

Changes Suggested

Writer Looks At State High School Cage Setup

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Nebraska's high school basketball situation, as it stands today, is divided into four classes—A, B, C and D. As most rabid fans know, this classification is based on the size of the male enrollment of the respective schools.

On the other hand, in such states as Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Iowa there exists a setup whereby all of the schools in the state are lumped into one class. In Indiana and Kentucky, where basketball is as much part of a boy's schedule as eating and sleeping, the situation has proven very successful.

These states have developed far more than their share of outstanding hoop stars; and the fans there would not even consider adopting a class system similar to the one that we are acquainted with in Nebraska.

This writer proposes that Nebraska basketball should be modified to a plan like the one followed in Indiana and Kentucky. Most fans that read this statement will automatically remark, "What about the little school?"

In Indiana, for example, the little school often wins the entire championship. Boys in these small towns play together all of their life and develop teamwork that many big teams could never attain.

WE CAN find examples of this in our own state. The Minden Whippet team of '52 which easily captured the State Class "B" title could have been State Champions. Many Omaha Holy Name aggregations have been superior to Class "A"—teams that reach the finals.

The Class "C" champs of the 1954 season were far better than Class "C" caliber. Led by smooth Lyle Nannon, Syracuse is an outstanding example of a small town team which could have easily defeated many Class "A" fives.

To illustrate that a change is due in Nebraska hoop competi-

tion, we can ask a question, "How does Nebraska basketball stand in comparison with Indiana's and Kentucky's?" The answer is clearly evident. Basketball in that section stands head and shoulders above Nebraska play. Play is not only of a more polished brand there, but it is also followed far and wide.

From Indiana basketball stars come yearly. Many do not stay in the Hoosier state, but go elsewhere. We can find examples of this in the Big Seven. The Hoosier's biggest gift to this conference was of course, Kansas' Clyde Lovellette. Nebraska's Jim Buchanan was a Hoosier also.

Currently, there are several Hoosiers on the Big Seven rosters. Colorado's strong squad of last season had two Indiana natives on their starting lineup. Charlie Mock and Tom Harold of Muncie, played outstanding ball all season.

KANSAS STATE started two Hoosier guards this past year. Kent Poore and J. R. Snyder were pesky competitors in a dead-end season. In our own backyard we have two imports from Indiana. Chuck Smith from Anderson started at guard and easily won his letter. Freshman Bill Wells should make a strong bid next season for a varsity berth.

In comparison, it is rare to find a Nebraska high school graduate starting for a team outside of the state.

Another suggestion for the betterment of basketball in this state would be to have a playoff of the four class champions to determine the real champion, whether it may be a Class A or D team.

To add color to the season, a yearly All Star game could be played. Every year the ten best seniors in Kentucky and Indiana are honored by being placed on their state's respective All Star teams.

If Nebraska would adopt a plan to have a similar affair with a neighboring state, basketball in the Cornhusker state would be given a needed shot in the arm.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Hendrickson Wins 440

Nebraska's Brien Hendrickson clocked in :51.2, good for the crosses the finish line in the muddy track conditions present. 440-yard dash for the lone Husker Colorado's Harold Scarff is sec-

ond. As it was, Colorado capitalized on the Huskers' weakness on the track to win 80-51. Nebraska won four first places in the field events.

NU Trackmen Lag On Cinders As Colorado Triumphs 80-51

Table with 2 columns: Track Events, CU, NU. Rows include Mile, 100, 200, 400, 800, 150 High Hurdles, 200 Low Hurdles, Two Mile, Relay, and Totals.

Table with 2 columns: Field Events, CU, NU. Rows include High Jump, Pole Vault, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Broad Jump, and Totals.

NU Linksmen Play Washburn Here Today

Nebraska's golf squad, coached by Bob Hamblet, will go against Washburn University this afternoon on Lincoln's Hillcrest Country Club links. On Saturday they meet Kansas State in Lincoln.

Netters Battle Washburn Today

The Nebraska tennis team will tangle with Washburn University this afternoon on the University courts. If the weather fails to co-operate the meet will be staged indoors.

Last weekend the Huskers were stopped by Iowa State College 6-1 in Lincoln. The only Husker win came in the doubles with Nebraska's Roy Colson and Marshall Becker on the winning end.

