

The Lineup

Cage Offense Needs Ball Control Emphasis

Chuck Klasek

An Understatement . . .

In Tuesday's issue of The Daily Nebraskan, there appeared the understatement of the year. The headline read, "Husker Cage Offense Must Improve—Good." The lead sentence read, "It was definitely a typical first game."

However, we do believe the Huskers will be blessed this year with capable first line reserve strength. Behind the first five, composed of Willie Farler, Stan Matzke, Bill Johnson, Joe Good, and Fred Seger, will be an equally potent quintet made up of Paul Fredstrom, and Don Weber, Gary Renzelman, Ron Smaha and Jerry Sandbulte.

True we can't judge by the performance of the Huskers in one game against a weak team. However, the real test will come against a national power at Minneapolis, Saturday, in the form of the University of Minnesota.

High Goals . . .

This year's edition of the Nebraska cage squad will be faced with a great number of almost unsurmountable goals; not only in outstanding opponents, but also in school records.

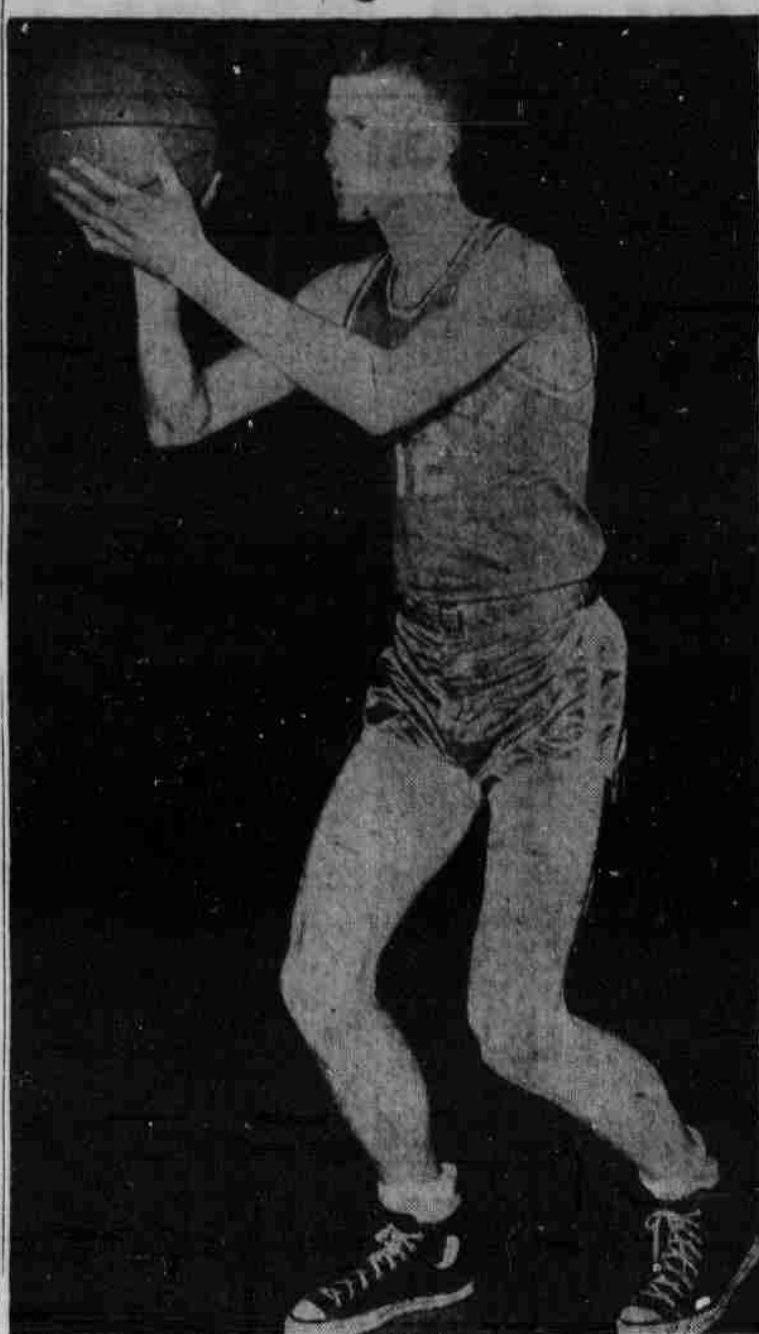
As far as individual records are concerned, Husker scorers will be aiming for the three season point total mark of 821 points set by Jim Buchanan. Buchanan also holds the record of 400 points scored in one season.

Team records are also very impressive. The greatest lumber of points scored in one game against Western Reserve when the Huskers scored 83 counters. Against Iowa State in 1949, the Huskers scored 85 points in an overtime game.

Second Best . . .

