

Varsity Court Men Race Past Frosh

By Bob Prokop

The Nebraska cagers opened the roundball season with a 69-46 verdict over the Frosh in a rather lack-luster game before 2,200 fans Wednesday night.

Both teams made numerous mistakes throughout the game as most fans would expect in an opener. The Frosh committed 21 errors during the course of the game, four less than the Varsity. The contest was decided on the boards with the Varsity taking a commanding edge, 57-34 late in the game.

The Frosh bounded out to a 2-0 lead with a 15 ft. jumper by John Lloyd with 18:32 on the clock. Daryl Petsch countered for the Bushmen with a free throw to cut the count to 2-1 but Earl Wright hit a jump shot and Larry Borschlegel added a free throw to up the score to 5-1.

The Varsity's Bill Bowers and Rex Swett tied the count with two quick fielders but the Frosh started rolling behind John Jepsen and Bob Cook.

Within 5 minutes, the Varsity whittled the count down until Chuck Sadovnik pushed the Bushmen back in to the lead with a 20 ft. jump shot from the corner. Petsch then aided with a couple of quick buckets and the Varsity jumped from their 20-19 lead to a half-time lead of 30-21.

First half statistics showed that the Frosh hit 8 for 25 (32%) while the Varsity converted 12 for 29 (41%). The Frosh committed 11 mistakes in ball handling; the Varsity 13.

Frosh coach Bob Gates tried to fire up his charges at halftime and Borschlegel hit a 15 ft. jump from the corner but to no avail. The sleeping giant, 'Rebel' Tom Russell of the Varsity, led the onslaught to run the score to 50-30 with 11:00 left in the contest. Russell's burst of 15 points in the final half gave him high point honors for the night with 16.

After both coaches tested out their bench, the Nubbins closed the gap to 54-42. However, the Varsity then held the Frosh scoreless for six minutes while cashing in on a 13 point cushion in the same period to lead, 67-42. Frosh Jim Moore finally broke the ice with a fielder but Bowers countered for the Varsity and freshman Larry Martin finished the scoring for the night with a pair of free throws.

Sidelights — Prior to the game, Jerry Bush made several comments about vows coaches around the country had taken. First of all he stated that this year the rules read that if a coach gets up off the bench to protest a call, an automatic technical foul is called by the officials.

Bush stated, "I'm not getting up off the bench at all this year."

Answering the crowds snickering, he further stated, "I'll get off in enthusiasm but there's a heck of a difference between protest and enthusiasm."

Bill Jennings, Big Eight official from Lincoln, explained three major changes in the rules.

First change is that both feet of a player no longer have to be in the jump circle at the center of the floor. Now only one foot has to be in the ring.

Second, the free throw line has an eighth inch buffer zone between the first and second man from the basket. This zone is similar to the line running parallel to the basket in that it cannot be broken by the foot until the ball has touched the rim.

The last rule change is that a team in possession of the ball committing a foul offensively will only lose the ball out-of-bounds and a foul shot will not be awarded the defensive club. This rule has been used in the pro game for five years.

Wrestling Deadline
The deadline for intramural wrestling entries has been moved up to Dec. 7 according to Husker mat coach Bob Mancuso. Participants must attend at least five practice sessions in the Coliseum before that time.

NEBRASKAN SPORTS



SWETT DRIVES IN—Rex Swett, senior Husker guard, drives in for a layup in the second quarter of Wednesday's Varsity-Freshman game. At left are frosh Bob Cook (31), John Jepsen (43), and John Lloyd (23) and Varsity's Bill Bowers (44).

Six Vets Bolster Outlook

By Roy Scheele

Six returning lettermen and a handful of sophomores bolster Husker hopes for an improved 1961-62 swimming team, but the addition of five new opponents to the schedule may dampen these hopes.

Last year's squad won eight meets and lost four. Heading the returnees is LaVern Bauers, a junior from York. Bauers swims both the breast-stroke and freestyle and was named to last year's all-Big Eight tank squad.

Also back is junior Phil Swain, who with Bauer placed in the freestyle sprints in the conference meet last spring.

A pair of highly regarded sophomores are Bill Fowles of Lincoln in the butterfly, and Bill Henry of Omaha in the backstroke.

The distance freestyle events will feature Jay Groth, Lincoln junior, and Kuni Mihara, senior co-captain from Omaha.

Co-captain with Mihara will be Larry Ferrell, Lincoln senior, who swims the backstroke and individual medley.

Groth holds varsity records in the 220 and 440-yard freestyle and 1,500 meter freestyle events.

