

The Old Pro.

With a successful Husker weekend in baseball, the Huskers definitely should climb into the first division and more than likely end up in a tie for third. Just to show you how much one series meant, had the Huskers swept the K.U. series, they would be right in the middle of the pennant fight.

Grid Coach Bob Devaney's sports spectacular last weekend showed the Husker fans something they've been looking for the last 20 years. The past Husker football editions were a three yard charge, a cloud of dust, and punt. The daring and passing of this team will be something to behold next fall.

It's early to say what's going to happen next year but The Old Pro is optimistic. For the first time, it appears we have a fulltime head coach who has both good player-personnel relationships and courage to make the right moves. Here's the way it appears next season is shaping up.

Oklahoma will be the team to beat in the conference. With a closing rush of five straight victories last year and with Bud Wilkinson at the helm, O.U. will flash the prominence of old. I'll pick them to win the conference next season.

NU should close in second. The problems of the past seem solved and with experience and depth, the Huskers may upset everybody and win the crown.

Colorado, although losing some outstanding stars, will be near the top all year. A third place pick must be based on the N.C.A. probation and the effect it will have on the morale of the team. Also, changing head coaches after a near perfect season will have some bearing on the Buffalo finish. They still have to be rated as a dark horse.

Kansas, losing some real stars this year, will also be a dark horse in the conference race. I pick them fourth on the basis of last season's performance but not any higher. They also will have much to say about the outcome of the race next fall.

Iowa State has a top group of sophomores and a rugged group of upperclassmen but inexperience will send them down into fifth spot. The Huskers of the past give adequate proof of what happens to a sophomore dependant ball club. Iowa State will be tough in the early season but the last few games again will kill Cyclone hopes.

Missouri will lose almost everything from outstanding backs to their best linemen. The Tigers have been a threat in the past but are again building for the future. Here's a club that could fool anyone but I'm not looking for much out of Columbia next year.

Oklahoma State will suffer again from the loss of key personnel but retain enough experience to give anyone trouble. The Stillwater crew is still not up to Big Eight caliber as far as football champions go. They will definitely end up in second division but how low is the question. The Old Pro will pick them second from the bottom.

Kansas State will have to wait for basketball in order to annex a Big Eight crown next season. The Wildcats won't have much to shout about this season and the only place anyone can place them is the cellar. Only a miracle could move them much higher.

Generally speaking, the Big Eight Conference overall will be somewhat down in outstanding talent but should be fairly evenly matched. The real good crop of players left this season and almost anything could happen.

The Husker rundown is probably as good as it has ever been. The end situation appears to be well taken care of. The team is three deep with Larry Tomlinson, Jim Hoge, Mike Eger, Larry Donovan, and Bill Comstock showing good ability in catching the ball.

The tackle situation also looks about three teams deep. Tyrone Robertson, Lloyd Voss, Bob Jones, Al Fisher, and Monte Kiffin appear to be the best. This has always been one of the Huskers stronger spots.

Gary Toogood, Dwain Carlson, John McDermott, and John Kirby give the Huskers adequate strength at the guards. It appears that this position has the best speed present than at any other time for several years.

The center position is probably the weakest spot on the team. Ron Michka and Don Stevenson are doing well and may get help from Duncan Drum and Lyle Sittler.

Quarterback Doug Tucker may surprise everybody and take Denny Claridge's job right away from him. During the game last week, he seemed to call the best sequence of plays on the field and really didn't have a lot of breaks with penalties, which did help the Red squad. John Falman and Ron Gilbreath appeared ready to handle the position. Tucker must be tabbed as the outstanding sophomore on the Husker squad. The only factor that might hurt Doug is that he is, first year varsity man. During the game, the Whites were doing an extreme amount of talking in the huddle and a quarterback in command must be the sole field general. Look for great things from Tucker.

Bill Thornton played his usual fine game at fullback with great aid from Gene Young and Noel Martin. I look for Martin to be used as a defensive specialist. One of the best linebackers, Martin could help the Husker squad with experience and depth. Young looked very good in running and on defense.

The halfback situation is probably the best it has been since I've seen Husker football. Dave Thiesen was very impressive in Saturday's game; Rudy Johnson, Willie Ross, Dennis Stuewe, and Warren Powers also contributed heavily to the overall picture. Sophomore Kent McCloughan has speed and ability but still lacks the aggressiveness to be great. If his attitude and blocking improve, the Huskers will have an additional asset to a powerful backfield.

Overall, the Husker team has experience and desire this season; something definitely lacking in the past. A good deal of backing from the fans will give the Huskers a winning season next year.

Noteworthy to this occasion is the fact that Bill Jennings had stated the Husker state had very little talent for football. However, I understand Bill finally found a town called Nebraska City in the state as well as several others he forgot to visit as head coach at Nebraska. The Old Pro feels he's the best recruiter we could have for our school at K.U.

A note to all other sportswriters who don't like to pick teams, try it sometime, it's fun. What's more fun is the expert second guessers you run into in the sports world who can always say I told you so after it's all over with.

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DAILY NEBRASKAN SPORTS

—Star of the Week Award—

Bonistall Spins One Hitter To Start Huskers on Path Of Shutout Sweep of Buffs

By RICK AKIN
Sports Staff Writer

Ernie Bonistall, righthanded pitcher for the Cornhuskers, has been awarded the Daily Nebraskan Star of the Week award on the basis of his one-hit pitching against Colorado last weekend.

In his stint against the Buffs, Bonistall retired the last 19 men to face him in the seven-inning contest. Only one man reached first, and that was on a first inning single.