Nebraska's 1952 football record of five victories, four losses, and one tie was the second best since the Cornhuskers' 1940 Rose Bowl team. In 1940 the Huskers had an 8-1 regular season record and then lost to Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

Scoring Threat



SOPHOMORE STARTER . . . Stan Matzke, one of two soph regulars on the Husker basketball team this season, will be counted upon heavily Saturday night when Nebraska plays at Minneapolis. Matzke was among the top five scorers last year for the Husker team, lettering as a freshman. He will be starting against a Minnesota team which has been picked as fifth in national pre-season polls.

Betas Win IM Swim Crown; Taus Second

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS 1. Beta Theta Pi 65 points 2. Alpha Tau Omega 42 3. Independents 42 4. Sigma Nu 37 5. Delta Upsilon 14 6. Phi Delta Theta 7 7. Pi Kappa Phi 5 8. Psi Chi 3 9. Phi Kappa Phi 1

By BILL MUNDRELL Intramural Sports Columnist Beta Theta Pi joined the growing ranks of All-University champions Monday as the Beta splashes captured the 1952-53 Swimming title. The champs rang up a total of 65 points in the nine events, winning five and gaining the top two individual performers.

Their nearest competitor was Alpha Tau Omega which netted 42 points for runnerup spot. Tim Anderson of the Betas was named tops for his individual performance during the meet. Anderson's feats included the winning of three events and establishing one new meet record. His victories were registered in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events and the 100-yard breaststroke.

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won the two relay events, the Nu's in the 150-yard medley relay and the Taus in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The Sig Nu trio of Bill Black, Art Dobson and Ron Horst captured the 150-yarder in the time of 1:42.6, nine and a half seconds shy of the record of 1:33.1 set in 1946 by Kinzie, Heims and Campbell. Independent swimmers Bob Sandstedt, Bob Eng and Larry Jones took second place in this event.

The Tau splashes won the 200-yard freestyle relay in the time of 1:54.2. The foursome composed of Cotter, Jack Trabert, Bob Stone and Norm Watkins were 1.4 seconds off the meet mark of 1:52.8 set in 1947 by Kanamine, Hill, Lambert and Craren. The Independent entry was only a half-second behind the winning Taus. Swimming in this group were Larry Jones, Dave Gradwohl, Jim Weeks and John Crancer.

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Winner's time: 1:42.6. Record: 1:33.1. 250-yard Freestyle 1st. Dick Hill—Beta Theta Pi 2nd. Jack Taylor—Alpha Tau Omega 3rd. Jack Taylor—Alpha Tau Omega 4th. Lloyd Larson—Beta Theta Pi 5th. Tom Walker—Beta Theta Pi Winner's time: 2:13.0. Record: 2:13.1.

50-yard Freestyle 1st. Tim Anderson—Beta Theta Pi 2nd. Norm Watkins—Alpha Tau Omega 3rd. Dave Gradwohl—Independents 4th. John Cannon—Independents 5th. Gene Cotter—Alpha Tau Omega 6th. Robert Stone—Alpha Tau Omega Winner's time: 1:14.1. Record: 1:14.4.

100-yard Breast-stroke 1st. Anderson—Beta Theta Pi 2nd. Trabert—Alpha Tau Omega 3rd. Sandstedt—Independents 4th. Holbrook—Beta Theta Pi 5th. Lefler—Phi Delta Theta Winner's time: 1:18.3. Record: 1:12.3.

100-yard Backstroke 1st. Don Scanlon—Alpha Tau Omega 2nd. DeAlton Lewis—Delta Upsilon 3rd. Sandstedt—Independents 4th. Holbrook—Beta Theta Pi 5th. Ed Lewis—Phi Kappa Phi Winner's time: 1:50.7. Record: 1:50.9.

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75-yard Individual Medley 1st. Jack Naughton—Fresno House 2nd. Art Dobson—Sigma Nu 3rd. Don Anderson—Beta Theta Pi 4th. Douglas—Sigma Nu 5th. Douglas—Sigma Nu Winner's time: 1:41.4 (new record). Old record: 1:48.5.

200-yard Freestyle Relay 1st. Alpha Tau Omega (Trabert, Cotter, Stone, Watkins) 2nd. Independents (Gradwohl, Larry Jones, Jim Johnson) 3rd. Beta Theta Pi (Tom Healy, Don Anderson, Hill, Tom Walker) 4th. Cannon—Beta Theta Pi, Jack Hale (Dobson, Horst) Winner's time: 1:54.3. Record: 1:52.8.

Diving 1st. Cotter—Alpha Tau Omega 1:45.6 2nd. Don Hewitt—Alpha Tau Omega 1:11.7 3rd. Watkins—Alpha Tau Omega 84.7 4th. Don Anderson—Beta Theta Pi 84.7 5th. Leonard Wilson—Independents 84.3 6th. Black—Sigma Nu 84.7

Main Feature Clock Variety: "Hangman's Knot," 1:35, 3:34, 5:43, 7:47, 9:51. State: "Cattle Town" 1:23, 4:12, 7:01, 9:50. "One Big Affair," 2:34, 5:23, 8:12.

