

Ekwall Receives Mention:

Jerry Brown Honored As JC Athlete of Year

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Jerry Brown, Cornhusker football star, was named the outstanding Amateur Athlete of the Year by the Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting held in Scottsbluff, Sunday.

The 5-10, 210 pound fullback was awarded a certificate and a traveling trophy.

Jerry received his award for outstanding play during the last football season which saw him finish third on the Big-Seven rushing charts and his selection on everybody's All-Conference team. He carried the ball 129 times and gained 693 yards for a per-carry average of 5.3 yards. In his 129 thrusts, he lost a total of only 8 yards. He received national recognition last fall finishing 17th among college rushers. The only two Big-Seven ball carriers to finish ahead of the 21 year-old junior from Minden were Oklahoma's touchdown twins, Clemond Thomas and All-American Tommy McDouald.

Even though opposing teams were laying for him every game, he still outrushed and outshowned three other outstanding fullbacks in the conference — John (The Beast) Bayuk of Colorado, Homer Floyd of Kansas and Billy Prier of Oklahoma.

In his first year as a Husker regular, Jerry volunteered to play guard when injuries hit the forward wall. Last year, Pete Elliott put back in his familiar fullback slot where he caused mayhem among several university football lines. It was rare sight when less than three men were able to bring him down to the ground.

Next fall, Jerry will be playing under his third coach in as many years, having played for Bill Glassford as a sophomore. This spring, he was forced to miss practice because of a knee operation following a mid-season injury. Jerry reports that his knee is healing very satisfactorily and that he should have no trouble getting into shape next fall.

Jerry did his high school playing at Minden. He was an All-State selection his junior year and would have been a repeat in his senior year had he not broken an ankle at the first of the season.

He competed in the state track meet four years and played two years of basketball.

Jerry's extra-curricular activities include membership in the Varsity Men's Glee Club where he is the owner of a very fine baritone voice and a member of the N Club.

One of Jerry's major interests at the present time is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He may attend the organization's second annual encampment at Estes Park this summer.

"I think it is a tremendous organization which can be very influential on the youth of our country," Jerry said. "I think the FCA program should be emphasized much more by coaches."

Jerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown of Minden. He is a

physical education major and plans to enter the coaching field upon graduation.

He received the award over nine other nominees. They include Joe American Horse of Gordon, Rex Ekwall, a fellow Cornhusker, Elmer Trail of McCook Junior College, Bill Hawkins, another NU man, Tom Sheldon of Lexington,

Bill Englehart of Omaha University, Donald Vyhalek of Doane College, Bob Gibson of Creighton University, and Dick Place of Nebraska City. All will receive honorable mention certificates.

Presenting the award to Brown was Ted Sheperd of Lincoln, State Chairman of the Outstanding Amateur Athlete Award committee.

Athletes Chosen For Innocents

Saturday afternoon thirteen University of Nebraska men were tackled announcing their election

the squad by teammates, Art has been a consistent winner. In addition to his tennis activity,



Courtesy Lincoln Journal
ART WEAVER



Courtesy Lincoln Star
DON SMIDT

as new members of Innocents Society, senior men's honorary activity society. Among the thirteen were two men active in athletics on campus.

Art Weaver and Don Smidt were chosen for their leadership, scholarship and service.

Weaver is a junior letterman on Ed Higginbotham's tennis squad. He is now playing in the number two position and has done a fine job throughout the early part of this campaign. He will be active today in Omaha when the Husker net squad visits Creighton University.

Called one of the nicest guys on

Weaver has been secretary, president and treasurer of the All-University fund. He is also a member of N Club and Phi Delta Theta.

Smidt from Helena, Montana, is a two year letterman on Jerry Bush's basketball team. Smidt was a starter in both his sophomore and junior years. Don has always been a good rebounder and scores heavily at times.

The good-looking athlete was born at Hastings and spent the early part of his life in the Nebraska town.

Smidt's other activities include: N Club, Delta Upsilon, and he was crowned 1956-57 Prince Kosmet.

Prepsters Recognized

Fifty-seven of the 1957 numeral awards made to high school athletes were announced today by Coach Frank Sevigne of the University of Nebraska. These athletes were honored:

- Firth—Clifford Weber, half blue; Karl Hartman, half blue; Norman Heibrink, full blue; Kenneth Buis, full blue; Hebron—Mel Harmon, full blue; Cecil Chamberlain, full blue; Humboldt—Don Gould, half blue; Ray Hartman, half blue; Ron Shaw, half blue; Hickman—Rolla Schmutte, half blue; Reminiton—Kenny Horstman, full blue; Dale Wood, full blue; Delbert Wyland, full blue; Earl Litteras, full blue; Jim Wood, half blue; Jerry Overstreet, half blue.
- Hay Springs—Clark Ciek, full blue; Gene Blair, full blue; Hardy—Dick Leigh, half blue; Harrisburg—Ward McGowan, full blue; Gary Rhors, full blue; Jim Stauffer, half blue.
- Loomis—Dean Nelson, full blue; Glen Conder, half blue; Dennis Nelson, full blue.
- Loup City, Larry Janda, full blue.
- Mitchell—Larry Ryan, half blue; Tom Herman, full blue; Roy Tilton, full blue; Larry Gianakos, full blue.

