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Sports Scratchin's

By SAM JENSEN Copy Editor

Hello there. This paragraph and those following it compose what may or may not be a weekly sports column.

In this space, I shall try to bring you summaries of University athletic action, what's going on around the Big Seven conference, sports anecdotes and sometimes little bits of information concerning the Cornhusker athletic program unknown to most of the student body.

Sports Brief . . .

Following is a personal view of NU winter athletic progress. BASKETBALL: Coach Jerry Bush manages to put a hustling ball club on the floor each game.

GYMNASTICS: The brightest spot on the University athletic scene shines on Coach Jake Gier's gymnastic team.

WRESTLING—There is not much that can be said for the grapplers except possibly—"Good luck."

TRACK: Coach Jerry Lee is in the middle, or at the bottom, of what might liberally be called a "rebuilding program."

SWIMMING: The swimming team is having what might be termed a "better than average season."

SUMMING UP: University athletics are going through a period of rebuilding—especially the track team.

Perhaps I'm being a bit pessimistic. One thing is certain, however, and that is, there are still thrills for spectators and athletes alike in the Nebraska winter athletic scene.

Pass The Puck . . .

Hearsay and rumor has it that here might possibly be an addition to the University athletic program.

At Michigan State, where Athletic Director Bill Orwig served before coming to Nebraska, football and hockey were the only two self-supporting sports.

Recent interest in Lincoln concerning an indoor rink and urban interest in the ice sport might be contributing factors.

Bryant Sparks Grapplers

Husker Matmen Drop Three Weekend Frays

In three meets during the past two weeks, the Husker wrestling squad dropped decisions to Iowa University 31-3 Friday night, Iowa State Teacher's College 29-3 Saturday night and South Dakota State Teacher's College 16-12 Monday night.

Injuries and bad luck have hampered the grappling squad throughout the season. Two Husker matmen forfeited matches at Iowa University when their plane bound for Iowa City was grounded because of bad weather conditions.

Bright Spot Bryant

One bright spot in the matches was Charles Bryant, who defeated John Winder, last year's Big 10 177 pound champion in the Iowa University meet.

Jack Bryans, sophomore in Business Administration, is a newcomer to the squad and he will be filling the 147 pound class. Coach Don Straszheim has high hopes for Bryant and is looking forward to his giving a boost to the grapplers.

Squad Sparkplugs

Other sparkplugs on the squad include Arnold Morton, who has lost only three of eight matches in the 157 pound competition, and Jim Owens, 130 pound grappler who has won three of his matches.

The Huskers will tangle with the Kansas State matmen in their next match Friday night at 7:30 in the Coliseum.

The results of Monday's meet with South Dakota State Teacher's College are as follows:

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BRYANT Courtesy Lincoln Journal

Coach Relies On 4 Matmen

Four matmen are being relied upon to boost the squad from its present slump, said wrestling mentor Don Straszheim in an interview with The Nebraskan Tuesday.

Jim Owens, 130 pounds; Jack Bryans, 147 pounds; Arnold Morton, 157 pounds, and Charles Bryant, 177 pounds were named by the mat coach as the hopeful supporters of the squad during the remaining four weeks of competition. If the squad continues making progress as it has been, added Straszheim, they should be in good shape for the Big Seven Tournament in Boulder, Colo., on March 11.

Huskers To Test Sooners After Stunning CU Upset

Cinderella Quint Must Take Saturday Tilt To Fan Flickering Title Hopes

By MAX KREITMAN Sports Staff Writer

Still riding high after their stunning upset win over the Colorado Buffs 84-77 Monday night, the Nebraska Cornhuskers went right to work for their Saturday night meeting with the Oklahoma Sooners.

Bush Says Buff Game 'Best Thrill'

By DAN CAMPBELL Sports Staff Writer

"That game was one of the biggest thrills of my life," Jerry Bush said Tuesday afternoon, referring to Monday night's upset of league-leading Colorado by his Hustlin' Huskers. Bush could well afford to be happy, for it was sweet revenge for the 89-42 defeat the Buffs handed Nebraska in the Big Seven Tournament earlier this year. This upset victory was the culchre in Lincoln.

Cager Bush

Jerry Bush, a former St. John's star, has received honorable mention in Sport Magazine's All-Time All-America basketball team poll, selected by the nation's cage coaches.

mination of a tremendous team effort. Every player used had his moments of glory. Willard Fagler played the game of his life, shacking big Burdette Halderson in the second half, after the Colorado giant had netted 25 points in the first half. In addition, Fagler managed to dump in 25 points himself, to lead the Huskers in scoring.

Timely Baskets

Chuck Smith put on a tremendous exhibition in the second half, and Whitney Buel and Stan Matzke both came through with extremely timely baskets. Buel and Matzke also did a good job holding down Colorado's "little" men, while Rex Ekwall's fine rebounding was a big factor.