On Thursday of last week the Huskers banked York College on the University courts 7-0. The ISC-NU summary:

Singles: Burford (IS) defeated Colson (N) 6-3, 7-5. Paul Mattson (IS) defeated Becker (N), 6-4, 6-5. Earl (IS) defeated Norman Veltzer (N), 6-2, 6-0. Ted Hampe (IS) defeated Bill Roy (N), 6-1, 6-0. Ron Sley (IS) defeated Steve Sutton (N), 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles: Colson and Becker (N) defeated Burford and Earl (IS), 6-4, 6-2. Mattson and Hampe (IS) defeated Veltzer and Roy (IS) 6-2, 6-0.

TRACK EVENTS: Mile—Won by John Kiek (C); 2. Wayne Phillips (C); 3. Hugh Osners (N). Time—4:43.2.

440—Won by Brien Hendrickson (N); 2. Harold Scarff (C); 3. Don Steers (C). Time—1:26.4.

100—Won by Ron Gray (C); 2. Charles Gibson (N); 3. Jerry Church (C). Time—22.7.

220—Won by Ron Gray (C); 2. Dick Bobbit (C); 3. Charles Gibson (N). Time—48.1.

400—Won by Bruce Plutznreuter (C); 2. Bob Andersen (N); 3. Verne Bussse (C). Time—1:39.4.

Two-mile—Won by Knowles Dougherty (C); 2. John Kiek (C); Wayne Phillips (C). Time—12:45.4.

150 High Hurdles—Won by Pat Hindman (C); 2. Fritz Hageboeck (C); 3. Dave Lewis (C). Time—15.3.

200 Low Hurdles—Won by Pat Hindman (C); 2. Dave Lewis (C); 3. Emerson Scott (N). Time—26.1.

Mile Relay—Won by Colorado (Dick Bonit, Verne Bussse, Don Steers, Harold Scarff); 2. Nebraska (Brien Hendrickson, Paul Heidick, Charles Hunley, Charles Gibson) Time—3:25.7.

Kansas State Here

Nebraska Meets Cats In Doubleheader Today

Coach Tony Sharpe's University of Nebraska baseball squad will get back into Big Seven action with a doubleheader against the Kansas State Wildcats on the Husker diamond this afternoon.

Earlier this season Kansas State defeated the Huskers twice to virtually knock them out of the Big Seven race.

The two teams were scheduled to go against each other in single games on Monday and Tuesday, but wet ground and cold weather forced the clubs to postpone the action on Monday. The two teams will play two seven-inning contests today with the first slated to get underway at 1:30.

Nebraska, currently sporting a 2-4 conference mark, was slated to go against Colorado in a two-game series last weekend, but rain cancelled both contests. In their weekend action, the Cats dropped a pair to the Iowa State Cyclones.

No definite Husker pitching assignments have been made, but Dick Geier, sophomore lefty, and Fran Hofmaier will probably get the starting nods. Hofmaier, also a southpaw, is the lone unbeaten hurler on the Nebraska team. He has a 3-0 record.

Fred Seger, second baseman, is pacing the Nebraska hitters with a .346 mark.

NU Baseball Statistics

Baseball statistics table with columns for Batting (AB, R, H, E, etc.) and Pitching (IP, H, R, E, etc.) for various players.

Fielding statistics table with columns for Player, PO, A, E, etc., for various fielders.

Softball Schedule Revised Recently

Because of rain and wet grounds there were no intramural softball games played on Thursday and Friday. As a result the schedules have been completely changed and all team managers are urged to check the Intramural bulletin board in Physical Education Building for the revised schedules.

ATTENTION

Intramural officials announced recently that the second round of the Intramural Spring Golf Tournament will be played Sunday, May 9, instead of Saturday as previously announced.

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MAGEE'S PALM BEACH FASHION-FIVER advertisement featuring a suit image and text.

Coca-Cola advertisement featuring a woman sitting in a chair and a bottle of Coca-Cola, with text about drinking Coca-Cola.

MEN'S RESIDENCE HALLS advertisement for fall rooms, including contact information and special notices for graduate students.