

In The Stands

Don Weber Breaks NU Point Mark

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Let's catch up on the Nebraska sporting news of the past few weeks.

First of all if the Cornhusker eagers keep up their present pace in losing ball games they will make our prediction of a second or third spot in the conference race way off the track.

THE HUSKERS dropped five of six games over the holiday period with the Oregon road trip being disastrous with three straight losses.

Courtesy Lincoln Star-Weber

Coach Harry Good made sporting news, at least through the midwest when he (1) predicted Oregon State as the NCAA 1954 champion and (2), stated he would recommend to the NCAA rules committee that baskets be raised two feet to a 12 foot height.

DON WEBER, forward from Esterville, Ia., deserves a round of applause for breaking the Cornhusker scoring mark as he racked up 30 points against K-State. His performance is noteworthy because it was achieved against top-flight opposition and not against a South Dakota type foe.

It may be nothing at all, but we note as strange the fact that the athletic board has not announced contract renewals on assistant grid coaches. Usually the job has been attended to by this late date and we hear that if certain contracts aren't renewed by Feb. 1, we may see some changes in the grid coaching staff as far as assistant coaches are concerned.

There is a strange calm air over the athletic department these days, they call it the doldrums in Geography 52, and usually following such a situation all heck breaks loose.

THE PICKING of a successor to Patsy Clark as athletic director is liable to take some time if a successor doesn't come from within the department itself.

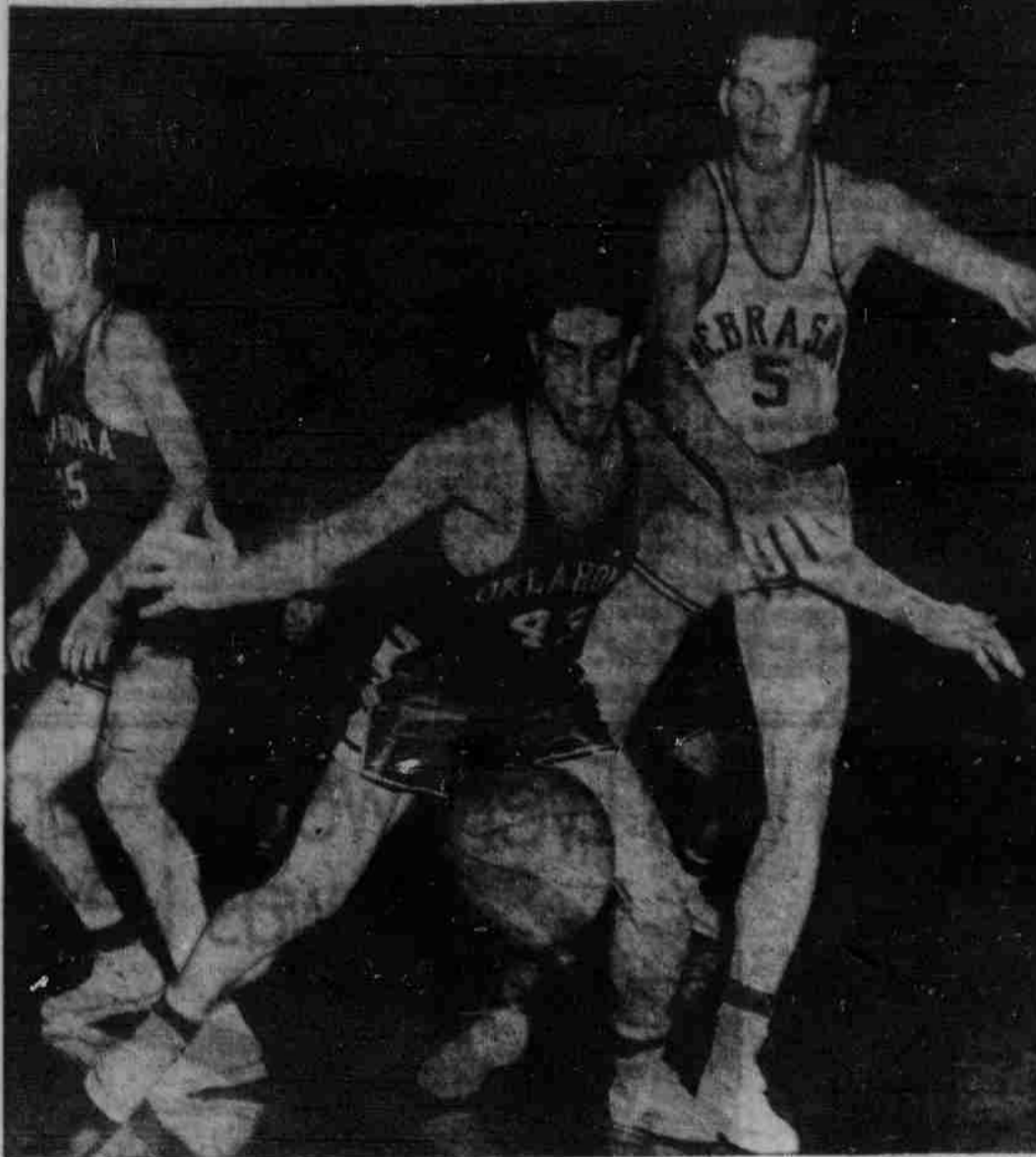
Congratulations are to be extended to Al Partin and his grapplers. The undefeated Cornhusker wrestling team has beaten South Dakota State and Grinnell College. The Huskers next meet is January 16th.

WHILE WE'RE in the process of handing out laurels we should definitely include Ted Connor who starred as a West lineman in the Shrine game at San Francisco, and John Bordogna who put on quite a defensive show for the South in the North-South game at Miami Christmas night. The South by the way seems to be the grid power these days. It seems that the center of football power is shifting from the Midwest to the South and Southwest.