- Nebraska School for Deaf—Dick Simms, half blue; Joe Schmitz, full blue; Anton Wajda, full blue; Cliff Rentschler, full blue.
- Palisade—Lee Abbodi, half blue; Mike Mahar, full blue.
- Wymore—Clark Mallam, full blue; Kenneth Shane, half blue; Don Longwell, half blue; Werner Lienemann, full blue; Larry Wood, full blue; Butch Miller, half blue; Mike Donovan, half blue; Don McKeever, full blue; Larry Brown, full blue; Dave Phillips, full blue; Roger Herman, half blue.

Chemical Society Features McKetta

Dr. John McKetta Jr., professor of chemical engineering at the University of Texas, will address the monthly meeting of the Nebraska section of the American Chemical Society today at 7:30 p.m. at Avery Laboratory.

His topic will be: "How the Chemical Engineers Do Their Work."



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

Grigger Receives Award

JERRY BROWN—Shown above is the Husker fullback as he looked to many opposing players. Jerry received the Out-

standing Amateur Athlete of the Year award given by the Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce.

New Music Officers

Connie Berry will serve as president of Phi Sigma Iota national professional music honorary, for 1957-58.

Darrina Turner will act as vice president, and Arused Uner will be secretary treasurer.

Tennis Squad Faces Creighton; Attempt To Reach .500 Mark

Nebraska's tennis team will try to get back on the winning side of the ledger this afternoon when they travel to Omaha and attempt to turn engagement with Creighton on their season All-Sports

Day with a 9-0 win over the Blue jays.

Since that time Nebraska has won three matches and dropped four so they need another win to stay above the .500 mark.

Bill North currently is leading the Huskers with a 13-3 individual record for the season. This includes his singles and doubles record. North, also a swimming star, gained the lone Husker victory in the last outing against Kansas State.



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Husker Mounders

Charlie Ziegenbein, Bob Gleason, and Roger Bottorff (shown left to right) maintain the nucleus of the Nebraska baseball team. The three able chuckers for Tony Sharpe's mound crew are heavily respon-

sible for the Huskers' second position in the Big Seven loop baseball standings. Ziegenbein and Bottorff are upholding the southpaw chores assigned to them while Gleason has been chucking superb ball with his

right. Nebraska now rests in second place with a 5-3 conference record one and one-half games behind the league leading Missouri boasting an 8-3 mark.

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The Hot Corner

By BOB WIRZ
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Yanks at home . . .

Did anything look familiar in the American League standings Monday morning? Something should have. The New York Yankees were back in their familiar position following their sweep of a three game series from the high flying Chicago White Sox.

The three wins gives the Yankees a 12-5 season record while the Pale Hose have a 11-5 mark. All of this has been accomplished despite the fact that several members of the squad are not playing as well as usual.

Catcher Yogi Berra is one of the slow starters. Yogi was hitting under the .200 mark going into the series. However, his clutch hitting helped win the series.

Whitey Ford was not around long. The top pitcher on the squad has a 2-0 record but hasn't been able to finish his last three starts because of an inflamed muscle in his shoulder.

Leftfield spot is still open. Tony Kubek looked good there for a few days but again Sunday it was Elston Howard in the trouble spot.

McDougald underrated . . .

Some of the players are up to their usual tricks. Mickey Mantle is in the top ten batters in the league although below last year's pace. Billy Martin and Moose Skowron are also playing good ball.

Another young man by the name of Gil McDougald has been one of the more consistent stars in the first three weeks of play. Gil, as usual, is tough in the field and at bat. In my estimation McDougald is one of the most underrated players in the big leagues. He usually plays about 150 games each season and can play any of the infield positions really well except first base and he probably wouldn't hesitate to try it there.

McDougald's .284 lifetime batting average doesn't quite prove his worth to the club. In last year's pennant drive the 28-year-old star hit .311 and socked 13 home runs most of them in clutch situations.

He was forced to sit out 30 games last season and during this time the Yankees had one of their poorer records. If Stengel had nine men like Gil McDougald he would have absolutely no worries or does he anyway. It would be no surprise to me to see the New Yorkers go all the way and remain on top for every day in the current campaign. May 5 could have been very important in the 1957 pennant race in the American League.

Back to the team . . .

