

In The Stands

Good Says '53 Husker Five In 'Better Shape'

By GEORGE PAYNICH Sports Editor

Athletic publicist John Bentley and his capable assistant Jim May have released their 1953-54 NU basketball brochure.

In his outlook for the coming season the Husker boss, Coach Harry Good, is not exactly in a raving mood, relates Bentley.

COACH GOOD, in his eight seasons at Nebraska, does admit, "We're definitely in better shape than a year ago in our starting five. But sophomore replacements are only average. Thus, when you consider the tempo of the game as it's played to day, we are thin in reserve power."

We don't exactly share the same subdued feeling as Coach Good. As we stated earlier, a top rung (second or third) for NU in the Big Seven is more than a mere possibility.

Six lettermen form the nucleus of this year's aggregation points out Bentley, with five of them being two-year men.

Good sees a lack of depth in this year's team. He could be right here, but that first five looks mighty good.

FOLLOWING IS a rundown on Good's 18 man squad. FORWARDS—Ward David, 6-2, Palisade, Ag College sophomore... one-hand set shooter... graduate of Palisade High School.

WILLARD FAGLER, 6-5, Harvard, junior in College of Agriculture... two-year regular... has speed and agility... extra long arms give him longest reach on the squad... a good turning, one-hand shooter... made AP All Big Seven second team as sophomore... All-State center at Harvard High School.

JERRY HARE, 6-3, Grand Island, sophomore in BizAd... a good jump shooter... fast starter with fair running speed... should see considerable action... hit 41 per cent of field goal attempts in freshman games a year ago... graduate of Grand Island High.

BOB PROKOP, 6-5, Wilber, Arts and Science sophomore... also plays center... a one-hand shooter... has the desire but needs experience and developing... fairly aggressive rebounder... graduate of Wilber High School where he played basketball, football and baseball.

BILL ROY, 6-2, Berwyn, Illinois, Bizad sophomore... a left-hander... good one-hand shooter... top scorer on frosh squad. DON WEBER, 6-3, Esterville, Iowa, senior physical education major... lettered as a sophomore, was a regular last season... an aggressive rebounder, fair passer and shooter... second best field goal percentage on squad a year ago... a graduate of Esterville High School.

CENTERS—Bill Johnson, 6-7, Lincoln, Teachers College senior... top scorer last season... has good hook shot with either hand... a good rebounder and passer. CHARLES "CHUCK" OTT, 6-6, Lincoln, Illinois... tallest sophomore on the squad... played in 14 games as a freshman during the 1951-52 season... a good set shooter from medium distance.

JOE POYNTER, 6-4 1/2, Kearney, sophomore in Arts and Science... a hook shooter with either hand... second highest scorer on last year's frosh squad... hit 46 per cent of field goal attempts. GARY RENZELMAN, 6-5, Scottsbluff, junior in College of Arts and Science... letterman last season... will be pushing for starting position on the front line... can hook with either hand... hit 40 per cent of his field goal attempts last year.

BILL SOELBERG, 6-3 1/2, Sioux City, Ia., junior in BizAd... saw only limited action the past two seasons... a graduate of Sioux City Central.

GUARDS—Duane Buel, 5-10, Malcolm, Bizad sophomore... good driver and passer... a set shooter from outside... hit 44 per cent of field goal attempts as a freshman. NORMAN COUFAL, 6-0, David City, sophomore in business administration... a good ball handler and competitor... has fair speed... relaxes under pressure... an infielder in baseball.

STAN MATZKE, 6-2, Lincoln, junior in Ag College... also plays forward... untiring speed finds him leading the Nebraska fast break... a fine medium one-hand shooter... last year's leader in free throw percentage (.783)... wears contact lens... high jumper on track team... graduate of Teachers College High in Lincoln.

FRED SEGER, 6-4, Omaha, Teachers College senior (Phys-ed major)... voted most Valuable Player on squad by Big Seven coaches last year... second highest scorer on team, hitting outside set, jump and driveln shots... a good passer and driver... keen competitor... good free thrower... first team shortstop in baseball... graduate of Benson High in Omaha... married.

DON SIRLES, 5-8, Omaha, sophomore in Teachers College... shortest man on squad... fast... fine ball handler... good two-hand set shooter from outside... has good driving, one-hand jump shot... aggressive defensively... baseball infielder... graduate of Central High in Omaha.

CHARLES SMITH, 6-1 1/2, Anderson, Indiana, physical education sophomore... also plays forward... could be a starter this season... a good one-hand jump shooter... has excellent jumping ability... an aggressive rebounder and hard worker... has a possible future as a baseball pitcher.

WAYNE WESTPHAL, 6-0, Elkhorn, Teachers College sophomore... good on faking... quick on starts... a one and two-hand shooter... alert and aggressive floor worker... hit 40 per cent of field goal attempts as a freshman.

