

NU Cagers Seek Revenge At Hands Of Invading Tigers

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Revenge will be in the air Monday night as the Nebraska Cornhuskers play host to the invading Missouri Tigers at the Coliseum in the home conference opener. Tip-off time is set for 8 p.m.

The Tigers, who finished second in the Big Seven last year with a 9-3 mark and an overall 16-5 record, will bring an impressive 9-3 standard to Lincoln. They have won two games in the league, downing the Kansas Jayhawks and Colorado. The visitors edged past Nebraska in the opening round of the Big 7 pre-season tournament at Kansas City last month 71-66.

The Missourians opened the current campaign downing South Dakota University. They then bowed to Purdue before garnering their second win at the expense of the Texas Tech Red Raiders. They then lost one to Indiana which gave them a record of 2-2 by blasting Idaho in the conference tourney, they won their opener against NU before losing to the Kansas Jayhawks in the semi-finals. They copped third place honors edging past the Colorado Buffs 82-79. They then downed Arkansas 51-50 and ran over the Jayhawks 76-53. They beat CU Saturday night.

For the invading Tigers, coach Wilber Stalcup will field a starting quintet of four veterans and a rookie. The lone new face in the Missouri line-up will find Rodger Egelhoff at one forward in place of Redford Reichert. Egelhoff is a 6-4 sophomore. Joining him at the other forward is a junior, Bill Ross. Ross enjoyed the best night

of his career against KU when he tallied 24 points. At center for the Gold and Black will be big 6-7 Chuck Denny. The senior pivotman has come up to step into the shoes of MU's all-star center, Bill Reiter. Last year, Reiter paced the Tiger scoring attack with 231 points, good for a 19.2 mark.

At the guards for the Missourians will be Norm Stewart and Lionel Smith. Stewart is pacing the Tigers this year. The 6-4 guard was the second leading scorer for MU last year tallying 189 points for a 15.7 average. Smith is a 6-2 junior who scored 22 points for Missouri in their first meeting of the season. Backing up the starting five for Missouri is Redford Reichert and John Stevens, a 6-6 the MU squad this year is 6-2 Med Park. The senior forward ran a center. Another face missing from close third to Stewart last year, hitting 185 points for a 15.2 standard.

On the Nebraska side one bit of bright news hit the Husker camp. Duane "Whitey" Buel, the senior



