

Nebraska Dumps Colorado, 80-65

Sandbulte, Seger Spark Sharp Husker Offensive

The Lineup Servicemen Play Large Role In '53 Pennant Race

"One of the biggest factors in the 1953 baseball pennant races will be the returning servicemen. Before any pre-season predictions or evaluations of this year's major-league standings can be made, the help of returning servicemen must be considered. A total of almost three dozen players will be rejoining their respective clubs this spring and in many ways will alter the plans and prospects for the teams.

Ford Important . . .

The most important returnee by far is Whitey Ford, the Yankee pitcher. In 1950, he won nine and lost one before pitching the clinching victory in the World Series against the Phillies. It appears that the 24-year-old port-sider is so important to this year's New York plans that Allie Reynolds (Bobbie Shantz's runnerup for the Most Valuable Player award) may be converted into a relief pitcher by manager Casey Stengel.

Braves Are Happy . . .

The returning Johnny Antonelli-Del Crandall battery is bound to help the Boston Braves. Antonelli, 22-year-old left-hander who was paid a \$75,000 bonus to sign in 1947, is reported to have found himself during his service hitch in the Cleveland Indians this year. The others are pitchers Dick Weik and Al Aber, infielder Doug Hasen and outfielder Herb Adams.

Indians Get Five . . .

Jim Lemon, who hit .330 and led the Texas League in homers in 1950, is the best of five servicemen due to return to the Cleveland Indians this year. The others are pitchers Dick Weik and Al Aber, infielder Doug Hasen and outfielder Herb Adams.

Chuck Klasek

Two men who should help the Pittsburgh Pirates are Danny O'Connell, 23-year-old shortstop who hit .229 in '50, and pitcher Bill MacDonald, who had an 8-10 record two years ago.

Dick Kokos, a long-ball hitting outfielder who parked 18 homers in the stands during the 1950 season, will probably get a starting nod with the St. Louis Browns. If he isn't put on the trading block by own Bill Veeck. Other returning to St. Louis are infielder Owen Friend, pitchers Clarence Marshall and Mike Blyzka, and outfielder Rocco Ippolito (Ippolito once evicted at Sherman Field with the Lincoln Athletics.)

Tigers Have Pitcher . . .

Ray Herbert, who started fast for the Tigers in '51 with a 4-0 record, rejoins Detroit in May. Sam Calderone will return to the New York Giant lineup while the Philadelphia Phillies get catcher Joe Lonnet, who has been tabbed by Phillie owner, Bob Carpenter, as "The best young prospect in our organization."

Outfielder Bill Wilson, the Southern Association RBI leader in '50 with 125, bolsters the White Sox, and first-baseman Preston Ward and catcher Carl Sawatski (another Western League performer) will be welcomed back by the Chicago Cubs.

No matter how great a showing these returning servicemen may make, we still don't think they will take the place of such great stars as Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox and Jerry Coleman of the Yanks, who were claimed by the armed forces.

Track Meeting

All freshmen and varsity trackmen have been asked to report for a squad meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday on the indoor track in the East Stadium. Coach Ed Wier said that roll call will be taken for all men who have checked out track equipment.



HUSKER OFFENSIVE GIANT . . . Bill Johnson, 6-7 center, scored 12 points against Colorado Monday night as Nebraska chalked up its first conference win of the regular season. Johnson, a junior from Lincoln, is ranked second among NU scorers. The Scarlet sharpshooters connected on 52 per cent of their field goal attempts in their win.

Nelson, Serr, Becker, Brown Finish As Top Prognosticators

Glenn Nelson, The Daily Nebraskan sports editor, pulled away from the pack on the bowl predictions to win the '52-'53 Pick Your Winners Contest. Nelson compiled a .763 average over a twelve week period to beat out second place Bob Serr by 36 percentage points.

Serr managed to hang onto the runner-up position by only eight points as Tom Becker staged a last minute spree that fell short at .719. Serr had a .727 average.

In fourth place was Bart Brown with .702.

The remaining six places were very close after the bowl games had been finished.

Bill Mundell squeaked by

Howard Vann for fifth place by another slim margin of eight points with a final average of .688. Vann compiled .680.

Arnie Stern just escaped the cellar by two points at .654.

