

The Benchwarmer

By RON GIBSON
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(The end of the year 1951 was drawing near, and Ol' Patsy Clark, Athletic Director at the University of Nebraska, went on a long trip to pay a visit to an old girl friend who had mistreated him, a gal named Lady Luck. When Patsy chatted with Dame Fortune, the following conversation took place):

LADY LUCK: Well Patsy! Here for your annual visit, I see. How ya been?

PATSY: Lady, I come to register a complaint.

LADY LUCK: A complaint? What about?

PATSY: You know darn well what about. I'm here to complain about the dirty tricks you played on the Cornhuskers in 1951. You call yourself Lady Luck. Listen, as far as Nebraska is concerned, you're Miss Fortune.

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LADY LUCK: What tough breaks are you talking about?

PATSY: Well, for instance, there's the football team. What you did to Bill Glassford was mean, low-down and uncalled for. As if weren't enough to lose our whole starting offensive line from tackle to tackle by graduation, you had to make things worse.

To begin with, you tried to wreck Camp Curtis by giving Bill and the boys just about the loudest weather imaginable. But that was not enough. Then you had to throw in a few injuries.

LADY LUCK: Well, you've got to expect injuries.

PATSY: Sure, but you went far, Lady. We thought we were going to be all right, but then wham! You laid up Bobby Reynolds with a bad shoulder injury. Don Vogt got appendicitis. Even so, we thought we had a pretty fair chance.

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LADY LUCK: Gee, Patsy, I'm sorry.

PATSY: Football isn't the only sport you hit. What about basketball? Already you've started in on Harry Good. Look what you did to Joe Good, letting him sprain his ankle! Lay off, will you?

Then there's baseball. You had to make things tough for Tony Sharpe, too. What's the idea having it rain so much last Spring? How did you expect the baseball team to play with the field wet all the time?

You couldn't leave track alone, either. You let the army get Hobe Jones and Wendy Cole, not to mention Ron Clark.

Then you got to the minor sports. The gym team lost Bob Norton to the Navy just this month.

LADY LUCK: Gee, Patsy, I'm sorry about all this. I didn't realize I was giving you fellows so much trouble. Can't I make it up to you somehow?

PATSY: Sure, by giving us a few good breaks next year. After all, Lady, we want to be friends with you. So please don't cross us up again like you did in '51.

LADY LUCK: I'll see what I can do for you, Patsy. I'll try to lay off on the injuries and the bad weather and all. I guess I didn't realize what a bad girl I've been this year.

PATSY: Well thanks, Lady. And don't forget: Better luck in 1952.

Sports World Resolving For An Improved 1952

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Resolutions are the order of these few remaining days of 1951 as people all over the world usher in the new year. The sports world will join the annual crusade for improvement.

Athletics took quite a beating this year. It started during the early months of 1951 when the basketball scandal was uncovered. Following this came the era of cheating and over-emphasis.

The old basketball heroes of yesterday were in the process of "just fading away" when some were caught in one of the most disastrous scandals in basketball history.

All-Americans like Sherman White, Ralph Beard, Alex Groza and many other stars were convicted on a bribery charge that probably caused Mr. Naismith to turn over in his grave.

The poor cadets at West Point were thrown out in the cold for doing what a good share of the modern Joe Colleges are doing—cheating. Included in the mass extermination from the Military Academy were such notables as Earl Blaik and Al Pollard.

The Naval Academy even adopted a new chant which they used during the Army-Navy slaughter (42-7) laughter this year. "We don't cheat at Navy!" echoed melodiously around the house that Ruth built this year.

It was a good and bad season Yankee starting outfield next for football. Most of the football experts had a pretty good idea of what was going to take place before the season started. Aside from West Point's demobilized Army team, Texas, California and Nebraska were all big disappointments.

The Longhorns were ranked kingpins of the Southwest conference and ended up far down the ladder in the final standings. The Golden Bears of Fappy Waldorf flew through their opening two games and finished on one wing and no prayers for going back to the Rose Bowl.