Vessels Picked UP's Favorite

Billy Vessels, Oklahoma's sensational halfback who won the Heisman Trophy and the Cleveland Touchdown Club award as the nation's outstanding player for the 1952 season, won another honor this week.

The United Press poll of sportswriters and broadcasters as Player of the Year and Back of the Year.

With a total of 260 votes cast, for Player of the Year, the Sooner received 37 votes against 26 for Jack Scarbath, Maryland's tricky quarterback; 23 for Don Moomaw, UCLA linebacker; and 22 for Paul Giel, Minnesota halfback.

He also won the Back of the Year title with a much more overwhelming margin, getting 75 votes to 30 for Scarbath and 27 for Giel.

NU Cagers Travel To Mighty Gopher Stronghold Saturday

By TOM BECKER Sports Staff Writer The Nebraska Cornhuskers will travel to Minneapolis Saturday to tangle with mighty Minnesota.

Nebraska slid past the South Dakota Coyotes in the season opener, 65-53, relying mostly on reserve strength.

The Golden Gophers, on the other hand, swamped a highly-regarded Bradley, 79-63, and hit Xavier, 76-71.

Minnesota's big scoring threat is junior Ed Kalafat. The six-foot six-inch center led the Gopher scoring parade with 349 points last season to end ninth in Big Ten scoring.

In pre-season polls, the Northmen are scheduled to win the Big Ten conference title and finish fifth nationally.

In addition to Kalafat, the Maroon and Gold has seven other returning lettermen: Robert Gelle, Charles Mencil, Earl Johnson, Charles Bennett, Glen Reed, John Wallerius and David Weiss.

Last year, Ozzie Cowles' quintet finished third in the Western Conference behind Illinois and Iowa.

The Gophers piled up a season's record of 15 wins and seven losses, playing 14 conference games and eight non-conference tilts.

Coach Cowles will probably field Gelle and Reed at forwards, Kalafat at center and Mencil and Benett at guards.

Coach Harry Good will probably go along with Stan Matzke and Willard Farler, forwards; Bill Johnson, center, and Fred Seger and Joe Good at the guards.

The Golden Gophers' home floor is Williams Arena. The Arena has a capacity of 18,025, the largest college capacity in the United States.

In the record department, Jim McIntyre, lanky center who played from 1946 to 1948, set four records. He dunked 215 points in 12 conference games; netted 110 free throws, scored 560 points during his three years in Big Ten competition and 1,028 markers against all teams during his three-year period.

Missouri's Backfield Switch Cue To Tiger Grid Success

It's a good thing that Coach Don Faurot is not opposed to change—else his 1952 Missouri football team might never have charged down the home stretch, winning four of its last five games for a second-place finish in the Big Seven conference.

For the past two years now, Faurot has scorned a stand-pat role when his offense lagged. His '51 Tigers were getting nowhere with their Split T attack, an offense devised by the skipper himself. So the skipper, sentiment be hanged, took up with a new formation—the spread, and its passing threat.

Originally, the '52 backfield and Tony Scardino and Jim Hook, co-piloting from quarterback, Nick Carras at left half, several not-quite-ready entries at right half, and Bill Roweckamp, formerly of West Point at fullback.

Midway in the year, Faurot decided that alignment wouldn't do. In secret practices before the Iowa State game, Scardino was made the No. 1 quarterback. Hook went to left half, Roweckamp to right half, and Carras became the fullback.

This shuffle, intended primarily to put the club's two best break-away threats at the halfbacks, almost foundered in the first week when Hook broke his nose in practice. Wearing a plastic mask in the last five games, the Lee's Summit senior didn't miss an offensive play.

Best clue to the Tigers' new-found punch in latter starts was contained in the team's final statistics. Until the change, Missouri backs had been outrushed 1,101 yards to 702 (five games). At the season's close, Missouri owns a net rushing yardage of 1,866 against 1,852 for all foes.

On an individual basis, the move paid off, too. Running smartly from the halves, Hook and Roweckamp turned in two of the longest runs from scrimmage in recent years. With Colorado threatening to overtake Missouri in the game here, Hook darted 77 yards for a score that put the contest beyond reach. Roweckamp clipped off an 82 yard touchdown.

run in the Kansas game, to nullify Kansas' first score just two plays earlier. Faurot's chief problems this spring will be to find three backfield starters for Hook, Roweckamp and Carras, a set of tackles to replace four graduating seniors, and a new contingent of kickers. Among the eighteen seniors, who finished up this year, were Paul Fuchs, the kickoff and conversion specialist, and Bill Fessler, the team's No. 1 punter.

Except at right tackle, where Fuchs toiled for three years, the entire Missouri defensive platoon will return intact—barring any losses from unforeseen circumstances. Only four of the offensive regulars are again available—and Jim Jennings, tackle Charlie Bull, center Loyd Brown and quarterback Tony Scardino.



COACH HARRY GOOD . . . His cagers face their real test Saturday night at Minneapolis. The Golden Gophers of Minnesota, rated fifth in the nation in pre-season polls, has won its first two games this season.

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Sports Shorts

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