

Husker Coaches Being Contacted:

Elliott Still 'Investigating'; Bill Jennings Also Looking

By GEORGE MOYER Staff Sports Writer

Pete Elliott confirmed yesterday that he is considering offers of a job elsewhere for next season.

Elliott, who completed his freshman year as a head coach with a 4-6 year-lost record, reportedly

been offered \$17,000 to become head football coach at the University of Washington. George Briggs, athletic director of Washington University, said Tuesday, "I will not confirm or deny anything about our coaching position. I am not at liberty to make a statement."

Briggs, however, also stated that Elliott was one of the men being considered for the head coaching position.

Washington's coaching vacancy was created when Darrell Royal resigned to accept the head coaching position at the University of Texas. Royal had played and later coached for Bud Wilkinson at Oklahoma before taking the Washington job.

Briggs said his school was looking for a coach in Royal's mold; "a young coach, one schooled in the split T, preferably a Wilkinson man." Elliott fills these requirements perfectly.

Dee Andros, Elliott's line coach and one of his closest friends said in an interview with Bill King, KLIN newscaster, during the half of the Colorado-Nebraska basketball game Monday night that a head coach should keep himself available for interviews. However, Andros also stated that the interviews did not necessarily mean anything.

Elaborating, Andros said that the coaching staff liked the people of the Nebraska and had been treated very kindly by them. Continuing, he said that there was still

"a challenge to meet and a job to do at Nebraska." He made it clear, however, that a coach should take advantage of chances to move up.

Elliott, contacted in St. Louis where he is attending a coaching conference, had little to say other than he did plan interviews in St. Louis.

He did not rule out the possibility that he is interested in more than one school. There was a strong possibility that the University of California was also involved and there are several other major colleges and universities hunting for head coaches.

Bill Jennings, Husker backfield coach has also been contacted for a coaching position. Jennings' job would be an assistantship comparable to the one he presently holds. A Southwest Conference school, possibly Texas, is said to have contacted Jennings, who, like Elliott, has just completed his first year at Nebraska.

Elliott's decision apparently will not be determined primarily by salary. The University Board of Regents, aware of the job offer since before the Christmas holidays, boosted Elliott's salary to \$14,500 and upped his assistant's

salaries by \$500 apiece. They felt by splitting the difference between Pete's original salary at Nebraska and the \$17,000 offer, Elliott's decision would be made on a basis of his coaching future.

The attitude of the Board at present appears to be one of wait and see. It was learned that the Board felt it had done everything possible on Elliott's salary and that no attempt would be made to further increase it to match any other offer.

Winter Sports Schedule Of Events

Table listing winter sports events from January 10 to March 30, including Wrestling, Basketball, Gymnastics, and Track events at various locations like Mankato, Boulder, and Lincoln.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal ELLIOTT



Courtesy Lincoln Star JENNINGS

Grapplers Open Season: Team Competition Highlights Husker Wrestling Preparations

By BOB WIRZ Staff Sports Writer

Vacation is over for coach Don Strasheim's wrestling team. The grapplers open their 1957 season this week with two appearances in Minnesota.

Tomorrow night they make their debut against Mankato State Teachers College at Mankato and Friday night travel over to Minneapolis to tangle with the University of Minnesota.

Last year the Nebraska squad was defeated by both Mankato and Minnesota by large margins. This year it should be a different story according to Strasheim. The young head coach, who doubles as assistant football coach under Pete Elliott, feels that his squad will

be much improved over the 1956 squad.

Although expecting a better finish Strasheim will start only two lettermen against Mankato, Jack Bryans, 147 to 157 pound class, and heavyweight Dan Brand will be the only experienced men taking part. Bryans, who hails from Omaha, will either go in the 147 or 157 class with Norlin Cooper of Lincoln at the other weight division.

Brand of Bellevue, is back for another try in the top class. Big Max Kitzelman from Omaha was expected to help out in this class but injury has forced him to pass up the sport this year. Kitzelman was Big Seven heavyweight champion before entering the service two years ago.

Others making the trip include Gil Nielson of Omaha in the 123-pound class. He replaces Marshall Nelson of Kimball a two year letterman. Nelson has been temporarily sidelined by illness but he may possibly make the trip as an alternate.

Ken McKee of Lincoln will compete in the 130-pound division.

Gail Baum of Lincoln makes the trip in the 137-pound class. Baum is a sophomore and shows a lot of promise.

John Anderson of Cheyenne, Wyoming, will compete in the 167 pound division. Anderson was one of the state's top wrestlers in high school.

The 177-pound division was still undecided at printing time. Spirited competition in this class has been cut down to two athletes. Bob Weigel of Bellevue and Bill LaFleur of Madison were to scrap it out last night to see which one made the trip. Bob Pickett of Cheyenne was just eliminated yesterday.

