

# Gymnasts Beaten In Dual Contests

**By Marshal Kushner**

The Nebraska gym season is over as Nebraska's gymnasts returned to Lincoln after receiving two defeats at the hands of the University of Iowa and the Illinois Branch of the Navy Pier.

The Hawkeye squad tripped the Huskers 52-44 in their dual meet March 16. Everybody but Al Dunavan put on his best performance of the season for this meet. Dunavan had difficulties in the parallel bars and rings in this meet.

The following day the Huskers journeyed to Chicago for the meet with the Illinois outfit. The Huskers reached their peak performance of the year in their final meet, however it wasn't enough to defeat the high flying Windy City crew.

The loss to the Navy Pier team was mainly through the absence of Husker Jerry Tubbs. Tubbs tore many of his back muscles in the Iowa meet. His points would have been enough to overcome the 51-45 loss.

**Best Meets**

"In spite of the losses, these were the two best meets of the year," claimed Coach Jake Geier. The boys were mentally set for the meets and concentrated less on winning and more on having a good time. Consequently the competition "was very enjoyable and the results were very satisfactory."

In reviewing the accomplishments of the season, Coach Geier commended team members Al Dunavan as the outstanding performer of the year.

"Dunavan is one of the four best gymnasts I've known," said Coach Geier. He rates Dunavan with such ex-Husker gymnasts as Eddie Reynolds, Leo Geier, and Phil Sprague.

Dunavan was the high scorer on the team this year. He collected 314 points which was over 192 points better than runner-up, Jerry Tubbs.

**Scorers**

Other point getters were Bob Yarwood, 80; Paul Hughes, 76; Art Hillman, 76; Ed Craren, 69; Ira Epstein, 38; and Bob Norton, 45.

"It's unfortunate that we've been out of town so much this season," commented Geier.

Next year, however, the Huskers will be hosts of four meets and this will give people an opportunity to watch the team in action.

Next year's team will have plenty of experience behind it.

# Hildreth Center Is Scoring King

The ace center of the Class C champion Hildreth team was the 1951 state high school tournament scoring king.

Rodney Bungler potted 42 points in the final game of the tournament, giving him a three-game total of 72 points.

Doyle Fyfe of David City gave Bungler his closest competition with a 58 point aggregate for the three games his Class B club played.

A snappy Fremont guard was next with a total of 57 points. This performance was the best in Class A.

Axtell was fired to a runner-up berth in the Class D race by Morgan Wells and his 52 tournament points.

Sam Bell of Chester and Bob Kremke of Millard followed with 47 and 43 points respectively. Bell made his points in two tournament games and Kremke netted his in three performances.

The 43 point rampage of Bungler was the top single game production of the tournament. The next best individual effort was Bell's 29-point total in the Folk game.

Omaha Holy Name's Frank Trouba hit 26 for the next best single-game performance. Neff's 23 against Scottsbluff topped the Class A records.

# Tractor Representative To Address A.S.A.E.

James Jensen, John Deere Tractor Works representative from Waterloo, Ia., will speak to the American Society of Agricultural Engineers Wednesday evening at 7:30 in room 313 of the Union.

**IM Announces '51 Badminton**

The Intramural Department has announced the schedule and the rules for the All-University 1951 badminton tournament.

The tournament was divided into eight leagues, and all matches will be scheduled accordingly.

Players having bye rounds must report for the game. If conflicts develop in the schedule participants may arrange to play their matches early, or at a time during the day when the courts are available.

The University will provide rackets, but players must furnish their own birds.

The winner of each match is responsible for reporting the results.

All positions in each league was done by lot. No players have been seeded in positions or tournament groups.

Players are advised to watch the Physical Education building bulletin board for dates of playing.

# AROUND THE LOOP...

## Wildcats and Tigers Lead Nickname List

**By Shirley Murphy**

Oscar Fraley, United Press sports writer, polled the nicknames for college sports teams and discovered that the Wildcats and Tigers lead the race with the Bulldogs just a few lengths behind.

Big Seven teams use these nom de plumes, too. K-State is less formerly called the Wildcats and Missouri sports the Tiger title. For some reason the Big Seven hasn't any Bulldogs, but they do have Jayhawkers, Huskers, Sooners, Cyclones and Buffs.

The Wildcats were first named in 1915 by their football coach, John Bender, because the players were light, fast and scrappy. The name was forgotten the next year when the K-Staters were dubbed "Farmers."

"Wildcats" became the official name in 1920 when Charles Buchanan came to Manhattan from Northwestern university where the athletic teams were called "Wildcats." He christened his team by that nickname and it has stuck ever since.

