

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

Early indications point to a big year for the Big Six basketball squads. With two new coaches in the conference circle, old players returning to mingle with the wartime stars and first year freshmen, overflow crowds at most games and six teams apparently well-matched, there should be plenty of thrills before the pennant chase ends early in March.

It may be March before the final outcome of the race is decided, for the second Oklahoma-Kansas clash comes on March 4 at Lawrence. Three days later the Jayhawks vind up the regular season competition with a trip to Columbia and a tussle with Wilbur Stalcup's Mizzo Bengals.

Preseason forecasts have picked Kansas and Oklahoma as the teams to beat, and this prediction is not far out of line when the six loop squads are examined.

If experienced hands on these two clubs perform as expected then Bruce Drake and Phog Allen will continue their feuding for the top spot. The Jayhawks went through 10 games without a defeat last year while the Sooners ended in second place with three losses against seven victories.

Strange as it may seem, the Oklahoma teams have been consistently unfortunate when it comes to winning championships. After 13 years of Big Six basketball campaigning, the Sooners have managed to win only one title outright while tying for four more.

Kansas has so completely dominated the hardwood picture that only one other Big Six quintet, the Iowa State Cyclones, has been able to grab more than a single undisputed championship. Coach Louie Menze's outfits have done the trick four times, walking away with the pennant in 1935, '41, '44 and '45.

Nebraska can point to only one share of a title when it comes to claiming basketball laurels. The Scarlet team tied with Kansas for first place in 1937, and finished second in '31 and '36.

Just as a refresher here are a few statistics on last year's conference basketball season:

FINAL STANDINGS			
Kansas	10	0	562 408 1000
Oklahoma	7	3	521 439 700
Iowa State	5	5	502 461 500
NEBRASKA	3	7	428 535 300
Missouri	3	7	391 437 300
Kansas State	2	8	408 536 200
LEADING SCORERS			
Black, Kansas			173
Courty, Oklahoma			136
Weatherby, K State			127
Peterson, I State			108
Schnellbacher, KU			93
Brown, Nebraska			90

Stark, Iowa State	89
Stramel, Kansas	80
Reich, Oklahoma	80
Landon, Oklahoma	79

Every member of this top ten group will be back in action this season except Stark and Peterson of Iowa State and Jack Landon of Oklahoma, so look for some fancy point-making accomplishments during the conference games.

Iowa State fans are well pleased with new arrangement whereby the Cyclones play their home basketball games in the college armory instead of the school gymnasium. The Cyclone gym was a long, narrow affair, disliked by all visiting teams, so the new location meets with the approval of quintets on the Cyclone schedule as well as with fans.

The old gym was unable to hold the number of spectators that desired to witness the Cardinal and Gold games (but the armory can accommodate over 6,800 fans).

Kansas State followers believe that the Wildcats might have dumped the powerful Iowa five had not a gruelling overtime battle with Drake the previous evening worn down the Purple squad members. As it was, K State Coach Jack Gardner used 12 men against the Hawks, the same number that the Hawks tossed into the fray.

These numbers serve to discount the claim that the Hawkeys relented in the last half to allow the visitors to make a respectable showing, for the Wildcat lineup had just as many second stringers.

Phog Allen, KU cage coach, told a Hastings College banquet how he came by his nickname. It seems that Allen was a baseball umpire and because of his powerful voice a fan labeled him "Fog Horn Allen."

A discriminating Kansas City sports writer later changed the spelling to "Phog" and the name has stuck ever since.

Gym Shorts

By Gene Jensen

Unheralded and unsung, the girls' intramurals have been proceeding at top speed all semester and are now in the midst of bowling season.

Advanced to the third bracket of the tournament after defeating Alpha Chi Omega's number



HOOSIER GATHERING—Nebraska basketball coach Harry Good confers with a couple of his players, Claude Retherford (center) French Lick, Indiana, and Paul Shields, Monrovia, Ind. Two other players are included on the Nebraska squad which open the Kansas City tournament today against the University of Arkansas.

Cyclone Coach Names 15 Men For KC Jaunt

AMES, Iowa.—Fifteen players were named in the 18 man party which will represent Iowa State at the first annual Big Six basketball tournament at Kansas City this weekend.

Head coach and athletic director Louis Menze listed Clayton Sutherland, assistant coach, Harry G. Burrell, sports publicity director, and the following players for the trip: Jim Myers, Sioux City; Ray and Roy Wehde, Holstein; Jim Buck, Lloyd Kester, Ames; Rollin Kuebler, Carroll; and Jim Van Deusen, Iowa City, forwards; Don Paulsen, Huxley; Leo Schneider, Rock Island, Ill.; Jim Jessen, Evely; and Dean Norman, Fairfield, centers; and Ron Norman, Fairfield; John Sheperd, Gary, Ind.; Bill Block, Muscatine, guards.