Huskies Snag Laurels

Bordogna, Connor, Minnick Grab Post-Season Honors

Quarterback John Bordogna and tackles Ted Connor and Jerry Minnick have grabbed most of the after-season honors on the Nebraska football squad.

BORDOGNA, the conference's second best passer, was named on the Big Seven first eleven by both the Associated Press and United Press. In addition to being selected to these mythical teams, the Turtle Creek, Pa., senior was invited to compete for the North against the South in the Shrine-sponsored tussle in Miami on Christmas night.

Connor, the big Hastings tackle who found two-way football much to his liking, was named on the Associated Press'

All-Big Seven outfit and became the 35th Husker to be invited to play in the other Shrine-sponsored post-season game, the traditional East-West battle at San Francisco.

Also a senior, Connor was also picked on the United Press' second team in the Big Seven.

CO-CAPTAIN Minnick received the nod on the United Press' Big Seven team and also landed a second team berth on the Associated Press' conference selections. The Cambridge senior, Connor's tackle partner, was also listed on the second team of the All-Midwest team selected by the players themselves.

HOME IS WHERE THE BUCK IS



OR... Who did you say is a boy's best friend?

Once there was a sophomore whose father had a bad habit of saying "No". Vehemently. Particularly about money. Ask him the Big Question and his jaws would turn a fetching shade of vermilion.

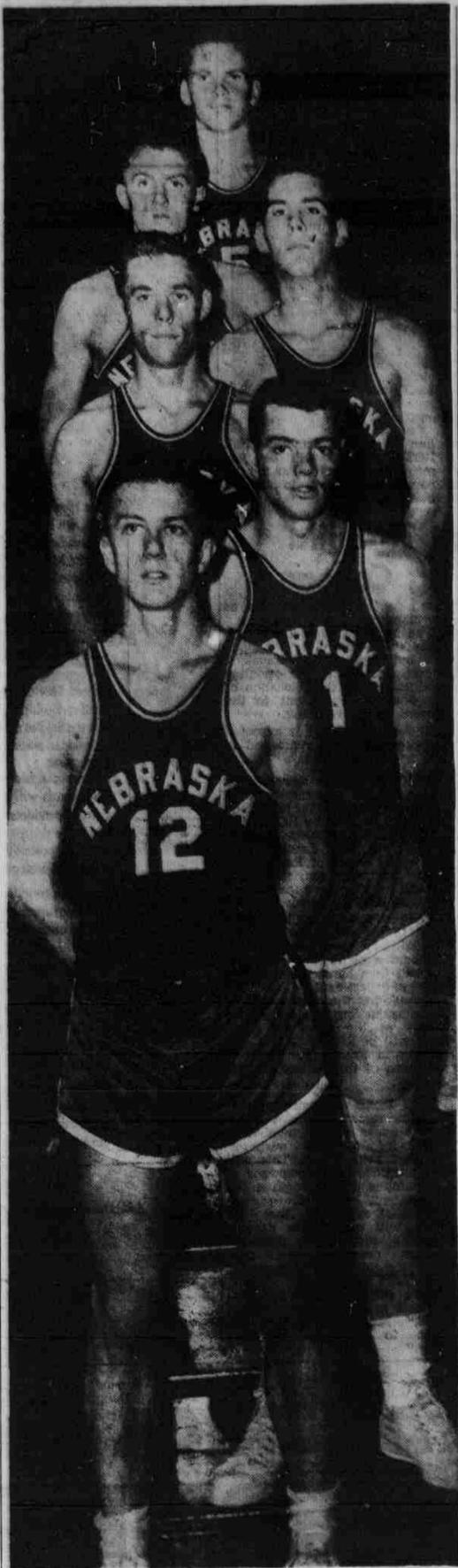
So Junior, his need needed by three days of living on liverwurst sandwiches, cast about for a New Approach. Found it, too. Right at the Western Union office. He just sat down and worked out a wire to Negative Polarity Pappy. A brisk little wheeze... to wit: "Must have twenty dollars im-

mediately. Urgent. Please flash by telegraphic money order." Results? Our sophomore was carrying the cash within two hours.

What's Junior's major? Psychology, of course.

It's darned good psychology to wire home at other times than just when you need help and comfort. For holiday greetings—Mother's Day—good news about grades—things that would make Home Happier. Try it next time. Just ahead for your local Western Union office.

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Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Cage Lettermen

Pictured above are six lettermen who will be the mainstays of Coach Harry Good's 1953-54 basketball squad. They are from bottom, Stan Matzke, Don Weber, Fred Seger, Gary Renzelman, Willard Fagler and Bill Johnson.

