

Star Of The Week:

# Eckwall Second Recipient, Leads Three Husker Wins

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Rex Eckwall becomes the Nebraska's second Star of the Week for winter sports for his tremendous play in the Iowa and Michigan games. Rex, who is team captain this year, got fifteen points in each of these encounters and rebounded in his usual reckless style.

Against Wisconsin, "Horse", as he is known to his teammates, had



REX ECKWALL  
Nebraska Photo

| Intramural Basketball         |     |                      |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| A League Standings            |     |                      |     |
| League 1-A                    |     | League 2-A           |     |
| Bessey House                  | 2-0 | Canfield             | 2-0 |
| MacLean House                 | 1-0 | Seaton II            | 2-0 |
| Seaton House                  | 1-0 | Hitchcock            | 2-0 |
| Andrews                       | 1-1 | Manatt               | 0-2 |
| Avery                         | 1-1 | Boucher              | 0-2 |
| Fairfield                     | 0-2 | Selleck              | 0-2 |
| Gus. II                       | 0-2 | Gus. I               | 0-0 |
| League 3-A                    |     | League 4-A           |     |
| Phi Delta Theta               | 1-0 | Delta Tau Delta      | 1-0 |
| Sigma Chi                     | 1-0 | Delta Upsilon        | 1-0 |
| Beta Theta Pi                 | 1-0 | Phi Gamma Delta      | 1-0 |
| Sigma Alpha Ep.               | 0-1 | Alpha Tau Omega      | 0-1 |
| Kappa Sigma                   | 0-1 | Phi Kappa Psi        | 0-1 |
| Sigma Phi Ep.                 | 0-1 | Alpha Gamma Rho      | 0-1 |
| Sigma Nu                      | 0-0 | Theta Xi             | 0-0 |
| Intramural Basketball Results |     |                      |     |
| Wednesday, December 5         |     |                      |     |
| Acacia 22                     |     | Norris House 14      |     |
| Farm House B 26               |     | Phi Kappa Psi B 13   |     |
| Thursday, December 6          |     |                      |     |
| Phi Gamma Delta B 2 (forfeit) |     | Beta Sigma Phi B 0   |     |
| Phi Epsilon Kappa 32          |     | Delta Barrells 21    |     |
| Dent College 50               |     | Casey's Cagers 8     |     |
| Saturday, December 8          |     |                      |     |
| Phi Delta Theta A 44          |     | Beta Theta Pi A 31   |     |
| Sigma Nu A 25                 |     | Sigma Chi A 35       |     |
| Phi Gamma Delta A 43          |     | Phi Kappa Psi A 41   |     |
| Canfield 56                   |     | Gus. I 27            |     |
| Monday, December 10           |     |                      |     |
| Alpha Gamma Rho A 31          |     | Alpha Tau Omega A 30 |     |
| Delta Upsilon A 64            |     | Theta Xi A 13        |     |
| Cornhusker Co-Op 37           |     | Brown Palace 12      |     |

two Wisconsin Huskies bearing down on little Jim Kubacki, the lone Husker defender. Kubacki covered the man with the ball who then passed off to his teammate driving for what appeared to be two easy points. Suddenly, Eckwall came roaring out of nowhere to intercept the pass and crash into the crowd behind the basket.

Such daring-do is commonplace for the lantern-jawed senior whenever he steps onto a basketball court. Normally so unobtrusive that the opposition doesn't believe he has hurt them until the points are counted at the end of the game, Rex has a habit of coming up with the "big play" at the crucial moment.

Last season, Eckwall led Nebraska in scoring for the second straight season. He also led the team in rebounds and nearly every other offensive and defensive department. For his outstanding play, he was picked on nearly everyone's All-Big Seven team and was awarded All-American honorable mention.

All this he accomplished while possessing none of the attributes that are associated with the basketball "goon." He is not particularly tall (6'4"), nor is he extremely fast. He makes up for these "weaknesses" with hustle, spirit and desire.

Eckwall is starting his third season on the first five for the Huskers. Coach Jerry Bush installed him as a starter in his sophomore season with the words, "No one has a starting position on this club

cinched except Eckwall. He is a sure thing." Since then the lanky upperclassman has done nothing to shake Bush's faith in him.

It is fitting that Rex should play his last season for Nebraska as captain of a club that is slated to pull Nebraska from the doldrums in the round-ball activity. For the first time in the three years he and Bush have fought the wars of the Big Seven, they have a solid experienced quartet to fill the other four starting positions.

It is also fitting and indicative of the faith that his teammates have in him, that he should be the first captain to be elected by the team as a whole. However, this year Jerry turned the selection over to his squad and the results were unanimous for "The Horse."