The Nebraska story was probably the saddest of them all. Predicted to be the team to stop the conference crown, the Oklahoma Sooners from regaining the Huskers were able to win only one game this year.

Boxing had its sad moments. Joe Louis had his picture taken in a position he had never been in before. Louis was caught sprawling out on the canvas taking a ten-count after Rocky Marciano bounced 16 pounds of leather off his noggin.

Sugar Ray Robinson, pride of American boxing, was stunned by Randy Turpin of England in what will probably be ranked one of the greatest boxing upsets in history. Robinson battered the flashy Britisher in the rematch.

The battle for the Davis cup continues as the Americans, sparked by Frankie Sedgman, are making a bid to capture the trophy from the Australians. Gussie Moran still created small riots with her latest styles in the panty-parade.

The National League pennant race was one for the books. The Giants and the Dodgers, two very friendly teams in the senior circuit, threw everything at each other but Rip Sewell's blooper ball.

Meanwhile, Casey Stengel's New York Yankees had to win the American league competition and enough to take the World Series in six games.

The year is rapidly come to a close and football is undergoing one of the most critical periods of its history. The numerous glorifications that football has enjoyed during its history are being carefully scrutinized around the country and many colleges are proposing abolishing many of them.

1. The Big Seven will amend their ruling for not allowing participating in any post season affairs. The Big Seven is more than likely to find themselves alone on the bowless limb.

2. A successful football season for Coach Bill Glassford so that the ignorant participants of the "Goodbye Baby Face Bill" episode will eat their words.

3. Hoping that the list of athletic scholarships will not be published for the good of the athletes of this university.

4. An end to the series of basketball scandals and cheating ordeals that has caused a pungent odor to sweep across the country and no doubt an ironical smile to come over the face of Chicago university's president Robert Hutchins.

5. Continued success to a young bunch of Nebraska basketball players who will probably develop into a closely knitted, winning basketball team before the season ends.

6. Looking forward to seeing Bob Cerv in that New York Yankee starting outfield next spring and Nellie Fox stop the list of American league batters.

7. To Bill Glassford and his staff, Harry Good, Tony Sharpe, Jake Geire, George "Patsy" Clark, Hottle Lopley, A. Lewandowski, to the faculty and especially to YOU . . . A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE DAILY NEBRASKAN sports staff.

Fijis Win Bowling Title DU Second

Phi Gamma Delta rolled to the fraternity bowling championship with a 2343. The Phi Gams were sparked by Sev Harkson and Bill Holmquist who notched 512 and 505 respectively.

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IS Faces WU

Iowa State heads north Friday to take on a pair of Wisconsin wrestling foes.

Successful in its first start (a 24-28 win over Grinnel, the Cyclone team hopes to avenge one of its 1951 losses and to start a new series with a victory. On Friday the team will meet Wisconsin at Madison. Last year the Badgers handed out a 26-3 lacing to the Cyclones.

Coached by George Martin, former national champion at Iowa State, Wisconsin is led by another Iowan, Capt. Don Ryan. Other Badger veterans are John Falter, 177-pounds, and Art Prechlik, heavyweight.

Iowa State leads in the Wisconsin series, 9-4.

Bernie Candidate For Cardinal Job

Bernie Masterson may be the next Chicago Cardinal football coach.

It was learned Wednesday that Masterson, former player and head mentor at Nebraska, is receiving serious consideration for the job vacated by Curly Lambeau three weeks ago.

Masterson said he has not yet made an official application for the position.

"I have not yet made a move toward the job," Masterson said. "All I know is that a group in Chicago has brought up my name.

Currently head football coach at Lewis college, Rockport, Ill., Masterson's team finished the season with an 8-1 record. His squad was picked to play in the Corn Bowl.

A Cardinal official said that "Bernie's Chicago friends have been conducting a strong campaign in his behalf."

It is believed that Masterson's support is coming from friends he acquired while quarterbacking the Chicago Bears. He has long been a favorite of George Halas, owner of the Bears.

