

Traveling Along The Sports Trail

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March 26, All-Sports Day is the gleam. The Huskers will try to show the old grads a team. No matter how to the sportswriters they rate. The team still has footballers from 12 other states.

When the "Monday morning quarterbacks" sit down and discuss Nebraska football, they will have to admit one thing whether they want to or not—that Coach Bill Glassford and his staff are a group of real go-getters when it comes to enlisting football talent.

On the present spring football squad of approximately 80 candidates, 12 states besides Nebraska are represented and 30 of the players are from outside the Cornhusker boundaries.

Several of the more talented individuals from other parts of these spacious United States were offered as many as 10 scholarships from other universities and colleges, including the Big Ten and Atlantic Coast Conference, but decided to toss their helmets into the Husker ring.

No Nebraskans . . .

As strange as it might seem to the ordinary sports follower, Coach Glassford could open the Hawaii game next fall with a strong team that did not have ONE native Nebraskan on the first eleven. If you think I am joking, take a look at this array of outstaters:

Ends, Don Hewitt (Ia.), Jack Bralley (Mont.) and Robert Cupper (Pa.); tackles, Phil Erickson (Wis.), Walt Beddeo (Colo.), Jerry Wheeler (Ill.) and Bob Lyall (Wash.); guards, John Yuss (Pa.) Leo George (Pa.), Don Kampe (Ia.) and Joe Sadowski (Pa.); centers, Bob Berguin (S.D.) and Jack Pugsley (Wyo.); backs, Charles Smith (N.H.), Gordon Englert (S.D.), Sylvester Harris, (Mo.), Willie Greenlaw (Me.), Farley Pickering (Kan.) and Joe Hart (N.H.).

All Nebraskans . . .

Then there is always the other side of this picture. Glassford could do just the opposite and send out a fine team of ex-Nebraska prep stars without one single fellow from outer Nebraska. This team would look something like this: ends, Jon McWilliams (Sidney), LeRoy Butcher (Lincoln), Allan Delnes and Ted Westervelt (Scottsbluff) and Dean Lux (North Bend); tackles, Quin Anderson (Oakland), Jack Fleming (Kimball), Gale Lair (Omaha), and Dick Neal (Lincoln); guards, Bill Taylor (North Platte), Jim Murphy (Columbus), Joe Bayer (Minden), and Larry Jones (Sidney); centers, Doran Post (Shelton) and LaVerne Torczon (Platte Center); backs, Rex Fischer (Oakland), John Edwards (North Platte), Don Comstock (Scottsbluff), Harry Johnson (Valley) and Jerry Brown (Minden). There were others that could be listed to each squad, but lack of space permitted using all the names.

The Answer Is . . .

Now our final product. Coach Glassford has added the combined talents of both the outstaters and Cornhuskers and should come up with a strong football team next fall unless injuries and eligibility keep key players out of action. Many instate fans feel that there are too many outstaters on the present team. Their reasons are (1) cost of bringing outside players too expensive and (2) it keeps more Nebraska boys from playing.

Must Disagree . . .

We disagree with these reasons although we are not saying that they aren't valid. Some of our finest ambassadors for Nebraska have been our football players from other states. Some of the more recent were John Bordogna, Nick Adducci, George Paynich, John Machisic, Andy Leehr and many more too numerous to mention. The majority of outstaters that I have known are fiery competitors that have made the Husker state proud of them in other fields besides athletics.

If Nebraska can keep getting outstaters of the caliber mentioned above, we say fine and good. Nebraska is not breaking any laws by having them play and in recent years outstaters have been the needed spark in many Nebraska sports.

In Intramural Play

BB Tourney Contenders Cut To Nineteen Squads

Six more teams were eliminated Thursday night, leaving 19 squads yet in the running as the end of the 1955 All-University Intramural Basketball Tournament draws near.

The Geologists bombarded the Clippers, 43-18, to gain a berth in the semi-finals of the Independent Class bracket. Gary Heinze dumped in 22 counters to lead the rockhounds. The Geologists' opponents in the semifinal fray will be Bert's Boys, who squeezed by Beta Upsilon Mu, 38-34, to keep their championship hopes alive. Jim Thomas with 12 and Bill Greer with 11 paced the winners, while Jim Flynn netted 13 for the losers.

The other semifinal bracket in the independent class was also filled Thursday. Phi Epsilon Kappa, led by Dave Barnes with 14, dropped the Freshmen Dents, 47-33, to advance in the tourney. Phil Etzelmler hit 21 for the losers. PEK's opponent will be Delta Alpha Pi, who nudged the Navy ROTC five, 28-25. John Torrey was high for Delta Alpha with 15 points.

Avery won a spot in the semi-finals of the dorm division with a 58-22 pasting of Burnett. Avery

for an All-Selleck Quadrangle B Team.

6. Each Independent team manager will nominate 5 men from the Independent leagues for an All-Independent Team.

7. "C" team managers need nominate only one All-Star team, as all the C teams were in the same league.

