

Unbeaten Davey Faces Biggest Test—Gavilan

By GLENN NELSON, Sports Editor

Charles P. Davey, B.A., M.A. from Michigan State, has come a long way in one year of professional boxing—but his tremendous yearling record of 39 straight pro wins might be slashed severely when he battles for world supremacy in the welterweight division next week.



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The undefeated carrot-topped southpaw will have fight fans of the nation on the edge of their chairs when he meets world welterweight champion Kid Gavilan of Cuba in a title bout Feb. 11. An audience of 20,000 will be at ringside at the Chicago Stadium to witness the contest first-hand, while a coast-to-coast television broadcast allows the nation's boxing enthusiasts to view the affair.

Davey is the first college graduate to fight for a world boxing title. During his education at Michigan State, he was NCAA champion four times. He won the featherweight crown in 1943, the lightweight title in 1946 and '47, and in 1948 captured the welterweight championship.

The left-hander was chosen the outstanding college boxer in the nation and awarded the John S. Larowe trophy in his final three years of inter-collegiate fighting. He was also the first undergraduate to win the award more than once and holds an inter-collegiate record by winning titles in more than one weight division.

Davey turned professional in 1949, six years after Gavilan. The 27-year-old world's welterweight champion began fighting at the age of 12 in his native city of Palo Seco, Cuba. Gavilan became an itinerant amateur until 1943. In 1946, Gavilan came to the United States and became a favorite of boxing fans from coast to coast.

Davey is a stand-up boxer who combines amazing footwork with precision-timed punches. In 1952, Davey fought on television, six times—all in Wednesday night Pabst Blue Ribbon Bouts—and his style is familiar to millions. His biggest fight was against former middleweight king Rocky Graziano. Chuck danced around and about the ex-champion completely bewildering Rocky. If he can cast the same spell over Gavilan, Davey would become the first champion in history to own a college degree.

Gavilan won the welterweight crown in May of 1951 and will be defending it for the fifth time against Davey. Gavilan's style is explosive. The champion throws punches faster than any boxer active today and can hit from any position. His famed "bolo punch" is a devastating weapon, his ability to take punishment awesome, but still more important is the tremendous pride that Gavilan has in the title.

Davey thus faces his biggest test against Kid Gavilan. Whether he can get a passing mark is up to the two judges, the referee and his fists. In this exam a straight 'A' doesn't count. Only a straight left or right.

Bufs, No. Dakota, NU Thinclads Vie Saturday

Highlighting this weekend's activity on the Husker sports scene will be a triangular track meet between Colorado, North Dakota and Nebraska on the Husker indoor track.

The thinclads have been working hard this week in an attempt to gain their first win of the season. In their first showing this year, the trackmen were beaten by Kansas State, 55½-48½. Although this was the first track loss suffered by Nebraska to the Wildcats in 18 years, there were still some bright spots, according to Coach Ed Weir.

Weir had praise for many of his pole vaulters, Jim Hofstetter and Cliff Dale, who threw the shot 49-3 last Saturday against the Wildcat thinclads for a blue ribbon.



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CLIFF DALE . . . Coach Ed Weir's strong group of shotputters it led by junior weight star Cliff Dale, who threw the shot 49-3 last Saturday against the Wildcat thinclads for a blue ribbon.

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BRIAN HENDRICKSON ???
Sophomore quartermiler Brian Hendrickson, who was spiked during last week's dual loss to Kansas State, will be ready for action when Coach Ed Weir's thinclads meet Colorado and South Dakota Saturday afternoon in a triangular track meet.

Wildcat Invasion Led By Knostman

By HOWARD VANN, Assistant Sports Editor

The Kansas State Wildcats, ranked fifth in the nation and favored to win the Big Seven Conference basketball crown, invade the Coliseum Saturday night for a clash with Coach Harry Good's Cornhuskers.

