

Big 7 Round-Up

Missouri Tigers, Colorado Buffs Rank As Early Cage Favorites

As the 1954-55 basketball season comes to its start, some surprises may be in store for the cage fans.

In the past, either Kansas or Missouri has held the upper hand, but this year may find a strong crew of Missouri Tigers making a bid for conference honors.

Included in the group is big Bob Reiter, 6-8 pivot man, who carried a 19.6 average last year to pace a team with a so-so mark of 11-10 and a third place mark in the conference.

Other starters returning are Norm Stewart, junior guard, Med Park, Gary Filbert, and Lloyd Elmore. This was the same start-

ing line-up that upset Kansas in the Big Seven finale last year 76-67 to dethrone the Jayhawk five.

Like Missouri, Colorado also has their starting five back. The Buffs finished in a tie with the Kansans last year, and went on to the N.C.A.A. play-offs where they were dumped by Bradley.

The five veterans, four seniors and one sophomore make up the CU starting five. At forwards will be junior Mel Coffman and senior Bob Jeangerard.

The center is Burdette Halderson and guards, Tom Harold and Charlie Mock. Top reserve strength seems to be Jim Ranglos,

George Hannah and Sam Morrison. Halderson led the Buffs in scoring last year with a 16.7 mark.

Kansas State will also attempt a return to basketball supremacy in the league with seven men returning to coach Tex Winter.

Two big losses to KS via graduation was Jesse Prisock and Gene Stauffer. Winter, with much optimism in his voice, says five things that will be improved over the preceding aggregation.

Kansas, starting its 38th year under the leadership of Dr. Forest C. (Phog) Allen, may find the road hard with the loss of four of its five starters.

Nebraska, with Jerry Bush at the helm, has five returning lettermen, including three starters.

Oklahoma and Iowa State will be for some rough times this year. Both cage squads lack the size or experience.

Iowa State's cage squad numbered 17 when Barney Alleman, two-year letterman reported to Coach Bill Strannigan.

Jack Peterson, highly rated sophomore, started getting back into action late last week, too.

Strannigan continued to use four veterans and a sophomore as his starters, but figured he was getting improved play from several other candidates.

In addition to Peterson, Strannigan singled out Chuck Vogt, sophomore, as pushing DeKoster and Frahm, and center Bill Dale as improving in every practice.

Cage Co-Captain

Stan Matzke, senior forward from Lincoln, was elected by his teammates to co-captain the Husker cagers this season.



Courtesy Lincoln Star

Basketball Begins

Alpha Tau Omega, Beta's Win Initial Cage Games

Among the first round intramural games, Sigma Alpha Epsilon beat Delta Tau Delta, 37-35, ATO beat the Sig Chis 61-35, the Phi Gams lost to the Phi Deltas 43-45 and Sigma Phi Epsilon edged AGR 53-33.

In other games, Tau Kappa Epsilon 31, Cornhusker Coop A, 45; Phi Delt B 40, Phi Gamma Delta 33; Beta B 41, Sig E B 32, Cornhusker B won by forfeit over Beta Sig B.

Fred Longacre scored 25 points to lead Theta Chi to a 63-29 victory over Norris House and Doran Jacobs scored 13 points to lead a Zeta Beta Tau 27-25 victory over Alpha Gamma Sigma.

In the Beta B-Sig Ep B game Joe Wachter led the Beta attack with 10 points, while John Fagan and Dick Pickett rebounded on the boards.

The schedule for the rest of this week and early next week is as follows: Saturday, December 4th 1 p.m. Court 1—Presby House vs. Lutheran House; 2—Beta Upsilon Mu vs. Phi Epsilon Kappa.

Tuesday, December 7th 6:30 p.m. Court 1—Phi Gamma Delta A vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon A; 2—Sigma Nu A vs. Alpha Gamma Rho A; 3—Alpha Gamma Sigma A vs. Brown Palace A.

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College Gridders Win AP Mention Six football players from Nebraska colleges were named to the Associated Press Little All-American football team.

Roger Higgins, Wayne tackle and all-Nebraska College Conference player, was named to the third team.

Five other players were given honorable mention. Of these, four are from the Nebraska College Conference. They are: Ken Clark, Peru fullback; Fred Applegate, Peru center; Chuck Stickle, Hastings quarterback, and Hilly Beck, Hastings end.

Wally Beck, star of the Seward Concordia entry in the Central Church College Conference, was the only non-NCC player named.

Every year at about this time, after a new intramural football champion has been crowned and the season has been completed, an all-University intramural football team is chosen.

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This year, as in past years, there will undoubtedly be many differing opinions of which athletes are qualified to be placed on the team.

Along with the All University team, to be announced next week, will be the final standings of the football teams.

