

Welcome All Fellow Cornhuskers Minden, Clarkson, Chappell, Chadron Prep Take Openers

Sad Sam's Sports Scratchin's

By SAM JENSEN
Copy Editor

Tourney time

State Basketball Tournament time always brings a touch of color to the University campus. High school students are always welcome at their state university.

Last year's tourney was quite a spectacle with Hastings and Syracuse leading the 32 team field. Hastings took the "A" championship and Syracuse copped class "C" honor. Scottbluff and Lincoln are the two teams returning to the Coliseum in the league of the larger schools, the newly formed class AA circuit.

Of the three most outstanding players in last year's tourney, Cal Johnson, Lyle Nannen and Al Graves, only one is returning to the Coliseum. Lincoln High's Graves is predicted to lead the Links to the championship they missed in last year's finals.

More "good luck" to all the teams, players and rooters. May your stay be a pleasant one.

visit to orwig

This writer journeyed over to the office of Athletic Director Bill Orwig the other day to have a chat with the University's sports chief. Orwig will soon complete his first year in his present position.

He pointed to his calendar which was full of speaking engagements for the early spring months. Concerning public relations, Orwig said the University is making progress. Nebraska athletes are becoming more interested in their state University.

Orwig said that the University's athletic plant and athletic program are more than adequate and are on the level of the school's fine educational system. Orwig said that when he talked to prep athletes, he always emphasized the opportunity for education at the University.

minor athletic aid

Orwig said that he would very much like to be able to give grant-in-aid support to those participating in minor athletics and this was part of his plan for coming years. He said it would be necessary to count this year's bills before being too optimistic about more aid to athletes. Grant-in-aids are now given to those participating in football, basketball, track and baseball. Of the 109 grants available, 74 to go to football players.

The University Athletic Director was in favor of the Big Seven Grant-in-Aid program as opposed to plans which assisted athletes but were not made open to the public. To be eligible for grant-in-aid help, an athlete must have been in the upper two thirds of his high school graduating class and be eligible according to the University extracurricular activity standards.

spring event

It is entirely possible, Orwig said, that suggested plans for a University spring event could be worked in with the athletic department's annual All-Sports Day held in the spring. The Athletic Director thought that two of the best times to show off the University were during the state Basketball Tournament and All-Sports Day.

Orwig said that he had found the people of the state and the University to be very cooperative and that he was "having a good time" in his position in the athletic department.

personal view

Personally, I find it quite refreshing to find a person of Bill Orwig's character heading the University's athletic program. He is well qualified to represent the University at any time and realizes that there is an academic program more important than athletics.

I have a great deal of confidence in a man who will try to sell the University to athletes by emphasizing the opportunity for education. The athletic program of the University is an integral one, and with Bill Orwig at the helm, I am sure that it will continue to take its proper and important place in Nebraska.

Bush Greet Cornhusker BB Fans

This will be my first Nebraska State Basketball Tournament and I am certainly looking forward to seeing the game and meeting personally as many players, coaches and visitors as possible.

We here at the University feel that we have one of the finest educational institutions in the country. And with the opportunity made graduates have in participating in the Army, Air Corps and Navy ROTC programs, it gives them the chance to finish their college career without fear of being called into the armed services.

The challenge of Big Seven competition in all forms of varsity athletics, coupled with our outstanding intramural program, provides an opportunity for the fullest mental and physical development.

I feel, too, that the University has created a more personal element in our student body and takes a great deal of pride in the many areas in which a student can participate.

I hope your stay at Nebraska University is as pleasant as mine thus far has been.

JERRY BUSH
Basketball Coach

Randolph Tops Big 7 Frosh Vaulting Mark

Bernie Randolph, freshman pole vaulter, broke the Big Seven freshman pole vaulting mark with a leap of 13 feet 6 1/2 inches in the results of a frosh postal meet announced Tuesday.

A third in the mile and a fifth place in the 2-mile event by Robert Elwood, a fifth spot by Robert McIntyre and a fourth slot in the mile relay gave the Nebraska squad 10 1/2 points for sixth place in the meet.

A postal meet is not an actual competitive event. The results from each school are sent in to the Big Seven headquarters and the places computed according to the qualifying scores submitted.

Kansas received a large boost to the title winning the first three places in the two-mile.

In addition to Randolph's record-breaking vault four other marks were set including a 6-4 5/8 in the high jump by Young of Iowa State; a 23-2 5/8 in the broad jump by Colorado's Monte Briddle; a 49-1 1/2 effort in the shot put by Al Oerter of Kansas, and a 3:26.6 in the mile relay by Colorado.

