

One Down—Five To Go:

Ekwall Leads Victory Over Favored Buffaloes

By BOB MARTEL Staff Sports Writer

The biggest crowd of the season came out to the Coliseum to wel-

come the Cornhuskers back from Kansas City and the Bushmen showed their appreciation by drubbing a tired Colorado quintet 74-52.

Nebraska jumped into a quick 10-4 lead shortly after the opening tipoff and from then on it was a one sided contest.

Little Gary Reimers was all over the court as he poured 16 points through the hoop and held the highly touted Dave Mowbray to just three field goals.

The loss of center Jim Jochems and captain Bob Helzer was very apparent in the Buffalo attack. Don Walker and Leo Hayward, who replaced Jochems at the pivot post could only tally two field goals between them.

The Husker one-three-one defense worked like a charm. Colorado had to do most of its shooting from the outside and with Mowbray tied in knots they did not pose much of a threat.

Lyle Nannen, junior guard from Syracuse, got the starting nod over Jim Kubacki. "Chink" looked very good in his home debut. He was all hustle on defense and added eight points to the Cornhusker's winning margin.

As usual, Rex Ekwall was his brilliant self. He was a demon off both backboards and led the Nebraska scoring with 18 points as he burned the nets with amazing regularity. The Holmesville, Nebraska senior is on his way to his finest season and should break Jim Buchanan's scoring record without too much trouble.

The Buffs, who have been on the road the last couple of weeks, showed signs of being road weary. "Sox" Walseth's crew left Boulder several weeks ago and headed for the west coast. After playing a pair of games with Washington, they embarked for Kansas City where they dropped the championship contest to Kansas. The Walsethmen then made a beeline for Miami where they defeated the Hurricanes and then jumped on a plane and arrived in the capitol city last Friday.

Jim Cadie, 6'4" senior from Newton, Kansas led the Buffalo attack with 17 points while Leo Hayward chipped in 12 points, all of which were free throws.

Ekwall and Reimers were high men for the Cornhuskers with 18 and 16 points respectively while Ron Parsons and Nannen helped out with nine and eight points to their credit.

Nebraska returns to action on Saturday night when they journey to Boulder for a rematch with the Buffs.

The Cornhuskers' next home



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game will be against Kansas on February 9. This will mark Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain's first

appearance on the Coliseum hardwood.

In the preliminary contest, the Freshman Reds defeated the Freshman Whites 76-72.

Jack Johnson with 26 points, Bill Lundholm with 15 points and Willie Fitzpatrick were tops for the Reds while Herschel Turner, Ron Raver and Bob Mayo were bests for the

Table with 5 columns: Player, FG, FT, FTA, PF, TP. Lists stats for Nebraska (74) and Colorado (52).

losers with 25, 14 and 11 points respectively. Official: Alex George, Kansas City; Tom Glennon, St. Louis. Halftime Score: Nebraska 36, Colorado 19.

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

KU Tourney Champs

By STAN WIDMAN Staff Sports Reporter

Although the Big-Seven Basketball Tournament in Kansas City was far from a success for the Cornhusker hoop squad, they were able to finish among the leaders in practically every department.

For the tournament, the Huskers finished in sixth place with a one win and two loss record. The win came at the expense of Missouri 70-65 while the two losses were suffered at the hands of Michigan State and Iowa State by the scores of 79-65 and 89-63 respectively.

The big factor in the disappointment of the Husker showing was at the foul line.

Nebraska opponents scored 95 of their 233 points at the foul line while the Huskers could only manage 60 of their 204 points via the same route.

Considering that the team was outscored by 35 points for the three games on free throws and only 29 total points, the Husker weakness in the tournament can be clearly shown.

There were many bright spots on the Huskers record. They outscored their opponents in total field goals 72-69. Their 72 goals was good for fourth place, only six behind Kansas U. the leaders. Their shooting percentage of 36.0 — was also good for fourth as Kansas again led with a 42.6—shooting average.

The 204 total points was only good for a sixth but only two teams outscored them by more than eight points. Michigan State was the overwhelming leader in this department with a total of 242 points. Iowa State finished second with 220.