Husker Cagers Show Promise In Scrimmage

Jerry Bush's Cornhusker cage squad looked promising Tuesday as they defeated the scrappy frosh, 69-57.

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The freshman squad showed considerable promise. They led the varsity several times during the first half and were not completely subdued until the fourth quarter.

Here's how they scored: Varsity (69) Freshmen (57) Boich 1 0 1 1 Arwood 0 0 0 1 Eckwall 1 3 5 1 Smidt 4 0 0 1 Smith 3 3 4 0 Hudson 0 0 1 1 Benzelm'n 2 3 2 Kubacki 5 3 4 2 Fagler 5 1 2 2 Thom 2 1 2 4 Gibson 3 0 1 0 Lee 1 1 2 2 Marks 0 2 2 0 Naimen 0 2 2 2 Welis 0 0 1 2 Thompson 6 0 0 1 Roy 0 1 3 1 Reimers 0 4 4 0 Peeble 1 0 1 0 Ruck 4 2 2 1 Fuel 1 0 1 1 Toms 0 0 0 1 Coufal 2 3 3 0

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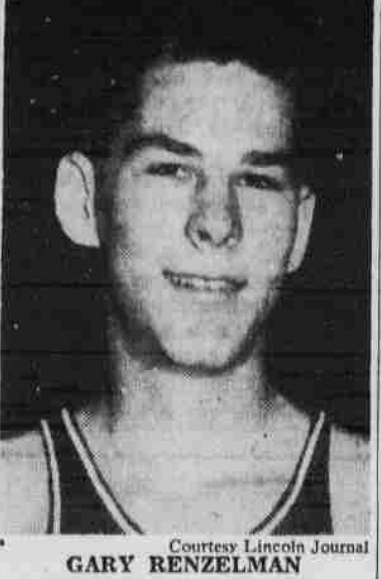
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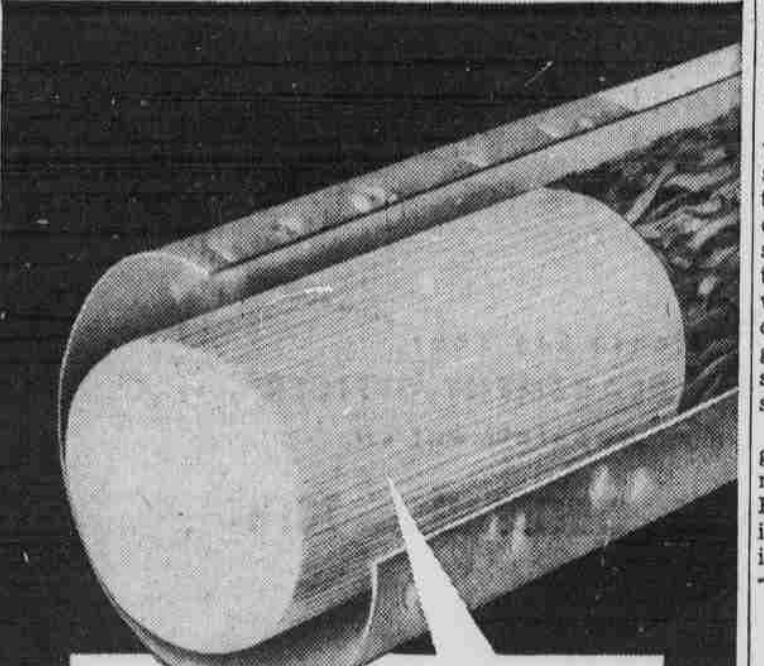
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Huskers No Pushover—Especially As Underdogs

Some fans seem to chuckle at the statement, "Nebraska University is going to play the Blue Devils from Duke in the Orange Bowl."

The Duke team is ranked fourteenth in the final AP standings just released. The Huskers were never ranked higher than twentieth.

Now is the time to point out that the Huskers were made underdogs in a majority of their contests this year, yet managed to come up with the second best season since Coach Bill Glassford took over the job at Nebraska.

Minnesota-The Gophers were giant killers this year having one of their best years. Bob McNamara was named to many All-American squads for his excellent showing throughout the year.

Kansas State—This was a rough contest to lose. The Huskers did not play their best ball of the year by far. They lost this tilt in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter.

Pittsburgh—The Panthers were big. The loss could have been attributed to a letdown after the win over KU or it could have been that the Huskers were looking forward to the OU tilt the next week.

Oklahoma-Perfection. One word is enough to describe the Ookies that warm Saturday afternoon down at Norman. Coach Bud Wilkinson had said himself that the game against NU was his team's best showing of the season.

There are the four losses. The Huskers won't forget what they said after the Oklahoma win. They will make up for that defeat in the Orange Bowl.

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