

Huskers Dump Purdue Boilermakers, 65-62

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The Nebraska Cornhuskers gained their fourth consecutive basketball victory last night as they downed the previously undefeated Purdue Boilermakers 65-62.

Led by junior Don Smidt of Helena, Montana, the Huskies picked up a 40-27 lead in the first half and held on the rest of the way.

Smidt, playing the entire second half with four personal fouls, gathered 24 points on 11 field goals and two free throws.

The Huskers picked up their 18 point advantage in the first half on some amazing shooting. They hit 26 baskets in 55 tries for .436.

Rex Ekwall, Nebraska captain from Holmesville, fouled out late

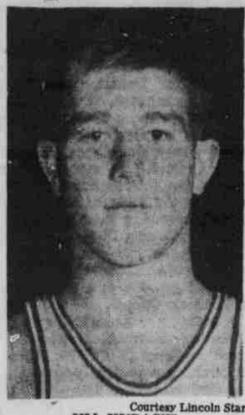
in the contest after holding the Boilermaker's pivot man, Lamar Lundy to 10 points.

Coach Jerry Bush attributed the victory to the tough Nebraska zone defense. Bush called it "a helluva win for us."

In addition to Smidt's 24 points, Ekwall, Jim Kubacki and Gary Reimers added 10 points each for the Cornhuskers.

Bill Greve led the Purdue offense with 12 points, while Lundy and Joe Campbell had 10 apiece.

NEBRASKA		PURDUE	
G	F	G	F
Ekwall	2-8	10	3-2-12
Smidt	11-24	24	3-12-7
Doebie	1-2	2	1-2-4
Parsons	3-11	6	3-4-10
Kubacki	3-11	6	3-4-10
Reimers	3-11	6	3-4-10
Arwood	0-0	0	0-0-0
Nansen	0-0	0	0-0-0
Wells	0-0	0	0-0-0
Wells	0-1	1	0-0-0
Totals	26-55	65	22-35-62



JIM KUBACKI



DON SMIDT



REX EKWALL



RON PARSONS

Other Hoop Scores

"The Fighting Illini" of Illinois knocked the University of San Francisco from the ranks of the unbeaten last night by an impressive 62-33 score.

The Dons, two-time NCAA champions and holders of 60 consecutive victories didn't have a chance as they fell before a deluge of Illinois baskets.

In other major college court action last night; Iowa downed Loyola 80-65, North Carolina State defeated E. Kentucky 90-73 and Butler squeezed out a 83-79 win over Michigan State in an overtime contest.

Star Of The Week: Reimers Takes Fourth Winter Star; Grabs Award For Wisconsin Game

By GEORGE MOYER
Staff Writer



GARY REIMERS

Gary Reimers, the 5'9" speed merchant from Millard is Star Of The Week.

The next year Gary played freshman basketball in the shadow of Jim Thom, Don Smidt and Jim Kubacki. Amid the reams of copy written about the now departed Thom, Reimers continued to play the hustling kind of ball that has become his trademark.

The results of his perseverance were apparent the following year. Gary won a starting berth on a sophomore studded team which managed only seven wins. He showed remarkable poise for a sophomore in some games while he was erratic in others. However, he never stopped trying, and this year, before the season started, coach Jerry Bush named him as figuring heavily in Nebraska's rebuilding plans.

So far this season, Gary has lived up to his promise. The cool headed play for which he was noted in high school has replaced the sophomore "jitters" that hampered him at times last year. He has been most useful this season as a playmaker and defense man but his performance last Monday indicates that he will be valuable as a scorer too.

It is interesting to note how Reimers' career parallels that of team captain Rex Ekwall. Both hail from small towns; both led their high school teams to successful seasons and both have overcome disadvantages to become top-notch college basketball players.

And incidentally, both are pretty fair students. Gary is in the College of Business Administration, and in spite of his basketball efforts, which necessarily consume much of his time, he carries an average of well above five.

With the toughest part of the schedule coming up, Jerry Bush will have to continue to call on the steady performance of the

outfit that lost to Western in the D finals in 1954.

For his efforts in leading Millard into the tournament Gary was assigned a berth on both the "Omaha World Herald" and "Lincoln Journal" all-state class D teams

blond junior if the Huskers expect to finish above the .500 mark for the season. The bets are, in this quarter at least, that Gary will continue to produce.

Reimers provides another example of the ideal of the Cornhusker athlete. He is the typical hard working small town athlete who has made it big through the will to keep trying. Gary thus takes his place beside such men as Ekwall, LaVerne Torczon, Jack Fleming and Gordon Engert.

The lesson to be learned from Gary as well as the rest of these men is simple. They prove that

it doesn't make any difference where you come from or how big you are, if you have the will to develop the skills you need and keep trying success can be achieved.

The present Cornhusker basketball squad proves this. At present, of the Nebraska boys on the squad, not one is from the large metropolitan areas of the state.

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NU, Lincoln To Host US Athletic Notables

By BOB WIRZ
Staff Sports Writer

Nebraska University and the city of Lincoln will be hosts to a number of the United States' top athletes on Sunday and Monday Jan. 12-14.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Conference is getting the men here to give talks to various groups, according to Rex Knowles, University Pastor.

Knowles himself was quite an athlete, starring in the National Basketball Association for several years.

Five athletes have already said that they will be in Lincoln for the meetings. Doak Walker, for SMU and Detroit Lion footballer heads the group of Christian Athletes. Walker is now retired from participation in the sport.