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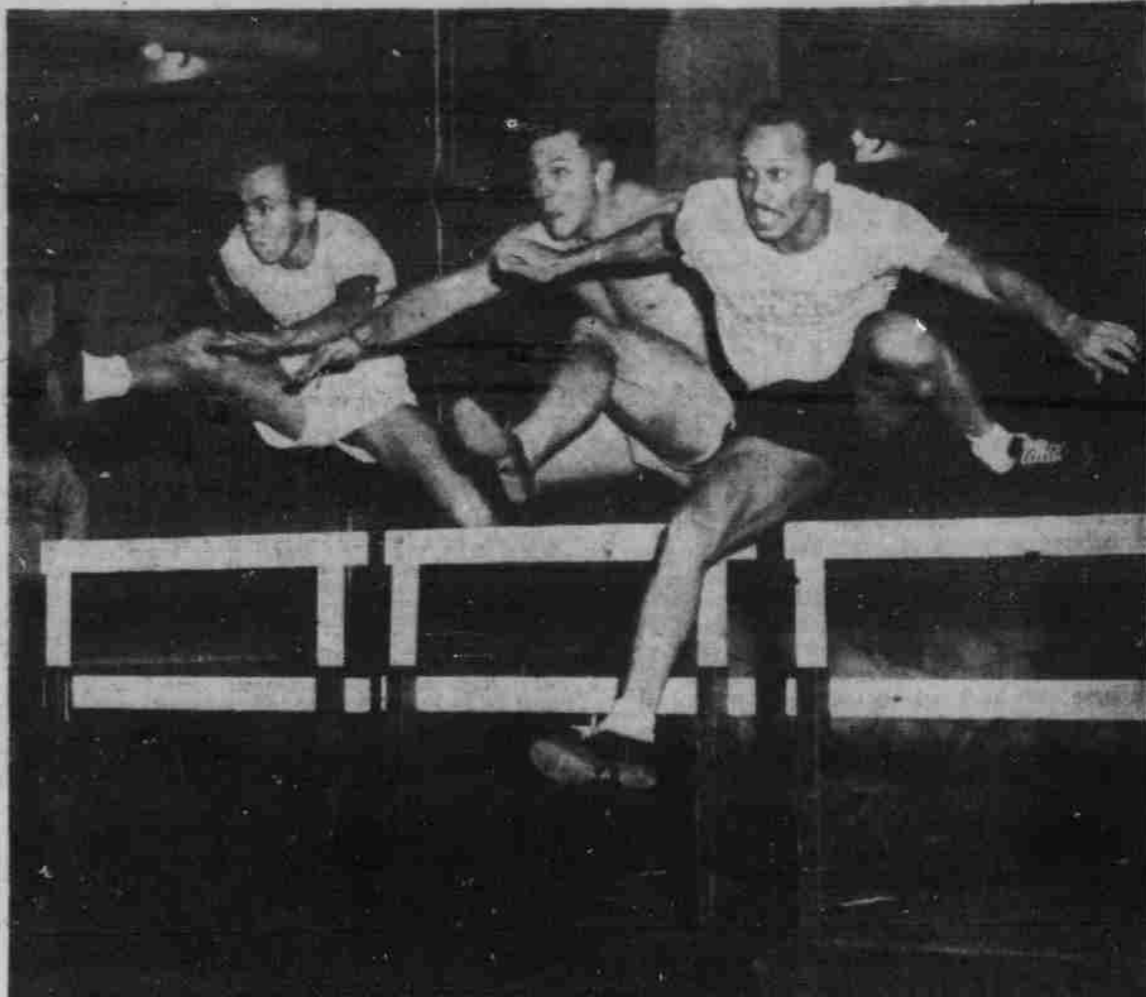
co-captain, who has missed the first 11 NU contests due to a fractured collarbone, returned to the

NU starting five. Buel, a two-year letterman, is the quarterback of the Husker quintet. Last year he scored 132 points for a 6.2 average.

Joining the 5-10 senior at the other guard is another senior, Norm Coufal. The 6-1 senior veteran has done a steady job all year for Jerry Bushes squad. He is averaging 3.2 for the season. At the center spot for the Huskers is one of their spohmore finds, Don Smidt. The 6-5 rookie is averaging 8.4 for the year with 93 tallies.

At the forwards for the Cornhuskers are their number one and two scorers, Chuck Smith and Rex Ekwall. The 6-2 Smith is averaging 13.8 with 152 points. Ekwall, who has missed two contests with a case of flu, is leading the team in averages with a 14.0 mark, but has scored only 126 points.

Young Jim Kubacki and Gary Reimers will be called on for much action. Both sophomores have played fine ball this year. The Huskers will be trying to add win number four to their current 3-8 record.



Bob Lammel, Jerry Brown and Keith Gardner (from left) in the high hurdle event at the recent Intramural track meet.

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As I See It . . .

Water Under The Dam

By WALTER BLORE

An awful lot of water has gone under the proverbial dam since this smiling face appeared in this glorious paper.

I was amused by a certain Rose Bowl commentator's remarks on the greatness of the two teams that appeared in the January 1956 contest. Although it was probably the closest game played that memorial afternoon, I don't think that the two teams were the "best college football teams" in existence. In fact, I had just switched the television set over from the Orange Bowl where some boys from one of our oil-producing states were also engaged in a post-season clash. Although I'm no expert on college football, I am a firm believer of the fact that Oklahoma is the nation's number one team. Just for kicks I decided to time Oklahoma in the huddle. At one time it took the Sooners 10 seconds to put the ball in play after the ball carrier had been tackled on the previous play. In my opinion, you'll have to go a long way before you can find a team that will equal Oklahoma.