Bill Ray's entrance into the game and his two timely baskets added greatly to the Nebraska cause, while Norm Coufal and Gus Renzelman did very well while they were in. Renzelman and Fagler, who took turns riding herd on Halderson, more than equalled the big guy's 33 points, with Renzelman adding 14 to Fagler's 25.

Halderson, who led the Big Seven in scoring last year and is high on the list this year, was tremendous, especially in the first half. However, he tired chasing Willard Fagler and faded in the second half.

Fan Enthusiasm Lauded

"I am deeply appreciative of the tremendous spirit displayed not only by the boys on the floor, but also by the fellows on the bench. And the terrific enthusiasm displayed by the fans inspired the players greatly in their winning effort," Jerry Bush commented.

In respect to the contest with Oklahoma next Saturday night, Bush said, "Despite the Sooners' dismal record, they are potentially a fine team. I still can't forget, nor should my players forget, that Oklahoma defeated Colorado in the Big Seven Tournament. Practically all of their losses have been by narrow margins."

The Sooners sport an over-all 2-11 mark and a last place conference mark of 0-8. Their only two victories came in the Big 7 tourney at K.C. when they bumped off Oklahoma and Iowa State. They lost to Missouri in the second round and walked off with third place honors.

The Sooners entire attack has been centered around a diminutive 5-10 guard. Lester Lane, the pocket-sized backliner on Bruce Drake's starting five has been the only real spark for OU. Lane, a senior, led the Sooners in scoring last year. He also carried off scoring honors at last year's Big 7 meet. He holds one record of 13 consecutive free-throws.

Other starters on the Sooner quintet are Jim Peck, a 5-9 sophomore, Lynn Hart, a 6-2 senior, Ed Abbey, a 6-4 sophomore, and Fred Muller, a 6-3 senior. Besides Lane, only Hart and Muller are returning letter winners.

For the Huskers, their win Monday night kept their hopes alive for a top rung on the conference ladder. It still left them behind Kansas State in the standings, but the victory was a big hurdle to skim. The CU loss dropped them in a first place deadlock with Missouri. Both quintets have a 5-1 mark. K-State follows with a 6-2 mark and then comes NU with a 4-2 record.

This week, only a sparse schedule will be played in the league. Last night the Kansas Jayhawks took the measure of the visiting Iowa State Cyclones. Tomorrow night Oklahoma treks to Stillwater to meet the Oklahoma A and M Cowboys. Saturday night three games are on tap. Besides the OU-NU clash, Missouri travels to Colorado in a battle to snap the first place tie. Kansas hosts K-State in a traditional battle of the two Sunflower fives.

Big Seven State

Last week five games were played. K-State added the two victories to their Big 7 slate with wins over Nebraska 79-62 and Oklahoma 71-60. Missouri gained two wins with victories over Iowa State 84-67 and a rout of the Sooners 96-61. Colorado defeated the Cyclones 86-70 in their annual Cornbelt swing.

As the conference reaches the middle stages, it begins to shape up as a two-way battle between Missouri and the Buffs. This will be the first meeting of the year between the two fives. CU holds wins over Oklahoma, Iowa State and Kansas in the league. The Nebraska loss was their first of the year in the conference. MU's victories have been at the expense of K-State, KU, Nebraska, Iowa State and OU. Their one loss has been to the Wildcats. The only other two teams that could have an outside chance are NU and KS. Both quintets have lost two contests. The Wildcats have won six games while NU is two games under the balance with four wins.

Sports Slate For Week

Kansas State matmen will tussle with the University wrestling squad in the Coliseum Friday. The match is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

A dual swimming test, originally scheduled for Friday with Iowa State, has been moved up to Monday, Feb. 14.

The Husker gymnastic team will meet Iowa at Iowa City Friday and will go against Illinois (Navy Pier Branch) at Chicago Saturday.

A varsity-freshman track meet is scheduled Saturday at 2 p.m.

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Nebraskan To Honor NU Stars

The Nebraskan plans to inaugurate an Athlete of the Week Award which will be given to the member of a University athletic squad who turns in the outstanding athletic performance of the week.

In addition, five intramural stars of the previous week will be recognized for athletic achievement in any of the maze of intramural sports.

Voting for the varsity Athlete of the Week and the five intramural stars will be done by the male side of the Nebraskan staff.

The Athlete of the Week will be selected not only from the ranks of major sports (basketball, football and baseball), but from the minor sports as well.

The purpose of the honor will be to recognize an outstanding achievement in NU sports and to give more coverage and recognition to some of the fine athletes participating in the University's minor sport program.

The intramural awards will supplement the recognition given to IM athletes in the football, basketball and baseball ratings. These five weekly stars must be eligible University participants of the intramural agenda.

Certificates will be given to each Athlete of the Week. The first 'Athlete' and the five IM stars will be selected next week for athletic performances during the week.

