

Benchwarmer

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Rumor department . . . No sooner had Bert LaBrucherie resigned than rumors came out telling of the Uclan coach accepting an offer from "Dear Old Nebraska U."

Rumors still persist about Coach Paul Brown. The mere mention of the former Cleveland Ram professional coach seems to put a wild eyed gleam in the eyes of most Husker grid fans.

Other prospects mentioned in the rumor department are Harry Stuhldreher, former coach at Wisconsin and now athletic director at that school. Stuhldreher, who was one of the famous Four Horsemen, didn't fare too well in the won-lost department either. Another who has been mentioned is Ray Elliot, University of Illinois.

Paul Brown might very well take over at UCLA as he has been quoted as wanting to coach on the west coast.

One of the earlier rumors hit this department in early October when Des Moines, Ia., writers wrote that Iowa State's Abe Stuber would be on hand in Lincoln in 1949 to assume the duties of head football coach.

Whatever comes of all these rumors we're not going to lose any sleep over them. Let's just sit back and watch what happens—because that is all we can do.

Marv Grimm, holder of the Big Seven conference sprint championship, thinks conference swimming is going to be very tight this year. Marv who is enjoying his third year on the Husker swim team this year sees Iowa State ending up with the title.

The Cyclones have Roger Watts who qualified seventh in the Olympic 1500 meters race. Also listed on the Iowa State team is Ed LaBerge, sophomore sprinter who will probably give Grimm a rough time in the struggle for the sprint title.



BOB PIERCE, Husker basketball player, preps for eastern road trip this weekend.

Nebraska University ranked 131 in the nation, according to final tabulations released by Paul B. Williamson. The final list included ratings for 839 universities, colleges, junior colleges and service teams. Michigan gained the top with 98.6 out of 100.

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Hamburg Wins Union Paddle Tourney Crown

Pat Hamburg defeated Norma Jean Peterson to win the trophy in the girls' ping pong tournament sponsored by the Student Union.

There were 31 entered in the five round tournament which ended Saturday afternoon. Surviving to the semifinals were Rosanna Cvoboda, Loin Kroehler, Miss Peterson and Miss Hamburg.

The competitive games committee with Pat Bussey, sponsor, and Dave Slusher, chairman, sponsored the tournament. Committee members assisted with the judging. The WAA also helped with the meet.

A men's ping pong tournament is being planned after Christmas.

Lepley Preps Splash Squad

Hollie Lepley, U of N swimming coach, is prepping his varsity swim crew for the forthcoming season. Lepley's splashers have been going thru their paces daily since mid-November in the Coliseum pool.

Lepley who is moaning over the lack of depth and over all team strength says he will build his swim squad around six returning lettermen.

Bill Genton in the backstroke, Jack Campbell in the backstroke and freestyle sprints, Conrad King, breast stroke veteran, Gould "Fig" Flagg, last year's conference runner-up in diving and Perry Branch and Marv Grimm in the freestyle sprints.

Grimm has headed Lepley's splashers copping the conference titles in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events for two successive years.

"We may use Grimm in the middle distance some this year,"

Husker Cagers Outpoint Opposition in Three Tilts

Coach Harry Good's Cornhusker basketball team have outscored their first three opponents 174 to 152 points in the first month of basketball.

Claude Retherford, flashy forward, still leads Nebraska scorers with 35 points. Retherford is being

ing closely chased by the sophomore sensation Joe Malecek who has hit 32 points in the first three games.

Personal fouls have been pretty even with the scarlet players getting the whistle 50 times while opponent teams have been called down 49 times by the officials.

Nebraska has hit 72 field goals and 30 out of 53 charity tosses.

This weekend the NU basketballers start a tough schedule in the east meeting Purdue and Cincinnati.

The Huskers go on the road with a two and one record, having gained victories over Missouri State Teachers and Iowa State Teachers while losing to Minnesota.

The road trip will be climaxed with the Big Seven tourney at Kansas City after which the cagers will return to the Coliseum on Jan. 8 for a game with Kansas.

	G	FG	FT	P	TP
Retherford	3	15	5-10	4	35
Malecek	3	15	4-6	10	32
Whitehead	3	11	4-9	7	26
Anderson	3	7	3-4	2	17
Cerv	3	5	3-7	9	13
Coch	3	5	3-3	2	13
LAWRY	3	4	0-1	3	10
Cox	3	2	4-4	2	7
Pierce	3	2	1-2	2	7
Gates	3	3	0-0	1	6
Schieger	3	0	3-3	2	3
Shields	3	2	0-2	1	2
Jussel	2	1	0-1	0	2
Srb	2	0	1-1	1	1
Brandenberg	1	0	0-0	0	0
Walsh	2	0	0-1	0	0
Allen	2	0	0-0	0	0

Oklahoma, Big Seven champions, went through their first scrimmage since the close of the regular season. Coach Bud Wilkenson said all team members were in top physical condition for the New Year's Sugar Bowl game with North Carolina.



SIGMA NU—Champion fraternity wrestling team. (Front row) Bob Russell, Don Rauh. (Middle row) John Wilson, Dick Smith, Don Smith, Ed Ackerman. (Back row) Don Sailors, Marshall Grant, Bob Anderson, Don Smith, Tom Podhaisky, Barry Theis.

Beta Theta Pi Wins IM Volleyball Tourney

Beta Theta Pi copped the intramural volleyball tournament last week winning, 2-0.

The Beta's won the first game 15-8 and took the second game 15-6.

Members of the team are Bob Means, Roland Emmett, Ken Harley, Paul Hyland, Rod Cox, George Petter, Bob Pierce, Ed Schaumburg, Gordon Luikart, Bob Kasmarek, Gene Johnson, and Tom Johnson.



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