

Swimming Team, Gymnastic Squad Snare Meet

Gymnasts Victorious Over Gophers, 'Cats

The University of Nebraska gymnastics squad opened its 1955 season with a surprising win in a triangular meet held here last Friday.

The Cornhuskers upset Minnesota and outscored Kansas State in the double dual gymnastics meet. The Huskers began by beating the Gophers 52-44 and finished the fete by trouncing the Wildcats 61 1/2-18 1/2. With Minnesota defeating Kansas State 56-25, the Huskers took a decisive victory. The meet was also scored as a triangular with Nebraska 67 1/2, Minnesota 56, and Kansas State 8 1/2.

Staff Views

Basketball Attendance At Low Ebb

Coach Jerry Bush's red hot cagers singed both Kansas quintets to boost stock for the Big Seven championship as they successfully defended their win skin on the Scarlet and Cream maples. The Cornhuskers displayed a well balanced attack against the Wildcats Tuesday night with five men hitting double figures in the scoring column. Aggression was the keynote as the Big Red's BUSH-wacked the K. State clan 69-54. Nebraska only outscored their sky-scraping foes by a slim 21-20 margin from the field but literally played over their heads controlling all rebounds.

Kansas' invasion of the unblemished Cornhusker home slate was unsuccessful as the Jayhawks were Phogged 66 to 62 Saturday. While Big Seven Conference laurels are the only apparent battle the Huskers face, a more unnoticed foe stalks its prey at the Coliseum. This acute problem is that of attendance. Attendance tends to be on the upswing but it is still near an all time low. A sparse crowd of 2,200 witnessed the K. State fray as compared with the seething mob of onlookers present for the traditional Northeast-Lincoln high clash which numbered well over 8,000.

Basketball season is the winter season on campus. The cage sport is the largest crowd drawer in the sporting world. Some 8,000,000 estimated fans will witness major college games this season. Nebraska aren't holding up their share of the attendance. Too few students a basketball game means the intricacies of a checking man to man defense or a three man weave with a double post. Basketball doesn't give its fans a week of reflection as football does. The Huskers are usually active twice a week. Coach Jerry Bush might have a bid for the Championship this year and sideline enthusiasm and spirit might be the deciding factor. One thing a Husker fan can be sure of is that our athletes will be in condition. How could anyone at Nebraska do anything to get out of shape?

Top Citizens

Nebraska Athletes Succeed

A study completed this year by a former University of Nebraska track star shows that Nebraska athletes in their post-college career prove to be "all-around citizens," with a steady occupational position and above average income.

Herbert E. Grote of Omaha sent questionnaires to 358 athletes who won letters at the University. To get a fair representation, he chose those who attended school during 1922-25, 1932-35, 1938-41, and 1946-51.

His purpose in conducting the survey which formed this thesis for a Master's degree was to determine if the time and effort required to produce athletic teams compare favorably with the benefits derived by the athletes or the educational institution.

Here are some of his findings: While in school the athletes had a median academic grade of slightly above 80 per cent. Track athletes had a median grade of 82.2 per cent; baseball and basketball, 82 per cent; and football 80.9 per cent.

Approximately 89 per cent of the athletes graduated from the University or other institutions of high-higher percentage of men who graduated.

Most of the athletes enrolled in physical education, economics, pre-law, practical arts, accounting, and history.

Forty-six per cent pursued graduate or professional schooling. The breakdown was : track, 50.6 per cent; baseball, 45 per cent; and football, 41.0 per cent.

Standouts in Friday's meet were Bruce Riley, who finished in all six events, Don Hodge, who started his fourth year on the varsity squad by winning two events, and Danny Fogel and Wayne Strickler who each placed in three events.

With the four returning lettermen setting the pace, and the two sophomores, who are newcomers to the varsity squad, following up nicely, the squad made a good showing in its season opener.

Summaries of the meet are as follows:
Side horse—Won by Day, Minnesota; second, Erickson, Minnesota; third, Linn, Nebraska; fourth, Murray, Minnesota; fifth, Riley, Nebraska.
Trampoline—Won by Hodge, Nebraska; second, Brown, Minnesota; third, Krist, Nebraska; fourth, Riley, Nebraska; fifth, Holt, Kansas State.
Horizontal bar—Won by Fogel, Nebraska; second, Johnson, Minnesota; third, Strickler, Nebraska; fourth, Riley, Nebraska; fifth, Day, Minnesota.