All ballots will be turned to The Nebraskan sports desk by Monday afternoon by 3:00 on March 14 or your team will not be considered in the ratings.

Oklahoma Wins Big 7 Swim Meet

Oklahoma's transplanted British South Africans whooped and hollered their way to the Big Seven Swimming crown last week, leaving the rest of the conference floundering futilely in their wake.

The Sooners took 150 points to lead second-place Iowa State by 26. The Cyclones had 124. Colorado had 33 for third, Nebraska 22 for fourth and Kansas University trailed with 12. Missouri and Kansas State did not compete.

Six conference records were splintered in the competition, three by Sooners and three by Iowa State swimmers. Coach Hollis Lepley called the meet the "most outstanding swimming meet we have ever had at Nebraska."

He said that the times racked up by the men getting first and

AAU Meet
The annual Midwestern AAU Swimming Championship Meet will be held in the Coliseum pool Sunday. Preliminaries start at 10 a.m. and finals at 2. Entry blanks can be secured from Hollis Lepley, swimming coach, in 107 PE Building.

second places in the meet would rate them high in the NCAA swimming meet to be held in a few weeks at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

The Huskers' points came from a sixth in the 1500-meter free-style by Dave Gradwohl, a fifth in the 220-yard backstroke and a fifth in the 100-yard backstroke by Calvin Bentz, fifth in the 200-yard backstroke by Tom Houchen, sixth in the 100-yard free style by Dick Hill, sixth in three-meter diving by Dean Stoneman, fourth in the 440-yard free style relay and third in the 300-yard medley by Bentz, Houchen and Gordon Peterson.

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Experienced Nucleus Remains

NU Basketball Horizon Bright As Bush Looks To Frosh Crop

By BOB COOK
Sports Staff Writer

Even in basketball the age old adage, "No rest for the weary," comes into practice.

Husker mentor Jerry Bush, in handling his inaugural chores no more than finishes a successful campaign with this year's cagers than he gives a preview of things to come next season.

In less than three weeks Bush has to assemble a tentative squad to face the Alumni in the annual All-Sports Day tussle to be held March 23. Although the nucleus of this year's point producing element will be lost via graduation the cage outlook is bright. Scoring stalwarts Will Fagler, Stan Matzke, Gus Renzleman and Arnie Boich will all be joining forces with the Alumni.

Experienced Quint

Although an experienced quintet of juniors are returning for their last year of combat, the key to next year's situation lies in the upcoming frosh and this year's sophomores. Bouncing Chuck Smith seems ready for great things as do fireball guards Whitey Buel and Norm Coufal. Adding strength at the corner slots 'Pork' Prokop and Bill Roy show capabilities with their above par basket eyes.

From all indications Rex Ekwall, the Holmesville hurricane appears to be the sparkplug of the squad. Sophomore guards who should see a lot of action will be Bill Wells with his heady jump shot and steady Hoot Gibson. Dudley Doble should be a contender for a forward berth.

Skyscrapers

Then comes Tony Sharpe's skyscraping yearlings. A possible starter and outstanding prospect sums up the sensational Jim Kubacki, who made the trek westward with Bush from Toledo. The most important fact perhaps is that of a postman. Whether Bush and assistant Bus Whitehead can mold a top notch pivot out of 6 foot 8-ers Jim Thom and Dick Hudson or giant Terry Howard may mean a headstart in the Big Seven race next fall.

Cornhusker followers can always hold one consolation, however. They can rest at ease; for if there's any talent to be developed or any spirit to be instilled it lies in the hands of an outstanding pilot, Jerry Bush.

From The Coach

It doesn't seem too long ago that I first visited the University campus. I had accepted the basketball position and met with my boys for the first time at an informal get-together in May. I know what my feelings were, and I imagine the boys felt the same way. We were both curious.

At a meeting of the Big Seven basketball coaches in November, Nebraska was predicted to finish along with Iowa State at the bottom of the conference. Not a very pleasant outlook for a new coach! Yet, the other coaches in the conference apparently didn't know what kind of boys we have at Nebraska. The season is over, we tied for third and hold the only victory over Colorado, the conference champion. Granted, an overall record of 9 and 12 is not too impressive. However, let's look a little closer at the season.

We lost our opener at Iowa. They, as you know, are this year's Big Ten champions. Our opening home game against South Dakota was a victorious one but far from impressive. We then left Lincoln for a three game swing, Bradley, Alabama and Memphis State. The boys were brilliant in handling Bradley, an NCAA tournament entrant, one of their worst beatings of the year. We lost to a fine Alabama team in a close game. Lost to Memphis State, another NCAA tournament representative, in a game we all felt should have been ours.

The boys went home for Christmas, and we left the morning of December 26th for Kansas City and the Big Seven tournament. Our opening game against Missouri was respectable, but we wound up on the short end. The following afternoon against Colorado I took one of the worst beatings of my life. We lost by 42 points. I honestly feel that was the turning point of our season.

