

Texas Crew Next:

Huskers To Play Tech; Risk Streak

By BOB MARTEL Staff Writer Coach Jerry Bush's red hot Cornhusker basketball team will attempt to keep their win streak



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star EKWALL

Capt. Ekwall

Rex Ekwall, Husker team captain, used a stalwart defensive effort to help the Nebraska Bushmen score a fourth consecutive victory at the expense of Purdue Monday night. Ekwall, a native of Holmesville and a high school star there, will lead Nebraska against two of the toughest opponents the Huskers will meet this year. Texas Tech won last year's Southwest conference title and is an odds on favorite to do it again this year. Nebraska will meet the cowboys tonight. Vanderbilt, liked over Kentucky for southern honors will be the Husker foe Friday. Vandy is rated in the top ten in the nation, and Ekwall will need to display all his talents as a leader to bring a victory in this one. If the lantern jawed senior can successfully lead his mates past these two hurdles, Nebraska will be a contender for national recognition.

alive tomorrow night when they tangle with the Texas Tech Red Raiders in Lubbock, Texas.

The Nebraska squad, which continues to amaze its followers with its dominance of the Big Ten clubs, will have its hands full with the new Southwest Conference team.

Texas Tech, who will be playing in its new 10,000 seat Coliseum, last year scored over 100 points in four consecutive games, establishing a record elsewhere unparalleled. Already this season, the Lone Star state aggregation has given both Iowa State and Kansas State a rough time before dropping by the wayside.

The Red Raiders lost their three top scorers via the graduation route. Top hands are two hold-overs, 6-4 Ned Underwood and 6-1 Harry Scaling who are both rated in the top 50 basketball players in the Southwest.

Most promising of the newcomers is Gerald Myers, a small man at 5-10 but a powerful scorer as

a freshman and a capable floor leader who fed well. The other starting sophomores will be Leon Hill, who will jump center, and Wade Wolfe.

The Bushmen will go with their regular starting five of Rex Ekwall, Don Smidt, Ron Parsons, Jim Kubacki and Gary Reimers.

Smidt and Ekwall combined talents to lead the Cornhuskers past Purdue last Monday evening. Smidt scored 24 points, while Ekwall held the highly touted Lamar Lundy to three field goals.

Much of Nebraska's early season success can be attributed to the ability of any player to assume the scoring load on any given night.

After the Texas contest, the Cornhuskers will head for Nashville, Tennessee for their Saturday evening tilt with Vanderbilt.

Nebraska Texas Tech Ekwall Underwood Smidt Scalling Parsons Hill Kubacki Myers Reimers Wolfe

As I See It

By Walt Blore

Looking Up

Nebraska's 65-62 win over previously undefeated Purdue made things much brighter for the die-hard fans who have been looking for something to cheer throughout the season.

A victory over any team that has beaten such teams as Notre Dame, DePaul and Missouri away from home is something to be proud of.

It's not hard to imagine Jerry Bush's reaction at Lafayette Monday night when the final buzzer sounded. Bush probably doesn't have much left of his fingernails. Don Smidt, the high man for the night with 24 markers, played the last half with four fouls.

Rex Ekwall and Gary Reimers fouled out in the dying minutes to add to the pressure. Both men turned in sterling performances on defense—Ekwall kept Lamar Lundy at bay all evening from his baseline position in the one-three-one zone defense. Reimers was the point man on the defense and kept the Boilermaker set shot artist off balance all night. It's too bad that Bus Whitehead couldn't go along. He and Bush do a very good jig when they have been successful.

An interesting sidelight came out of the game. Joe Campbell who collected 12 points for Purdue was the NCAA golf champ in 1954. Campbell was knocked out of the semi-final round last spring.

If the Huskers can take one more on the road, it will be one of the most successful road trips in the history of Husker mapledom. That may be asking for quite a lot in the light of the record run up by both Texas Tech and Vanderbilt.

Tech pressed Iowa State before Gary Thompson sunk two free tosses to give the Cyclones a narrow, one-point margin. In fact, the gratis tosses came after the final gun had sounded.

Vandy is favored to take the Southeastern Conference title and thus dethrone the Kentucky Wildcats.

Husker's Champions

Although there wasn't much space given to it, the Nebraska gymnastics team came through in fine fashion. Jake Geier as usual has turned up with a terrific team in spite of the lack of interest in the sport in the Cornhusker state.

While on the subject of the athletes that receive less notice, it was brought to the attention of this editor that these people were not getting their share of publicity from the Nebraskan sports pages. These teams at Nebraska appear to be ready for the best seasons in a long time. It is certainly worth the time to take in one of the gymnastics, swimming and wrestling meets.

Back To 'Daily'

There was great rejoicing on the sports desk when the announcement of the return of the Daily Nebraskan was made public. The ambitious business staff sells so many ads during the week, the Friday edition looks like a shopping guide. This will spread out the advertising to a great extent, unless, of course, everybody still wants to advertise on Friday.

Fond Memories

Last week Sports Illustrated dropped an early release on the desk concerning the coming ski season. It brought back fond memories of a short time spent on the lower (much lower) slopes of the Winter Park, Colo., ski area.

The small hills proved to be disastrous to this flatlands native. But the SI release brought the "toothache in the heel" back. The color prints that went with the article were too much. There is nothing like a quiet Christmas vacation in Lincoln. One can always go to church and the movies.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star SMIDT

Husker Smidt

Don Smidt, high scoring Nebraska forward, added social honors to his court achievements last Friday night when he was crowned Prince Kosmet at the annual Kosmet Klub review.