Masterson was a three-year letter winner in football and



—Courtesy Lincoln Star. CARD COACH? . . . Bernie Masterson, former Nebraska football coach, is a strong candidate for the pro Chicago Cardinal vacancy.

swimming at Lincoln high school and was an all-state halfback. Although he played in the shadow of All-American fullback George Sauer at the University, Masterson won a berth on the all-conference team.

Under Halas, he became the first of the great Bear T-formation quarterbacks, followed by Sid Luckman and Johnny Lujack.

Masterson began his coaching career at Stanford. He is given a great deal of credit for developing quarterback Frankie Albert, whose team defeated Nebraska in the 1941 Rose Bowl, 21-13.

Later he coached at UCLA and was head mentor of St. Mary's pre-flight team during the war.

In 1946 he took over as coach at Nebraska and installed the T. Leaving Nebraska at the end of the 1947 season, Masterson accepted a position with the New York Yankees, pro grid team, and then he went to the University of Iowa as backfield coach. This was his first year at Lewis college.

The Cardinal coach probably will not be selected until Jan. 19.

Iowa State Starts Practice For Drake Tilt

Final exams notwithstanding, the Iowa State basketball team is getting in some mighty-hard practice licks this week as it prepares for its second game of the year with Drake.

The two teams clash again at Des Moines Saturday night.

Coach Chick Sutherland sometimes has to check a master roster to know who is practicing but the Cyclones haven't missed a day.

Even when exams keep some of the players out of the scheduled drills, they have turned up later for shooting practice. Starting on Tuesday night, however, Sutherland has been able to have the entire squad together for practice.

Even a stranger could sense a tough game coming up as he watches the Cyclones drill. From Sutherland right through every man of the squad there is a seriousness about the return contest that lets all observers know the Cyclones expect a busy evening Saturday. By the same token it is apparent the scrappy comeback kids from Iowa State figure that Drake will have some tough problems to handle, too.

The game will be the final contest for the Cyclones before the Big Seven tournament at Kansas City, Dec. 26-29.

Phi Gam Leader



SEV HARKSON . . . Led his Phi Gamma Delta mates to victory in the fraternity bowling tournament.

Grid Figures

"There is no place like Nebraska!"

Footballwise, this is certainly true. It is borne out by the attendance figure on home games during 1950 and 1951.

In 1950, the Cornhuskers did not lose a game on the home soil. And there were 178,381 spectators on hand to watch these victories.

But in 1951, the Cornhuskers did not win a game at home. Yet 179,444 spectators loyally stood by in one of Nebraska's worst seasons, both from a standpoint of losses and weather.

In other words, there were 563 more patrons on hand in 1951 than in 1950.

More than 90 per cent of the season book holders in 1951 have reordered their tickets for 1952.

A breakdown of the attendance in 1951 follows:

Texas Christian Uni. 37,287

Penn State College 39,770

University of Kansas 35,083

University of Colorado 33,606

University of Okla. 33,698

Total 179,444

The Penn State game, which was Band Day, set a new individual game record at Nebraska with 39,770 spectators.

It broke the mark set by the Indiana-Nebraska game in 1937 when 39,380 watched the Huskers nip the Hoosiers, 7-0, when Jack Dodd broke away on a reverse on the first play after the kickoff.

Knee Operations May Hamper Oklahoma Wrestling Success

Four knee operations hold the key to Oklahoma's wrestling hopes in 1952.

Coach Port Robertson's defending National Collegiate champions of last year are pulling hard for complete recoveries for Frank Marks, Big Seven champion at 167 pounds, and also for Don Reece, slated to succeed graduated Jack Blubaugh, Big Seven champion at 130, George Jackson, Big Seven champ at 147 and both heavyweights, Bill Kale and Larry Cotton.

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As a sophomore last year, Marks lost his opener 4-3 to Mike Fucel of Oklahoma A & M, then rallied to win ten straight and will take that unbroken string into 1952 competition if he is able to wrestle. His 21-second fall over Al Johnson of Nebraska in the Big Seven semi-finals here was the fastest fall ever scored in the Sooner Fieldhouse.

