

# Why By-Pass Nebraska?

## Record Says Huskers Should Represent Big 7

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Why overlook the Cornhuskers? The Cornhuskers are defending champions and the unwritten rule of sports is, "You must unseat the champs in order to be given the crown."

Nebraska was not shaken from the perch even tho they had to be content with a three-way tie. Coach Harry Good, in an official statement to the Daily Nebraskan said:

"For the boys sake as well as the University and the state, I would like very much to have the committee select us as the team to represent the Big Seven in the NCAA District Five playoff with Bradley."

"I feel that with Joe Malacek and Bob Cerv in the lineup, and the improved play of the club since Dec. 12, (date Nebraska played Bradley at Peoria) that we could make a very fine showing against Bradley."

Both Malacek and Cerv were left at home when the Huskers lost to the number one team in the nation, 64-54.

Gardner "Mad." Kansas State Coach Jack Gardner is boiling because the Kansas Jayhawks were picked to represent the Big Seven, Sunday, he was fuming because he was supposedly given the run-around.

The three man selection committee, headed by Bruce Drake of Oklahoma, gave the nod to Kansas and immediately the wild woolly fans of Kansas State rallied in protest.

Over 1,000 students burned the three committeemen in effigy at Manhattan Sunday, Monday, 60 carloads of students traveled to Kansas City, home of the Big Seven offices, and paraded before the offices of Reeves Peters, Big Seven commissioner, in protest.

Clyde McBride, sports editor of the Kansas City Star and a member of the committee, also was the target for the protesting students.

President Milton Eisenhower of Kansas State declared a holiday and urged the students to attend the mass migration to Kansas City.

The debate has seemingly narrowed to the two Kansas schools. Either way the committee decides, Kansas Governor Frank Carlson will probably have to call out the state militia to quell a riot between the schools.

Rivalry between K-State and Kansas already has the students ready to "bear arms."

The best way to settle the argument, according to Good, is: "pick Nebraska."

It would leave the fighting schools out of the picture and they would be sending a team just as strong to the playoffs.

The Wildcats have a better percentage record in games won within the district (12-5), but Nebraska's 13-8 record should stand-up to any argument set up by Kansas State supporters.

The Huskers' percentage stands at .684 and K-State has a .706 record in games played in District Five, but Coach Harry Good's players have played two more games than K-State. This should, without taking anything else into consideration, give the Huskers the nod.

The committee, in keeping with the NCAA rules, is bound to consider only games played within the district.

Good presented another strong argument in the University's behalf.

"Since personnel of the Nebraska team is predominantly third and fourth year men and Kansas is predominantly sophomores, I feel that the more mature champ of last year (Nebraska) should be the team to represent the Big Seven."

It cannot be denied that the three teams fight on equal basis—with Nebraska and Kansas getting the slim nod. At home, each team turned in their victory over the other school. Usually a home team has a ten-point advantage. At Manhattan, where the gym compares to a "cracker-box" and only K-State students are admitted, it is conceded that the visiting team is a 20 point underdog.

The mob hysteria of perhaps the poorest sports in the Big Seven is enough to drive a deaf person insane.

Many visiting coaches have severely criticized the tactics of the "long games" played there. The whole atmosphere is the poorest in the conference.

Hate to Leave Even Kansas State officials stated that they hated to leave their cozy little home next year.

Present plans call for the Wildcats to be playing in a new field to use next year which will be regulation size and seat 12,000.

In all games played, including those played inter-sectionally, K-State has won 17 and lost 7. Nebraska has a 16-7 record, while Kansas has the poorest record at 14-10—just a little better than 50%.

Is it fair to overlook the Cornhuskers? They have a better overall average than Kansas. As for an attraction, they have Bus Whitehead—the only unanimous all-Big Seven selection.

They are defending champions and have proven that they are a national power-house. If the committee is willing to look over the facts once more, let them look at Nebraska!

### Craren Only Husker 1st At Norman

Iowa State and Oklahoma turned the Big Seven Swimming Meet into a dual meet at Norman last week-end with the Sooners finally skimming the cream 97 to 96.

Scattered well in the back-ground were Nebraska with 29%, Colorado had 25%, and the Kansas Jayhawks were last with seven.

Roger Watts was again the outstanding swimmer of the meet. He scored first in the 220, 440, and 1500 yard free style races. This was the fourth time that Watts has won these events.

The Big Seven swimmers took the opportunity to rack up some new conference records. Sophomore Bob Brown of Brown was pushed to a new record in the 50 yard free style by Marvin Grimm. Kanamine was fifth.

Cyclone Malcolm Schmidt broke his own mark in the 100 yard free style with a time of 53.8.

Senior Elven Crowder of Oklahoma broke the records for both the 100 and 150 yard back stroke.

The Iowa State swimmers set a new mark in the 400 yard relay with the Cornhuskers a close second.

Oklahoma's 300 yard medley relay team cinched the meet by winning the race in 3:07.2 for a new record.

Eddie Craren scored the only first for the Cornhuskers. He continued to lead the conference divers with a first in the low board diving and a close second to Shiffler of Iowa State in the high board event.