The big cog for the smooth-running Wildcat machine is Dick Knostman, 6-6 center. Last season Knostman established himself as the top scorer in K-State's long history. Knostman ran up a total of 390 points in 24 games for an average of 16.3 per game. While setting his records, Knostman hit an amazing overall 68 per cent of his free throw attempts. He was second in the Big Seven scoring race, just behind All-American Clyde Lovellette of Kansas University.

Besides his scoring records, Knostman was one of the "Cats" top rebounders with 219 for the season. He was named an All-American and to the All-Big Seven team.

From Knostman's over all performance, one would never think that Dick has trouble with his eyes. He has overcome a slight handicap by wearing contact lenses.

The Kansas team is loaded with potential All-Americans. Bob Rousey, the Big Seven's outstanding sophomore two years ago, is now a senior and is looking for All-American honors along with Knostman. Rousey had a mediocre season last year as he was hampered by injuries much of the time, but this year he has gained back his sophomore form and is one of the Cats top players.

Jack Carby, a 6-7 lad who has found the range this season, and Jesse Priscock, 6-5, capably handle the forward slots. These two boys average 6-5 which gives the whole front line enough height to control the backboards. Along with Rousey as a playmaker, is a junior, Gene Stauffer, who has one of the deadliest long range shots in the league.

The last time Nebraska took a basketball victory from the Wildcats was in 1950 when NU upset the dope sheets, 65-63. During the 1950 season the "Cats" ran away with the Big Seven Crown, and they won it again the following year.

Looking back a few more years, the Wildcats were still gaining national recognition. In 1948, Kansas State finished fourth in the NCAA play and in 1951 they went to the finals only to meet defeat at the hands of powerful Kentucky. Last season the Wildcats finished third in the final national standings.

At the present time Nebraska is tied for third place in the Big Seven race with the Missouri Tigers with a 2-2 record. Kansas State has been beaten by Kansas for their only conference loss this season.

The Cornhuskers have been working hard this week in preparation for the highly touted Kansas aggregation. In their last appearance, the Huskers beat



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WILLARD FAGLER . . . Gungy sophomore forward Willard Fagler, who hit 22 points against Missouri in the Huskers' last outing, will be counted upon for heavy duty in his start against Kansas State Saturday night in the Coliseum. Coach Harry Good's cagers need a win to stay in the Big Seven upper division.

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Lutherans Drop Newman Club To Snap Long Catholic String

By BILL MUNDELL, Intramural Sports Columnist

Newman Club came to the end of a long, long trail Monday evening as they lost a 24-31 basketball game to the Lutheran Student Association. It was the first regular-season defeat for the Catholic cagers in four and a half years and marked the end of the longest regular-season streak in L-M basketball history.

Beginning in the 1948-49 season when Newman Club made its official entry into large-scale intramurals, the Catholics have been unbeatable during the regular season. Only losses during that period came during the post-season playoffs.

Although never capturing the big one, the All-University title, the Catholics have nailed down four successive Interdenominational crowns, one independent title and finished the 1951 season as the number-two team in the University. That year, they turned everyone except the All-University Champion Geologists and that loss came after two overtimes, 57-55. Their over-all record for the five years, including the four playoff losses, one a year, is 40 wins and four losses, prior to meeting the Lutherans Monday.

It was a case of too much Harlan Skinner for Newman Club as the little Lutheran forward pumped in over half the winning total, 16 points. As it was the Catholics stayed with the unbeaten LSA'ers for three quarters and were not out of the contest until the final two minutes. It was nip and tuck throughout

the initial half with the Newmanites owning a 16-15 halftime margin.

A poor third stanza saw them drop behind, Skinner hitting six points while Ned and Bill Luther potted a pair. Going into the final frame the Lutherans led, 23-19.

I-State Prepares For Home Stand

The Iowa State basketball team, current wonder team of the Big Seven, is back home for a good long stay after a series of road games which saw the Cyclones win three and lose one.

