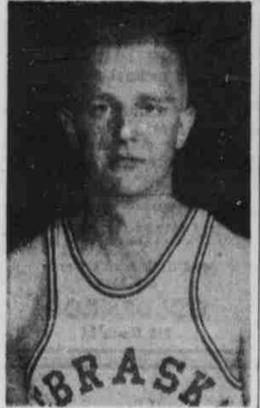


312 Points: Ekwall Paces Cage Scoring

By BOB MARTEL
Nebraskan Sports Reporter

The 1955-56 basketball season is in the record book. The Huskers have just finished a dismal season



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son overtime victory over Oklahoma also stood out.

The steady play and outstanding leadership of Rex Ekwall throughout the season and Whitey Buel's terrific comeback after an early season injury were all good memories of a dismal season.

A big hope for next season came in the performances of four sophomores.

Terry Howard, Gary Reimers, Kubacki and Smidt who along with Ekwall will probably constitute next seasons starting lineup.

Ekwall was the Husker's leading scorer with a total of 312 points. This puts the Holmesville junior only 248 points away from the career record of 821 set by Jim Buchanan, ex-Nebraska playmaker in 1950-'51-'52. Rex scored 102 field goals and 106 foul shots for a 14.8 average.

One big disappointment this season was the failure of big Jim Thom to materialize. If Thom, who will only be a junior next season, can come through, the Huskers should be a major Big Seven threat.

Buel, co-captain senior from Malcolm, was the recipient of the Joe T. Brown award. This trophy is presented each year by Mrs. Brown in memory of her late husband who was a Nebraska basketball player in the years immediately following World War II. Whitey received this sportsmanship award for his fine comeback after breaking his collarbone in pre-season practice.

Ekwall received the Most Valuable Player award from coach Jerry Bush. Rex was the unanimous choice of all the Big Seven coaches.

Both awards were presented during the state high school championship at the Coliseum last week.

in which they gathered a record of seven wins and 16 losses.

Nebraska suffered from cold second halves most of the season. They played brilliantly throughout the first stanza and then after intermission seemed to fade.

Although the season as a whole was disappointing, there were still some bright spots.

The all out team efforts which resulted in victories over Texas Tech and highly regarded UCLA rated high.

The outstanding performances of Chuck Smith and Don Smidt in the win over Missouri, and the fine play of Jim Kubacki in the late season

Sigma Chi's Outscore DU's For 1956 IM Handball Crown

Sigma Chi was crowned last week as intra-mural handball champions. The champs ran away with the title by scoring 23 points as compared to only 15 by runner-up Delta Upsilon. Sigma Alpha Mu was a close third at 11 points.

Although Delta Upsilon finished in second place in the team competition, George Fisk of the DU's was the individual singles winner. Fisk also teamed with Richard Long to cop the doubles title.

Following Fisk were Mike Edwards of Alpha Tau Omega, Stan Schneider of Sigma Chi, Larry Schwartz of Sigma Alpha Mu, Bob Battey of Sigma Chi and Dave Morehouse of Phi Delta Theta.

Battey and Schneider were second in the double competition followed by Sol Stiss and Schwartz of SAM and Roger Hohensee and Charles Johnson of Phi Epsilon Kappa.

These men were rewarded for their efforts by medals and certificates while the team champions received a trophy.

Lutheran Student Association won this year's table tennis championships going away in Intramural play. The winners piled up a total of 20 points while runner-up Phi Epsilon Kappa had only 13 points.

Lutheran Student Association also had the top two men in singles competition which pretty well explains the reason why they won the crown.

Individual champs were Benjamin Y. H. Liu, and I. Bergmanis who finished one and two in that order.

These two men were followed by Larry McClean of Phi Kappa Psi, Duane Rankin, Phi Epsilon Kappa, Larry Solfermoser also of the winners, Arthur Robinson of Phi Epsilon Kappa and Bruce Miller of Phi Kappa Psi.

The winning team was rewarded with a trophy while the individual winners received meals or certificates.

Sad Sam's Sports Scratchin's

By SAM JENSEN

Reports of athletic scholarship show that the stereotype of the "dumb" athlete may not be wholly true and also that it was quite opportune that the term "athletic scholarships" has been replaced by "grant-in-aids."



Jensen

The majority of grant-in-aids are channeled to football and basketball player, but the gymnasium more amateur athletes such as golf, track, and tennis participants are the leaders in the recent scholarship reports.

