

Gleason To Open Against Bulldogs

By ED BERG
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Bob Gleason, freshman fireballer from Fullerton, is slated to handle the University of Nebraska pitching chores as the Huskers open their 1952 baseball campaign Friday against Drake.

In making the announcement, Baseball Coach Tony Sharpe indicated that Gleason will go the first three innings. Following him on the mound will probably be Charlie Wright, Scottbluff righthander.

Four lettermen dot the Husker starting line-up. Back in their regular positions will be Bob Diers in center field and Bob Reynolds at second base.

Ray Mladovich, 1951 first sacker, will make his debut at the important shortstop slot. Jerry Dunn will move from left to right field.

A couple freshmen hotshots, Jim Cederdahl and Murray Backhaus, have forced to the front in the catching department. Cederdahl, a left hand hitter will open behind the plate if a righthander throws for Drake. Backhaus, a smooth receiver, will get the nod if a lefty receives the starting assignment.

Bobby Decker, normally a second baseman, will operate at the hot corner for the Cornhuskers.

Either Milt Frel or Dick Christoph will open for the Sharpemen in left field, depending on who toes the slab for Drake.

Ray Novak is Sharpe's choice for the first base job. Novak barely edged out Bill Giles for opening game honors.

Sharpe plans to use spare infielders Giles, Fred Seger and Al Karle in the week-end series.

"Our two game series with Drake Friday and Saturday will be used as a yardstick for selecting my traveling squad next week."

Friday's game will get underway at 3 p.m. Sharpe is hoping the weather man will co-operate for the season inaugural. The Nebraska starting lineup:

3B Bob Decker
2B Bob Reynolds
1F Milt Frel or Dick Christoph
C.F. Bob Dier
R.F. Jerry Dunn
1B Ray Novak
SS Ray Mladovich
C, Jim Cederdahl or Murray Backhaus
P. Bob Gleason

Strictly Kushner

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(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of columns by former Daily Nebraskan sports editor.)

When I went to school at Nebraska, the annual football game with Oklahoma was usually just another Big Six encounter; one basketball game we could almost be sure of winning was that with poor little Kansas State; and nobody in Nebraska had ever heard of Turtle Creek, Pa.

Moreover, I had no use for alumni who came through at every opportunity with unsolicited advice for undergraduates.



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But things have changed in the realm of advice, too.

So students—how about showing up for the Huskers' baseball games this spring?

The first one is at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, against Drake, and you can get in on the ticket you bought for basketball and spring sports.

Business Manager A. J. Lewandowski estimates 2,000 of these tickets were sold.

If half that number turn out for the game Friday it will far exceed total attendance at any home game last year, except of course, that on All-Sports day.

The baseball diamond—north of the end of 12th street for the uninitiated—isn't really hard to reach, though judging by attendance last year you'd have thought the Huskers were using the diamond at Uni Place park.

Some Big Seven schools don't even have their own baseball fields. None has as good a diamond as Nebraska.

And just possibly, none will have a better baseball team than Nebraska this year.

Tony Sharpe's boys have a rough schedule, and the Big Seven is stronger all the way through this year.

But players like Veterans Bob Reynolds and Bob Diers, and Newcomers Bobby Decker, Pat Mallette, Milt Frel, Ray Novak and Fran Hofmaier—to name just a few—have proved their worth in some rugged leagues.

They've also drawn crowds on the summer circuit in the so-called "sticks" of Nebraska and Iowa that would put to shame the tiny turnouts the Huskers drew in Lincoln last spring.

I can remember the not-so-good old days when one or two Nebraska baseball teams were the doormats of the Big Six. It wasn't much fun to sit and wonder if your team was ever going to get the other side out. But times have changed here, too.

Now the NU baseball teams are respected in any company. Husker students have shown that they can be real baseball fans. A couple of years ago when Yankee-to-be Bob Cerv was terrorizing the Big Seven, good crowds were on hand.

It's true, too, that last year bad weather and only fair success cut down interest in the sport.

But I don't like to think Nebraska students are just fair weather friends.

Win or lose, the Husker baseballers—and all the school's athletic teams, for that matter—are deserving of support from their own schoolmates.

16 Teams In Fighting For Volleyball Crown

By BILL MUNDELL
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Only 16 teams remained in the fight for the All-University volleyball honors Wednesday as 19 teams were forced out of the competition during the first two days of playoff action. The field will be narrowed down to eight Wednesday night and Thursday's quarterfinals will round out this week's play. Monday will feature the semi-finals and the final title match will be Tuesday.