Two baseball notables also are included. Carl Erskine, pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers and George Kell, Baltimore Oriole third baseman will be here.

Erskine holds the World Series single game strikeout record and last season pitched a no-hit game against the New York Giants. Kell is a previous American League batting champion. He starred for several years with the Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox before being sold to Baltimore. Kell also has participated in several All-Star games as has Erskine.

Two members of the National Collegiate Football Champion Oklahoma Sooners round out the group who have said they will attend. Tackle Billy Krisher and

halfback Clendon Thomas will be on campus. Krisher won All-Conference honors this season as did Thomas. Thomas played alongside all-American Tommy McDonald and won the NCAA scoring honors this season.

Several other athletes have been invited but it is not known if they will attend. This group includes: Patty Berg, women's champion golfer; Bob Feller, for 20 years star pitcher of the Cleveland Indians; and Tom Harmon, sportscaster and former Michigan football star.

The group will be on campus both Sunday and Monday evenings. A tentative place for the meeting is in the dining hall at Sellen Quadrangle. It would be an informal meeting with the athletes, each speaking briefly on their individual sports and mainly on sportsmanship. Following the speeches there would be time for students to visit with the athletes.

Also included in the visit to Lincoln are meetings at the Lincoln Air Force Base on Sunday afternoon and visits to the Lincoln High Schools on Monday. Each of these meetings will be held with brief speeches on sportsmanship and open discussions.

The meetings will provide a good chance to hear the inside story about professional athletics and sportsmanship.

Knowles, a former professional basketball player will also be at the meetings.

More information concerning this matter will be published at a later date.

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

North And Strickler Star: Swimming, Gymnastics Teams Romp In Season's Openers

The Cornhusker swimming squad, led by Bill North nipped Grinnell College 49-37.

North won both the 200 yd. and 440 yd. free style events and was the day's only double winner.

The margin of victory came in the last event, the 33 yd. free style relay as Bill Tagney, Charles Arizumi, Ron Renfer and Jerry Farrell produced the winning combination.

Other Nebraska victories include Farrell in the 60 yd. free style, Tagney in diving, Holeman in the 200 yd. backstroke and Fritz Helmsdorfer in the 200 yd. breast stroke.

Gene Cotter injured himself in a practice dive but regained his senses enough for a second place in the diving event.

The events and times:

400-yard medley relay-1-Grinnell (W. Jacobson, Nielson, J. Jacobson, B. Resnahan); 2-Nebraska. 4:25.2.

230 yard free style-1-North (N); 2-Hawtrey (G); 3-Simmons (G). 60 yard free style-1-Farrell (N); 2-Walker (G); 3-Holeman (N). :30.8.

200 yard butterfly-1-J. Jacobson (G); 2-Carolthers (G) 3-Helmsdorfer (N). 2:48.1.

Diving-1-Tagney (N). 2-Cotter (N); 3-Madgett (G). Score: 185.2.

100 yard free style-1-Bresnahan (G); 2-Renfer (N); 3-Walker (G). :58.6.

200 yard backstroke-1-Holeman (N); 2-J. Jacobson (G); 3-W. Jacobson (G). 2:41.5.

440 yard free style-1-North (N); 2-Bodenstiener (N); 3-Simmons (G). 5:36.5.

200 yard breast stroke-1-Helmsdorfer (N); 2-Nielson (G); 3-Drake (N). 2:48.7.

completed the domination with a first in the side horse.

The Huskers slammed the parallel bars, tumbling, and the side horse taking the first three places in each of these events.

Coach Jake Geier has high praise for his matmen and thinks that they will have another fine year.

The Husker gymnasts will take a vacation until January 18 when they will host the Minnesota Gophers.

Wayne Strickler took three of the firsts and led the Cornhuskers to victory with a total of 29 points. Ervin Krist, also a Nebraska product, was a close second to Strickler taking two first places and compiling a total of 28½ points. Strickler taking two first places and compiling a total of 28½ points. Strickler won the trampoline and tumbling events. Kenneth Kohler, also a Husker,

Cozy Seating

(ACP) — At the University of Oregon, there has been talk of ending the football seating arrangement which presently segregates the male and female students. The Oregon Daily Emerald isn't too keen about the idea, suggesting that such action, instead of increasing school spirit, would more likely have an opposite result. Said the Emerald:

"What able-bodied, red-blooded, reasonably nice-looking fellow will yell his lungs out when he's sitting right next to an equally able-bodied, equally red-blooded and equally nice-looking young lady? He won't be yelling. He'll probably be making time; probably setting up a coffee date for right after the game. And what fellow is going to yell when to do so would brand him as a gung-ho lunthead in the eyes of the petite little coed sitting next to him? Conversely, what petite little coed is going to yell when to do so would destroy the fellow's impression of her as a tender, soft-spoken dainty little miss?"

Celtics Land Russell

Former San Francisco and U.S. Olympic star Bill Russell has agreed to sign with the Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association.

Terms of the contract were not revealed but it is expected that Russell will sign sometime this week. The 6'10" center had previously turned down a \$30,000 a year contract with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Traveler Act Meeting Tuesday

One representative from each Coed Follies Traveler Act must attend a preliminary meeting Tuesday in the Union Room 315, at 7 p.m., Janice Kraus, AWS Traveler act chairman, announced.

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