Pat Drake, a diver from Lincoln, and Terry Anderson of Holdrege, who swims the freestyle, will join the squad second semester. The pair are ineligible for first semester competition.

Coach Dick Klaas will lead his swimmers against new opponents Iowa, Denver, Air Force, Utah and Wyoming.

First tune-up for the tankers will be the varsity-frosh meet Dec. 9.

The varsity roster: Terry Anderson, Holdrege sophomore, freestyle; LaVern Bauers, York junior, breast-stroke-freestyle; Jerry Brunk, Blair sophomore, freestyle; Pat Drake, Lincoln junior, diver; Larry Ferrell, Lincoln senior, backstroke; Bill Fowles, Lincoln sophomore, butterfly-individual medley; Jay Groth, Lincoln junior, freestyle; Bill Henry, Omaha sophomore, backstroke-freestyle.

Chuck Levy, Lincoln sophomore, diver; Leo Logue, Hastings sophomore, freestyle-stroke; Kuni Mihara, Omaha senior, freestyle-individual medley; Bob Mitchell, Lincoln junior, freestyle; Bob Peshek, Scottsbluff sophomore, freestyle; Dave Roberts, Lincoln sophomore, freestyle-individual medley; Phil Swain, Lincoln junior, freestyle-individual medley; Bill Wright, Lincoln sophomore, freestyle.

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Bush Polishes Cagers For Opener at Wichita

By Dave Wohlforth

Husker basketball coach Jerry Bush, unhappy with the showing of his varsity against the freshmen, spent yesterday polishing the Huskers for their opening game against Wichita Monday night at Wichita.

"It will be the toughest opening assignment we have had," Bush said.

The Shockers nudged Nebraska 65-63 last year. The Huskers built up a 41-34 lead in the first half but it melted as the Shockers hit a hot streak, connecting on 41 per cent of their shots from the floor.

Gene Wiley, 6-10 senior, helped the late assault with 14 points, along with Lanny Van Eman, who also had 14. Both are back but Van Eman closes out his career at the end of the semester.

Nebraska's top point producer was Jan Wall with 21 points. Wall is shelved as the result of an auto accident last summer.

Coach Bush expects to start the same quintet which opened against the freshmen Wednesday night. This group includes two sophomores, Chuck Sladovnik of Omaha (Holy Name), and Daryl Petsch of Marysville, Kans. Both were all-stars in high school and were the only two

among the eight varsity newcomers who impressed against the yearlings.

In the other three starting slots will be seniors Tom Russell, forward; Bill Bowers, center and Rex Swett, guard.

Wichita, which has beat Nebraska in the two previous games played between the schools, will open the season tomorrow night hosting Wyoming, a future Husker opponent.

Bush believes the rough nonconference schedule which the Cornhuskers face will ready the squad for loop play. Nebraska plays December games against Wichita, Southern Methodist, Air Force Academy, Notre Dame, Ohio U., Wyoming, California and Stanford. Only three of the contests—SMU, Notre Dame and Ohio—are in Lincoln.

"We have followed a pattern of getting out of the gate rapidly then sliding in the later stages," Coach Bush said. "Maybe we can start from the other end of the ladder and by the time we reach the Big Eight Conference games have the seasoning which our sophomores need so badly."

The Huskers will play Kansas State in the opening round of the Big Eight Tourney at Kansas City, Dec. 27-30.

NU Bowlers Fifth in Big 8
The Nebraska Union Bowling team is working with a season mark of 4-4 after its latest Big Eight win over Iowa State.

Kansas and Missouri are tied for the top peg in the Big Eight standing, 7-1 each, while Nebraska is in the fifth slot.

Ralph Holmstrom's 201 average is the best of Cornhusker bowlers.

The next Nebraska match will pit the Huskers against Kansas, Saturday.

Thunder Is Big 8 Fullback

Bill (Thunder) Thornton, 22-year old smashing Husker fullback from Toledo, has been selected as an All-Big Eight back by writers, broadcasters, scouts and coaches.

Even though he sat on the bench all but five minutes of Nebraska's last game, he carried the ball 127 times and netted 618 yards for an average of 4.9 yards per carry. He was the Husker's leading scorer, having rambled across the goal line five times for 30 points. He was practically the entire offense for the Huskers this year, who managed only three wins.

"This is one of the finest honors I have ever received," said Thornton upon learning of the award.

Coach Bill Jennings added, "It certainly is a well deserved honor for Thornton. He is the type of boy you like to coach and to have on your squad."

"He's the pinnacle of the kind of boy you are looking

for with the finest attitude, not only towards football, but towards his grades, school and life in general."