Gophers Here Saturday

Ed Kalafet, Charlie Mencil Spark Invading Minnesota

University basketballers open their eighth season under the tutoring of Coach Harry Carleton Good here Saturday night, going against potent Minnesota in an 8 p.m. Coliseum attraction.

(All Cornhusker home contests will start at 8 p.m. this year.)

The game also will mark the beginning of Good's 26th year as a basketball coach. At Indiana Central, the University of Indiana and Nebraska during the last quarter century, Good's teams have registered 303 victories against 167 defeat (a .645 percentage). At Nebraska he has compiled a 78-86 mark.

Minnesota, with the return of Charlie Mencil and Ed Kalafet, a couple of All-Big Ten selections last season, the Golden Gophers loom as threats to Indiana, the Big Ten king which also wound up as national cham-

pion. Good's Huskers have lost six straight to Minnesota.

THEN THERE'S Iowa (Dec. 12), a newcomer to the Nebraska slate since Good came here. The Hawkeyes have McKinley (Deacon) Davis, a Big Ten second team choice a year ago.

South Dakota (Dec. 15) is next among the home foes. Good's teams have won seven straight from the Coyotes, but then good things don't last forever.

Oregon and Oregon State are two more newcomers on the Huskers' list of opponents.

Nebraska plays Oregon State at Corvallis, Dec. 19 and Oregon at Corvallis, Dec. 21, moving over to Eugene for another game with Oregon on Dec. 22. Indiana meets Oregon and Oregon State in doubleheaders with the Huskers on those three nights.

OREGON STATE is the pre-season choice for the Pacific Coast Conference's Northern Di-

vision title, and Oregon is rated as a top contender.

After Christmas there's the Big Seven Conference tournament. Nebraska faces Kansas State at 8 p.m. Dec. 28. In the same bracket are Oklahoma and Washington who mix at 8:45 that evening. The two losers play the following afternoon and the winners the following night. Finals are scheduled for Dec. 30.

ON JAN. 4 the regular conference race opens for the Cornhuskers at Ames, Ia., where they meet Iowa State. From then on there will be two games each with Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Kansas State, plus a second fray with Iowa State.

Good-coached Nebraska clubs hold a 10-8 edge over the Cyclones and 8-7 over Colorado. But against the others they are on the short end—against Missouri 6-9, Oklahoma 6-10, Kansas 6-11 and Kansas State 4-13. Nebraska has dropped nine straight contests to Kansas.

Five Top Bowl Tussles Set With Gator Bowl Selection

The signing of Auburn and Texas Tech for the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Florida, Monday completed the five major New Year's games' line-ups.

Although Coach Shug Jordan's Auburn team bowed to Alabama 10-7 Saturday the Plainsmen hold victories over such teams as Mississippi, Florida and Clemson.

The Red Raiders from Texas Tech wound up with a 10-1 record and captured their fifth Border Conference title since 1941 by blasting Hardin-Simmons 46-12 Saturday.

IN THE granddaddy of them all, the colorful Rose Bowl at Pasadena, the once-beaten Michigan State squad under Biggie Munn will meet a likewise once-beaten UCLA team coached by Red Saunders. The Spartans fell before Purdue while the Uclans bowed before Stanford.

The Orange Bowl pits unbeaten Maryland against once-beaten Oklahoma in what could be easily the day's top attraction. Jim Tatum's Split-T power is ranked first nationally while Bud Wilkinson's Sooners, also a Split-T finished very strong after a rather slow start.

In the day's two other headliners Alabama meets Rice in the Cotton Bowl and Georgia Tech tangles with West Virginia in the Sugar Bowl.

Nebraskan All-League Team Due Wednesday

The Nebraskan's All-Big selections for 1953 will be revealed in Wednesday's edition.

Going Big League, the Nebraskan will notify each selection of their choice by the sports editor and sports writers of the Nebraskan staff.

Main Feature Clock

(Schedules Furnished by Theaters)

Lincoln: "Kiss Me Kate," 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30.

Stuart: "The Robe," 12:20, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50.

Varsity: "Crazy Legs," 1:33, 3:33, 5:33, 7:33, 9:33.

State: "Conquest of Cochise," 1:17, 4:06, 6:55, 9:45. "Slaves of Babylon," 2:27, 5:16, 8:05.

Nebraska: "A Yank In The R.A.F.," 1:19, 4:37, 7:55. "The Golden Blade," 3:07, 6:25, 9:43.

Lincoln 3-D Wide Screen advertisement for 'Kiss Me Kate' featuring Kathryn Grayson, Howard Keel, Ann Miller, and Robert Taylor.

Collier's 64th All-America advertisement featuring a cartoon character and text about the magazine's content.

Large advertisement for Camel cigarettes featuring Marge and Gower Champion, a cartoon, and a pack of Camel cigarettes.