Fabulous Clyde Lovelette crashed all kinds of records in this year's basketball season. In addition to his team scoring crown with 546 points, which also went for a new school records, he won two other team departmental titles during the 1950-51 season.

His field goal percentage of 44 was highest among the regulars, and he led all hands in the rebounding department with 227. He hit 245 shots in 554 efforts from the floor to better last year's mark by two percentage points.

Forward Bob Kenney won the team free throw title with 26 direct hits in 30 attempts for a percentage of 87. His front-line mate, Bill Lienhard, topped the assist column with 58.

# From The Sports Desk

By Bill Mandell

Well, another State High School basketball tourney has put us all through the mill again. Now for a week of solid relaxation, attending classes.

Many of the basketball experts are complaining that the calibre of basketball exhibited on the Coliseum floors this year was much lower than in previous years. This may be true or may not be, that isn't the important thing.

The one thing this year's tourney had that no other playoff has had in a very long time is the closeness of competition and of the contests. Two double-overtime games in one afternoon put us all in the classification of "nervous wrecks."

Signs were more plentiful this year than last. At least half of the competing teams brought signs with them either carried or hung them all over the Coliseum.

The most noticeable to appear revealed themselves Thursday during the Hastings-Benson game. During the half the Benson cheerleaders carried a huge banner bearing the words, "Benson Bunnies." The sign was big and was novel and drew a big round of applause, but you should have heard the place roar when the partisan crowd saw the Hastings pepsters break out with a sign titled, "Blister the Bunnies."

Our vote for the most unique sign goes to Fremont who displayed the sign, "Knock out Tech. A technical knockout."

Also in the realm of spirit, there was again a wide variety of cheering sections. All seem to have had what it takes, but some stand out in my mind.

Fremont had the most cheerleaders. They flooded the area with nine. Scottsbluff had the best dressed cheerleaders. Omaha Benson had the best individual cheerleaders. Some of those gals appeared to be actually touching their heads with their feet when leaping. And the best all-around cheering came, as usual, from the home crowds of Lincoln Northeast and Lincoln High. Lucky for our eardrums that the two teams never met.

It was hard to imagine Tigers, Indians, Blue Devils or Wildcats as some of the teams are named appearing on the playing floor, but it was no difficulty seeing Greyhounds on the maples when Hildreth took the floor. All five of the Class C champions' starting five looked like their school name, sleek, tall and just the way you imagine a basketball team looks.

Bands came into their own again this year. The home town aggregations of the Links and Rockets were overshadowed this year. Fremont brought a unit that could really make a march stand up and go.

But there were swing bands, too. The one I would have liked to hear more of had to put their instruments away after the first day. The Syracuse cagers got whipped by the C champ Hildreth, but their band, small as it was, was second to none.

A sidelight on the Fremont band was the fact that after every game they played "Goofus." The words to the song go—"Goofus has been lucky for me." It sure was.

There were hats of all types,

# Three Lettermen Return to Bolster Husker Tennis Team

Three returning lettermen will grace the lineup when Coach Edward Higgenbotham fields his 1951 tennis team for the first time. He will build his team around these men plus some freshman numeral winners and returning members from the 1950 team.

The returning lettermen are Andy Buntin, junior from Cheyenne, Wyoming; Jamie Curran, senior from Buenos Aires and Robert Radin, senior from Vere Beach, Florida.

At the start of last year's campaign Curran was the number one man on the squad. However, Radin defeated him in an intrasquad game and retained the number one post for the remainder of the season.

Buntin and Curran were im-

# Baseball to Lean Heavily On Famous Sophomore Jinx

The legendary sophomore jinx may play a leading role in the major league pennant races this year.

The manner in which seven freshmen stars react to it will have a lot to do with the final success of their teams.

In the American league the Cleveland Indians and the Boston Red Sox could be affected seriously by the second year superstition.

And in a similar manner the second year hoozie may also work for or against the National league teams which figure to battle it out for top honors. These teams include the Boston Braves, the Philadelphia Phillies, and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The second year major leaguers who figure to make or break their team's success are all playing in key positions.

**Dropo**

In the Red Sox camp, Walt Dropo, who as the rookie of the year last year hit a solid .322, smacked 34 homers and led the league in runs batted in with 144, is the big question mark. Providing he continues to maintain the same pace this year, Dropo could provide the spark to lead the Red Sox to a pennant.