Since football has been put away for a while, I'll devote some space to the sports of the present season. Basketball has been upon the nation for over a month which has given some observers (notice, I didn't say experts) a chance to come up with supposedly iron-clad observations on the current season. Although I haven't had the opportunity to see the San Francisco Dons in action this year, I've been told they are the best college team in the business. That's a pretty strong statement to make, especially since no team is unbeatable. However, it looks as if the Dons will come as close as possible to that standard this season. My supposedly intellectual cohort (fellow sports-writer Max Kreitman) tells me that after watching the Big Seven Pre-Season Tournament the team to beat in the conference is Iowa State. Gary Thompson is only a junior and the rest of the team are also underclassmen, which means that the Cyclones will be dangerous for the next few seasons.

Probably one of the most frustrated mentors in the business is Jerry Bush. The Great White Bear can't seem to place his finger on the cold periods his cagers have during a game. Just when the Cornhuskers seem to be skating on clear ice, the whole affair blows up in their face. It, the blowup, can probably be attributed to the inexperience of the members of the team. Within the next week I think most fans will see a change in the hoopsters' fortunes. I can't forget the performance they gave against the Bruins from UCLA on Dec. 16. They played a full 40 minutes without the least bit of trouble. This is a good indication of things to come, I think.

Hollie Lepley has been using the crying towel frequently this season although his splashes have given good accounts of themselves so far. If some of his key men can shake various maladies they should be able to turn in a fairly respectable season. It might be stretching things a little to suppose they could match abilities with the Union of South Africa Olympic Swim Team. The South Africans supply the University of Oklahoma with material for their interscholastic tank team. Truly, great advancements have been made in putting down this rank recruiting that used to be prevalent at our institutions of higher learning throughout this land.

Turning to the sport that produces more cauliflower ears than other competitive sport, wrestling, finds me facing a little problem in that so far the grapplers have met no opponents so I'm at loss for copy material. It shouldn't be too hard for Don Strasheim's matmen to improve on their 1954-55 season. That season the Huskers failed to win a team match. With the exception of Charlie Bryant and Lawrence Goll, last season's mat crew is intact. With some experience under their belts, the grapplers could return Nebraska to the position it once held in intercollegiate wrestling circles.

To put an end to this rambling I want to wish Pete Elliot the best of luck because he just walked into a frying pan if past actions are an indication. Also, I'd like to remind any readers this column may have that everything that appears here is my opinion only and any poison pen letters should be directed at me and not at the editorial staff.

IM Track: Garder, Dillard Lead Thinclads

Final Results 1955 Intramural Track Meet:

60-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Gardner; 2—Dillard; 3—Don Ficke. Time—08.3 (New record, besting old mark of 08.4 set by Lee Alexander in 1950).
Fraternity—Won by Dan Farrington; 2—Leo Georger; 3—Bob Nieman. Time—06.9.

100-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Lathas Mortensen. Time—20.74.
Fraternity—Won by Bill Morrison. Time—20.44.

200-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Gardner; 2—Jerry Brown; 3—Don Phillips. Time—07.5. (New record set in 1951 by Don Bedker.)
Fraternity—Won by Ken Polard; 2—Bernie Randolph; 3—Rod Schroeder. Time—08.

400-yard Dash
Independent—No entries.
Fraternity—Won by Nieman; 2—Bob Armas; 3—Bruce Skinner. Time—04.6.

800-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Hitchcock House (Gifford, Gass, Jensen, Gardner). Time—4:50. No other entries.
Fraternity—Won by Sigma Chi (Brady, Jones, Morrison, Armas). 2—Alpha Tau Omega; 3—Phi Delta Theta. Time—4:04.