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NEBRASKA

By HERM ANDERSON Sports Staff Writer BRUCE BRUGMANN Sports Editor

Duane Svehla, a last second replacement for Clarkson star Bob Moore, scooped the ball from a scrambled group of arms and legs and dunked in the ice-breaking basket in the sudden death overtime game to best Hartington 58-56, in the opening round of the Nebraska State Tournament.

Fans from the entire Coliseum spilled onto the freshman court to watch the evening's last battle, as the Hartington and Clarkson quint played a frenzied finale of "Free throw, free throw, who's going to make the free throw?" Olson of Hartington hit a basket with 10 seconds left in regulation play to send his team ahead, 55-54. But Clarkson's Houfek was equal to the pressure with but three seconds remaining as he dunked his second shot to knot the game 55 all.

Missed Free Throws
In the first overtime period, Hartington missed 7 of 8 free tosses while the Red Devils were missing 4 of 5. Lauda tied the game for the last time with 11

Orwig Welcomes Tourney Visitors

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is most happy to serve again as host for the Nebraska State High School Basketball Tournament.

Inasmuch as I am comparatively new, having come to Nebraska last April, this will be my first Nebraska State Tournament, and I am looking forward enthusiastically to a tremendous show. I have seen and have been a part of state tournaments in both Ohio and Michigan, and so I can vividly visualize the tremendous excitement and enthusiasm that goes on.

While you high school people are here, I hope you will visit the campus and its various buildings and investigate its phases of academic and student life.

To the competitors and students who are supporting each of their teams, good luck and good fortune! I know that each of you will give your best and above all that you will not forget that the real price of admission is Good Sportsmanship.

BILL ORWIG
Director of Athletics

seconds left to set up Svehla's winning shot.

Clarkson's full court press made the first quarter a frenzied period as the lead saw-sawed back and forth with Folkers hitting for 12 of Hartington's first quarter total of 18. Moore nearly turned the game into a two-man contest as he scored 8 of Clarkson's first 13 points.

Big Paul Robinson gave Folkers able support as the second quarter saw Hartington pull away early to the biggest lead of the contest, 24-15. But Clarkson's pressing tactics rattled leaders and the gap closed to 33-27 by halftime.

Red Devils Sport
The Red Devils spurred after the rest period and with Moore leading the way, climbed 14 points to lead, 47-42, at the three-quarter mark.

But Gildersleeve sandwiched a pair of long archers around Olson's swisher to regain the lead for Hartington, 52-51 after Clarkson had abandoned its press in favor of a collapsing zone to stop the Folkers-Robinson duo. From then on, it was a battle from the free throw line until Svehla's winning tip in.

Folkers and Robinson scored 21 and 20 points respectively for Hartington while Moore led the Clarkson attack.

Chadron Prep Raps Beaver Crossing

Superior height was the deciding factor as the stratospheric Chadron Prep quint eliminated a game but outclassed Beaver Crossing squad for mthe Class C tournament, 54-40.

Beaver Crossing could not score from the outside at any time and failed to riddle any holes in the tight and tall Chadron Prep zone defense. Falling behind the early scoring barrage of the Eagles, Beaver Crossing never seriously threatened after the first four minutes of play.

Suggest First Half

Careless Chadron team gave the eastern team many chances in the sluggish first half, but Beaver Crossing exhibited inability to hit from many angle and slumped, 27-17 at halftime.

The pace continued much the same in the second half with the rangy Westerners forcing Beaver Crossing to attempt long jump shots under heavy guarding. The Prep defense prevented any consistent attempts for close-in shooting, although John Rotter performed well out front and meshed several long shots.

Prep completely dominated both boards and once took eight consecutive shots before Beaver could manage to gain possession of the ball.

Link Hits 28

Jim Link of Chadron dropped in 28 points from extremely close range to lead both teams in scoring. He received fine support from Ed Kuska who displayed accurate shooting in his third consecutive year of state tourney play.

Allen Bokor, Bob Eberspacher and Dean Eikenhorst led the balanced Beaver Crossing attack which was never quite adequate

to compete with the consistency displayed by Archie Conn's quint.

Chadron Prep (54)		Beaver Crossing (40)	
pts	reb	pts	reb
Muma	3-4-2	Eberspacher	2-6-0
Kuska	4-3-4	Beckler	1-0-1
Roberts	0-0-0	Chab	1-0-0
F. Minna	0-1-3	Inde	1-0-0
Link	9-8-12	Bolde	3-4-5
D. Minna	3-0-3	Eikenhorst	1-2-1
		Tyrel	0-0-1
		Rotter	2-2-2
		Weber	0-2-0

Totals 19 16-23 14 Totals 11 18-23 12

Minden Whippets Blast Teachers

The Minden Whippets, unleashing a smooth fast break and a leech like defense, staved off a desperate Teachers High rally in the closing quarter to salvage a 54-43 victory in the opening round of the Class B state tournament play at the Coliseum Thursday night.

