

GOOD LUCK DEVANEY AND TEAM!!

Cipriano Crew—Tough Job Too

On December 26, 27, 28 and 29, while the Football Cornhuskers are basking in the warm Texas sunshine waiting for the New Year's Day battle with Arkansas, the Basketball Cornhuskers will be laboring away in Kansas attempting to do some damage in the Big Eight tournament.

The Big Eight Conference seems to be more balanced and more improved this year, although big names such as Willie Murrell, Ray Bob Carey, Jim Yates, Jim Davis, Rich Froistad, Farrell Johnson, Jim Cooper, Al Correll and Bob Price are gone from the Big Eight Conference basketball scene this year, but most of the Conference statistical leaders of a year ago are back in 1964-65.

Returning are four of the top 10 scorers, four of the best five and six of the top 10 in field goal shooting, six of the top 10 in free throw accuracy, and four of the best 10 in rebounding.

Leading the returning scorers is Kansas' George Unseld, who averaged 21.29 (298 points) last year in Conference play, good enough for third place. Taking sixth was Gary Hassmann of Oklahoma State with a 13.93 average (195), while a pair of Coloradans, Bob Joyce and Mike Frink, grabbed ninth and tenth. Joyce averaged 12.64 (177) and Frink 12.21 (171).

Missouri's George Flamank tops the returning rebounders with a 9.43 average, third best last year, grabbing 132 stray shots. Fourth was King (9.36 on 131), sixth Unseld 8.43 on 118, and seventh Gatewood (7.79 on 109).

With Kansas State finishing fourth in the NCAA basketball tournament last year, the Wildcats assured the Big Eight Conference its top spot in the "most games won" and "most games played" by a conference in the national collegiate classic.

In 11 of the past 14 years, the Big Eight Conference has had a basketball team ranked among the top 10 nationally in ratings furnished by the Associated Press and United Press International. Kansas State was first in 1959, Kansas second in 1957, and Oklahoma State second in 1949 and 1951.

Kansas is ranked second to Kentucky as the "winningest" team in all-time collegiate annals and boasts the seventh highest winning percentage among the nation's collegiate basketball teams.

The Big Eight Conference has played an important role in United States Olympic basketball. Oklahoma State Coach Henry Iba, the "Iron Duke," is coach of the United

States Olympic basketball team in Tokyo now; Kansas' former athletic director and now Manager of Events, A. C. ("Dutch") Lonborg, was chairman of the U.S. Olympic Basketball Committee and manager of the U.S. team at Rome in 1960; Gerald Tucker, called the greatest basketball player for Bruce Drake at Oklahoma, was the head Olympic coach in 1956 at Melbourne, with Drake his assistant.

Former Kansas coach, Dr. Forrest C. ("Phog") Allen, was the assistant at Helsinki in 1952; an Bud Browning, former player at Oklahoma, was head coach in the 1948 London Games.

Henry Iba, starting his 31st season at Oklahoma State, is the second "winningest" coach (to Kentucky's Adolph Rupp) among active basketball coaches in U.S. collegiate ranks.

He reached the 700 victory mark last season, has two national team titles to his credit, one national runner-up spot, and three more seasons in which he finished fifth or better in NCAA tournament play. Until Iba returns from Tokyo, where he is coaching the U.S. Olympic basketball team, his assistant, Sam Aubrey, will handle the Cowboys.

Here is a team by team run down of the basketball prospects for the Big Eight going into the tournament.

Iowa State

Team strengths are experience at guard with Bob Ziegler (6-3 junior) and Bob Vander Wilt (6-1 senior); a more mobile team with good ball handling and good shooting. Helping out at forward this year will be Al Koch (6-4 junior), who was mainly a guard last year and one of the top scorers.

Team problems are inexperience with only three lettermen back, all of whom played guard. The five lettermen lost also represent the loss of most of the height for the Cyclones, making them one of the smallest teams in the league. A center replacement for Dick Froistad appears right now to be the biggest problem.

Kansas State

Team strengths are fine potential, a well-stocked at guard with Sammy Robinson (6-0 junior who averaged 8.3 last year), Dennis Berkholtz (6-0 sophomore) and Larry Weigel (6-3 sophomore), plus Dick Barnard (6-1 junior), who came along strong at the end of last season and Ron Paradise (6-2 junior who averaged 5.2 last year).