1600-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Hitchcock House (Gifford, Lipstrew, Jensen, Gardner). No other entries. Time—2:23.5.
Fraternity—Won by Phi Delta Theta (Brady, Wiley, Wollaston, Farrington); 2—Sigma Chi; 3—Phi Kappa Phi. Time—2:01.2.

3200-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Gardner; 2—Dillard; 3—Don Phillips. Time—20:4. (New record, old mark of 20:10.5 set by Hoopy McCac in 1952).
Fraternity—Randolph; 2—Jack Bralor; 3—Schroeder. Time—20:2.5.

6400-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Duane Smith; 6-3; 2—Dale Knook; 6-1; 3—Bernard Aht; 5-9. (New record, old mark of 6-2.5 set by Knook in 1955).
Fraternity—Won by Larry Gausman; 6-1; 2—Jim Kearney; 5-9 tie for third between Bob Oakes and Paul Holmes; 5-7.

12800-yard Dash
Independent—Won by Jim Thede; 47-7; 2—Jerry Brown; 46-8.5; 3—Gerald Jenkins; 44-11.5.
Fraternity—Won by Dick Wood; 51-5.5; 2—Dick Skold; 49-8; 3—Bob Oberlin; 47-2.

25600-yard Dash
Independent—No entries.
Fraternity—Won by Randolph; 12-7; 2—Polard; 12-0; 3—Al Ahen; 11-6. (New record, old record of 12-4.5 set by Randolph in 1953.)

Casey Jones Ruled Out By NCAA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has ruled that Casey Jones, captain and star guard of the University of San Francisco basketball team, is ineligible to play in this year's tournaments.

A resolution asking amendment to NCAA by-laws that would permit a review of hardship cases failed to get a necessary second Wednesday at the fiftieth annual convention and was ruled out of order.

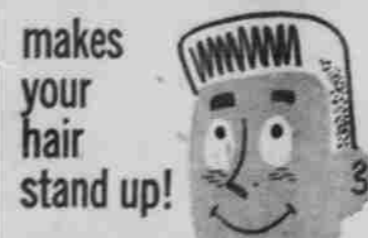
Jones was injured in the 1953-54 season and was out of action for most of the season. Under NCAA rules, however, he lost a year of eligibility.

The California Basketball Association had previously ruled that Jones was eligible for regular season play, but he will be dropped when USF enters tournament competition in March.

Wrestling Meet

Coach Don Strasheim's Husker matmen open their nine-match schedule Saturday hosting Minnesota at the coliseum beginning at 8 p.m.

The Huskers have five returning lettermen and are out to avenge last year's 19-13 defeat at the hands of the Gophers.



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Riley To Set Pace In Opener For Gymnasts Against K-St.

Bruce Riley, captain of the university gymnastics team and a two-year letterman, will lead his muscular mates in their first dual meet of the 1955-56 season at Kansas State, Saturday. The meet will afford coach Jake Geir his first real look at the Huskers under fire. To date Nebraska has competed only in an invitational meet in Chicago, where, due to technical difficulties, no standings were announced. It was learned, however, that Riley and Wayne Strickler, junior letterman from Lincoln, earned 8 places with Riley getting five.

Coach Geir is starting the season with a green squad. Riley and Strickler are the only returning lettermen from last years squad, which won five out of six of the dual meets in which it participated. Geir has announced a five man squad for the K. State meet including Riely, Strickler, Ervin Krist, Omaha junior; Bob MacDonald, Bayard junior; and Jerry Landwer, a senior from Lincoln. After Kansas State, Nebraska will take on Colorado in Lincoln.

Following Colorado, Nebraska has 8 opponents remaining on their schedule. They are Kansas State at Lincoln, Mankato State at Mankato, University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, Northwest Gymnastic Championships at Minnesota, University of Iowa at Lincoln, All-College Invitational at Colorado, Navy Pier at Lincoln, and the NCAA Championships at the University of North Carolina.

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