Parallel bars—Won by Johnson, Minnesota; second, Riley, Nebraska; third, Strickler, Nebraska; fourth, Olson, Minnesota; fifth, between Fogel, Nebraska, and Beatty, Kansas State for fifth.
Flying rings—Won by Solon, Minnesota; second, Strickler, Nebraska; third, Johnson, Minnesota; fourth, Riley, Nebraska; fifth, Olson, Minnesota.

Tumbling—Won by Hodge, Nebraska; second, Riley, Nebraska; third, Frantzeck, Minnesota; fourth, Fogel, Nebraska; fifth, Holt, Kansas State.

What's NU In Sports?

Mentor's Quick Thinking Foils KU's Zone Defense

It doesn't seem possible, but the Nebraska basketball team could follow in the paths of its predecessor, football, but the cage crew is doing just that. They started out very slowly, winning only two of their first seven games. They then took to the winning trail and have copped three out of their last four outings. Their last win, a 66-62 triumph over the Kansas Jayhawks was a good example of the times to come for the Husker quintet.

Hustle, Hustle
Under the tutorage of their rookie coach, Jerry Bush, the Huskers employed a new offense, brought to NU by Bush. It was a completely different type of offense than the fast-break offense employed by Harry Good last year. This offense required deliberate type basketball unlike the hurry-scurry type seen in modern day. Its only effect seems to be against a man to man defense. Until the Saturday night tilt against the Jayhawks, the Husker foes have employed this defense, making their offense work. But last Saturday, KU attempted to puzzle the Huskers with a tight zone defense. Rising to the occasion, Bush altered his pattern of play and succeeded in bringing the Hawks out of their zone. The point in question is that the Huskers of this season have the ability to rise to the occasion. If NU can play ball like this, it will mean more wins for the Nebraska cagers and a possible Big Seven title.

Passed Three Tests
The Huskers have passed three tough hurdles to date, Kansas, Iowa State, and Kansas State. Their tough assignments are still ahead, mainly on the road. On the Coliseum boards, they will have Colorado and Missouri, while the Buffs, Iowa State, KU, K-State, and Oklahoma are games on the road. They also have an encounter with the Sooners here. Though their record in the Big 7 stands at 3-1, they still have five opponents to meet on the road, none of them a cinch game. The Cyclones have had the reputation in the past of being an easy contest, but indications are that IS will be tough the whole year. Kansas State, whom the Huskers polished off here are always rough on their home boards. KU, who's 33 home court winning streak was broken by Missouri, are still a threat on their home maples. Colorado, one of the pre-season favorites, will provide the toughest opposition, while OU may prove a breather.

Tigers Tough
As the season progresses, it looks like the Missouri Tigers are definitely the team to beat. The Tigers seem to be tough both home and away. Colorado will probably finish second with NU and K-State fighting it out for third place. The Cyclones could replace the Wildcats.

The Big 7 has produced an abundance of outstanding players this year. MU has three top-notch performers in Bob Rieter, Lionel Smith, and Norm Stewart. This is the three that has been the nucleus of Missouri's 11-2 record, and an eighth place rating in the national polls. Colorado, with their starting five back from last year, are being paced by their "big" three, Burdette Halderson, Bob Jengerard, and Tom Harrold.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Merman Splashes Home

Cal Bentz, Hastings senior in Teachers College, was the big gun for the Nebraska swimmers as they defeated Kansas University, 48 1/2-35 1/2 Saturday at Lawrence. Bentz splashed in first in the 220-yard free-style and the

200-yard back stroke, as well as aiding in the 440-yard relay, which clinched the meet. He was ably supported by Gordon Peterson, Dave Gradwohl, and Bill Tagney, who won the 60-yard free style, 440-yard free-style,

and diving, respectively. The next meet for the Nebraska mermen is at Colorado A&M Friday, followed by a meet with Colorado University Saturday. Bentz is expected to continue on his winning ways in these important meets.

