

Rex Eckwall Unanimous Staff Selection: Gains Second Star Of The Week Award

By STAN WIDMAN Staff Sports Writer
Rex Eckwall has been chosen Star-of-the-Week for the second time this year, for his outstanding play against the Kansas Jayhawks and the Kansas State Wildcats. Although the Cornhuskers lost both by wide margins, Rex left the teams something to remember

him by as he scored 18 points against KS and 15 points against KU. His point totals weren't the whole story. He also led the squad in rebounds and played his usual excellent defensive game.

These last two games just about tell the whole Eckwall story. This is the third year in a row he has led the Husker scoring attack and the third year he has led the team in rebounds. His 15 points against KU raised his total points for the three years to 828, a new Cornhusker scoring record. The previous record of 821 was held by Jim Buchanan. With three games left, Rex should set a record that could stand for a good many years.

Most fans upon leaving Cornhusker games seldom praise Eckwall for his scoring but rather for his unselfish team play and excellent sportsmanship. Most people have no idea how many points he has scored and are rather amazed when they hear his total for the night. The same can be said for opposing teams who never quite realize the damage he has done to them until after the game is over.

Rex has accomplished all of this while possessing none of the physical characteristics usually associated with the basketball big man. His height of 6' 4" is not exceptionally big nor is he extremely fast, but he makes up for these "weaknesses" with hustle, spirit and desire.

A typical Eckwall play came in the Wisconsin game earlier this season. Two men were bearing down on Jim Kubacki and appeared to be going in for an easy basket. At just the right moment, Rex came rushing down the floor and leaping through the air, deflected the ball and went crashing into the crowd behind the basket.

This is the third year that Coach Jerry Bush has installed him as a starter. Bush had this to say before the season started. "No one has a starting position on this club cinched except Eckwall. He is a sure thing." Bush's opinion of him has been rising ever since he met the Holmesville lad.

For his fine play his first two years, Rex was selected as an All-Big Seven choice on just about everybody's poll and received several All-American honorable mentions.

This year, Rex is ninth in scoring in the Big Seven, both in total points and point average per game. He is almost a certainty to be an All-Big Seven choice again due to his fine all around play other than scoring.

Rex was the first Husker Basketballer to be elected captain by the teams as a whole and this

spirit of faith that his teammates have placed in him has not gone unappreciated. He has been the team's inspiration and leader in every game this year.

Eckwall played his high school basketball in the little town of Holmesville, Nebraska. In his last three years there, his team lost only three games, all of these coming in the district playoffs. Because of the defeats, he never got to play in a state tournament, but

he was selected by both the Lincoln and Omaha papers as an all-state choice in Class D.

Rex is the example of a small town boy whose determination has made him known all over the state. The Daily Nebraskan sports staff is extremely proud to be able to name an athlete of this caliber as its Star-of-the-Week. We join the rest of the state in wishing him the best of luck in the coming years.

The Sports Slant

By GARY FRENZEL

Solons Rule on Torid Game . . .

Professional football received a serious setback Monday when the Supreme Court ruled that the pro game was liable to anti-trust legislation. In 1953, the Supreme Court ruled that professional baseball was a sport and could not be governed by anti-trust laws. What effect the late ruling will have on baseball and other professional sports can not yet be determined. However, this apparent reversal in rulings by the high court has caused a furor among opponents of the '53 baseball decision. A bill may be introduced in Congress to declare baseball and all professional sports liable to anti-trust laws.

Stranovich Sues . . .

The whole mess started when George Stranovich, former back for the Los Angeles Rams, refused to play after signing a contract. He then attempted to sign a contract with another club after not playing several seasons for the Rams. Out of the rash of suits and counter-suits which have followed came Monday's Supreme Court ruling. It is too early to determine what will happen next, but you can be certain that baseball and all professional sports as well as football will feel the effect of the latest, though not final ruling of the Supreme Court.

Prep Squads In Spotlight . . .

With the approach of high school tournaments the eyes of Cornhusker sports enthusiasts are scanning the sports pages to see how their high school teams are faring. Although only twenty-four teams will make it to Lincoln to compete for six class crowns, the pre-tournament excitement gives everyone a chance to expound his team's chances. Especially fervent are the small-town graduates. It might be well to crown two class C, D, and E champs. One who actually wins the state tournament, and one who exists only in the glowing eyes of a freshman.

Spring Is Near . . .

While the weatherman attempts to convince everyone that it is still winter, the Husker athletic department is preparing for spring. The baseball team will play its first game Apr. 6, All-Sports Day. Spring football starts this Monday. The golf and tennis teams are preparing for practices.