Most teams humiliated in such a fashion would have given up, but not our guys. They got up off the floor like real champions, came back the next afternoon to lose a real close one to Kansas in a game that could have gone either way. I'll never forget a query from one of our boys as we went over the Bradley scouting report, "Coach, do we have a chance?" My feeling has always been we are the best till proven otherwise. We'll take our lickings for a while but it won't be because we didn't try! Believe me, I have never been associated with a finer group of boys—boys who are perfect gentlemen on and off the floor—fellows who learned the true meaning of the word "hustle" and the necessity of team spirit.

In our regular conference play we had our share of thrills and disappointments. Beating every team except Missouri at least once was very gratifying. The biggest thrills were beating Kansas twice and handling Colorado its lone defeat. I've never seen a team as ready as we were for Colorado. We all remembered the 42 point beating at Kansas City and were determined to clean that slate. The boys were magnificent, and I have never been so happy in all my life.

The attendance and enthusiasm that grew and grew with each home game gave all of us a tremendous feeling of satisfaction. Team spirit is an essential as team performance.

I wish to thank Tony Sharpe and Bus Whitehead for their wonderful assistance. Their loyalty and sincere efforts were really appreciated. The training room staff did a great job in keeping our boys in tip-top physical shape.

Last, but far from least, I wish to thank each and every one of my boys, including the managers, for making my first year at Nebraska a very pleasant one. I feel the finest tribute they received was the referee's comment following our last game at Colorado, "Jerry, your boys are perfect gentlemen."

Jerry Bush
Basketball Coach

Fagler, Ekwall Lead Final Husker Scoring

Player	G	FGA	FG	Pct.	FTA	FT	Pct.	RB	Avg.	PF	TF	TP	Avg.
Willard Fagler, c	21	206	88	.427	141	109	.773	169	8.0	67	3	285	13.5
Rex Ekwall, f	21	194	88	.454	116	85	.733	241	11.4	59	1	261	12.4
Gary Renzleman, c	21	187	74	.396	68	53	.779	73	3.4	66	4	201	9.5
Chuck Smith, f	21	151	63	.417	104	73	.702	91	4.3	42	1	199	9.4
Stan Matzke, g	20	213	79	.371	58	51	.864	52	2.6	66	5	189	9.0
Duane Buel, g	21	88	33	.375	95	66	.695	28	1.3	43	1	132	6.2
Norm Coufal, g	21	106	37	.349	27	17	.630	16	.7	29	0	91	4.3
Bob Prokop, c	4	17	5	.294	9	2	.222	13	3.2	6	0	12	3.0
Arnold Boich, g	12	22	11	.500	16	10	.625	12	1.0	17	0	32	2.6
Doug Gibson, f-g	10	19	8	.421	8	4	.500	5	0.5	12	0	20	2.0



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In IM Play

Delts Squeeze By ATO's; Phi Delts Drop Theta Xi

By BRUCE BRUGMANN
Sports Editor

The maples, rafters and spectators' benches took a beating in the PE Building and Coliseum Monday night as the Delts nipped the ATO's in the closing seconds to move into the finals of the Class A competition with the Phi Delt's, a 46-38 victor over a rugged Theta Xi quint.

The score in the Delt-ATO clash changed hands with the rapidity of a ping pong match as the two clubs battled down to the wire. With only minutes remaining in the last canto, the Delts led by two points on two different occasions—only to lose the edge on intercepted passes.

The ATO's finally forged ahead in the last minute of play, but John Beideck knotted the count with only seconds left on an arching, one-hand push shot from the perimeter of the free throw circle. As the ATO's brought the ball quickly into play, Bob Cook deflected a pass which was picked up by Len Lindgren. Lindgren was fouled, and as the game ended, notched both charity tosses for the clincher. Cook with 11 and Beideck with 8 paced the winners. For the ATO's it was Al Blessing with 11, Bob Brown with 10 and Rod Schroeder with 9.

The Phi Delt's, led by Bill Giles, Erik Erickson, Joe Carter and Bill

Ross, came from behind in the last quarter to stave off a game Theta Xi clan. Bill Soelberg, playing a fine floor game and keeping the boards clean, dropped in 11 counters for the losers.

In one of the year's closest encounters, Phi Epsilon Kappa finally turned back the double overtime threat of Delta Alpha Pi. Dave Barnes and Ron Kaleser speared the Phi Kap barrage and dropped in the clinching gift tosses in the deciding frame.

In other games in the IM circuit Canfield A, paced by the trio of Joe Houfek, La Verne Torczon and Gene Torczon whipped Selleck A, 60-54. Manatt A slipped by Avery A by a 40-35 margin, the ATO B's blasted the Sig Chi B's, 38-21, the Phi Gams edged the Delt B squad, 34-31, and the Geologists aced out Bert's Boys, 29-24.

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