Perfect Record.

The Cyclones will take a perfect record into the meet with a 56 to 28 win over Grinnell and a 47 to 36 triumph over the tough Iowa Teachers team.

In addition to the 18-man basketball party, Iowa State will be represented by Dean H. D. Bergman, faculty representative, and Mike Michalske, head football coach. The two, along with Menze will be in Kansas City for Big Six business meetings when not attending the tournament.

one team is Gamma Phi Beta, and Sigma Kappa's first squad which checked Carl Hall.

The weekly meeting of the Badminton Club will not be held until after Christmas vacation, it was announced by Evelyn Lukosky, president.

The Physical Education clubs, both men and women, will hold a joint meeting Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 at Grant Memorial to formulate future plans. Sponsors of the two clubs, L. E. Means and Miss Mabel Lee, will speak to the members.

Dinner Tonight.

The WAA is sponsoring a dinner tonight at 6 p. m. at Ellen Smith for all the girls who worked in concessions during the football season.

Basketball

This week's intramural basketball schedule:

Thursday, Dec. 12.	
5:00 (Stage)	Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Sigma Nu (B)
5:00 (Fresh)	Sigma Alpha Mu vs. Beta Sigma Psi (B)
7:10 (Stage)	Cornhusker Co-op. vs. Theta Xi (B)
7:10 (Fresh)	Phi Delta Theta vs. Farm House (B)
7:10 (Varsity)	Kappa Sigma vs. Brown Palace (B)
8:00 (Stage)	Delta Upsilon vs. Phi Gamma Delta (B)
8:00 (Fresh)	Sigma Chi vs. Alpha Tau Omega (B)
8:00 (Varsity)	Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Beta Theta Pi (A)
8:45 (Stage)	P. E. Club X vs. Ever-ready
8:45 (Fresh)	Blue Jay vs. Huskerville
8:45 (Varsity)	Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Farm House (A)
Friday, Dec. 13.	
5:00 (Stage)	Phi Gamma Delta vs. Zeta Beta Tau (B)

Coach Weir Prepares For Indoor Campaign

With the opening of the indoor track season less than two months away, Coach Ed Weir is getting down to serious business with the candidates who have reported thus far. Although there are only ten days remaining before Christmas vacation begins, Weir plans to make full use of this period by getting his squad into condition.

After looking over the list of prospects, Weir stated that on paper the boys look fairly well balanced in all events, but that the final decision will have to be reserved until he has seen them perform under the fire of real competition.

Several members of Coach Bernie Masterson's football team are among the group which is expected to report this week. The footballers have been taking things easy for the past week in order to devote more time to their scholastic duties.

Gridders Help.

Dick Hutton and Bill Moomey, two of the Husker backfield speedsters who continually worried Nebraska foes with their end sweeps are counted on for points in the sprints. Also included in the grid group are several potential weight men.

Nubbins football coach, Ray Prochaska, will take over the job of handling the weight men on the track team.

Weir has arranged to hold dual meets with the other five Big Six schools, followed by the annual Big Six conference indoor meet in Kansas City at the end of the indoor season. Four of the five

dual meets are scheduled for Lincoln, while the only trip away for the tracksters will be a jaunt to Columbia to meet the Missouri Tigers.

The University of Kansas is rated as one of the stronger teams in the conference this year, mainly because of the quantity of individual stars at the Lawrence school. Oklahoma has depth on their track squad and may be able to pick up enough second and third places to warrant them top ranking in the final standings. Missouri is bolstered by a host of returning veterans who won their track laurels prior to the war.

Hopes for Aid.

Here at the Husker camp, Coach Weir must rely on men returning from last year to form the nucleus of his squad, but he hopes for much support for these men from veterans and from this spring's crop of high school stars.

Heading the list of last year's performers are Fritz Ware in the sprints and broad jump, Bob Ginn in the distance events, Norval Barker and Ralph King in the hurdles, and Dick Miller and Ky Eisenhart in the pole vault. Nebraska's high jump prospects are the best in the last 20 years, according to Weir, but this bright spot may be offset by the fact that the weight events lack any outstanding prospects.

Altho both the quality and the quantity of the track men is as yet fully unknown, Weir feels that the success of his squad this year will depend on how willing the boys are to get down to strict business at the very beginning of the season.

Kosmet Klub will hold their regularly scheduled meeting at the Phi Gamma Delta house tonight at 7 p. m., according to Jack Buffington, secretary.

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