

THE NEBRASKAN

SPORTS

Ekwall, Cotter Honored: Top Athletes Chosen 'Stars Of Semester'

By BOB WIRZ Staff Sports Writer
Rex Ekwall, basketball and baseball star, and Gene Cotter, Big Seven diving champion have been selected by the Nebraskan as sports "Stars of the Semester."

Ekwall was the leader of Jerry Bush's Cornhusker basketball squad the past winter. He played the post position and was the squad's leading scorer and rebounder.

The 6' 4" Holmesville junior, was selected as a member of the All-Big Seven team at the end of the season. This shows how dangerous and well thought of that he was around the conference.

Also during his sophomore season Rex was a big sparkplug on the team. Next season Bush plans on the big guy to lead his squad in their conquest for the league title.

Ekwall averaged about a dozen rebounds per game against the taller opposition.

Bush only has one thing against Ekwall's basketball playing and that is that Rex doesn't shoot enough.

Ekwall also is a member of the University baseball team this spring. He broke into the lineup right after the southern swing and his batting power has helped Tony Sharpe's crew a lot in several of their recent games. The modest Ekwall had his best day at Kansas State when he hit four for five.

Cotter also is a junior and is a Lincoln product. He was one of Hollie Lepley's top men on the swimming team and is Nebraska's only individual Big Seven champion of the 1955-56 year.

Cotter won the diving championship. He was runner up in this event in 1953, his sophomore year.

Gene was undefeated throughout the entire campaign which shows how dependable he was to the squad.

Next season Cotter and several other experienced hands should give Nebraska a real fine swimming team which could easily win the conference crown.

These two men along with several others have given many thrills to Cornhusker fans this past winter and spring.

Second Semester Stars of the Week

- Feb. 8 Bob Elwood Track
Feb. 15 Rex Ekwall Basketball
Feb. 22 Bruce Riley Gymnastics
Feb. 29 Arnold Morton Wrestling
Mar. 7 Ken Reiners Track
Mar. 14 Gene Cotter Swimming
Apr. 4 Don Brown Baseball
Apr. 18 Larry Smith Track
Apr. 25 Bill Hawkins Track
May 2 Keith Gardner Track
May 9 W. Greenlaw Baseball
May 16 Art Weaver Tennis

Christian Athletes Plan Summer Conference

A couple of weeks ago, two representatives of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes were on the campus.

They didn't arrive to the accompaniment of any brass bands nor were the F.C.A. members given much advanced publicity. But the sporting world and others have taken notice of this new movement.

Jack Robinson and Deacon Dan Towler have been barnstorming the country this winter spreading the gospel so to speak.

Purpose

The purpose of this group as stated in their brochure is "to make more real and vital in the individual life of the athlete the challenge of following Christ." To

make this objective more concrete the F.C.A. is planning a summer conference for college and high school athletes and coaches. They have even arranged to have a few sports writers at the conference. It will be held in Estes Park, from the 19 to the 23 of August.

Briefly, the F.C.A. is a non-profit, non-denominational organization of Christian athletes, present and former, lay and clergy, who are genuinely concerned over the fact that more than 60 per cent of American youth today receive no formal religious training. Such men as Doak Walker, Donn Moomaw, Kyle Rote, Adrian Burk, George Kell, Carl Erskine, Bob Davenport, Pepper Martin and Dean Cromwell are associated with this movement.

Big Seven Champion At Stake

By BOB MARTEL Staff Sports Writer

The University of Nebraska baseball squad will have to couple two wins over Iowa State and an assist from Kansas and Colorado if they are to win the Big Seven title this season.

The Huskers are currently tied for third place with Iowa State. Oklahoma leads the league with Missouri second.

Coach Tony Sharpe will probably rely on Dick Geier and Willie Greenlaw to set the Cyclones down.

Don Brown, Norm Coufal and Al Karle hit well against Missouri last weekend and should form the nucleus of the Husker attack.

Kansas will oppose Missouri and Colorado will meet Oklahoma this week. Double wins by the former and a Nebraska dominance of Iowa State would bring the championship to Lincoln.

Week's Schedule
Monday Missouri at Kansas
Tuesday Missouri at Kansas
Friday Colorado at Oklahoma
Nebraska at Iowa State
Saturday Colorado at Oklahoma
Nebraska at Iowa State
Results
Monday Kansas 10, Missouri 7.

Faculty Bowling Ends: Manatt, Phi Psis Win To Enter Playoffs

Manatt House scored nine runs the first inning against MacLean and then held on for a 15-9 victory in a loosely played contest. The win made Manatt champions of the Selleck league and earned them the right to meet Phi Epsilon Kappa, independent champion, in today's All University playoffs.

Jim Arwood pitched steady, four hit ball, but was hampered by the errors of his Manatt teammates. Leo George sparked Manatt with his base running antics.

The Fraternity A league champion is Phi Kappa Psi. The Phi Psis took a 5-0 win from Phi Gamma Delta Monday and then repeated by forfeit Tuesday. The Phi Psis meet Alpha Gamma Rho in the playoffs today.

Final results were posted Tuesday.

day in the faculty bowling league. Karl Loerch of Plant Pathology rolled the top individual game of the year, a 253. The top ten teams in the order of their finish are:

- 1. General Agriculture
2. Business Organization
3. Ag Engineering
4. Teachers
5. Navy ROTC
6. Army ROTC
7. Ivory Towers (tie)
8. Bibliomaniacs (tie)
9. Tumble Bugs
10. Plant Pathology

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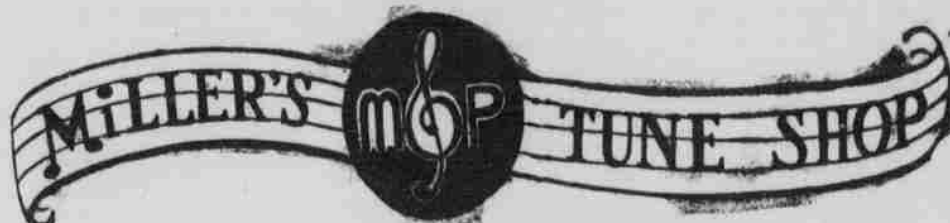
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