Bentz Leads NU As Swimmers Cop Dual

The captain of Nebraska's swimming team, Calvin Bentz, led his determined team to a 48 1/2 to 35 1/2 victory over Kansas University at Lawrence Saturday. Outstanding winners for Nebraska were:

Calvin Bentz in the 220 yard free style and the 200 yard back stroke, Gordon Peterson in the 60 yard free styl, Dave Gradwohl in the 440 yard free style and Bill Tagney in the diving competition.

The Kansans fought hard and Nebraska's victory was not decided until after the final relay. Going into the final event, the 400 yard relay, the Huskers were leading 41 1/2 to 35 1/2. With the final event counting seven points, the Kansans could have won the meet by taking the 400 yard relay. The victory with Bill Tagney leading off and Dick Hall and Calvin Bentz picking up small leads. Gordon

Peterson, anchor man, ended with the winning time of 3:52.1. This was the fastest 440 yard relay time that a Nebraska swimming team has turned out in five years. It was this time that enabled the Nebraska tankmen to sew up the meet in its final stages.

Three other swimmers who also garnered points for the Nebraskans contributed to the Husker victory. Hugh Barnard took third place in the 220 yard free style and second place in the 440 hard free style, Bob Sandstedt took third place in the individual medley and tied for third place in the 200 yard breast stroke, and Dean Stoneman took second place in the diving meet.

The meet opened with the 300 yard medley, and the Kansas team beat the Husker trio with a winning time of 3:18.5. The second event, the 220 yard free style, was sewn up by the Huskers as Calvin Bentz turned the winning time of 2:28.2 and Hugh Barnard finished third. Again in the 60 yard free style, the Nebraska mermen took two of three places with Gordon Peterson winning in 33.1 and Bill Tagney finishing third. The Nebraskans fell a little in the 120 yard individual competition as Bob Sandstedt was the only winner, finishing third. The winning time was 1:24.5. The Cornhuskers came back in the diving competition to take first and second of three places. The winners were Tagney first and Dean Stoneman second. Gordon Peterson and Dick Hill took second and third places respectively in the 100 yard free style as the Kansas turned in the winning time of 58.5. Captain Calvin Bentz again came through to take first place in the 200 yard backstroke with a winning time of 2:37. The Jayhawks took second and third places. In the 200 yard breast stroke, Nebraska swimmers took second place and half of a third place tie. Dick Hildek was the second place winner and Sandstedt split the third position. Huskers Dave Gradwohl and Hugh Barnard swept the 440 yard free style competition as they took first and second places respectively. Gradwohl's winning time was 5:51.7. And finally in the big match, the 440 yard relay, the Nebraska quartet of Tagner, Hill, Bentz and Peterson clinched the meet with a winning time of 3:52.1.

With the winning of the final event, the Nebraska swimmers won over the Kansas Jayhawks by a decisive 13 point victory. With so many different Huskers contributing to the scoring, and many of them finishing in more than one event, it is easy to see the reason for this margin. Nebraska's first showing in the pools this season has been a successful one, and the Huskers are looking forward to their next two matches. They will travel to Colorado A&M Friday and then up to Boulder for an important match with Colorado University.

Cagers Rest

Huskers To Face Northwest Missouri; Bushmen's Hustle Gains Third Position

Fresh from an impressive 66-62 triumph over the Kansas Jayhawks the Nebraska Cornhuskers will take a breather this week with only one game on the agenda. Friday night the Huskers meet little Northwest Missouri State College of Marysville, Mo.

Slow Half
The Nebraskans looked good in

posting a triumph over the visiting Jayhawks. After a slow first half in which the Huskers led by 25-17 at rest period, they came on strong in the last half. The Kansans put on a brief rally at the end to pull within four points. In the first half, Stan Matzke, senior co-captain was forced out of the game because of three fouls. Norm Coufal, subbing for the Lincoln guard, promptly poured in 10 points to pace the first half attack. In this period the Huskers hit only 25 per cent while KU meshed only 18 per cent. Maurice King, a sophomore from Kansas City, led the Jayhawks in the first half with 10 tallies. From the tip-off in the second half until the final gun, the two teams seemed to match baskets. Nebraska's lead

extended to as much as 12 points before the visitors began narrowing the margin.