Six Husker Heads To NCAA Affair

Six members of the athletic staff at the University of Nebraska will be attending the NCAA meetings in Cincinnati this week. The delegation is headed by Coach Bill Glassford who is expected to fly directly to the Ohio city from Miami.

John Bentley, publicity head; Mike Mulligan, line coach; Bob Davis, backfield mentor; Ray Prochaska, end coach and Bob Paris, freshmen tutor have already left for the annual meetings. It is possible that Patsy Clark, who resigned as athletic director three weeks ago, may also attend the conference.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

Sooners Halt NU

Starling Jones (43), Oklahoma guard, keeps Bill Johnson (5) Husker pivot man

away from the ball in the recently concluded Big Seven holiday tournament. The Sooners blasted Nebraska out of

the title picture with a 86-70 win at the Kansas later stopped Oklahoma for the crown.

Johnson, Seger, Weber Lead Husker Scoring

Bill Johnson, 6-7 center from Lincoln, has taken over the University of Nebraska basketball scoring lead for nine pre-conference games.

Johnson has averaged 15.2 tallies per contest for a total of 137. In the No. 2 spot is Guard Fred Seger, Omaha, with 119 for a 13.2-point mark.

Don Weber, forward from Esterville, Ia., jumped into

third place on the strength of 53 points contributed during the Big Seven Conference tournament last week at Kansas City. In three games, Weber hit 20 for 42 field goals and 13 for 25 free throws. He set a new Cornhusker individual scoring mark by bucketing 30 points against Kansas State last Monday night. Weber's total for nine games is 97 for an average of 10.8 per contest.

Statistics (9 Games)

Table with columns: Player, G, FG, FT, Pct., FTA, FT, Pct., RB, Ave., Pp, Pp, Ave. Lists stats for Johnson, Seger, Weber, and others.

1,300 To Attend NCAA Meetings

There are no major changes in sight, in either the television arrangements or the substitution rules, for college football in 1954 as the National Collegiate Athletic Association launched its six-day 48th annual convention in Cincinnati Monday.

Nearly 1,300 of the nation's athletic administrators and coaches were slated to attend the sessions of the NCAA and five affiliated groups. The main body will take no definite action on anything until Friday, but it is expected that the group will stay with the restricted television setup and one-platoon type of football.

On Tuesday, the American Football Coaches Association rules committee, under Chairman Lou Little of Columbia, begins shaping up recommendations to be submitted to the NCAA rules committee at Sarasota, Florida, January 11.

Minnick To Play In Senior Classic

Nebraska footballers Ted Connor and John Bordogna have both turned in creditable performances in post-season games, but another Scarlet senior is picked to play in the Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala. Saturday.

Jerry Minnick, who a year ago was picked as All-America tackle, will participate for the West in a game sure to display some of the nation's top talent.

ALL-BIG Seven Guard Bob Hantla from Kansas, who played for the West with Connor last week in the Shrine game at San Francisco, is the only other Big Seven player invited.

Brighter 1954 Ahead?

No NU Titles In 1953 As Sooners, KU Shine

With the 1953 seasons behind them, Nebraska's athletic squads are looking ahead for brighter horizons.

Although competing in all of the 10 major and minor sports which the Big Seven sanctions, Husker squads were able to pull not even one title from the hat.

MONOPOLISTS ON titles during 1953 were Oklahoma and Kansas. The Sooners won football, baseball, wrestling and swimming, and the Jayhawkers picked up blue ribbons in basketball, indoor track, outdoor track and cross country.

Colorado won the tennis crown and Iowa State took golf honors. Nebraska's closest title effort was by Coach Tony Sharpe's Husker baseball squad, which took second place in the conference, just .008 behind champion Oklahoma.

COACH JAKE Geier's NU gymnastics squad, rated as one of the top college gym outfits in the nation, defeated all conference competition, but the sport is not included in conference title competition.

Final 1953 standings: INDOOR TRACK Kansas 22 5-6; Oklahoma, 32; Nebraska, 28; Kansas State, 26 5-8; Missouri, 15 5-6; Colorado, 13 1/2; Iowa State, 13.

Attendance Up

A nationwide tabulation shows a marked increase in football attendance at college games this past season. Big Seven schools' report an increase of 4.09 per cent over the 1952 season.

At K-State, where the surprising Wildcats had their best record since 1934, attendance figures at home games zoomed 20 per cent over 1952-53, 65,841 saw five home games.

NU Hits Cyclones At Ames

Hot Final Canto Spurs Nebraska

Coach Harry Good's Cornhusker basketballers jumped to an early first-place tie for Big Seven honors Monday by downing Iowa State, 74-60 at Ames, Ia.

The Huskers hit 11 of 13 field goal attempts in the final period to break a 45-45 tie at the end of the third quarter, scoring 29 points in the game-clinching quarter.

NEBRASKA'S SCORING was well divided, with Captain Fred Seger leading the way. The speedy guard hit 16 points in the initial league contest.

Bill Johnson, 6-7 Scarlet center, and Forward Don Weber each collected 15 points, while Bill Fagler scored 14 and sub guard Duane Buell 12.

Iowa State's top threat was Duncan, who notched 17 points. OTHER BIG Seven winners Monday night were Kansas University and Colorado, who opened regular season play with wins.

NEBRASKA'S NEXT three contests will be league games at home. Coach Good's squad meets Oklahoma Saturday in the Coliseum, then plays host to Missouri and Kansas State in its two succeeding contests.

Nebraska went into the Cyclone contest with a 3-6 season record. Iowa State's mark was four wins against three losses.

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