Independent, Frat 'A' Star Teams Picked

Two Ramblers Named To Top Independent Five; 42 Listed

Independent All-Star Team

FIRST TEAM	Pos.	SECOND TEAM
Bill Thayer—Ramblers	F	Jim Clark—Navy ROTC
Chuck Jensen—Pansies	F	Al Aden—Nebraska Co-op
Ralph Weddle—Ramblers	C	Gordon Pejsar—Soph Dents
Virg Gottsch—Hoopsters	G	Bob Boesiger—Dorm Bullets
Claire Johnson—Fliers	G	Harlan Skinner—Lutherans

HONORABLE MENTION: Kremke—Hoopsters; Rankin—M Street Boys; Betcke—Fliers; Bell—Voc Ag; Yelkin, Powers—Rockets; Hutchins—Holdrege "A"; Satterfield—Methodists; Woolman, Pierson—Parasites; Rolston—Ramblers; Van Berg—Jokers; Best—Soph Dents; Petersen—Ag Men; B. Luther—Lutherans; Frates—Uni Aggies; McAfee, Dickens—Phalanx; Haas—Pansies; Worth—Que Balls; Johnson—Heagy Manor; Strasheim—Mustangs.

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Intramural Sports Columnist

A grand total of 32 men ganed recognition today as members of the 1953 Intramural Independent Basketball All-Star team. Men from 22 of the 43 competing Independent teams make up this year's squad as chosen by the teams themselves.

The champion Ramblers lead the way with three men named, two on the first team in the persons of Ralph Weddle and Bill Thayer.

These two men were the top vote-getters among the 162 men who received votes. Weddle, who led the Ramblers to their championship climb from his center position, was the individual topman, getting a unanimous vote from his opponents. Thayer missed equalling Weddle's feat by one vote.

Joining these two champions among champions on the first-team lineup are Chuck Jensen of the Pansies, Claire Johnson of the Fliers and Virg Gottsch of the Hoopsters.

Jensen was man around whom the Pansies functioned in their drive to league honors and the tourney semis. Their record for the year was spotted in 13 games only by the champion Ramblers.

Johnson was the spark of the lowly Fliers who made the playoffs only on the luck of the drawing, but his opponents recognized his superb playing ability and heaped praise upon him in the form of their votes.

Gottsch joins Johnson at the other guard spot. His opponents named Gottsch as the top man of a good Hoopsters outfit that won their league and lost in the playoffs by a narrow two-point margin.

Five more teams named their star performers to the second team. Jim Clark of Navy ROTC and Al Aden of Nebraska Co-op were voted to the forward berths, Gordon Pejsar of the Sophomore Dents grabbed the center position and Bob Foesiger of Dorm Bullets and Harlan Skinner of the Lutheran Student Association hold down the guard spots.

Clark led Navy to the top of their league and continued to show his wares in the playoffs until stopped by the champions.

Aden led Nebraska Co-op to a similar league standing and to two playoff victories before falling before the Pansies.

Pejsar was the top scorer and offensive therat for the Dents as they won their league and then lost in the tourney quarter-finals in an overtime game with the Rockets.

Skinner was the scoring threat for the Lutherans, a team that can boats of the top won-loss record of the year. Both the Lutherans and the champion Ramblers finished the season with 13-1 marks.

Boesiger was the mainstay of the Bullet aggregation that improved greatly towards the end of the year. He led his outfit to a surprising win over Nebraska Co-op in the league finale to help the Bullets squeeze into the playoffs and then ran wild in the tournament until meeting the Ramblers.

Following these ten stars come a total of 22 men who gained an honorable mention on the strength of their votes from their opponents. All 22 were given the mention because of the closeness of the voting and because of the great difference between twenty-second and twenty-third in the final tabulation.

The All-University All-Star team will be named Thursday and will be made up of the top stars from the Fraternity "A," Independent and Fraternity "B" All-Star teams.

Courtesy Lincoln Journal

DON BOLL . . . A Husker standout in the center of Nebraska's defensive line last fall, Don Boll has signed a contract to play professional football with the Washington Redskins next year. The 240-pound giant is the 19th player to sign a Washington contract thus far.

Ed Husmann Loses NCAA Semi Match

Nebraska's senior heavyweight star wrestler Ed Husmann lost a referee's decision Saturday afternoon to Dan McNair of Auburn in the semifinals of the NCAA Wrestling Championships held at State College, Pa.

The Husker football star, who won the NU title of "Most Valuable Nebraska Football Player" for the 1952 grid season, was the lone Scarlet entry in the meet.

The Ogallalla strong boy defeated a pair of opponents Friday in the first two rounds of National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling.

Husmann dropped Dick Beyer of Syracuse in the first round, then decisioned Bernard Lloyd of CCNY, 15-5, in the second round for a decisive victory.