The honor apparently fired the big boy's spirit for he poured in 24 points against Purdue the following Monday night. Smidt had 11 field goals and 2-7 on free throws as he gunned the Huskers to their fourth consecutive victory over a Big Ten school.

Smidt, who hails from Helena, Montana although he formerly resided in Hastings, Nebraska, also lead the huskers in rebounds. Continued point production and stalwart defensive play by the 6'4" junior is a must if Nebraska is to continue its winning ways.

Pro Football:

Bert Bell Defends Meadows

Commissioner Bert Bell of the National Football League has stated that Chicago Bear lineman Ed Meadows is being "gracified."

Meadows is the husky who tackled Bobby Layne, the Detroit Lions ace quarterback, so hard that he put him out for the rest of the season with a brain concussion. Detroit has asked that Meadows be banned from the NFL for life and have called him a "hatchet man" and "dirty player."

Bell declared Monday, "The Lions ought to look at motion pictures of the game and get any other evidence they think they have, before accusing that boy of deliberately injuring another player. This is still America where a man is innocent until he is proved guilty."

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Sevigne 'Optimistic': 'Stronger' NU Track Team Begins Pre-Season Workouts

By BOB WIRZ Staff Sports Writer

With the football and basketball scenes at Nebraska looking improved this year the track picture is no exception.

Track coach Frank Sevigne is very optimistic over the coming season which begins late in January. Sevigne and assistants Ike Hanscom and Eugene Gross have only been working with the squad for about two weeks but already the signs for an improved team are showing up.

Sevigne said that several "ifs" still remain between a good and

Last year as a sophomore Hawkins lettered in the hurdles and broad jump. He will compete in the same events this year and should be improved. Hawkins doubles as a halfback on Pete Elliott's football team in the fall.

Another hurdler is Bill Martin also from Beatrice. Martin like Hawkins is just a junior and should have a good season.

Don Ficke and Bob Nieman two other returning vets both will compete in the 440 this year. Nieman lettered in this event last season and a lot is expected of him this winter. Ficke last season won his letter in the sprints. Sevigne is switching him to the quarter mile because of some top flight sophomore sprinters.

The other letterman is Larry Gausman. Gausman last season started strong and won his award in the high jump. He should be a bit more consistent this season with a year of college competition under his belt.

In addition to the lettermen much of the team success depends a excellent crop of sophomores.

Keith Gardner, the fleet Jamaican, leads this group of candidates. The sophomore hurdler, who just returned to his home after competing in the Olympics at Melbourne won't return to Lincoln until January 15 or 16. Last year Gardner was very successful in Big Seven postal meets and should stand out this winter. In addition to his hurdling he may do some sprinting and broad jumping.

Another outstanding sophomore is Duane Smith of York. Smith holds the state high school record in the high jump and should excel in his pet event. He is capable of playing well in indoor and Big Seven meets.

Bob Lammel another sophomore also will take part in the jump. Lammel, Smith, and Gausman should make the Huskers good in this department.

Sprinters Bennie Dillard, Don Phillips, and Dick Jahr have all been looking good in their events. Dillard is one of the big question marks on the team. The

Mount Pleasant, Texas, lad injured his leg while playing football this fall and may not be at his best. He has been working out but only time will tell whether the leg will allow him to run at top speed.

Phillips, from Burwell, have been looking real good in the early workouts. He will also do some broad jumping. During high school Phillips was one of the top men in the state.

Jahr, who hails from North Dakota, is another man capable of running the 100 yard dash in under ten seconds.

Don House and Bruce Skinner will compete in the 440 yard dash. They have also shown promise in early action.

Knolly Barnes of Trinidad was another man that Sevigne said had been looking exceptional. He ran the half mile in 2:03.8 in the intramural competitions recently without being pressed. Barnes is the national high school half mile champ.

Ken Pollard of Ashland is another good prospect. His pet event is the pole vault where he is expected to take up the slack from losing Randolph. Chuck Wollaston and Dave Williams round out the group of outstanding first year men. Wollaston, from Alliance, will compete in the low hurdles and broad jump.

Williams will have his hands full in the shot put. He is replacing the three men from last season. Last year Williams was third in the Big Seven postal meet and could score quite a bit this year.

Another man on the squad who looks good is Dale Knotek who was a squad member last year but didn't letter. He high jumps. Knotek placed in the outdoor meet last year.

With these and other squad members looking good in the early workouts Sevigne and his squad should place considerably higher in the conference this year.

The conference season opens on February 2 against Iowa State in Lincoln.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal SEVIGNE

just average season but that signs are good.

Some 33 candidates have been taking part in the early workouts preparing for the opener against the freshman January 26.

Included in the squad are seven lettermen and a host of talented sophomores. Gone from last year's squad are such men as shotputters Larry Smith, Leonard Rosen, and Ken Reimers. All three scored well in meets and this was one of the squad's top events last winter. Also gone are Jon McWilliams, Ladd Hanscom, and Bernie Randolph. McWilliams and Hanscom have been graduated and Randolph, the sophomore pole vaulter, is in the Marines.

The lettermen are led by distance runners Bob Elwood and Lee Carter. Carter last season ran both the mile and two-mile but this season coach Sevigne expects him to concentrate more on the two-mile. Elwood, the fine junior, will again compete in both events. He looked very good this fall in cross country and should place high in the Big Seven. Elwood finished fourth at Ames, Iowa, in the Big Seven Cross country in November.

Bill Hawkins, of Beatrice, will be back for another campaign.

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