Latest blast in that string was a 73-69 win over league-leading Oklahoma at Norman. Road wins were also scored over Nebraska and Drake, while Kansas State edged out the nomadic Cyclones, 81-78, at Manhattan.

Coach Chick Sutherland's cagers will meet Colorado here Saturday in the first of a series of home contests which will not end until March 7 when the same Bufs will be met at Boulder.

As the Cyclones settled down at home they are tied for fifth with Missouri with 2-3 records in Big Seven play.

After dropping the first two games of the loop season to Missouri and Kansas, the Cyclones have done an about face and won four of five contests. One of the biggest home crowds in years is expected to be on hand Saturday when the Bufs hit town.

The defending champs made one last bid for victory during the next seven minutes and managed to creep to 21-24 while the winners played ball control. After the three-minute buzzer sounded, however, the Catholics became frantic in their attempts to gain the ball and the victors padded their victory margin.

Skinner's 16 points topped all individual efforts while Ned Luther added seven more to the winning total. Dick Selbenaler led the losing Newman with six points.

Methodists Win

Meanwhile the Methodist Students pulled into a tie for second place in league VIII with Newman Club by handling Presby House, 28-22. It was the fourth win in five starts for the Methodists and was Presby's sixth straight defeat.

Presby took a 2-0 lead on Mel Bryd's lay-up with one minute gone for the only Presby lead in the game. Rich Satterfield hit two straight for the victors and the Methodists led the rest of the way. Quarter scores were 7-2, 14-8, 17-14, all for the winners.

The losers narrowed the gap to 18-20 with four minutes remaining but couldn't keep up the pressure. Satterfield and Ray Brooks of Presby shared scoring honors with eight apiece while Bryd hit six for the losers and Dick Tyrell garnered five for the winners.

Five Husker Teams Slated For Action

Five Husker varsity teams are slated for action this weekend. Al Partin's wrestlers meet Wisconsin Friday and Cornell (Ia.) College Saturday on the road, while the swimmers, gymnasts, thinclads and basketballers are host teams Saturday.

Web Emery's swimmers meet Kansas at 3:30 p.m. Jake Geier's gym team meets Kansas State and North Dakota at 2 p.m. Ed Weir's trackmen race North Dakota and Kansas State at 4 p.m., and Harry Good's cagers tip off with Kansas State at 7:30 p.m.

Colorado Basketball Squad Starting Conference Jaunt

Iowa State's rapidly-improving Cyclones are next on the list for Colorado as the Bufs get back into Big Seven basketball play Saturday night at Ames.

The game is the first of a rough trio of road games which finds the Bufs at Iowa State, Nebraska and Missouri in the next 10 days.

Colorado tuned up after a 12-day layoff for final exams with a 62-50 win over Colorado A&M Monday night.

But the Cyclones showed great improvement over the weekend as they passed Kansas State right to the wire before dropping an 81-78 decision at Manhattan. Then the Iowans followed up with a 73-69 conquest of Oklahoma at Norman, a job Kansas, Missouri and Colorado had been unable to do earlier.

The Cyclones also clipped Nebraska at Lincoln, 78-60, for their other league triumph in five games. The Oklahoma win boosted

them out of a last-place tie with the Bufs.

A major problem for the Buff defense Saturday night will be big (6-8) Delmar Diercks, the talented Cyclone center who is currently breezing along at a 21-point clip in conference competition.

Colorado Coach Bebe Lee rates Diercks as one of the finest performers in the conference. Lee, incidentally, has been impressed with the Iowa State team since the Kansas City pre-season tournament.

"They have good height and several good, fast boys who work well from outside," says Lee. "They dropped some tough games early in the season but they'll be awfully rough from here on out."

Buff hopes were boosted by the performance of Bob Jeanerard against Colorado A&M. The 6-sophomore flashed the form he showed at the season's outset when he was a starter.

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