NU Frosh Win Practice Tilt

The Cornhusker freshmen outclassed the varsity baseballers, 10-9, Saturday afternoon on the NU diamond in a practice game filled with frequent substitutions.

Coach Tony Sharpe used four varsity and two frosh hurlers.

Dick McCormick, Ray Novak, Pat Wallette and Fran Hoffmeyer toiled on the mound for the varsity unit, while John Woods and Dick Geier handled freshman pitching duties.

Due to a rough field undergoing repairs prior to the opening of the current season, several errors spoiled the play.

Leading batters for the varsity were Bob Reynolds and Ray Novak, while Bill Welker sparked for the frosh at the plate. Reynolds hit the only home run of the day.

Mike Milligan To Join Nebraska Grid Staff

Head Football Coach Bill Glassford announced Saturday that Walter (Mike) Milligan has been named line coach to replace Ralph Fife, who resigned his position last week to become head coach at Mount Lebanon High School at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Milligan will join the Nebraska staff early in April.

Milligan possesses wide experience in the major collegiate field. He has been line coach at Purdue University the past two years.

He was head football coach for three years at his alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh.

Prior to that he was an assistant at Pittsburgh when Coach Glassford was a player under the late Jock Sutherland.

Milligan also has served as an assistant coach at Florida, Tulsa and Southern California in addition to his service at Pittsburgh and Purdue.

Milligan played his high school football at Aliquippa, Pa., in 1922-'23-'24.

He played two years at Kiski Academy and entered Pittsburgh in 1927, playing on the freshman team. After a year's layoff, he returned to Pitt and lettered three years at guard in 1929-'30-'31.

Milligan became an assistant at Pitt in 1934 where he served as freshman coach and helped with the varsity guards, one of whom was Bill Glassford.

After four years at Pitt, he joined Josh Cody at the University of Florida where he stayed three years. He then helped Henry Frnka at the University of Tulsa for five years, starting in 1941.

That was the golden era for the Golden Hurricane as Tulsa teams were in the Sugar Bowl twice and appeared in the Orange, Sun and Oil Bowls once each during Mike's stay there. It was five bowl teams in five years for the Frnka-Milligan regime.

Milligan returned to Pittsburgh in 1946 as line coach. In 1947 he was named head coach and served three years.

He then coached the line for Jeff Cravath one year at the University of Southern California and for the past two years has been at Purdue.

Milligan is married and has one daughter who is a freshman at the University of Michigan.

"Mike has a tremendous influence on young men," Coach Glassford said. "I know from personal experience the impact he had on me as a college student.

"He keeps in close touch with every lad in his squad. I know the Cornhusker players and the followers of the team will learn to appreciate and respect him as I do.

"This completes what I believe to be the best coaching staff in the land, with Bob Davis, Ray Prochaska and Bob Faris," Coach Glassford said.

Sports Great Thorpe Dies Of Heart Attack

All-time All-American sports great Jim Thorpe died Saturday at Wilmington, Cal., after a heart attack.

The Olympic decathlon and pentathlon champion of 1912, he excelled in every sport he attempted, and was known far and wide as the "immortal American Indian athlete."

Main Feature Clock

(Schedules furnished by Theaters)

Varsity: "Peter Pan," 1:36, 3:34, 5:40, 7:46, 9:52. "Bear Country," 1:00, 2:58, 5:04, 7:10, 9:16.

State: "Bwana Devil," (3D), 1:00, 2:50, 4:40, 6:30, 10:10.

Two Taus Gain Fraternity 'A' Honors; 25 Names Mentioned

Fraternity 'A' All-Star Team

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Bob Bachman—Phi Kappa Psi	F	Bill Giles—Phi Delta Theta
Al Blessing—Alpha Tau Omega	F	Dave Brandon—Sigma Phi Epsilon
Fred Longacre—Theta Chi	C	Ted Connor—Sigma Chi
Ben Leonard—Sigma Chi	G	Pat Mallette—Sigma Phi Epsilon
Dave Jones—Alpha Tau Omega	G	Larry Dunning—Sigma Chi

HONORABLE MENTION: Bjorklun, David—Pioneer House; Bunten—Sigma Nu; Frei, Andersen—Phi Kappa Psi; Don Cunningham—Acacia; Spain—Tau Kappa Epsilon; Smaha, Harrington—Beta Theta Pi; H. Jones—Alpha Tau Omega; Anderson, Hansen—Sigma Phi Epsilon; Dannehl—Beta Sigma Psi; Thorsen—Theta Xi; Roper—Phi Delta Theta.