Zone Defense
Kansas surprised the Cornhuskers right away with a tough zone defense. It stymied the Huskers until the outset of the second half, when Nebraska switched their offensive tactics and brought KU out of their defense. For Nebraska, Willard Fagler, NU's other co-captain, led the Nebraska attack with points. Dallas Dobbs was high for KU with 13. The win brought the Cornhuskers seasonal mark to 5-7 and a conference record of 3-1. It puts them in second place behind the Colorado Buffs, and Missouri Tigers, who are each tied for top spot with a 3-0 mark.

Nebraska has been quite a surprise as the season has progressed. After opening their season in dismal fashion, they have come on strong in the conference. They won their first contest from Iowa State, then bowed to Missouri. Since then, they have posted wins over Kansas State and KU. Their tough assignments lie ahead. They still must meet Colorado, K-State, and Iowa State on the road. They also have MU and Colorado to encounter at home.

Ekwall, Fagler Shine
Individually, Rex Ekwall and Willard Fagler looks like all-Big 7 performers. The sophomore forward from Holmesville has been the Huskers leading rebounder and choice in his sophomore year. Matzke, the other co-captain along with Fagler has looked good at times. Charlie Smith earned a starting assignment win the early parts of the season and has be-



Courtesy Lincoln Journal WILLARD FAGLER



Courtesy Lincoln Star STAN MATZKE

Grapplers Bow

Cornhusker Wrestlers Fall Twice; Minnesota, Mankato Overpower NU

Garnering only three events, the Nebraska wrestling squad bowed to the Minnesota squad 19-13 Saturday at Minneapolis. It was the Gophers second victory in three starts. It was the Huskers second loss in two outings. They bowed to Mankato 19-9 Friday.

Morton Winner
Marshall Nelson, wrestling in the 123-pound class won his match by default to put the Huskers ahead 5-0. Minnesota then copped their first match when Bill Hunt, Minnesota's 130-pound entry pinned UN's Jim Owens in 4:04. Ron Malcolm continued the Gophers on their way with a pin over Don Beck in 3:44. Don Meyers made it three in a row over Don Strasheim's crew with a 7-0 decision over Norm Crancer in the 147-pound division. Arnold Morton finally tallied again for Nebraska when he pinned Minnesota's Lowell Webster in 4:37.

Bryant Wins
In the 167-pound clash Dave

Burgeson downed the Huskers Jim Stark with a 6-1 decision. Charlie Bryant, down to 177 after football season, won his class with a narrow decision over Rod Rude, 3-2. Bryant is as much a key on the mats as on the gridiron. Minnesota's heavyweight, Dick Kubes de-



Courtesy Lincoln Star CHARLEY BRYANT

feated Lawrence Goll 6-2 in the final match of the day. Of the four returning lettermen, only Bryant and Morton gained wins. The other two returnees, Crancer and Goll, bowed.

Colorado Trip
Next match on the Husker agenda is Jan. 21, against Colorado A&M at Fort Collins. They then journey to Colorado to meet the Buffs the next day before trekking to Fort Carson to meet the men from the Army base. Before returning home on the 7th of February, they meet the University of Iowa and Iowa State Teachers on the road. On the 7th, South Dakota State comes to Lincoln. Kansas State follows South Dakota in town before the Huskers take to the road against Cornell College.

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Cagers Relax After Fierce League Action

The Cornhusker cage squad is holding down third place in the Big Seven Conference this week as a result of the Huskers' two victories last week-end. The cagers downed Kansas State Friday night 69-59, and followed up by edging past Kansas University 66-62 Saturday night. The two wins give the Huskers a 3-1 conference record. Missouri is still holding down first spot in the conference after defeating Kansas State 94-85 last weekend.

In all games played this season, the Huskers are in sixth place among the Big Seven teams, having won 5 games and lost 7. Missouri is also holding down the top spot in this bracket with 10 wins and 2 losses so far in this season's play. With semester exams drawing near and the teams slacking off a little, the Big Seven Conference is still anybody's race.

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