Meanwhile, the average Husker sporting man awaits the opening of the pits.

Need Win Over KU: Wildcats Fight Desperately In Battle For Championship

The Kansas State Wildcats narrowed the lead of the loop leading University of Kansas Jayhawks to one-half a game last Monday night as they turned down the bid of the Missouri Tigers to beat them 78-71. The contest left the defending Big Seven Champs with an 8-2 league record as opposed to the Jayhawks' 8-1 mark.

Tex Winter's cagers have now won eight straight games after dropping their opening two games. The defending Big Seven Champs

ing games with them (Colorado meets the Jayhawks on March 2 and March 9) and Kansas State could down their intrastate rivals on their meeting March 6, Kansas State would win the league title without a playoff. This is hoping a little too much, however, for "Winter's Wonders" and they would probably be satisfied with a crack at a playoff game.

The Manhattan townspeople have witnessed their home team come back from a 0-2 league record to become the highly touted hard court team it now is. The results of the latest UP and AP national basketball polls have rated the Winter mentored club ninth and twelfth respectively.

Although the rest of the squad cannot be denied their share of the laurels, the nucleus of the club seems to be Jack Parr, rangy center, and Bob Boozer, sophomore from Omaha, Nebraska. These two have been splitting the net with a torrid pace and now have moved up into string contention for the league's individual scoring race. Parr has now moved into third place with an 18.6 average and now Boozer has edged into fourth place with an 16.5 point average per game. In the loop outings only the leader of the race is Chamberlain who has a 22.5 average. The Big Dipper is also in strong consideration for the national scoring race also. In second place is Iowa State's Gary Thompson with 20.0.



Boozer . . . Jayhawk Ace

could retain their loop crown or at least become co-owners of the top position depending on the outcome of the remaining games. If the Wildcats were to win their remaining two games, one of which includes a cage contest with Kansas University on March 6 on the Jayhawks home court, they would set up a championship game with their intrastate rivals for the possession of the Big Seven title. The Wildcat crew could possibly win the title if we were to suppose a bigger IF. IF Colorado were to beat Kansas State in one of the two remain-

Deadline Set On I-M Votes

Balloting for the Intramural All Star Basketball Team is very slow. The Daily Nebraskan Sports Staff has only received 20 ballots thus far.

Intramural Managers are reminded that today is the last day that ballots will be accepted and if interest is not great enough, All Star teams will not be chosen.

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Cotter Favored In Diving: Big Week End For Husker Swimmers; Entertain Ft. Hays And KU Teams

Coach Hollie Lepley and his Nebraska swimming team will close their 1957 home season this week end with two dual meets. The tankers will entertain Ft. Hays on Friday afternoon and Kansas University on Saturday.

Ft. Hays is a new team added to the Husker schedule. The two teams did not meet last season. The Huskers will be favored to defeat their opponents but several events should be very close. Zimmerman of Ft. Hays has a timing of :58.2 in the 100 yard free style and this should be good enough to press Ron Renfer and Bill Tagney of the Huskers. Both men have times of :57. Also the 200 yard breast stroke should be a close fight between Fritz Helmsdoerfer of Nebraska and Bieber of Ft. Hays.

The Kansas dual could be closer as the Big Seven opponents have six lettermen returning from last years last place club. Last season KU defeated the Huskers in their opening dual 50-34 but the Lepleymen reversed the decision later on by a 52-32 margin.

Edwards, Hill, and Clevenger lead the Kansas. Edwards will participate in the 100 yard free style and the 400 yard medley relay. Hill will go in the 50 yard free style and both relays. Clevenger does his best work in the 200 yard breast stroke where his clocking of 2:42.6 is one of the Big Sevens better marks. Clevenger will battle with Helmsdoerfer in this event and the 200 yard Butterfly.

Nebraska will again depend on such men as Carl Bodensteiner, Jerry Farrell, Bill North, Gene Cotter, Tagney, and Helmsdoerfer for important points. Bodensteiner and North will continue their friendly rival in the 200 yard free style. Likewise, Tagney and Cotter, two of the conferences top divers

will continue their rivalry. Also a much improved Charlie Arizumi should win the back stroke.

Currently the Huskers have a 4-4-1 season record. If Nebraska can win both dual meets they will finish one of their better seasons of recent years in a brilliant fashion. The squad has worked very hard all year and are pointing towards a high finish next week end in Oklahoma. Last year Nebraska finished third in the conference meet.