Team problems are inexperience. Willie Murrell, Max

Moss, and Roger Suttner, the top three scorers of last year, will have to be replaced, plus adequate depth at forward and center will have to be found. All three centers listed on the current roster are just sophomores. Nick Pino, the 7-1 center, has been withheld from competition this year.

Oklahoma State

Team strengths are experience with four regulars—Gene Johnson (6-7 senior center-forward), Gary Hassmann (6-3 senior forward-guard), Jim King (6-5½ senior forward), and Larry Hawk (6-1 senior guard) — returning. These four were the top four scorers for the Cowboys last year, with Hawk at 13.9, Hassmann 12.1, King 11.3, and Johnson 10.6, giving the Pokes extra strength with balanced scoring. In the depth area, guard appears to be the most well fortified with six returning lettermen who have seen duty at elposition.

Team problems are ball handling, which will have to be improved. Overall speed is still a factor, even though thought to be improved somewhat. The biggest problem could be lack of height.

Colorado

Team strengths are experience at guard where Mike Frink (6-3 junior), Lynn Baker (6-0 junior), and Bob Joyce (6-2 senior) are sound veterans. The five other veterans include three forwards—Norm Saunders (6-5 senior), who was a regular early last year, Jack Lintz (6-8 junior), who was a spot starter, and Lew Thompson (6-3 senior)—and two centers—Chuck Gardner (6-7 junior), who has good offensive moves and could fake over at the pivot, and Ralph Fuller (6-8 senior) — showing fair veteran depth at all three positions.

Team problems include the main one of finding an effective replacement for Jim Davis, the big man for the Buffaloes the past three years when he has excelled as a scorer, rebounder, and defensive player. Also sought is a front line which can consistently score — none of the returnees (Lintz, Saunders, Gardner, or Fuller) were consistently effective last year.

Kansas

Team strengths are good depth, especially in front line, good experience, with 11 returning lettermen (four starters) and high potential. Fine shooting team that is hoped to be as good as last year's which averaged 410. Versatility has improved with Wall Wesley (6-11 junior) full-time at forward-center to help George Unseld (6-7 senior all-

Big Eight) at the combined swing position, and improvement from Del Lewis (6-1 junior) and Dave Schichtle (6-2 senior) at guard. Other returning regular is Steve Renko (6-4 junior forward), who was second in club scoring and third in rebounding.

Team problems are that this club could use more overall speed and quickness, but will be improved somewhat in this department over past two seasons. They will have to replace lone loss at forward—Harry Gibson, a two-year starter who was third in club scoring with a 7.9 average and second in rebounding with 167—and guard—Al Correll, who was starter until eligibility ran out at semester, unmatched as yet for his all-around ability.

Missouri

Team strengths are experience and depth at guard. Because of this, might play three guards all the time, with veterans Gary Garner (5-11 senior), Charlie Rudd (6-0 junior) and sophomore Ron Coleman (6-1½) leading the way. Rudd, because he jumps well, will probably be on the inside where he can work the board. Two-year lettermen, Don Early (6-5 senior) and George Flamank (6-5 senior), provide back-line strength and experience.

Team problems are loss of Ray Bob Carey and Bob Price which will hurt scoring potential (these two averaged almost 40 points last year). Carey also was leading rebounder of team, which was one of Tigers' weak points last year and will not be helped considerably this year because of lack of height among veterans and top sophomore candidates. This problem could be helped with rapid development of sophomore Dick Million (6-8) and return of eligibility of sophomore George Moore (6-7).

Oklahoma

Team strengths are experience, since return three of last year's starters add better overall team speed and more depth—outside shooting should improve with the addition of Mike Rooney (6-2 junior who transferred from St. Bonaventure freshman scoring record by averaging 36.9 points with excellent outside shooting and fine inside moves).

Team problems include finding replacement of versatile Farrell Johnson and Jim Kaiser, who was the team's tallest player at 6-9. Lack of height is expected to be a factor on defense, with no player on the roster this year over 6-6; in fact the biggest man on the freshman squad last year was only 6-5.

Huskers Will Lose Fourteen

It's that time of football season again when all the seniors don the pads for the last time as the coaches beam the skeletal crew to be returning next year.

