

NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Kiffin Spurs Sooners; Lexington Star To NU

Recruiting Rivalry Ends With Decision; Husker Coaches Have Banner Day

Monte Kiffin, high school All-American tackle from Lexington, will enroll at the University next fall, according to Husker football coach, Bill Jennings.



Courtesy Journal-Star Printing Co. Kiffin

Kiffin has been the center of a lively recruiting rivalry between Nebraska and Oklahoma. The 6'3" senior star, twice a basketball all star and an all-around athlete, had said earlier that he would announce his decision sometime after the state high school track and field meet.

Jennings commented, "We are mighty pleased that Monte selected Nebraska."

Policy Violation

Oklahoma coach Bud Wilkinson made a special trip to Lexington to visit Kiffin a week ago. Jennings then accused his former boss of violating a policy that he himself had put into effect at Oklahoma. Wilkinson had said that he would not visit Kiffin until he announced that he was no longer considering Nebraska.

Kiffin's announcement brought to four the number of high school athletes from Lexington's undefeated football team of last fall who have chosen Nebraska.

The other Lexington lads who have already decided to matriculate at Nebraska are center Mickey Tinglehoff and backs Dallas Dyer and Steve Smith.

It was a banner day for

Nebraska in the recruiting department. Basketball coach Jerry Bush announced that Ed Van Vliet and Tom Dowling, mainstays of Omaha North's standout basketball combination last winter, will also enroll at the University.



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Win Coming Up

Lefty Hevner of coach Tony Sharpe's baseball squad will be going after his second victory of the campaign against Iowa State this weekend. Hevner, a sophomore, pitched a nifty two hit shutout against Oklahoma last weekend and has turned in standout performances in his last three starts.

was an All-City player in the Omaha area. Dowling is 6'6".

All-State Class E selection LeRoy Dick of Hampton is the third basketball star who will enroll at Nebraska next fall, according to Bush. Dick, a 6'4" center, was first in his class scholastically and won a Regent's Scholarship.

Letters Place Four In Race For Outstanding Athlete Trophy . . . Brown, Fitzpatrick, North, McCashland Named

By Larry Novicki Sports Staff Writer

Husker sports fans have contributed four more nominations for the Daily Nebraskan Athlete of the Year award. Footballers Jerry Brown and Dick McCashland, basketball star Willy Fitzpatrick, and swimming-tennis ace Bill North are the latest entries.



Courtesy Journal-Star Printing Co. Brown

Brown was switched to fullback after a year at guard. He earned all conference honors his junior

year and mention his senior year. He was awarded the "Most Valuable Player" award which is given each year in honor of Nebraska's great All American Tom Novak. The Minden powerhouse was the leading ground gainer for the Huskers the past two seasons.

McCashland, with another year to go, may step into Brown's shoes at the fullback slot. He also was moved to the backfield from a line position. As a junior, Dick punished opposing ball carriers, attacking from his linebackers position. Dick is a prime example of a good single platoon player. He is a good blocker, he has proved to be a fine runner in spring

drills, and his line backing ability speaks for itself. Fitzpatrick in his one, glorious year on the Cornhusker basketball team gave fans many a thrill with his shooting, playmaking, and rebounding. One of the "Iron Six" who beat Kansas and K-State, Willy never flustered



Courtesy Journal-Star Printing Co. McCashland North

N-club, was a great credit to coach Hollie Lepley's swimming team. He was the number two scorer on the team the past season. In tennis, he has played in the number one slot, and has led the team to their most successful season in the last six years.

Other Nominees

Other nominees for the award are Keith Gardner, Gary Reimers, George Fisk, Dan Brand, Jim Kubaki, Jim Kane and Dwight Siebler.

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Huskers Face Wildcats; Ruisinger Unlikely At 1st Fourth Place Standing At Stake, Torczon May Shift

The Nebraska Cornhuskers baseball team, spoilers of the Big Eight baseball race, travel to Manhattan, Kansas this week end for a series with Kansas State. These will be the final three games on the Cornhusker's schedule.

Both Kansas and Oklahoma were dealt mighty blows when the Husker baseballers won two out of three games and thus deflated any hopes of the Jayhawks and Sooners' chances for the Big Eight title.

Could Better Standing

Nebraska's present record is 9-9 in Big Eight competition and 14-10 overall. If Kansas wins all three games against Oklahoma, and the Huskers sweep three from Kansas State, the Huskers could better their fifth place standing.

Jim Kane, Husker catcher and a candidate for all-conference and other honors, is now leading the hitters with a mark of .325. Gene Torczon leads in RBI's with 26.

Dwight Siebler with a 6-2 record, is the leading pitcher Ken Ruisinger, the Corn-

husker's regular first baseman, is a doubtful starter for the K-State series. He has an infected leg. If he should not play, Coach Tony Sharpe will start either Al Newbill or Gene Torczon. If Newbill plays, Torczon will play in his regular outfield position. But if Torczon plays first, Dick Nelson, a sophomore, will play in the outfield.

under pressure. He was the third high scorer on the team with a total of 229 points. He led the team in rebounding.

A two-sport nominee is Bill North, who has earned two letters each in swimming and tennis. Bill, president of the

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Coliseum Beat

... by George Moyer

The announcement by football coach Bill Jennings that Monte Kiffin intends to attend Nebraska next fall should give the Cornhusker recruiters a much easier time of it outstate. Kiffin had become a symbol of recruiting success to the rest of the state. Monte's decision will undoubtedly influence other prep standouts to attend the University.

However, it is doubtful if the influence of Kiffin's decision will extend into Omaha. For some reason, Omaha has been an unfriendly part of Nebraska when it comes to sending athletes to the University. Most common choice by the big city lads when it comes to selecting schools is Iowa State. Omaha University also snags some of the Beef City's standout players.

The most outstanding examples of this in recent years have been the cases of Bill Englehardt and Emil Radik, the touchdown twins of Omaha's great teams of a couple of years back. Both these men could have been standout ballplayers at Nebraska and both gave the Cornhusker school a try. Neither stuck. Englehardt gave up at the end of his freshman year. Radik played his sophomore season for Nebraska as an end before transferring.

Last summer, I spent a good deal of time traveling about the countryside with a track and wrestling coach from Omaha who shall remain incognito. (No—there is no dark and mysterious secret. I just can't remember his name.) Ostensibly, my friend and I were public relations men for the Madison County Agricultural Society. (I'll come to them later.) Actually our main occupation was delivering placards, tax tickets and free-passes to the Madison Races.

Some of the towns out west get a little far apart, so my friend and I spent a good deal of our travel time discussing the athletic situation. (Which was deplorable because the Phillies were at the time taking dead aim on fifth place.) My friend let drop that Omaha coaches weren't over-enthusiastic about the University. The reason, according to this source, was that some of them felt that Omaha boys had gotten too little recognition by the Nebraska coaches and students.

If this is the case, these coaches have fallen into a trap that their own profession has laid for them. Any good coach will tell you that recognition comes with performance. If a boy doesn't produce, no matter how good he was in high school, he won't be recognized.

Moreover, the competition is so stiff at a large state institution that a lot of boys who were high school standouts are not able to grab the headlines anymore. This doesn't mean that they aren't making a valuable contribution to their team, but that someone else is making a more spectacular one.

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