The athletes for each week will be announced in Wednesday's edition of the Nebraskan.

Week's BB Schedule

THURSDAY Oklahoma at Oklahoma A. & M. SATURDAY Oklahoma at Nebraska Missouri at Colorado Kansas State at Kansas

Whitehead, Pierce Still Have Old Eye

Bus Whitehead and Bob Pierce, former NU basketball greats, were the standout performers as the Stars of Storz captured the Boyer Valley Independent Basketball Tournament title Sunday at Vail, Iowa.

Pierce dunked 28 points and Whitehead 20 as the Storz crew whipped Ft. Dodge, 72-45, in the finals. Whitehead had 27 and Pierce 25 in a 99-62 rout of Cherokee, Ia., in the semifinals.

Advertisement for the movie 'Prince of Players' featuring Richard Burton and Maggie McNamara. Includes a 'Stuart' logo and 'EXTRA! "Far East Besttime" Cinemascope & Color'.

The 'Fairer Side'

Eating Dry Burgers—Pong Started Monday

By PHYL CAST

game on Thursday between two houses who have already tried out. (If this sounds a little peculiar, I'm just continuing where I was cut off in my last column.) If it's not coming through too well, best you check the Rag of Jan. 19. By the way, I'm selling copies on the side.

Ping pong started yesterday. Is your team list in yet? If not, get it there.

Actually the best news of this column is about this h'yar brunch party for the Council and Sports Board coming up this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. If you have not R.S.V.P'd yet, best you do—Call Janet McClung at 2-7742. There will be all kinds of goodies to eat and fun too.

I want to ease all your minds about us poor souls who were eating dry hamburgers on Thursday noons. They are not dry anymore. We now are equipped with pickles, ketchup and mustard.

Anyone interested in officiating

basketball, call Cis Lonsbrough at 2-3587. If your team seems to be lousier in basketball than you had planned, I suggest you practice on Saturdays. See Miss Mulvany about arrangements.

And last, but certainly not least, we have resumed, after a delightful two-week final rest, Co Rec volleyball. Here are the teams who play tomorrow night: ALPHA XI DELTA No. 1 and SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, KAPPA ALPHA THETA No. 1 and DELTA TAU DELTA, CHI OMEGA No. 2 and SIGMA CHI, KAPPA DELTA No. 2 and THETA XI, GIRLS DORM No. 1 and MENS DORM, GAMMA PHII BETA No. 3 and PHI DELTA THETA.

Rifle Club

The Rifle Club meeting scheduled for Tuesday night has been cancelled. Another meeting will be slated for some time next week.

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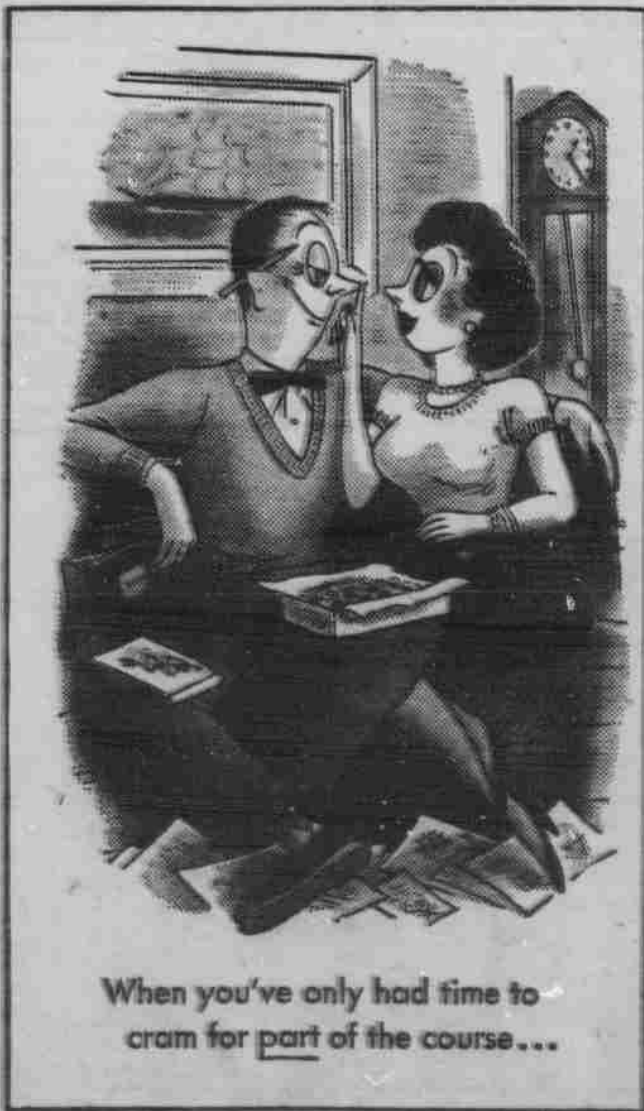
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