In total rebounds the Huskers finished fifth with 118, but this total was only 11 behind t leader Kansas. Nebraska opponents cleared the boards for 120 against them.

In individual statistics, Nebraskans finished in the top ten in both scoring and rebounding. Gary Reimers finished eighth in total

points with 48. Rex Ekwall had 23. Smidt finished a close 11th with total of 41 points which was good for 14th place. In rebounds, Ekwall which was good for fifth place wall tied for eighth with 25. Don in that department.

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Elliott Receives Feelers:

Elliott Investigating Numerous Offers

By WALT BLORE Sports Editor

Is another school after Pete Elliott? This is the headline that appeared in Monday's Evening Journal.

In a bylined story by Dick Becker, Sports Editor of the Journal, it was stated that the 30-year old former aid to Bud Wilkinson was being approached by several



Courtesy Lincoln Journal ELLIOTT

schools that are now shopping for a football coach.

The most prominently mentioned schools were those on the Pacific Coast.

In a special interview with Athletic Director Bill Orwig, the Nebraskan learned that the rumors that Elliott was investigating other job possibilities were true. "We know that Pete had some feeler and that he is investigating them," said Orwig who was Elliott's backfield coach in the latter's playing days at Michigan.

"I think that it would be foolish for him not to investigate them in the light that it is always a good idea to look over other job opportunities. On the other hand, we hope that we will realize that Nebraska wants him to stay," replied the director.

Over the weekend, Elliott was granted a pay increase of \$2,500 giving him a total salary of \$14,500 per year. This grant came at the monthly meeting of the Board of

Regents and was unanimously approved.

This pay raise came out of the funds of the athletic department and not out of the tax funds as some people think. All salaries and improvements in that department come out of the departmental funds.

In an effort to find Elliott, the Journal called his wife who would not divulge his whereabouts.

There are 10 major universities looking for a head football mentor.

The Citadel, Harvard, Boston University and Iowa State are considered as remote possibilities while Missouri, Houston, California, Southern California, Washington and Indiana. Elliott had been offered the Missouri job while still an assistant at Oklahoma.

It was also reported that Bill Jennings, Nebraska's backfield coach has been offered a similar position at a Southwest Conference school. The most likely place would be Texas where a former pupil of Jennings, Darrell Royal, recently took over the head reins.

Orwig said that Jennings had received a feeler but would not reveal the institution. Said Orwig, "Bill Jennings also has received a feeler, but that is his problem to work out and I'm sure he'll come up with the right solution."

The increase in pay meant that Elliott is now receiving more than Orwig. When Orwig came to Nebraska, a university official stated that he (the official) felt that the

athletic director should receive a higher salary than the head football coach.

"I don't think that this is necessary especially since a football coach has much more pressure applied to him than an athletic director," said the former Michigan aid.

Elliott Gets Salary Hike Of \$2500

Nebraska's head football coach Pete Elliott and his entire staff last week received raises in their salaries for the 1957 season.

Elliott's salary was boosted from \$12,000 thousand to \$14,500. The raise places Elliott's salary as the highest on the athletic staff at the University. It is \$1,200 higher than that received by Athletic Director Bill Orwig.

When Orwig first came to Nebraska it was believed that his salary should be higher than the football coaches. The situation has just changed in the past few days. It is believed the 30 year old football mentor received the substantial boost so that his salary would favorably compare with those of head coaches of other major colleges in the Big Seven, Big Ten, etc.

Elliott now has a three year contract at Nebraska. Last year in his first season with the Huskers his team finished with a four win six loss record.

Elliott came to Nebraska after serving for several years as top assistant at Oklahoma under Bud Wilkinson. The Sooner head coach counted high on Elliott and hated to see him leave.

With Elliott and the assistants here Nebraska students and fans are hoping that the Huskers can once again rise to the national ranking they held a few years past. The assistants Bill Jennings, Dee Andros, Don Scarborough, Gene Stauber, and Don Strassheim each received a pay raise of \$500 per year.

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