By BILL MUNDELL
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Two members of the fraternity "A" and All-University champion Alpha Tau Omega cage team lead the 1953 Fraternity "A" All-Star Basketball team. Al Blessing at forward and Dave Jones at guard are the Tau representatives on this year's honor array as a total of 25 men received mention in an actual vote by the competing teams themselves.

Blessing and Jones were named as the main reasons the Taus were touch all season long by the Tau opponents. It was also their terrific performances in the playoffs that helped the ATO's to the All-University championship.

Joining Blessing and Jones on the 1953 first team are Bob Bachman of Phi Kappa Psi at the other forward post, Fred Longacre of Theta Chi at the center spot and Ben Leonard of Sigma Chi at the other guard position.

Blessing, Longacre and Bachman were the top vote-getters on this year's "A" lineup. Leonard and Jones were not far in arrears.

Bachman was the scoring cog of the Phi Psi aggregation that led the ratings most of the season and entered the playoffs as one of the two remaining undefeated fraternity "A" teams. He hit them from all angles and especially showed his wares on the pointed end of a blazing fast-break. He was slowed in only one game of the year, that in the Phi Psi defeat at the hands of Sigma Chi, and then he dunked a total of 17 points.

Longacre was the Theta Chi basketball team. With Fred in top form the TC's were nigh unbeatable despite an inexperienced club around him. He turned in the top individual scoring mark of the year with a 40-point total against Tau Kappa Epsilon, but perhaps his greatest day was the opening round of the playoffs in which he nearly led his mates to a stunning upset of highly-favored Phi Kappa Psi.

Leonard was voted as the best of a whole host of Sigma Chi stars. This marks the third straight year Ben has claimed a first-team berth on an all-star outfit, the previous two outings having been named on the fraternity "B" all-star lineups.

Just a shade behind Leonard in the voting and from the same team comes Ted Connor who paces the second team at the center post.

Connor had his ups and downs throughout the season, but when he was at his best, the Sigs swept past all opponents.

Teaming up with this Sig on the second team are Bill Giles of Phi Delta Theta and Dave Brandon at forwards and Pat Maliette and Larry Dunning of Sigma Chi at the guards. Dunning's appearance here makes it three Sigs among the top ten men

Brandon and Mallette were named as the reason the Sig Eps made it to the frat "A" finals for the third straight year. Brandon, playing center for the runnerups, was overshadowed only by Blessing and Connor at his best form during the hectic cage season. He was top scorer for his outfit with the jump and turn shot his specialty.

Mallette missed a possible first-team berth due to a back injury just before the playoffs, but until then he was a terror to Sig Ep opponents.

Giles practically single-handedly led the Phi Delts to surprise after surprise in the tournament after the Phi Delts had barely made the playoffs.

In addition to the ten mentioned, another 15 gained enough votes to garner an honorable mention as a total of 131 men received at least one vote from their opponents.

Biggest surprise of the voting was the failure of Hobe Jones of the champion Taus to make a higher rating. Jones was perhaps the top individual performer of the playoffs, but suffered in the voting because he was not suited up during the first-semester's action.

Thursday will see a total of 40 men named to five teams and an honorable mention in the 1953 All-University basketball team.

Husker Golf Squad To Open Against Wichita Wednesday

Four University golfers leave Tuesday on the southern trip which starts Wednesday against the University of Wichita at Wichita.

The Cornhuskers will meet Tulsa, Southern Methodist at Dallas and Oklahoma A & M at Stillwater on the southern swing.

The golfers played 54 holes to qualify. Erv Peterson, only letterman on the squad leading the list with a 72-76-73—221. The hottest finish was provided by Louis Roper who scored two birdies on the last two holes to nose out Tom Tolen by one stroke. The qualifying scores:

Erv Peterson	72-76-73—221
Roger Gohde	80-79-75—234
Dick Lauer	84-77-78—239
Louis Roper	81-85-75—241
Tom Tolen	82-80-80—242
Bennett Martin	84-78-85—247
Jay Benedict	83-83-83—249
Gary Shields	88-76-85—249
Emil Radik	88-82-81—251

Coach Bob Hamblet believes there will be some changes in the team personnel as the season progresses. Several of the qualifiers were just beginning to hit their stride, he said.

Because of the weather some of the players did not complete their qualifying rounds. These included Bob Russell, Tom Kissler, Tom Weeks, Jack March, Bob Volz and Ted O'Shea.

Big Bevo Booked For Better Foes

Bevo Francis, 6-9 scoring wizzard for little Rio Grande College of Ohio, will get a crack at the official national basketball scoring title next season.

His 1,954 points scored as a freshman last year were ruled out because his school played mostly junior colleges, vocational schools and service teams. The National Basketball Coaches Association passed a rule that only points scored against four-year, degree-granting colleges should count.