There was a three way tie for eighth place between Chuck Klasek, Ed Berg and Marshall Kushner.

Berg was the only predictor to hit 10 out of 10 in one week during the year, although Nelson hit a perfect score in the six bowl games.

Becker pulled up with a five out of six performance. Mundell and Stern lost percentage points by missing three out of six, and the remaining arm chair predictors hit four out of six in the bowl games.

Coach Harry Good's Cornhuskers capitalized on team balance and accuracy to dump the favored Colorado Buffaloes, 80-65, Monday night at Boulder.

It was the opening conference game of the regular schedule for both clubs. Colorado dropped the Huskers, 67-53, in the Big Seven tournament held during the Christmas holidays. The earlier game decided sixth place in the tourney.

Junior guard Jerry Sandbulte paced the victors with a 20-point total, hitting four field goals and 13 of 14 foul shots.

Nebraska's offense moved smoothly, as the Huskers hit 52 per cent of their shots from the floor, and 34 of 42 free throw attempts.

Colorado grabbed an early lead,

and Nebraska trailed, 18-21, at the end of the first period. NU connected for 22 points in the second quarter, however, to lead, 40-35 at intermission. From that time on, the Huskers coasted to the win with little challenge of the lead.

Art Bunte, second highest scorer in the conference going into Monday's game, led the Buffs with a 22-point spree. The CU center hit nine field goals and four of six gift tosses.

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Tigers, Sooners Win

Gary Filer's 18 points led Missouri to a 66-61 win over Iowa State Monday night. Delmar Dierks, Iowa State's high-scoring center, led the Cyclones with 17 points.

Oklahoma pulled another league upset by rushing past favored Kansas, 76-61. The Jayhawks conference champs and NCAA title-holders last year, placed second in the Big Seven tourney at Kansas City during the holiday season.

The Huskers play host to KU Monday night at the Coliseum.

NU Cagers Win 5, Lose 3

While NU students were at home enjoying the Christmas holidays, the Cornhusker cage squad was breaking even in four contests during their two week "vacation."

During the pre-season Big Seven Tournament at Kansas City, Dec. 26-30, the Huskers won a single contest over Iowa State and dropped close decisions to Kansas and Colorado. This landed them in sixth place in tourney competition. Only Iowa State and Oklahoma finished below them.

Nebraska returned to Lincoln and opened the New Year on the right foot, Jan. 3, with a convincing 92-53 win over a small Harvard University quintet. Bill Johnson blossomed forth as a top scorer as he led the Scarlet with 26 points—12 on free throws. In garnering their fifth win against three losses (excluding last night's Colorado game), Nebraska displayed a balanced scoring attack.

In amassing the total of 92 points against the Harvard men, the Huskers broke the all-time total point scoring record of 89 points which has stood since 1948. Playing only part of the game, Bill Johnson neared the individual scoring record set this year by Fred Seger when he poured 29 points through the hoop against Springfield (Mass.) College.

Frank Gompert, sophomore guard for the Silver and Gold, was next with 14.

Fred Seger, junior Husker guard who heads the list of NU scorers, hit six shots from the floor and five of six free throws for 17 points.

Center Bill Johnson and forward Don Weber each hit 13 counters for the winners.

The score by quarters:
 NU 18 22 22 18—80
 CU 21 14 14 16—65

Huskers Finish High Nationally

Nebraska's football team wound up 12th in the nation in rushing offense with an average of 280.4 yards per game, final statistics for the 1952 gridiron season indicated. Oklahoma was second in the country and Colorado 25th.

In total offense, the Huskers were 30th on a 329.1-yard average. Oklahoma held down the No. 5 spot.

Coach Bill Glassford's Cornhuskers were rated fifth in kickoff returns with a 23.5-yard average on 30 returns.

On the individual side of the statistics sheet, Nebraska's Jim Cedardahl was 14th in the country in kickoff returns with an average of 26.4 yards on 13 returns.

Quarterback John Bordogna was 58th in rushing with 576 yards on 149 rushes for an average of 3.87 yards per carry.

Main Feature Clock

(Schedules furnished by Theaters)
 Varsity: "April in Paris," 1:00, 3:14, 5:19, 7:24, 9:29.
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