Teachers trailed the red-hot Minden clan at the end of the third stanza, 33-28, but clamped a full court press on the Whippet five to whittle the count to nine points with less than four minutes remaining. Minden, capitalizing on Tutor mistakes and using their fast break to good advantage, sprinted to a 20-16 lead at halftime.

Glassford Grets Tourney Followers

The Coaching Staff here at The University of Nebraska along with the other members of the Athletic Department want to take this opportunity, through our fine student newspaper, to welcome all visiting boys from all over our State in observing State champions in basketball of all classes here in our State.

We want all these boys to feel free to call upon us at any time for information regarding football or our scholarship program or any other information which they would like to have.

The welcome mat is out for you, and we hope that you will all decide to become Cornhuskers and that your favorite team will be State champions.

BILL GLASSFORD
Football Coach

after a one point Teachers' High bulge at the first quarter mark.

Early in the second stanza, Jim Jacobs slammed in a jump shot from the corner to whip the Mindenites into a lead they never relinquished. Kendall Peterson added

three straight long archers to push the count to a healthy 18-11. Three thefts resulting in layups by Bob Knudsen, Dean Marsh and Dan Arnold sealed the Tutor fate at the halftime buzzer.

Jim Jacobs and Dan Arnold, important cogs in the Minden scoring machine, fouled out early in second half. A trio of quick buckets by Larry Witt, Harry Huge and Rollie Worster put the Tutors within calling distance but the Mindenites held tenaciously to their commanding lead, using a tight stall and moving the ball for closein buckets.

For the Tutors Rollie Worster gathered 21 points on eight baskets, from the field and five of 18 charity tosses. Bill Hunsaker added 12 to the losing cause. The Whippets, displaying an evenly balanced attack and snatching more than their share of rebounds, unveiled a quartette of scorers with Dean Marsh, 17, Dan Arnold, 11, Kendall Peterson, 11, and Bob Knudsen, 8.

Chappell Wins

Led by the basket eye of Larry White, Chappell blasted from a one point half-time bulge to outrun a hard-scrapping Ainsworth five, 58-51, and gain a final berth against Minden, 54-43 victor in the first round of the tourney.

Absorbing its first setback of the basketball campaign, Ainsworth just didn't have the guns to match the scoring barrage of White, Dan Howitt and Clayton Richman. Bill Gabbert, playing a magnificent game under the boards and adding 21 counters to his losing cause, teamed with Georg Haun and Roger Brede to keep within shooting distance of the Chappell quint.

Gabbert, connecting for nine straight points in a first half drive, brought the half-time count to 24-23. After the rest period three straight jump shots by Brede kept the Ainsworth hopes

Tourney Pairings

CLASS AA	Friday (Varsity Court)
1:35—Scottbluff vs. Omaha Tech	
8:35—Lincoln vs. Creighton Prep	
CLASS A	Friday (Varsity Court)
12:00—Valentine vs. Omaha Holy Name	
7:00—York vs. Omaha	
CLASS B	Friday (Freshman Court)
12:00—Brady vs. Dwight Assumption	
7:00—Western vs. Nebraska Deaf	
CLASS C	Friday (Freshman Court)
1:35—Hickman vs. Edison	
8:35—Concord vs. Holstein	

last a twisting, under the basket beauty, to spurt the Buffaloes into a seven point lead.

White, while notching 22 points, played a steady defensive game and covered the boards well for the Buffaloes. Dan Howitt, collecting four fouls early in the game, added rebounding strength when he was inserted into play again in the last quarter.

Ainsworth (51)		Chappell (58)	
pts	reb	pts	reb
Gabbert	9-3-5	Howitt	2-2-4
Little	1-0-0	Martens	3-6-2
Hurles	2-0-1	Miles	5-2-0
Haun	4-6-8	Norden	0-0-2
Brede	4-0-6	White	11-0-0
O'Haran	1-0-1	Wellsandt	1-2-1
		Richman	4-0-0

Totals 21 9-16 10 Totals 25 8-15 11

Bentley Lauds Tournament Spirit

Since the early 1920's we have been watching teams come and go in basketball's Big Show in Nebraska, the annual State High School Championships.

It is a privilege to help welcome the 1955 players and coaches. We congratulate each one of you for a job well done. And as the Big Show of 1955 opens, we say good hunting to all of you.

We hope you young men will be Cornhuskers one of these days.

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Sports News Director

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