Monday's and Tuesday's competition saw some fine volleyball clashes. Most of the favorites came through, shaken, but unscathed.

Noted upsets were the spice of two Tuesday frays. Sigma Chi turned in the first surprise by topping Delta Upsilon "A" with apparent ease. The DU's were picked to throttle the Sigs who finished fourth in league I, but found themselves on the losing end of 15-8 and 15-4 scores. The DU volleyball aggregation had closed the regular season as the top team in league IV.

Cornhusker Co-op took care of the other upset. The Coco boys, fourth place in league V at the end of the round-robin season, smacked Kappa Sigma, first place team in league II, by scores of 15-8 and 15-9.

Theta Xi engaged in two matches in the opening play. Monday they fought from behind to drop the Sigma Nu Seniors, 8-15, 15-7 and 15-9 and gave Alpha Tau Omega a scare Tuesday before losing 14-16 and 15-7.

Perhaps the most thrilling match was the opening encounter between Presby House and Farm House. Presby started

off in fine style, blasting the Aggies 15-6 in the first game. From that point on, the Farmers were not to be taken lightly.

Trailing 4-10 in the second contest, Farm House started a slow steady climb that proved too much for the Presbys. With the score duce at 14-14, the Aggies stifled a Presby attempt to score and then rang up two quick counters to take a 16-14 victory to square the series at one-all.

Farm House continued its torrid play in the third and deciding game and with but ten minutes gone, they were perched on top of a 10-3 margin. Then it was Presby's turn to roll.

Presby managed two points for every one of Farm House's during the next five minutes and narrowed the gap to four points which still was disheartening because the score stood at 14-10. A quick Presby flurry tied the count at 14-14 for the second game and then the pressure was on both teams.

For twenty minutes the two teams battled with both sides gaining point advantages, but neither outfit getting the necessary two-point margin. Then, with Farm House leading 17-16, the Presby six came through with the three valuable counters and victory at 19-17.

Another thrilling encounter was the opening fray between Delta Tau Delta and Brown Palace which the Palacers won two games to one. The Brownies captured the first contest 15-6 and then were set back on their heels with an 11-15 loss. The Deltas literally used their heads in this win as two of their valuable points were chalked up after Delt players stopped BP spikes with the top of their heads and so completely surprised the Palacers that they dropped to the floor in front of them.

The Palacers stemmed the tide in the deciding game, however, and kept a slim lead throughout to drop the Deltas, 15-11.

Phi Delta Theta suffered a setback in its first game with Phi Kappa Psi "B" and then captured two wins to advance to the next round. The scores were 11-15, 15-10 and 15-7.

The Architects found themselves in a similar situation and won their match after dropping their first game with Tau Kappa Epsilon. The scores that go into the

books were 8-15, 15-9 and 15-7.

The undefeated Irishmen continued on their merry way by blasting Phi Gamma Delta "B," 15-1 and 15-4 for their sixteenth and seventeenth consecutive victories.

Phi Kappa Psi "A" and Sigma Phi Epsilon also had no difficulty winning over the Lutheran Student Association and Alpha Gamma Rho, respectively. The Phi Psi's, one of the top fraternity outfits, if not the top, drubbed the Lutherans, 15-6 and 15-0. The Sig Eps trounced the AGR's, 15-1 and 15-9.

Beta Theta Pi advanced to the next round by measuring Sigma Alpha Mu in two straight games on scores of 15-12 and 15-9 as did Pioneer House over Sigma Alpha Epsilon by 15-8 and 15-9 tallies.

As it stands with the 16 teams remaining, league I still holds the lead with four of its teams still in the thick of things. Leagues VI, V and III still have three teams remaining while league II still offers two teams and league IV one outfit.

Two and possibly three of league I's representatives are doped to make an exit Wednesday night. The Sig Eps and Sigma Chi are underdogs against the Irishmen and Beta Theta Pi, respectively. Phi Delta Theta rates an even chance against the Architects and only Alpha Tau Omega is favored to win by defeating the Sigma Nu Activists.

