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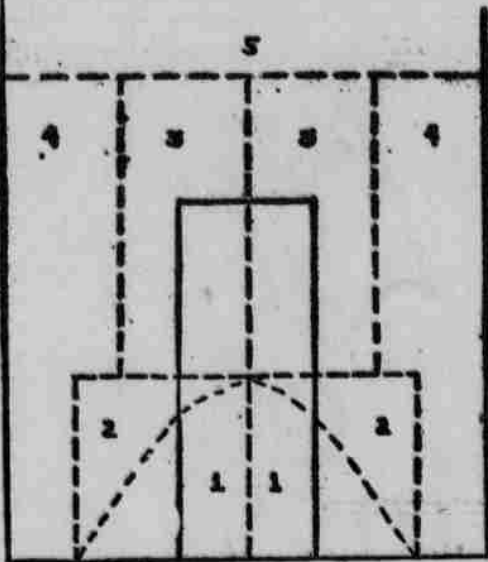
By The Old Pro
-Bob Prokop

Congratulations to the University in hiring a capable athletic director in Tippy Dye. I'm sure that this man can bring Nebraska back into the spotlight as he did at Wichita University.

Since the Huskers have started the roundball campaign, The Old Pro would like to review the team and the members of the team; their strong points, weak points, and what to look for.

Tom "Rebel" Russell — Tom furnishes the leadership qualities that have been missing from the past teams. Tom shoots exceptionally well in Zone 2 and 3, but does have a problem on a direct corner shot and is not devastating outside. He is a good rebounder. Tom has the ability to get the defense to concentrate on the play and slip by the defender for an easy basket. He drives well. He is not overpowering offensively since he prefers teamwork to shooting and doesn't take as many shots as he should. Defensively, he is the top man. He is quite agile in movement to his right and left, doesn't leave his feet on fakes, and plays heads up basketball all the time.

Charles "Chuck" Sladnovnik — Chuck must be tabbed as the most improved sophomore cager from his freshman year when he was a rather infrequent starter on the Nubbins squad. He's a bull on the boards, picks up most of his baskets in tight in Zone 1. He is not known for his ability to score outside. Defensively, he is some-



times overanxious and leans forward giving the offensive man the easy drive; he makes up for his inadequacy of balance with determination. He will have to improve outside shooting to aid the Huskers all season.

Rex Swett — He shoots very well in Zone 3, particularly to his right. He has a bad habit of not going to his left very much, usually doesn't drive in all the way except when in corners. His overall rating as a shooter is average since he does have trouble out of the corners and being consistent from out front. Defensively, he is the best little man on the squad. He ball hawks exceptionally well, keeps his man outside, and is able to make a mistake and react quick enough to counter it. His height is a slight disadvantage.

Daryl "D. P." Petsch — Another sophomore in his first year, this cager is Bush's only consistent outside shooter. He shoots a set shot well, doesn't go in for the jumper too often. He doesn't drive exceptionally well, somewhat slow, and very seldom goes inside to shoot. Defensively, his additional height and ability to get off his feet compensates for his speed. At the present time, one could rate Daryl as average on defense. Overall confidence and desire gives Daryl the edge on other cagers on the squad.

Bill Bowers — His exceptional desire and work makes up for the lack of natural ability. Bill's shooting has improved 100% over the past two years. He isn't an outside threat, hooks above average near the bucket and occasionally can get hot on a jumpshot from within the free throw area. He has troubles from the corners. His shooting is confined basically to Zones 1 and 3. On defense, he moves laterally well but gives away too much height to guard the big man of basketball today. His shooting and defense could be the key to the Husker record this year.

Charlie Jones — The only basic problem "The Deacon" has is his ability to shoot consistently outside. During service ball, this was his ace in the hole, presently, it has become his big weakness. He has good driving ability and shoots well inside. He plays very well defensively but sometimes is a ball watcher. If his attitude holds out, Charlie could move into the first five quite easily.

Bill "Chief" Vincent — Bill, at present, has the sophomore jitters. His hook shots, the talk of the freshmen team, aren't hitting the rim now. When he gets his touch back, he will hook exceptionally well from Zone 2 very seldom shoots the jumper. His big problem on offense is that he isn't aggressive, he doesn't get rough. To become a great offensive player, Bill will have to learn this. Defensively, his coordination is still a problem and sometimes a post man can drive around him. With two years experience and maturity, Bill could become the next All American at Nebraska.

Roger Denesia — Roger is an above average outside shot, but lacks the fiery leadership quality to be a take-over guard. He has trouble shooting out of the corners and off to the sides. Defensively, he is above average but not outstandingly quick. He needs experience and confidence. He may be a dark horse late in the season.

