

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Infield Worries Cloud Husker Pennant Hopes

By George Moyer
Sports Editor

Catching is about the only thing Nebraska baseball mentor Tony Sharpe can be sure of in the infield as he reads the Cornhuskers for their first horsehide tilts of the season, beginning March 29 at Tulsa.

In the backstop position, Sharpe has returning veterans Milan Shaw and Jim Kane. Kane was top man at that spot last year as a junior and should rate as one of the top receivers in the Big Eight this year.

Shaw, also a senior, has seen service both his undergraduate years as the number two man behind Kane. However, trying to boost the Wisner sturdy from Sharpe's lineup has been like trying to take over for Yogi Berra. Shaw has yet to letter in his role as understudy.

At first base, the picture starts to get muddled. Al Newbill, Lincoln junior and veteran of the Lincoln Optimist state champs of 1955, apparently has the edge right now. Newbill shared the posi-

Zentic could see duty in outfield as well as on the mound if his first base possibilities do not jell.

The mention of second base brings a smile to Sharpe's face. There he has last year's incumbent and a two year regular back in Al Karle. Karle appears to have second base all to himself but Don Wenzle, sophomore and another ex Optimist standout may provide pressure.

Shortstop is not in such a happy position, however. Jim Kubacki had the job last year, but Sharpe plans to move Kubacki to third base to fill the spot left by the departed Frank Nappi. That leaves a first class battle at short between three men.

A competent reliever, which Jerry McKay was the replacement last year when Kubacki went to the mound for relief pitching chores. However, junior Gil Dunn also appeared and did some fine early season hitting. Sophomore prospect Doug Seiler, newly recovered from a shoulder operation, is also in contention to add to the middle.

At third, Kubacki is the man—with a couple of big ifs. Jimmy injured a knee in basketball, and if the injury doesn't respond, third would be a wide open position. Furthermore, Kubacki is expect-

ed to provide the squad with makes it absolutely certain that depth will be needed.

Sharpe thinks he has the answer in sophomore Bill Fisher and Ed Sears. Wenzel also is a possibility here.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star Sharpe

Boozer, Wilt 'Look' Picks

Look magazine has picked Wilt Chamberlain and Bob Boozer from the Big Eight on their All-American team according to S. O. Shapiro, vice president of the Crowl Collier publishing company.

The magazine picked ten squad members who share All-American status equal.

Other Chamberlain members of the squad were Elgin Baylor of Seattle, Pete Brennan, North Carolina; Archie Dees, Indiana; Mike Farmer, San Francisco; Don Hennon, Pittsburgh; Bailly Howell, Mississippi State; Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati and Guy Rodgers, Temple.

The top ten were selected by a 500-member Basketball Writers Association. Look said of the two Big Eight stars that "Chamberlain towered over the college courts for the second straight year" while Boozer, "could on occasion provide serious individual challenge even to Chamberlain."

Hubert Reed of Oklahoma City University, Roy DeWitz of Kansas State and Robertson were named to the all Mid West team along with Boozer and Chamberlain.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star Kane

Brand Tops Mat Scoring

Dan Brand's four points scored in the Big Eight wrestling meet at Ames Iowa Friday and Saturday gave the 6'4" senior heavyweight a total of 38 points for the season, enough to win the wrestling scoring title.

Only other grapplers to finish in double figures in the scoring column for the season were Jim Novotny, who added three points at Ames to total 14 for the season and Kent Walton, who managed two pins for ten points.

Cyclone Club Tabs Petkus

Iowa State's 630 club formed to honor outstanding performances by Iowa State athletes, last week honored Jerry Petkus, the Cyclones only swimming event winner in the Big Eight swim meet.

Petkus beat Bob Leonard of Oklahoma in the biggest upset of the meet.

The award given Petkus cited him for "coming closer to the ideal of the athlete who performs better than is expected of him than any other."

Golf Meeting

There will be a meeting of all those interested in University golf at 3:30 p.m. today in the N Club room at the Coliseum, according to coach Bill Smith. The meeting will concern qualifying, Smith said.

Coliseum Beat

... by George Moyer

The 48th annual state high school basketball tournament has faded into history, but hot stove speculation on the results is just beginning.

As a prognosticator of champions, I should have stayed at home. Of the six classes, I picked only two champions, Byron in Class E and Clatonia in Class D. One consoling thought is that I had a lot of company. Even though Lincoln High was a solid dark horse candidate, Boys Town was the general pick for the Class AA crown. Fullerton was supposed to have been even more of a sure thing in Class D while no one particularly cared to argue with Alma's 36 game winning streak in Class C.

The upset spattered results, however, just go once more to prove that anything can happen in the state tournament. Nothing was truer of the 1958 carnival. There were come from behind victories, upsets, general tournament hysteria and, to top it all off, the clock got stuck during the Class A finals and no one was sure how much time Ogalla and Omaha Holy Name had to play.