Newt Oliver, Rio Grande cage mentor, has lined up 20 senior colleges for next year's schedule.

The Ohio school played before an $18.75 crowd in its first game of the season, and closed with a $5,100 gate in the final booking.

Big Bevo's scoring average was 50.1 for the season of 39 games.

COLORADO

Colorado Sports Editor Says Buffs Lack Titles

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial, written by Colorado Daily sports editor Steve Zeff, appeared in his column "Reading Between The Lines" on March 24, entitled "Let's Win Something." It's nice to know here at Nebraska that even though we're in a present slump in some sports, the Husker teams both past and recent have been able to capture some Big Seven crowns for Nebraska. In 1948 and 1950, NU teams were co-champions in basketball and champions in baseball, wrestling and track.

One point is left as to Colorado sports in general. Why has not Colorado won a Big Seven title in anything since it entered the conference five years ago?

According to the Big Seven rules on subsidization, this school has just as many privileges as the other six members. Why then, cannot Colorado ever win anything? By process of elimination (since we are just as capable of attracting good players as the next team) the answer lies in the training of the athletes, the sports know-how relayed to the athletes and, finally the supervising of the players on the diamond, football field, basketball court, wrestling mat, in the swimming pool, et cetera.

Who does this teaching and supervision, among other duties? The coaching staff. Therefore, the quality of Colorado teams leads one immediately to believe that it is the fault of the coaching staff. Further down the line it is the fault of the school officials who choose coaches and their assistants.

Without beating around the bush, we just don't have the best in our coaching ranks. Incidents throughout the fall and winter have led many to believe that we are not even mediocre in this respect.

Dal Ward had one of his better football years. We never looked better than in the Oklahoma game. We did not look worse than in the first half of the Kansas State game or in the Missouri game. On the whole, however, it was a fairly successful go.

But now for a look at the most disappointing sport of them all—basketball. Praised as a likely contender for the crown before the season began, the stumbling Buff crew ended so deep in the cellar that its rapid flight downward broke several water mains.

Here the last two aforementioned points apply—sports know-how and superivsion. The five men on the floor played as though they had never been taught any plays; if so, the players were not reminded of them during the game. At the most inopportune moments, in my opinion, the coach sent in the second and third string.

Colorado scored only 16 per cent of its floor shots in the second Oklahoma game. If Bebe Lee knew how to drive for shots, the players would not have to shut their eyes and pot from without as they apparently did. No amount of words, however, will alleviatethe situation. Seems all Buff fans can do is sit and wait.

Net Team Opens At Wichita U

By NORM VEITZER
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With the beginning of the regular tennis season only a few days away, the netsters, under the tutelage of Coach Ed Higgenbotham, are busily preparing for the coming contests.

The main object of this preparation is the trip to the Southlands where the netters will oppose four squads in five days. Furnishing this top-notch competition will be crews from Wichita, Oklahoma, Southern Methodist and Oklahoma A. & M.

Leading the squad on their southbound trek will be Mike Holyoke. Holyoke, number one man on the squad, is the only letterman on the team.

The other four men needed to complete the traveling roster will be decided by a ladder tournament among the squad members. The positions as of March 25 were filled by Frank Redman, Roy Colson, Warren Andrews, and Jim Campbell in that order. Redman and Andrews saw varsity experience in 1951 while Colson was a member of the 1952 aggregation.

The chances for a successful season were dealt several severe blows with the loss of two lettermen, John Tatom and Tom Harrington. Tatom joined the marines while Harrington is experiencing scholastic difficulties. Don Isherwood, frosh numeral winner in 1952, was lost to the team for the same reason as Harrington.

The final traveling squad for the southern matches will be decided by the ladder tourney on Monday, March. 30.

Coach Higgenbotham has arranged two practice matches for the squad before the opening of the regular season. The team will face Nebraska Wesleyan on Friday and the Lincoln Tennis Club on Saturday.

The other courtsters competing for varsity spots are Jim Collins, Paul Kidd and Stu Reynolds. The freshman contenders are Glen Place, Marshall Becker, Norm Veitzer and Barry Larson. The frosh, though unable to compete against outside schools, will be vying for places on the ladder along with the upperclassmen.

Santee Stars In TU Relays

The Kansas Jayhawkers, led by ace distance man Wes Santee, ran the fastest sprin medley ever recorded Friday to headline the Texas Relays.

Santee stepped off his half mile leg in 1:49.4 to come from behind on the anchor lap to win over another Big Seven team, the Kansas State Wildcats, by a distance of 25 yards.

Santee spearheaded KU to victory in the distance medley event just 40 minutes after the finish of the record-shattering sprint medley effort.

K-State's sprint star Thane Baker was the sparkplug of the Wildcat team. Both men are Big Seven champions in their events.