The meet was well run off and the officiating good considering the close races.

### Frosh Have Two Games This Fall

The University of Nebraska freshman football team is billed to play two football games next fall. The Big Seven allows only two games for frosh teams.

On October 14, the Kansas State freshmen will be at Lincoln, while on October 28, the Husker yearlings will go to Boulder for a game with Colorado.

Last year, the "greenies" had only one game scheduled, Kansas State. Nebraska won at Manhattan.

### Weather Stops Iowa State Baseball Practice

The "Big Two," weather and time, are Iowa State's first baseball opponents this spring.

Baseball Coach L. C. "Cap" Timm said that those two elements would be the deciding factors in the schedule of practices



ED CRAREN—Was the only Nebraska swimmer to win Big Seven Conference honors, by annexing the diving championship. Ed will be back next year for competition.

### Sooners Replace Nebraska As Big Seven Wrestling Champs

It was a strictly no encore performance for the Nebraska wrestlers down at Manhattan last Friday and Saturday. The Oklahoma Sooners replaced the Cornhuskers as conference champions by a score of 35-28. The Huskers were second.

They were followed in order by Iowa State with 20, Kansas State had 16 points, and Colorado 14. Kansas and Missouri did not compete.

Both heavyweight Mike DiBiase and 136 pounder Mick Sparano lost their individual wrestling crowns.

Joe Blanchard and DiBiase were on almost even terms. At the end of their match the score was tied up. However, the Kansas Stater apt up his winning ways of Mike by gaining a referee's decision.

Coach Buele atterson felt that Sparano topped his wrestling career with an outstanding performance. Mickey had an even tighter match than DiBiase. He finally lost the match, but went down like a champion when.

In the light heavyweight division Herb Heese breezed through his competition. He had little trouble from any of his opponents and easily retained his title.

Harold Gilliland came thru for Nebraska in fine style. He had

before the baseball season begins. The boys have been holding work-outs in the indoor track room in State Gymnasium since the last week in January, but Timm doesn't plan on holding outdoor work-outs until the week before their first game. Their first game is scheduled for the last day in March.

### Whitehead Only Unanimous All-Big Seven Selection-AP

Nebraska basketball fans weren't the least bit surprised when the Associated Press announced their choices for the All-Big Seven team.

Leading selections was Nebraska's "Bus" Whitehead, who was the only unanimous choice of the five picked for this honor.

Although Whitehead placed behind Clyde Lovellette of Kansas University in scoring, he was nevertheless chosen the best all-around team player in the conference. In Big Seven scoring, "Bus" amassed a total of 277 points connecting with 107 from the field and 63 from the free throw line.

Lovellette Second For his record scoring spree, Lovellette was the second choice for conference honors. Lovellette, only sophomore of the selections, has broken all scoring records in the Big Seven. No matter what nickname you wish to call him by, he is cinched for All-American honors in the coming year.

Wayne Glasgow is third in league scoring with 151 points. Being instrumental in Oklahoma's upset win over Nebraska, he scored 10 points in the Sooner attack.

Kendall Hills, dead shot artist from Colorado, was the fourth choice of the Associated Press. Hills, fourth in league scoring with 136 points, was at his best when the Buffs played the Cornhuskers.

Fifth man of the honored five was Clarence Brannum, who is captain of the Kansas State

in having Lonborg as the speaker at the award dinner, as he is a key figure in basketball today. Wheeler said, "As chairman of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament committee, as dean of basketball coaches in the Western Conference, and as a former player at the University of Kansas and the Kansas City Athletic Club, he has an enviable niche in the world of basketball."

Lonborg will come here from Northwestern University to be on hand for the N.C.A.A. games. He will spend about a week here, dividing his time between the basketball games, the Big Seven award dinner and business affairs in Lawrence.

The appointment of Lonborg to the top athletic post at K.U. was made last January by Chancellor Deane Malott, following word that E. C. Quigley will retire as athletic director July 1. At Northwestern Lonborg is rounding out his twenty-third year as basketball coach, the longest tenure of any cage coach in the Big Ten.

He is a native Kansan, winner of nine varsity letters at K.U. and made a notable reputation coaching at Washburn University at Topeka for four seasons before going to Northwestern. There his teams have won two Big Ten championships and finished out of the first division only five times.

The affair at which Lonborg will speak will mark the second annual award of the handsome gold trophy to a Big Seven school. The award was originated in 1949 and is dedicated by the Blue Hills Post as a memorial to Big Seven athletes who were killed in World War II.

### Dutch Lonborg Speaks at K.C. Banquet

KANSAS CITY—Arthur C. "Dutch" Lonborg, newly appointed athletic director of the University of Kansas, has accepted an invitation to appear as guest speaker at the annual Sportsmanship Basketball Trophy award dinner at the Continental Hotel here March 23. It will be his first public appearance in the Kansas City area since accepting the position at K.U.

Lonborg confirmed the speaking date in a letter received Wednesday by Jack Wheeler, chairman of the Blue Hills American Legion Post committee which sponsors the award.

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