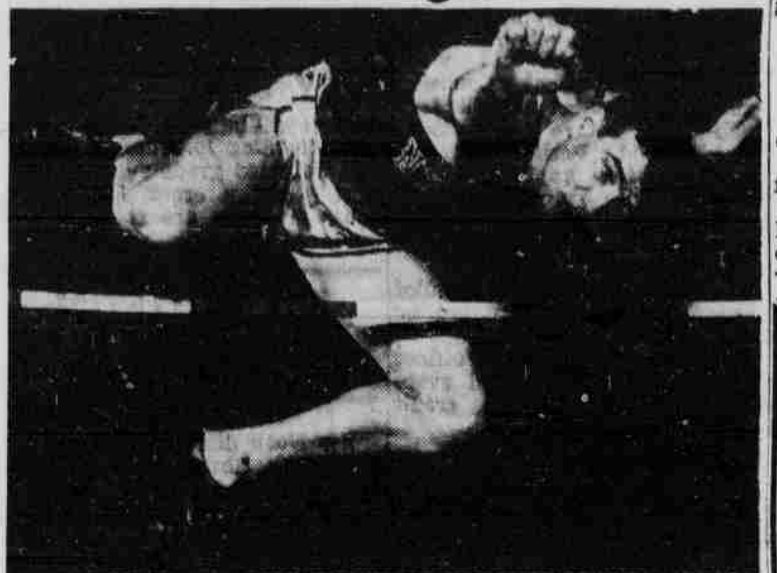
The two league II representatives face each other Wednesday and Phi Gamma Delta "A" is favored to be the only team from that league going into Thursday's play. They meet Sigma Alpha Epsilon "B."

Brown Palace should get by the Sigma Nu Pledges and chalk up another victory for league V. The other two league V teams, Pioneer House and Cornhusker Co-op, meet each other and although the Pioneer own one match victory over the Coco boys, Cornhusker ranks as a slight favorite because of their improved play Tuesday night.

The final Wednesday contest between Phi Kappa Psi and Presby House rates as a toss-up with any advantage going to the Phi Psi height.

All of Wednesday's winners will meet Thursday at either 7 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Over Again



HIGH JUMPER . . . Phil Heidelk, varsity track star, will compete in the high jump in the inter-squad track meet as part of All-Sports Day. The meet will be held in Memorial stadium.

All-Sports Day Schedule

- 10:00 a.m.—Baseball: Drake vs. Nebraska at Fieldhouse diamond.
 - 10:00 a.m.—Golf and Tennis: Nebraska vs. Omaha U.
 - 1:00 p.m.—Track: Exhibition at Memorial Stadium.
 - 1:30 p.m.—Football: Alumni
 - 4:00 p.m.—Basketball: Alumni vs. Varsity at Coliseum.
 - 6:30 p.m.—Barbecue: For all N club men at Ag College.
 - 8:30 p.m.—Dance: Free to all All-Sports Day ticket holders at Union.
- The annual All-Sports Day program will get underway Saturday at 10 a.m. when Coach Tony Sharpe's baseball team clashes with the Drake Bulldogs.
- The tennis and golf teams meet Omaha U. at 10 a.m. Coach Ed Weir's scarlet track team will stage an intrasquad meet at 1 p.m. Saturday and also put on an exhibition between halves of the Alumni-Varsity football game.
- The grid contest is slated for 1:30 p.m. on the athletic day docket. Coach Tom Novak and his old-timers will meet Bill Glassford's Husker varsity crew, who have been going through spring drills for the game.
- The basketball Varsity-Alumni game will get started at 4 p.m. at the Coliseum. N club men will be the guests at a barbecue at Ag College following the game.
- A free dance to all holders of All-Sports day tickets will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Union.

Lovellette Flubs Up; KU Loses

Clyde Lovellette, the darling of college basketball, ironically played the part of the "goat" as the Peoria Catepillars bumped Kansas university, 62-60 in the finals of the Olympic basketball finals.

With the clock showing 15 seconds to play and the score knotted, 60-60, the 240-pound Kansas center swiped the ball from Marcus Freiberger and dribbled the length of the floor only to miss an easy set-up.

A Catepillar player rebounded the ball and fired it up court into the awaiting hands of guard Howie Williams; took two steps; fired the ball toward the hoop and Zip—the ball game was over.

The crowd of almost 7,000 patrons, who witnessed the contest in New York City's Madison Square Garden, groaned as the shot swished the hoops and sank the Jayhawkers. The victory automatically made Peoria coach, Warren Womble, the Olympic head coach.

Forrest "Phog" Allen, who has coached basketball for 42 years will be Womble's assistant. Womble is only 32-years-old.

Lovellette, although missing the critical shot, dumped in 22 points for the Jayhawks. He was held scoreless for over eight minutes.

Williams led the Catepillars with 18 points for the evening while Ron Bontemps picked off 13.

Big Clyde Lovellette Heads Olympic Team

A 14-man squad has been picked by the Olympic Basketball Committee to play in the Helsinki games. Seven Kansas Jayhawkers, five Peoria Catepillars—and two Phillips Oilers will compose the Olympic-bound squad.