Casey, however, attributes his early success to his pitching staff. He says we just aren't hitting at all. Once again some new men have helped the cause. Art Ditmar and Bobby Shantz both acquired from Kansas City in a winter trade have looked real good in frequent appearances. Johnny Kucks, Don Larsen and Tommy Byrne also have looked good on the mound.

Carey improves . . .

Another good sight this spring with New York has been third baseman Andy Carey. The hot corner man has had to win his job every spring since joining the team in 1953. The main reason for this has been his weak hitting. This spring Carey has been hitting the ball hard to all fields and apparently will again go most of the way at third for Stengel.

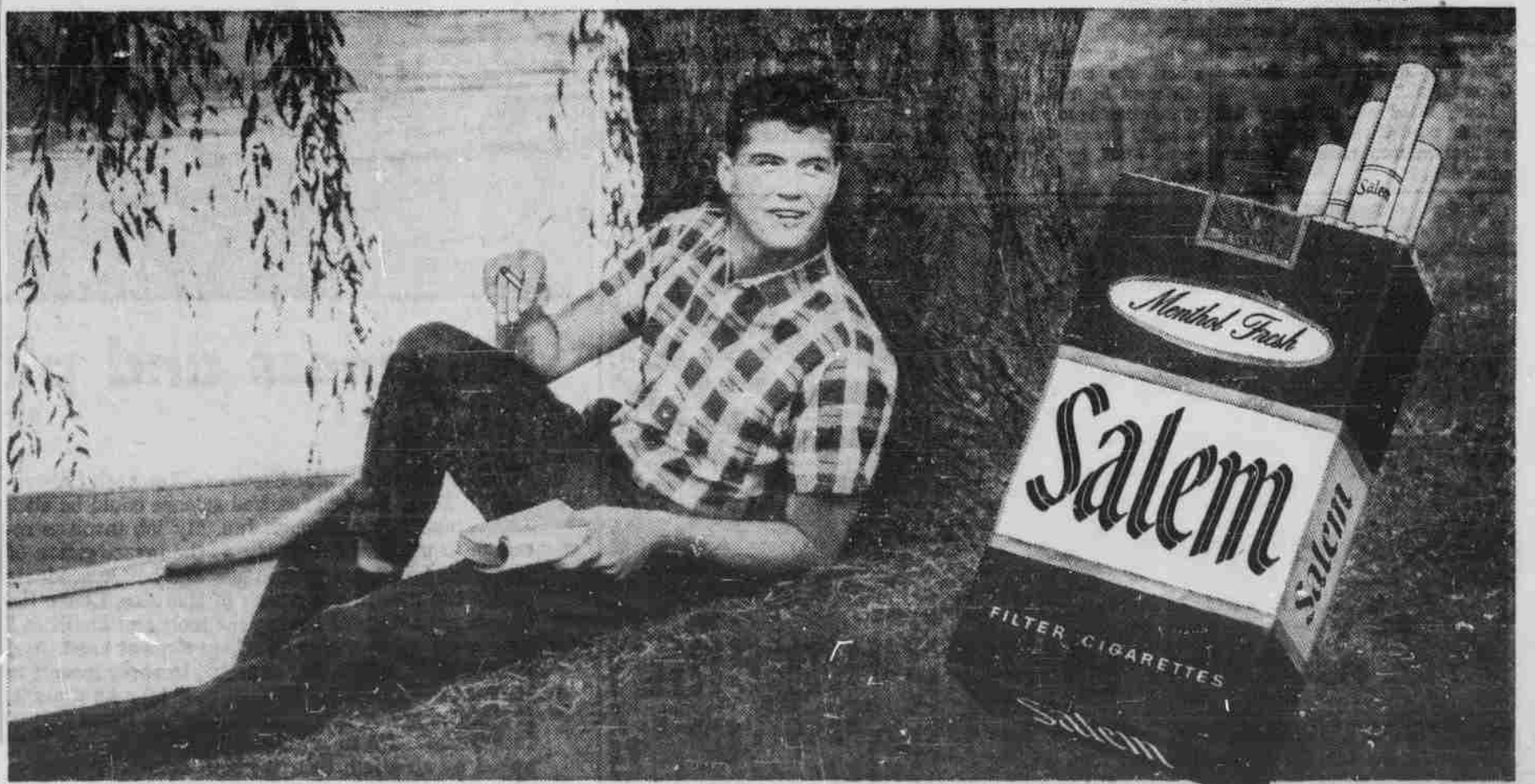
At any rate there should be no reason for alarm in the Yankee camp because some one isn't doing his job or is injured. Casey will find some one to do the job and for some reason he will do it well.

There is still room for surprise by another team and the National League picture is not quite as clear. But that's all till next week when possibly we will switch to the NL and hash over their problems a little bit.

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