The Indians may get either double strength or double trouble in the 1951 race from their

# Independent All-Tourney Team

FIRST TEAM	POS	SECOND TEAM
Arved Christensen—Alpha Sigs.....	F.....	Jerry Strashelm—Warriors
Don McArthur—Phi Delta Phi.....	F.....	Hal Deitrich—Phillips 33
Jack Yelkin—Geologists.....	C.....	Clark Caley—Stars
Ray Svehla—Stars.....	G.....	LaVern Hruza—Alpha Sigs
Bill Wenke—Phi Delta Phi.....	G.....	Carlos Hanson—City YMCA

HONORABLE MENTION: Ron Ohnoutka—Geologists; Dan Switzer—Comets; Marv Lawton—Warriors; Howard Hansen—Phi Alpha Delta; Bud Gerlach—Phi Delta Phi; Bob Green—City YMCA; Lee Korte—Geologists.

# Yelkin, Two Phi Deltas Top Independent All-Tourney

Phi Delta Phi with two men and the champion Geologists with Jack Yelkin top the 1951 Independent All-Tourney Team.

Yelkin was by far the outstanding individual of the Independent playoffs and holds down the first team center berth. Don McArthur and Bill Wenke are the two men representing Phi Delta Phi on the first team.

The rest of the first team is made up of Arved Christensen of Alpha Sigma Phi and Ray Svehla of the Dorm A Stars.

Yelkin's stellar play in the playoffs clinched him a spot on the All-Tourney team almost from the opening ray. That afternoon, Jumpin' Jack netted a new all-time individual scoring record of 56 points.

McArthur and Wenke were the lawyers' scoring punch, big Mac under the hoops and Wenke from far out. McArthur also took good care of the rebounding for the shysters.

Svehla almost led his underdog Stars into the finals as they lost a 47-48 heartbreaker to the Fiddle-de-fee. Ray led his team in scoring throughout the tourney

and sparked them to three wins in four tries.

Christensen was one of the smoothest ball players in the playoffs. He kept the Alpha Sigma Phi aggregation in the playoffs until they met the champion Geologists. Even then, the Alpha Sigs gave them plenty of first half trouble.

The second team sports men from five teams. At the forward positions are listed Harold Deitrich of Phillips 33 and Jerry Strashelm of the Warriors. At the center post is Clark Caley of the Dorm A Stars. LaVern Hruza of the Alpha Sigs and Carlos Hanson of the City YMCA are at guards.

The berths were assigned only on playoff performance. The All-Intramural All-Star teams will be out in a few days and will take into consideration everybody who gets a vote.

# Pickers Hit 56 Percent; Mundell Top

The all-over percentage of the Daily Nebraskan prognosticators of the High School Tournament came out to 65 percent. Out of 178 games attempted, 115 were called correctly, pretty good considering the mode of upsets.

Sports Editor Bill Mandell took top honors among the seven experts. Mandell tabbed 23 out of 28 games correctly for an average for the tourney of over 82 percent.

Sports Writer Shirley Murphy came in second boasting a 68 percent average. Miss Murphy correctly predicted the winners in 19 games out of the 28.

Sports writer Buck Ulin took third place. Ulin got 16 out of 24 for a 67 percent score.

The all-over chart for the prognosticators:

Exp.	Attempted	Correct	Percent
Mundell	28	23	82%
Murphy	28	19	68%
Ulin	24	16	67%
Kushner	28	17	61%
Warren	24	14	58%
Banks	26	15	57%
Nelson	20	11	55%

Prize picks of the tourney were Mandell's choice of David City over Holy Name, Miss Murphy's pick of Newman Grove over St. Joseph's of Atkinson, Banks' and Mundell's tab of Fremont over Omaha Tech and all but Nelson, Warren and Kushner picking Fremont over Benson.

Coaches are getting blamed for losing several of the games in this season's tournament. Coach Bill McCowin is still in the discussions concerning his waiving of a free-throw in the waning moments of the North Platte game with Lincoln.

Holdrege coach, Clifford Bosley handed four points to Wayne in their thrilling semi-final match. Sitting near the Holdrege bench I could observe Bosley's coaching from the sidelines.

Twice in that game he distracted his own players' attention so Wayne swiped the ball and took it down the floor easily for a lay-up.

Coach Bob Paris of the champion Fremonters is also up for criticism. He spent the entire action cursing the referees and his players from the sidelines in a language that we cannot print.

In the close spots, it is lucky he wasn't heard by the officials.

All in all, it was a very good tourney. Upsets were the rule, rather than the exception. Nobody expected Fremont, David City or Hildreth to come through. Well, hardly anybody.

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