No basketball or football players are found within the top 14 persons listed. This interpretation is a bit on the dark side and should be contrasted with the fact that the all-athletic average is considerably higher than the all men's average.

In reality, athletic scholarship is the maintenance of eligibility. The scarlet can't afford to lose many more Don Comstock's through faulty scholarship.

From the East coast comes the report of the activities of several

groups of gay, mad college youth who have been sabotaging the winter indoor sport efforts of Ivy League crews.

Several times, during practice, the stroke has picked up followed by the phenomenon of billowing waves of lather suitable for washing the dirtiest linen.

The detergent had been added when the coach wasn't looking.

Still in the aquatic division of athletics, the swimming team, one of the more amateur of the University's amateur sports, has finished the season with a creditable record. All members of the Varsity team are from Nebraska's four largest cities—none are from out-state.

More seasoned and more experienced swimmers and divers from other Big Seven schools were often challenged by the Husker team as evidenced by the third place the mermen (a rather picturesque term, don't you think?) took in the Big Seven meet.

Dick Hill is the only senior on the team which should mean that next year's squad might give Coach Hollie Lepley a few more tangible evidences of his teams performances although he is more than satisfied with the team's hustle and spirit.

Good Year: Tank Season Ends; Varsity Downs Frosh

Bringing a successful swimming campaign to a close, the Nebraska varsity swimmers took the measure of their younger colleagues, the freshman tankers, to the tune of 50-34 Wednesday evening at the Coliseum pool.

The freshmen made a good showing against the varsity, with two first-year men copping double wins.

Jerry Farrell, a freshman from Hastings, won the 50-yard free-style and the 200-yard individual medley. Bill North, a freshman from Lincoln, won the 220 and 440-yard free style.

The varsity was paced by captain Tom Houchen who had a hand in three varsity victories. He was a member of the 300-yard medley relay the 440-yard medley relay and tied for first in the 220-yard breaststroke.

Gene Cotter, the Big Seven's top diver, won his specialty by garnering the diving event. One freshman, Pat Drake, placed third in this event.

Paul Schoor of the varsity took top honors in the 200-yard back-

stroke. Jerry Fair of the freshmen took second place with the varsity's John Holeman third.

Renfer of the freshman pulled a mild surprise by edging out the varsity's Bill Tagney for second.

This meet brought to an end the swimming season for the year. Coach Hollie Lepley's mermen copped four wins during the year and a third place finish at the Big Seven meet.

Returning to the scene next year will be the whole squad, plus a fine crop of sophomores. Included in this crop is Carl Bodenstein Steve Gaines, Holeman, Houchen, Wyman Kenagy, Schoor, Tagney and Cotter.

Add to this list the names of Farrell and North and the tank crew looks like a powerhouse outfit for the 1956-57 campaign.

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From The Classroom: Athletes Rank High; Jensen Leading Scholar

Statistics brought out one fact at Nebraska; not all college athletes are of the below-average scholastic marks.

In a survey taken at the University, the average grade for 148 male athletes was a mark of 5.522. This average is compared to the all-University male average of 5.366.

Taking a rundown of the various sports, golf tops the list with an over-all mark of 6.219. Leading the golfers in grades last year was Nelson Jensen of Pawnee City, who compiled a perfect 9.0. Jack Moore of Grand Island was second with an 8.000 mark.

Golf	6.219	Baseball	5.347
Track	5.944	Football	5.204
Gymnastics	5.806	Basketball	5.033
Tennis	5.598	Swimming	4.999
Wrestling	5.437		
Nelson Jensen, Pawnee City, golf (arts-science)	9.000		
Charles Gibson, Lincoln, track (arts-science)	8.300		
Robert Niemann, Hebron, track (arts-science)	8.071		
Jack Moore, Grand Island, golf (bus-ad)	8.000		
Bruce Fairchild, Endicott, baseball (bus-ad)	7.833		
William Marten, Beatrice, track (arts-science)	7.824		
Art Weaver, Lincoln, tennis (arts-science)	7.625		
John Crancer, Lincoln, wrestling (teachers)	7.500		
Duwayne Furman, Hemingford, gymnastics (teachers)	7.350		
Warren Diefendorf, Waterville, Kas., wrestling (dentistry)	7.333		
Hugh Osmera, Lexington, track (arts-science)	7.250		
Jack Aschwege, Palmer, baseball (ag)	7.250		
Douglas Melne, Kearney, baseball (ag)	7.118		
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