Eckwall played his high school basketball at Holmesville. There, in his last three years, Holmesville lost only three games. All three were in the district playoffs so Rex never had the opportunity to play in a state tournament. However he was selected by both the Omaha and Lincoln papers as an All-State performer in class D.

Since then his career has become familiar to anyone who follows the fortunes of Nebraska basketball. Eckwall is an outstanding example of the ideal of the Cornhusker athlete. A home state, small town boy whose determination, hustle, and spirit have made him a recognized success all over the middle west.

To such men, and we wish there were more of them, we can only say simply, "He is a Nebraskan."

## First Meet January 10: Strasheim Readies Matmen For Mankato State Opener

By BOB WIRZ  
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Although the college wrestling season doesn't open yet for about a month Coach Don Strasheim has some 17 boys working out for the sport every night.

The Huskers open the season on January 10 against Mankato and complete the two day stand the next night at Minneapolis against the University of Minnesota.

Among the 17 men currently working out are five lettermen back from last year's squad which won two duals while dropping six. Marshall Nelson, Jack Bryans, and Max Kitzelman are two year vets while Bob Pickett and Dan Brand have each lettered once.

Nelson will again wrestle in the 123 pound class. He is the only squad member at this weight. Bryans will go at the 147 pound class if he holds his position. Pickett lettered at 167 last season while Brand and Kitzelman are both heavyweights.

Kitzelman is returning to the squad after a two year term in the service. The big guy was Big Seven champ in 1955 and also wound up third in the National Collegiate meet that year. Right now he is having shoulder trouble from an injury suffered during football season but it is hoped that he will be able to participate.

Other bright prospects on the squad in early workouts include: Ken McKee, Ron Martis, Norlin Cooper, Gail Baum, Bob Weigel, John Anderson, Bill Pickett, Bill LaFleur, and Carl Jett.

Strasheim expects the squad to be better this year especially in the middle weights and heavy-weight with the return of Kitzel-

man and improvement of Brand. The wrestling squad began workouts on their own about the first of October and the coach didn't work with them until after football season. Strasheim doubles as assistant football coach.

Every evening the squad will run two or three miles at differ-



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ent speeds and then will have some strenuous calisthenics. Following this they work for about an hour, and a half on the actual wrestling techniques, Stras reported.

Most of the boys also are required to diet during the season to keep their weight down so they can wrestle in one division, said Strasheim.

Everyone will go home for Christmas when school is out December 21 but the boys will work out at home and then return to Lincoln January 3 to prepare for their Mankato trip.

Only five Big Seven schools have wrestling teams. Oklahoma has been the champion school the past two seasons and should be the big team again this winter. Iowa State is also expected to be very tough. Missouri and Kansas do not field teams.

Schedule:  
January 10 Mankato at Mankato

## Ban Against Collegians Is Dropped

Baseball's major league club owners voted Tuesday to drop the college regulation whereby a big league club was not allowed to sign a college player after he had reached his sophomore year.

At the end of their winter convention in Chicago the big league owners voted to adopt all measures passed by the minor leagues at their national meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., last week.

But their action on the college rule created the biggest excitement, a decision that is certain to cause considerable resentment in college circles, especially among the members of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

The old rule, put into effect three years ago, stated that a major league ball club could not negotiate with a college player only during his freshman year.

Once he had become a sophomore, he could not be approached until he had reached 21 or graduated.

Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick explained that he had asked for the adoption of the resolution "not because I am against the college rule. But since the minor leagues have no college rule, it was a joke for the majors to have one since they are merely signing college players through the back door."

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440-yd. Run, Lee Alexander, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 51.9, 1951.  
880-yd. Run, Hobart Jones, Alpha Tau Omega, 2:02.5, 1951.  
One Mile, Biff Morrison, Sigma Chi, 5:04.4, 1956.  
60-yd. LH, Keith Gardner, Hitchcock, 7.1, 1956.  
60-yd. HH, Don Becker, Phi Gamma Delta, 7.5, 1951; Keith Gardner, Hitchcock, 7.5, 1956.  
Pole Vault, Bernie Randolph, Alpha Tau Omega, 12'7", 1956.  
High Jump, Duane Smith, MacLean, 6'3", 1956.  
12-lb. Shot Put, Dean Nutzman, Phi Gamma Delta, 55', 1939.  
Broad Jump, Glen Beerline, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 22'11 1/4", 1950.  
4 Lap Relay, Bob Fairchild, Gaylord Smith, Hoppy McCue and Jim Hurley, 1:54.0, 1952.  
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