Coach Robertson says: "We won't have as good a team as last year. However, we can still have a pretty fair team if the

boys are willing to pay the training price. I haven't at all been satisfied with our progress in early workouts."

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The Sooners were picked as the 11th best grid team in the United States. Nebraska ranked 77th.

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Tutor, Pupil



TRACK STALWARTS . . . Coach Ed Weir (l) will be depending on Dan Tolman, a hurdler, (r) to help the Nebraska cinder team defend its indoor conference crown.

Underclassmen Aid Husker Track Team

By GLENN NELSON
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Track coach Ed Weir will be counting on plenty of strength and depth from his freshmen and sophomore squad members during the indoor season.

His Big Seven indoor championship team last year packed plenty of depth as well as a few standout performers. But several of his squad members were lost through graduation or the service.

Big Seven competition this year should be just as stiff as last season, if not tougher from the standpoint of the Cornhuskers.

Oklahoma should turn out a team which displays both quality and depth. It won last year's freshman meet easily and will have several good new men to add to its fine Varsity team.

Kansas has been picked by many coaches as one of the stronger teams in the conference. The Jays especially powerful in the distance events.

Missouri's Tigers, runners-up last year to the Husker cindermen, will be back boasting an outfit which counts on squad depth.

"Our freshman crop appears to be stronger than average," Weir said, "and we will count heavily on them for squad strength."

The Cornhuskers are in good physical condition, following fall workouts. The team had good weather for most of its fall workouts.

Many of Weir's men will be running in an indoor track meet for the first time and will lack experience in that department.

Several of last year's standouts will be missed. The Nebraska team lost the usual amount of men through graduation, but several others have been taken by Uncle Sam.

Don Cooper and Leonard Kehl, the two top pole vaulters in the conference last year, were graduated last spring.

Ken Jacobs, a top-flight miler on the club last year, and Wendell Cole, second-place low hurdler in the conference indoor meet last year, also were lost through graduation.

Hobe Jones, all-around middle distance and distance runner, scored heavily in the indoor meet last year. He was taken by the Air Guard unit last spring.

Jones set the all-time Nebraska record in the half mile event in the 1951 indoor meet. He won the 880-yard race in 1:56.4. Lee Alexander returns in the sprints.

Dick Meissner, ace high jumper on last year's thincad squad, captured second place in last year's meet. He is another top point-getter lost through graduation.

Weir announced that Bill Hein, 440 runner back from last year's squad, has recently received word

Varsity: "The Mob," 1:45, 3:42, 5:39, 7:36, 9:35.

State: "Christmas Carol," 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25.

Esquire: "Odette," 7:24, 9:18.

Thirty-Third Husker Plays For Charity

Frank Simon University end, will be the thirty-third Cornhusker to compete in Shrine charity games when he plays for the West at San Francisco, Saturday, Dec. 29.

Harold Hutchison, now a resident of San Francisco, was the first Cornhusker tapped for this contest. That was in 1925 and Hutchison, oddly enough, competed with the East league.

A later geographic division used the Mississippi river as the dividing line and since then all Cornhuskers have played with the West.

Don Strasheim was the first Cornhusker to play in the North-South Shrine game at Miami. He competed a year ago.

The Cornhusker cagers dropped a 58-57 decision to Texas Christian in an overtime period Thursday night. The score was tied, 55-55, at the end of regulation play. Next on the Nebraska schedule is Miami university.

Lincoln: "Elopement," 1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:40.
Stuart: "The Lady Pays Off," 1:44, 3:42, 5:40, 7:41, 9:42.
Capitol: "Man from Planet X," 2:37, 5:35, 8:33; "Iron Man," 1:00, 3:58, 6:58, 9:51.
Nebraska: "Buck Private," 1:17, 4:37, 7:57; "At War With the Army," 2:56, 6:16, 9:36.

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