The Huskers are no exception, as fourteen seniors will be turning in their gear after the big game on Jan. 1. At least one player will be lost from each position.

The seniors are: Guards, centers, and tackles: Larry Kramer, John Devlin, Lyle Sittler, Ron Griese. Ends: Chuck Doepke, Preston Love, John Koinzan. Quarterbacks and fullbacks: Doug Tucker, Joe McNulty, and Bruce Smith.

Halfbacks: Kent McCloughan, Maynard Smidt, Bob Hohn, Willie Paschall. The Daily Nebraskan sports staff salutes these players and extends 'thanks' for a job well done in four years of Husker football.

Two Huskers Chosen For Academic '11'

Halfback Kent McCloughan and end Chuck Doepke have been selected to the All-Big Eight Conference academic offensive team.

McCloughan of Broken Bow is a physical education major. The 6-2, 196-pound athlete was the league's scoring champion the past season.

Doepke is a senior in Teachers College. He is a native of Waterloo, Iowa. End Bill Haug, halfback Bobby Hohn and fullback Bruce Smith of the Cornhuskers received honorable mention.

OFFENSIVE TEAM:

Ends—Doepke and Ron Armon of Oklahoma. Tackles—Fred Elder of Kansas and Butch Metcalf of Oklahoma. Guards—Newt Burton and Carl Schreiner of Oklahoma. Center—Jim Click of Oklahoma State. Quarterback—Glenn Baxter of Oklahoma State. Halfbacks—Doug Dusenbury of Kansas State and McCloughan. Fullbacks—Walt Garrison of Oklahoma State and Ron Oelschlagel of Kansas.

DEFENSIVE TEAM:

Ends—Ken Pigott of Iowa State and Rick McCurdy of Oklahoma. Tackles—Bill Hill of Oklahoma and Dave Langford of Kansas State. Guards—Bill Powell of Missouri and Sam Ramenofsky of Iowa State. Linebackers—Roddy Cut-singer of Oklahoma State and Dave Voiles of Oklahoma. Halfbacks—Tom Vaughn of Iowa State, Dave Crandall of Kansas and Hale Irwin of Colorado.

SPORTS PAGE

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Sports Spigot

Hey, Norge.

Yeah, Dog?

I see where we're losing fourteen seniors from the football team.

Gee, that's sure going to hurt our chances in the Cotton Bowl.

I was referring to next year's team, stupid. Where do you think we'll suffer the most?

It looks to me like the offensive line will lose a lot of experience.

But how about the backfield? We won't be seeing McCloughan, Hohn, Smith and Tucker, any more.

Yes, but with Wilson, Solich, Kirkland, Churchich, plus Charlie Winters from the freshman team, the backfield problem should resolve itself fairly well.

We shouldn't have too much trouble at the end slots with Grace, Jeter, White and Coleman back, although I hate to see Doepke, Koinzan and Love gone.

Where HAS Love gone?

Pul-eeez.

Don't forget that we'll only lose one player from the Blackshirt squad, Joe McNulty.

We could very well be the top defensive team in the nation next year.

Speaking of the top, we were first in five out of six Big Eight offensive-defensive statistics. Oklahoma averaged 1.1 yards more in rushing to nudge us out in that department.

That's only eight more yards all year.

What do you think the Big Eight will look like next year?

I have no idea.

Come on, say something, nobody will read the column this far anyway.

OK; Nebraska to repeat; Oklahoma, tough as always; Missouri, they'll be in the fight; Kansas, downhill slide; Oklahoma State, first division possibilities; Colorado, on the upswing; Kansas State, will improve; Iowa State, poor Clay Stapleton.

Do you see any big surprises?

Yes, if any of my predictions prove true.

L.M. and B.S.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



WHY DON'T YOU GET BUSY AND REVISE YOUR TEXTBOOK?

1964 Big Eight Pre-Season Basketball Tournament Bracket

December 26-28-29-30 Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri



Arkansas Razorbacks Examine Husker Films
The Razorbacks of Arkansas are still examining very closely the films of the Huskers multiple offense. Boasting a defense that ranks first in the nation against scoring, Wednesday they ran through extensive passing drills and sharpened up their ground attack for New Year's Day game.

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