The talent this year looked better than ever. More of the boys, especially in the top four classes appear to be developing the necessary skills to play college ball. A few cases in point include Hastings St. Cecilia's Jerry Sherman, Lincoln High's Bill Bowers and Neil Untersher, Omaha Centrals Gene Owen, Phil Barth and John Nared and Wilsonville's Bill Holiday.

These boys all did most things on the court well. It used to be seldom that you would see a tall man like Bowers or Holliday bringing the ball down court, much less dribbling it at all. When I played high school ball (that was back in the late Pleistocene), our coach would have screamed bloody murder if a 6'5" center like Sherman had absented himself from the accustomed post position to shoot 15' jump shots like a guard, but Sherman's coach deemed it desirable that he keep the defense spread out with these tactics. Jerry was devastatingly effective from out front; so much so that he got many easier shots in close after faking his over-anxious guard out of position.

Holliday was perhaps the most impressive of the three, however. Bill is just a sophomore, but he played with the poise many seniors lack. Not only that, but he had a good variety of shots both from the inside and the outside and moved well enough to be stamped college material.

Among the tournaments little men, Owen, Untersher and Pawnee City's Tom Colwell were impressive. Owen was a member of Central's gold medal mile relay team last spring and he used his speed to good advantage on the court. He was not particularly impressive as a scorer, but his defensive ability and ball handling stamp him as a possibility.

If high schools around the state keep turning out better



Courtesy Lincoln Star Smith... Wrestling mentor

Jennings Nabs Talent

Coach Bill Jennings announced that three western Nebraska athletes, Jack Renfro of North Platte, Ron Gilbreath of Sidney and Charles Koopman of Stanton who will attend the University next fall.

Renfro who was named to the AP All-State team as a result of his efforts as a T-formation fullback, stands 6-2 and weighs 190 pounds. He also competed in basketball and track. Jack is in the upper one-fourth of his class.

Gilbreath, who was also named All-State by the AP, was the quarterback at Sidney and an excellent passer. He is 5-11 and weighs 165.

and better boys every year as they appear to be doing, perhaps Nebraska will be able to claim a few Hirsch Turners, Oscar Robertsons or Al Maxeys too.

Brand Loses One Pointer

Huskies Last In Big Eight

Nebraska got four points from senior heavyweight Dan Brand and Jim Novotny added 3 at 177 pounds, but the Huskers couldn't avoid the Big Eight wrestling cellar for the second year in a row.

Both Brand and Novotny won their first match at Ames, but lost in the semi-finals. Brand, wrestling furiously, nearly upset Iowa State's Roger Pohlman but fell 8-7. Pohlman won an early season meeting 8-4 when Brand was docked for slamming his opponent to the mat. Novotny dropped his decision 11-1 to Iowa State's unbeaten Frank Powell, who wound up the champion of the 177 lb. class.

Iowa State emerged with the team championship. The Cyclones finished their regular season undefeated winding up with seven wins, and two draws. Iowa State's two close calls came at the hands of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, ranked second and third in the nation on the mat. The two Oklahoma schools tied for second, each grabbing 65 points. Iowa State had 67 points and three champions.

The only wrestler to make the finals who was not either from Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, or Iowa State was Kansas State's Gary Haller. Haller was forced to forfeit the 177 lb. championship to Powell when he sprained an ankle.

Calcium Hospitalizes Mullins Soph Postpones Track Till April

By Elmer Kral
Staff Sports Writer

Joe Mullins, the indefatigable sophomore distance runner on the Nebraska track team is resting now, but it is not by choice.

An orthopedic specialist removed a calcium deposit from his ankle March 3rd and Husker track stock has dipped temporarily.

An accumulation of calcium can be caused by a number of things but in Mullins case it is theorized that frequent irritations preceded by a hard kick on the ankle incurred during a high school Rugby game back in Nova Scotia were the causes of his condition.

It was inevitable that he was going to be bothered by these deposits and unfortunately they hampered him at the wrong time.

After the Michigan State Relays the deposits began to react. His ankle was becoming more irritated as each day rolled on and he quite obviously suffered from pain while running at Kansas City, but it's all over now and Joe looks to the future with optimism.

He is encouraged by a re-

port from his doctor who believes that he should be able to do light workouts around April 1st. Allowing for another three or four weeks for conditioning, he should be back in top form for the Scarlet and Cream a round April 25th. At any rate, he will be under close observation by his doctor and coach Sevigne.

Joe came to Nebraska with a good basic knowledge of running. He learned the essentials of long distance running from his high school coach at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and has since improved due to added instruction from Sevigne.

Last spring on the outdoor track, he posted times of 4:12, 1:50.6, and :47.1 in the mile, 880, and 440 respectively. The

outdoor world record for the 880 is 1:47.6 and for the 440 :45.8. There is, at this time, no indication that he cannot improve on his marks before graduation.

Looking to the future, he is naturally anxious to get back on the Husker track team. He wants to be with the Huskers as soon as possible especially for that return match with Kansas. He also intends to take part in the Canadian trials in June which qualify men for the British Empire Games in July. Last but not least he looks with enthusiasm to the 1960 Olympic Games scheduled for Rome, Italy.

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