Every one on the varsity squad has been working hard for positions on the squad and the competition will continue throughout the season. About 15 men still remain out for the varsity squad which is considerably larger than last year.

At times last season the squad was so thin at several classes that they often had to forfeit.

As I See It

By Walt Blore

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Who Deserves More?

Should an athletic director receive more than the football coach?

This question has been argued to great length over many hot stoves and in view of an editorial that appeared in Tuesday's Nebraskan it will probably be brought out for more examination during the winter.

Sam Jensen, editor of the Rag and former sports writer stated in an editorial called Time to Quit that "the man who bears responsibility for all athletic programs should be paid more than any coach who is responsible to him."

Jensen has presented only one side of the story, however.

The position of athletic director does not induce as much pressure as does the job of head football coach.

This is true anywhere, including the Ivy League where one coach was fired because his teams did not win enough games—this in a league where there is supposed to be a de-emphasis of football.

The high figure that is paid to a football coach includes a certain remuneration for the pressure that will be put on him. Nebraska Wesleyan or a school of its size, might consider pressure to be worth only a few hundred dollars at the most, while a school such as those Pete Elliott is reported to be investigating probably consider pressure worth \$1,000 to \$4,000.

For ten Saturday's each fall, the coach is subject to tremendous pressure from the toughest type of person—the football fan.

His teachings must meet the approval of at least 30,000 people. In the case of the bigger schools such as UCLA, Notre Dame and Oklahoma, the figure is even greater and the pressure increases.

Under Scrutiny

The athletic director does not come under such scrutiny.

Unless a member of the athletic staff is labeled as an incompetent and facts prove it, the director is relatively free from outside force. Take the case of Don Farout at Missouri.

The veteran Tiger grid mentor came under severe pressure during his last two years as football coach, yet his most exacting critics still felt that he should be retained as athletic director.

Nebraska's very able Director of Athletics, Bill Orwig, has this to say on the subject. "I don't think an athletic director should receive a larger salary than the football coach because a coach has much more pressure applied to him than an athletic director."

There was an inference in Jensen's editorial that the salaries of the professors would be closer in line with those of the athletic staff. This situation is very idealistic but in practice will probably never exist.

The salaries of the members of the athletic department are paid out of the earnings of the department. As long as teams can draw upwards of 35,000 people at an average of \$3.00 a ticket, the athletic forces will have more money for salaries than the academic departments.

Also, there are very few instructors that must subject their teachings to such a critical group so often. Although the salaries of most college professors are most inadequate, that does not mean that the salaries of the football staff should be lowered to provide equality.

Jensen also struck out against the "creeping professionalism" in college ranks. He quoted a suggestion of the editor of a west coast daily at a large university who advocated paying the college football team openly and that such "professionalism" should be labeled as such.

Athletes Are Human

Giving scholarships for athletic prowess is not basically bad. True, there should be a close screening of candidates to insure scholastic quality, but if a person is proficient as an athlete he should be rewarded in the same manner that an outstanding chemist is.

Athletes are not "goons" or boneheaded semi-pros. They are normal individuals with a much higher-than-normal competitive desire. They became good football players because they enjoyed the game as a sandlotter. Many of these would never have the chance to go to college if it were not for an athletic scholarship.

Tigers Dump Iowa State; Sooners Scare Jayhawks

Things could be pretty well be a mess in Big Seven basketball if the first few games of the conference season are an indication.

Monday night, for example, Missouri upset heavily favored Iowa State 77-59 at Columbia. The Tigers had been trounced by the Kansas Jayhawks on Saturday and were not figured to give the Clowns any trouble.

Iowa State had lost only one previous contest—that coming at the hands of the number one team in the nation.

But, Sparky Stalcup's Tigers were not to be denied. Clamping a tight zone against the talented Cyclones they were

able to hold All-American candidate Gary Thompson to 18 points while Bill Ross, Sonny Siebert and Lionel Smith connected for 23, 20 and 19 for Missouri.

S Down at Norman Okla, the Sooners put the clamps on Will Chamberlain and put a scare into the Jayhawks before bowing 51-59.

All-conference selection of last year, Joe King, did an effective job of holding the Dipper down to 22 points. Sooner teammate Don Schwall netted 20 markers and out-rebounded Chamberlain 14-11.

The victory put the Kansans into the conference lead with a 2-0 record and their 11th victory of the season.

Advertisement for Bell Telephone System featuring Frank R. Hoffman, B.S. in Liberal Arts, Hampden-Sydney College, '53. Text: 'A Campus-to-Career Case History', 'Meet an Assistant Manager—Hampden-Sydney, '53'. Includes a photo of Hoffman and the Bell logo.

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