Clyde Lovellette, six-foot center on the KU team, heads the list. He set a record-shattering pace that carried Kansas to the NCAA championship and into the finals of the Olympic trials at Madison Square Garden.

Bob Kurland of the Oilers is the only man in the trials to play in the 1948 Olympics. The seven-foot, smooth-working giant is a former Oklahoma A&M All-America center.

Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, Kansas' renowned basketball professor, revised his list of all-time hardwood greats.

"No all-time basketball team would be worthy of its name

without Clyde Lovellette," the aging court master said. "I consider Lovellette the greatest player the game has produced."

Lovellette almost completely rewrote the record books during the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. He averaged almost 29 points per game for the entire season, scoring heavily even when two men were assigned to watch him on defense.

"Until Lovellette came along I always considered Hank Lufsetz, Stanford's star of the thirties, the best I'd ever seen," the Jayhawk coach said. "Now I've had to revise my opinion."

Dr. Allen, who is now in his 44th year of coaching and his 35th at Kansas, said that while Lovellette's tremendous size is a pretty large factor in his success, the Terre Haute, Ind. player would be great even if he were half a foot shorter.

Faurot Rebuilds MU Backfield

Size and speed are being accentuated as Mizzou rebuilds its 1952 backfield this spring.

Not big enough, or fast enough, to out-manuever 1951 foes on the ground, Missouri made most of its mileage off spread-formation passes. When the final national statistics were compiled, the Tigers were the No. 2 team in aerial yardage behind Loyola of L. A. A new experience for a Faurot-coached team to be sure, but not an honor which the 49-year-old gridmaster fondly cherished.

This spring Faurot is earnestly shopping for a set of bruising backs—big boys, and fast—who can ramble off his Split, or Sliding T offense. He may have to settle for a smaller-size quarterback, but size will be an important yardstick in his preferences at the other three positions.

The 20-day maneuvers should go a long way toward determining Missouri's best-looking bets for backfield jobs next season. They won't be all-revealing, though, since four top-flight backs—three of them lettermen—are among the excused absentees.

Of the other quarterbacks, Schoonmaker is the squad's best defender among the backs, and may wind up as a linebacker or safety. Scardino and Cox may be spread specialists, a formation which the Tigers again will employ, though more sparingly, this autumn.

Eaton may be shifted to left half. Tere, the hefty, "long-ball" passer could be the answer to Faurot's quest for a suitable replacement for Junior Wren, top ground-gainer and punter last season. He's fast and active at 190 pounds.

Eaton's trial will be postponed until September now, but meanwhile, another back is being groomed for that position. Also running at left halfback this spring is Guy Rose, tough 190-pounder. Rose was one of five freshmen to win his "M" last fall, seeing most of his service as a linebacker.

Other left-half possibilities include: Bill Wilkening, veteran junior who's likely to figure as a defensive back; Jim Milne, a "B" teamer; and Don Mackey, former West Point hockey letterman.

At right half, Harold Carter's hangout in '51, two fledgling southpaws—both ideally equipped to throw the running pass—will get a long look this spring. Jack Fox, a compact quick-hitting lad and Gerye Burson are the freshmen lefties who are rated top prospects. Fox was expected to blossom early last year, but never got back in playing shape after spraining an ankle against Oklahoma A & M. Burson played the full "B" team schedule. These two will have to fight off such experienced opposition as Fessler; Gall Kroenke, sophomore; and Braddy Makin, sophomore.

Focal point of interest in the fullback scrap still centers around Bill Rowekamp, former West Point end with ready-made talents to fit in as a Split T fullback. Rowekamp's main rivals are: Al Andreolewicz, barrel-chested junior letterman; and Tom Fitzgerald, a "B" team regular in 1951.

Out for baseball are quarterbacks Bob Schoonmaker and Tony Scardino, while halfback Bill Fessler is on the track squad. Vic Eaton, a freshman "B" team quarterback last year, also has been excused because of a recent appendectomy.

This trims the list of "name" quarterbacks to a couple of youths who resemble one another enough to pass for brothers. They are slippery Jim Hook, junior letterman from Lee's Summit, and Buddy Cox, the 155-pound freshman from Sikeston. A newcomer at the quarterback trade is Ed Merrifield, chunky letterman from Hardin who played halfback in '51.

Hook would be the popular pick to guide the '52 Missouri club. The squirmy 170-pounder handled the standard Split T attack most capably last year, and came of age as a spread-formation run-or-pass threat with a brilliant performance against Kansas.

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