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Intramural Standings

League 1-A Selleck	10-0	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	6-5
Maclean	7-2	Theta Xi	6-5
Bessey	6-6	Sigma Nu	3-8
Andrews	5-5	Sigma Phi Epsilon	2-8
Gus II	3-6	Sigma Chi	0-3
Seaton I	2-5	League 9-B Fraternity	
Burnett	10-1	Delta Tau Delta	11-0
League 2-A Selleck		Delta Upsilon	7-2
Canfield	10-1	Phi Gamma Delta	8-3
Hitchcock	6-7	Alpha Gamma Rho	5-4
Selleck	5-6	Farm House	4-6
Gus I	4-7	Phi Kappa Psi	3-6
Seaton II	4-6	Beta Sigma Psi	1-7
Manatt	4-6	League 10-C Freshmen	
Boucher	1-10	Delta Upsilon	9-0
League 3-A Fraternity		Sigma Phi Epsilon	7-2
Phi Delta Theta	9-1	Alpha Tau Omega	7-3
Sigma Chi	9-1	Sigma Nu	4-5
Beta Theta Pi	5-4	Farm House	3-5
Sigma Nu	5-4	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	3-7
Sigma Phi Epsilon	5-5	Phi Delta Theta	2-7
Sigma Alpha Eps	1-9	League 11 — Ag College	
League 4-A Fraternity		Ag Vets	14-0
Delta Upsilon	9-2	Dudley Five	10-3
Delta Tau Delta	8-2	Ag Huskers	8-3
Phi Gamma Delta	5-4	Farm House Scrubs	4-3
Alpha Tau Omega	6-4	AGR Scrubs	5-5
Phi Kappa Psi	4-6	Alpha Tau Alpha	5-8
Alpha Gamma Rho	2-7	Alpha Gamma Sigma-B	3-9
League 5-A Fraternity		Krusens Kats	2-11
Beta Sigma Psi	8-0	Ag Men's Club-B	1-12
Farm House	5-3	League 12 — Independents	
Brown Palace	5-4	Newman Club	10-1
Cornhusker Co-op	6-5	Presby House	9-2
Ag Men's Club	3-5	Baptist House	9-3
Sigma Alpha Mu	2-6	Inter-Varsity	5-4
Delta Sigma Phi	2-7	Beta Spastics	4-7
League 6-A Fraternity		Lutheran House	3-7
Pi Kappa Phi	8-1	Cornhusker Co-op	2-9
Acacia	8-2	League 14 — Independents	
Pioneer Co-op	7-3	A Chemists	11-0
Tau Kappa Epsilon	6-4	Dental College	2-3
Alpha Gamma Sigma	5-5	Phi Epsilon Kappa	7-4
Theta Chi	4-5	Geologists	7-4
Zeta Beta Tau	2-9	Navy ROTC	7-4
League 7-B Selleck		Phi Delta Phi	4-7
Hitchcock	7-2	League 15 — Independents	
Bessey	6-3	Park Avenue	12-0
MacLean	5-4	Little House	9-2
Gus I	3-6	B Chemists	6-4
Canfield	3-6	The Singers	6-5
Manatt	3-6	Dilberts	5-5
League 8-B Fraternity		Sam's Has Beens	4-7
Alpha Tau Omega	10-1	Delta Sigma Pi	3-6
Beta Theta Pi	9-1	A Street Club	3-9
Phi Delta Theta	8-3	Legionnaires	2-6

Prep Tourney Scores

CLASS C	At Hartington, First Round
At Osceola, First Round	Coleridge 54 Niobrara 48
Rising City 54 Polk 41	Randolph 52 Hartington 50
Stromsburg 51 Valparaiso 55	
CLASS B	At Chadron, First Round
At Clarkson, First Round	Hemingford 53 (OT) Crawford 49
Scriber 29 Fremont St. Pat's 12	Chadron 71 Gordon 33
Leigh 40 St. Francis 33	
CLASS A	At Grand Island, First Round
At Alma, First Round	Loup City 59 Imperial 44
Alma 60 Elm Creek 29	Minden 61 Burwell 49
Franklin 47 Red Cloud 25	
CLASS D	At Wahoo, First Round
At Beemer, First Round	Ashland 40 Papillion 31
Oakland 49 Decatur 48	Wahoo 71 Ralston 45
Norfolk S.H. 50 Pilger 47	
CLASS E	At Wayne, First Round
At Atkinson, First Round	Creighton 65 Crofton 46
O'Neill St. Mary's 51	Wayne 91 Pierce 63
Springview 56 Spencer 47	
CLASS F	At Central City, First Round
At Bartlett, First Round	Hehran 59 Central City 50
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