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Cagers Meet SMU In '61 Home Opener

By Dave Wohlfarth
Nebraska meets Southern Methodist tomorrow night in the home opener for the Husker cage crew.

The Cornhuskers were handed a 79-49 setback at Wichita in their opener Monday night. SMU won its first game, coming from behind a 35-25 half-time deficit to defeat Georgia Tech 67 to 55.



MUSTANG CENTER—6-7 SMU Center Dave Slegmund will be a starter tomorrow night against Nebraska, in the Husker home opener.

Jan Loudermilk and John Thompson led the Mustangs to their opening victory. Loudermilk hit 23 points and Thompson added 18 to the cause. SMU played Oklahoma at Norman last night.

Southern Methodist is largely an all veteran club with a sophomore center, 6-8 Mike Marsh, who was chosen to the All Southwest Conference freshman team last season.

Other possible starters for the Mustangs include Dave Slegmund, 6-7 forward and center, Jim Hammond 6-4 senior guard and team captain, and Steve Jordan, 6-6 forward, along with Loudermilk (6-6) and Thompson (6-2).

Southern Methodist won 12 and lost 12 last year but figures to be better this year with four regulars returning from last year's team.

Nebraska, after trailing by only four points at the half, failed to score in the last seven minutes of play and was an easy victim for a second half Shocker scoring spree.

"We should be free of those first game jitters Thursday night," Husker Coach Jerry Bush said. "We felt that we would have to wear that torture stone through the early games as the eight sophomores on our squad begin getting the seasoning they so badly need."

"Wichita is a fine basketball team and certainly gave us a lesson in the opening contest. We're going to improve," he added, "make no mistake about that."

The Huskers complete this three-game week Saturday night against the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Sportswriters Wanted

Anyone interested in writing sports for the Daily Nebraskan should apply at the Rag office at 3 p.m. today.

Frosh Runners Are 5th in Postal

Nebraska's frosh cross country team finished in a fifth place tie with Iowa State in the Big Eight cross country postal championships.

Top man for the Huskers was Maurice Altizio clocked in 9:50.0 for a ninth place individual finish.

Nebraska's other top four finishers include Larry Toothaker, timed in 10:12.7 for 21st; Ken Gould in 10:18 for 25th; David Blankenbaker in 10:20.8 for 27th; and Jim Wendt in 10:33.0 for 33rd.

Gil Gebro was clocked in 10:34.0 for 34th and John Campbell in 11:01.0 for 40th. Only the top five finishers are counted for points.

Kansas won the team title as well as the individual crown with three men finishing in the top six places for 33 points. Herald Hadley of Kansas won the individual title clocked in 9:30.8.

KNUS To Broadcast Husker Home Games

KNUS will begin their winter sports broadcasting season with the broadcasting of the Nebraska-Southern Methodist basketball game on Dec. 7.

Don Isherwood, sports director, and Jim Pace, general manager of KNUS, will bring fans the pre-game show at 7:50 p.m. with game time at 8:05 p.m. KNUS will broadcast all home games.

A KNUS "sports special" will be initiated this week at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Interviews will be held with coaches of such winter sports as basketball, swimming, wrestling, and indoor track. J. G. (Jake) Geier, varsity gymnastics coach, will be the coach on Wednesday's program.



MIKE NISSEN

Nissen Is 'Star'

By Bob Besom
Mike Nissen, the Nebraska mat man who was instrumental in the Husker's first wrestling win over K-State in almost a decade, has been pegged early for Daily Nebraskan "Star" honors.

The Teachers College junior from Mason City, Iowa paved the way for the 23-17 shading of Kansas State last weekend in the Huskers' season opener. Nissen flattened David Unruh in 4:35 in the 123-pound clash.

Nissen will be called on this weekend to defend his 123-pound Iowa Teachers Invitational title against the pack of rugged light-weights expected at Cedar Falls. Mike picked up the crown last year.

Nissen had a fruitful season with the 1960-61 Cornhuskers. An undefeated dual record and a couple tournament successes led to an honorable mention berth on the All-American mat team for Nissen.

Two upsets over the then reigning 123-pound Big Eight Champ—John Dooley of K-State—were other high spots of his season.

Husker Coach Bob Mancuso lauded Nissen for "lots of desire on the mat . . . a good, hard worker."

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Tonight's Games
P.E. Court 1
5:10 p.m. Seaton I-A vs. Seleck-A
P.E. Court 2
5:10 p.m. Phi Epsilon Kappa vs. Newman Club
Thursday's Games
P.E. Court 1
5:10 p.m. Burnett-A vs. Seaton II-A
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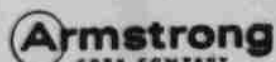
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