Other All-Big Eight line selections include ends Jerry Hillebrand, Colorado; Conrad Hitchler, Missouri; tackles Ed Blaine, Missouri, and Billy White, Oklahoma; guards Joe Romig, Colorado, and Dan Celoni, Iowa State; center, Walt Clinker, Colorado.

The mythical backfield consists of Kansas Quarterback John Hadl, Iowa State, Tailback Dave Hoppmann, Thornton and Jayhawk halfback Curtiss McClintock.

Nebraska end Don Purcell is on the second team, while four Huskers received honorable mention. They are quarterback Dennis Claridge, Gary Toogood, Dick McDaniel and Dallas Dyer.



ALL BIG EIGHT — Thunder Thornton, Nebraska's hard-charging fullback was named to the AP's All-Big Eight team.

Sport Shorts

By The Old Pro — Bob Prokop

The University of Nebraska is currently making history in reverse, the Cornhuskers are presently setting a losing season record in football of 7 and a losing season record in basketball of 12. This is a far cry from the early century teams when Nebraska set a winning season record of 17 in football and a winning string of eight in basketball. It sure would be nice to be born 30 years earlier if you wanted to see a winning team in Nebraska's two major sports.

There is a possibility that we might break the string in basketball this season. The winning season hinges on the ability of everybody to play together and leave outside interests at home.

We have a rough non-conference schedule since we're playing most of them on the road but the teams we play are normal in strength compared to the rest of the teams in the country. The Big Eight title could be in grasp since the only real contention is from Iowa State this year. Most of the other Big Eight schools have lost their star athletes scholastically or to the pro game.

The Husker athletic director situation is still in the twiddling-thumbs stage. No doubt Chancellor Hardin's interests are for the good of the University and its athletic department, but a great deal of damage can be done by waiting too long.

Tippy Dye

Sources close to the athletic director's selection say that Tippy Dye, Wichita athletic director, turned down the job because of the money involved and other personal reasons. It appears that the chancellor and Regents had made a final decision but are on the road again looking.

The football situation will be dumped into the athletic director's lap. He will be the one responsible for deciding exactly who will be hired for the job. After the A.D. is hired, this means another month's time waiting for a coach to be hired, and another staff selected.

For this reason, the athletic director must be appointed soon since if he is going to hire new personnel, he must do it in the next month. Many available people will be under contract after that time.

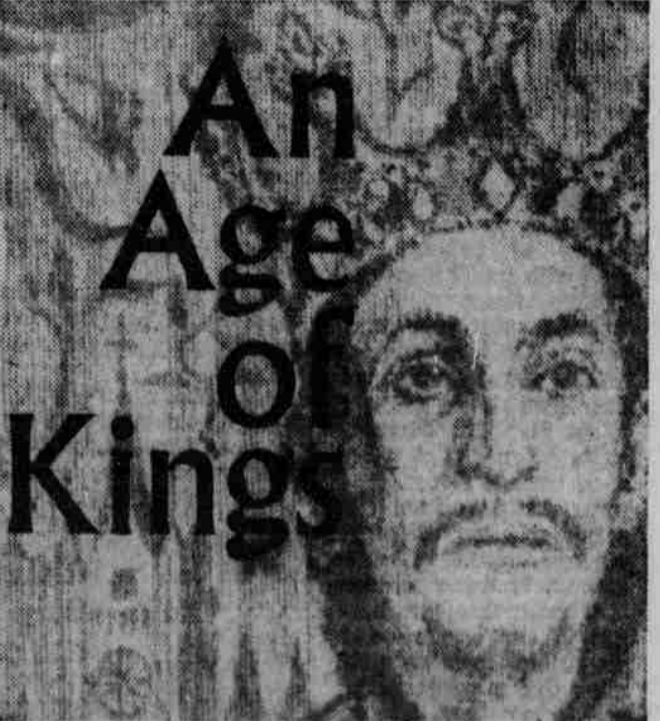
The second disadvantage of waiting much longer is the fact that our recruiting must start right now. The later we hold back on our selection of next year's freshman football players, the poorer quality of material we will get. This season's freshman squad was not outstanding, let's start working now toward next year's future prospects for the varsity.

Top Prospects

The Regents and chancellor have men around the country that are interested in the position such as Erdelatz, Graham, etc., who are capable and will do a good job. A positive action now with top flight prospects would put a stop to the above problems which are being created by time.

The athletic director must be given a free hand in determining his coaching personnel around him. He must ask himself the question the president of a big firm asks when he evaluates his company, "Is this man doing the job, is he doing the work he has been hired to do, is he

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