorgenson, an all-conference, all-American mention choice, and Defensive Halfback Cliff Vandeventer.

Of lesser concern, but still a problem for the coaching staff is the ends where all-conference Chuck Mosher and Hilary Johnson are gone.

Tackle spots are getting most of the workover with four changes popping up in the offensive alignment. Regular Bill Allen shifted back to his normal spot on the left side of the line and three newcomers have been working at both stations.

Roger Hunt, a regular guard from Colorado Springs, moved into left tackle spot for blocking purposes and defensive linebackers Don Greenwood and Lee Marshall set up shop on both offensive and defensive platoons.

Defense at those positions will depend mostly on sophomores Bob Morton and Jim Sander and junior Bob Klammann who worked there in reserve shifts last year. Morton, however, is through with spring ball due to a broken hand suffered last week in scrimmage.

Three men vying for the fullback post may provide a toss-up situation there next fall. Rated even are letterman Ralph Curtis and Bill Horton and Don Neary.

freshmen up from the B squad.

Bright spots in the shortened drills has been the offense headlined by the running of freshmen Carrol Hardy and Frank Bernardi. Hardy was the Buffs' best runner, average-wise, last season and Bernardi is the Indiana transfer ruled ineligible at the start of last fall.

Both also have been taking shots with the defensive platoon as the entire coaching staff has been hunting for double-duty performers, lack of which hurt Colorado's

Strictly Kushner

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Scardino Did—Why Not Cederdahl?

Tony Scardino, Missouri's flashy freshman halfback, is making a strong bid for a starting position on the Tiger baseball team. Missouri's football team is going through spring football drills.

These facts are not especially revolutionary to some—those unaware of the present situation Nebraska's football (or is it baseball?) star, Jim Cederdahl, finds himself involved in.

Cederdahl's athletic situation is similar to that of Scardino, but Cederdahl is being denied the chance to play baseball because of the compulsory rule forcing him to attend spring football sessions. He may skip the grid drills and skip going out for varsity football next fall.

The problem seems to lie in the merits of the ruling stating that all fresh must attend the spring practices. It does seem to us that the rule is rather inconsistent with the athletic department policy we quoted in our story when it "broke" in the Nebraskan last Friday.

Rule No. 2 of the department policy states, "any student shall have the right to choose his own sport and should not be induced to play one sport in preference to another."

This rule would give Cederdahl the statutory emancipation that he would need to stay on the varsity squad. However, the rule mentioned above apparently holds superior authenticity.

Jim Buchanan Selects Jim Buchanan

Jim Buchanan picked Jim Buchanan as a starter on his all-Big Seven basketball team. (Why shouldn't he, every one else did!)

The only catch is that the Buchanan that did the picking is a sports staff writer for the Silver and Gold (the Colorado university campus paper).

Along with Buchanan (Nebraska's pride and joy) on the team was Sherm Norton, Oklahoma; Clyde Lovellette, Kansas; Bill Stauffer, Missouri; and Dick Knostman of Kansas State.

Along with making many all-conference teams, Bucky has been named on many of the opposition's all-opponent teams. Colorado was the most recent school to vote Bucky the honor.

Also selected were Lovellette, Stauffer, Jesse Prisock, Kansas State and Jim Ramstead of Stanford.

Oh, You Kansas Flippers

In beating the Texas Christian basketball team last Friday and whipping St. Louis, the Kansas basketball team moved closer to the cherished NCAA basketball title.

The game also marked a tie for most appearances by a Big Seven team in NCAA play for the Jayhawkers. The Oklahoma basketball team shares the mark with three tournament performances.

The Soomers represented the league in 1939, 1943 and 1947. Kansas took over in 1940 and 1942.

An interesting sidelight of the 68-64 Kansas victory over the Horned Frogs is the fact that both teams sported the identical records in their respective conferences. Both had an 11-1 record. The Horned Frogs lost a two-pointer to Arkansas while KU took a 17 point blasting from Jack Gardner's K-State Wildcats.

It Isn't If You Won Or Lost . . .

Some wisenheimers were kidding Colorado's wrestling coach, Ray Jenkins, about the entry of his team into the NCAA meet at Fort Collins the latter part of this month.

"Why those bums won't even get past the first round," they chided.

"Yeah," replied Jenkins, "but it's a heckuva lot cheaper paying the entry fee than buying regular tickets!" (The moral: The wisenheimers ought to wise up and not be so wise.)

Thought Of The Week

It would truly be a tragedy if Jim Cederdahl were not a member of the Nebraska football team next fall. In my opinion, Cederdahl is to Lincoln as Bobby Reynolds is to Nebraska.

chances considerably in 1951.

When the University of Missouri's football team plays California in Berkeley on Sept. 27, it will be the Tigers' first grid junket to the West Coast since the 1925 season when Southern California defeated Mizou, 20-7, at Los Angeles.

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Intramural Golf Season Begins Soon

The Intramural Department announces that the spring golf season for 1951-52 school year will open on Saturday, May 3. All golfers are urged to get into shape as soon as the snow melts and hip boots are no longer needed to get around the course.

First round begins Saturday May 3rd, starting at 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Pioneer golf course. The second round will begin a week later at the same location.

Every organization may play as many men as desired, and intramural managers need not make formal entry at intramural headquarters—just have your men at the golf course ready to play at the scheduled hours.

All non-affiliated men are welcome and urged to participate. Participation can be arranged either as individuals or as teams, with any affiliation now registered at Intramural office.

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IM Golf Meet Planned

By BOBBY DECKER
Sports Staff Writer

Campus golf hot-shots, start loosening up those kinks!

It's been a long winter, but the date has finally been set for the intramural spring golf tournament. The intramural department announced Monday that the first round is scheduled for Saturday, May 3.

The tournament is planned to be held at the Pioneer golf course. The tourney will consist of 36 holes of medal play, and the low 6 scores of each organization in the first round of play will determine the placement of the organization at the end of the first round.

Every organization may play as many men as desired. Managers need not make formal entry at intramural headquarters, but are responsible for having

their men at the golf course ready to play at the scheduled hours.

All non-affiliated men as well as affiliated men are urged to participate. Men may participate as individuals or as an organized team with church, club, co-op affiliation, with team rosters on file at the intramural headquarters.

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