Bonistall's victory started the ball rolling for two other Husker moundsmen in the three game series. Ron Havkost and Keith Sieck followed suit with shutouts as Nebraska beat the Buffs, 2-0, 2-0 and 1-0.

Thus far this season, Ernie has been used mainly in relief and was many times the unsung hero of early Husker victories.

Ball Went Right

Commenting on his showing against Colorado, Bonistall said, "I've been a little wild in the early part of the season, but the ball went where I wanted it to against Colorado."

Hailing from Williams-ville, N.Y., Bonistall began his baseball days by playing Little League, Pony League and American Legion ball.

In high school, he was All-Western New York in football, basketball and baseball. No All-State awards are given.

In that part of the country, according to Bonistall, "there is much more emphasis on baseball whereas in Nebraska the main spring sport seems to be track."

Offered 39 scholarships, Bonistall came to Nebraska "because it is very good academically," on a football scholarship under the Bill Jennings regime.

During his freshman year he undertook the strenuous endeavor of going out for three sports—football, basketball and baseball.

Playing quarterback, Bonistall was red-shirted in his sophomore year and in the spring he decided to devote his attention to baseball.

And the personable righthander has continued his devotion since.

Overall Team Showing

Concerning the Husker's overall record of 13-10, Bonistall said, "There have only been a couple of games in which we were out of the running. Otherwise, we've been in every ball game."

"Missouri has a real fine team with hard hitting and good pitching and should do well in the College World Series," Bonistall said of the league-leading Tigers, presuming they will win the loop pennant. "The Big Eight is one of the finest baseball conferences in the country," Ernie added.

On Nebraska athletics Bonistall feels that the attitude of the Husker athletes has become more optimistic since he was a freshman. He also believes that the awarding of more baseball scholarships would strengthen Coach Tony Sharpe's teams considerably.

Bonistall, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, is in business administration specializing in personnel administration.

Purcell and Prokop Are First Nominees For Athlete Awards

Two athletes, Don Purcell and Bob Prokop, are the initial nominees for this year's Daily Nebraskan Outstanding Varsity and Outstanding Intramural Athlete of the Year, respectively.

The deadline for nominations is Sunday, May 20 at 12 noon. The winners will be announced in the final issue, May 25, and will be honored at a luncheon in the Student Union on that day.

The letter nominating Purcell, a varsity football and baseball player, for the Outstanding Varsity award said, "Purcell, a senior from Omaha, has been an outstanding football and baseball player for Nebraska during his undergraduate years."

"Elected tri-captain of the football team in his senior year, Purcell climaxed three brilliant years at left end of the Cornhusker varsity. In merit of his fine play he was the recipient of the Tom Novak Trophy as the Most Valuable Senior Football Player, which was awarded to him on All Sports Day, May 12, 1962."

All Big Eight

"Purcell was selected on the All Big Eight team in his junior year and on the second team in his sophomore and senior years."

"Feared by opposing squads, Purcell was on the Oklahoma and Iowa State All-Opponent teams and was cited as the Outstanding Opponent Lineman by the members of the Iowa State squad in his junior year."

"A member of Phi Delta Theta, he was recognized by the national fraternity by being selected on the All-Phi first team in his junior and sophomore years and on the All-Phi second team in his senior year."

Conor Award

"He was also honored by receiving the KLIN Ted Connor Award for Outstanding Lineman in his junior year, the Optimist Club Award for Outstanding Lineman in his senior year, and the Fred Lorenz Trophy for Outstanding Lineman in his senior year."

"On the baseball diamond, Don was used mainly as a catcher, but saw action as a pitcher in his sophomore year."

"Around the campus, as well as at the football stadium or baseball diamond, Don has made his mark. He was a Prince Kosmet finalist in his senior year and a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa and "N" Club," the letter continues.

Prokop is the first to be nominated for the Outstanding Intramural Athlete Award.

"Porky," as he is commonly called, has been nominated for this award two previous times and his intramural specialties include all sports.

He has been a member of the Daily Nebraskan All-Intramural basketball team for seven consecutive years. As player-coach, he led Kappa

Sigma football team, catcher for the softball team, a member of an all-fraternity championship volleyball team, (1961), a finalist in his flight of horseshoes, a competitor in badminton and a participant in other minor sports.

Last Year

"Since Prokop will retire from intramural activities this year (he is graduating in August), I feel that we should truthfully and sincerely honor this great intramural player by selecting him as Outstanding Intramural Athlete of the Year—an honor that he deserves for his contribution to the University IM program."

The letter further states, "If the Daily Nebraskan again selects some horseshoe champion or billiard buff as the Intramural Athlete of the Year, they will have made a complete mockery of their award. For two years now, they have passed over the most feared intramural athlete and you can name the sport, he played them all—this campus has seen in the last decade. They have passed over him in favor of men so insignificant that the term 'lesser lights' is hardly apt."

Prokop, 6-7 ex-Husker varsity basketball team member, is also well known on campus as "The Old Pro," author of "The Old Pro" sports column.

Nominations

The nominations may be made by any student or faculty member and should include a letter stating the athlete's qualifications for receiving the award.

Nomination letters should be signed by the person making the nomination and will become the property of the Nebraskan.

Any or all parts of the letters may be reprinted by the Daily Nebraskan.

Eight Gymnasts Will Attend NU

Gymnastics Coach Jake Geier has announced that eight of the top high school gymnastics participants have stated that they will attend Nebraska next fall.

Kenneth Hood, the all-around champion in the last high school gymnastics championships, is the cream of this year's high school crop and definitely plans to attend Nebraska next fall, according to Geier. Hood will graduate from Lincoln Northeast this spring.

Gerald Belschner, Lincoln Southeast, second in the side-horse and Richard Bergan, Omaha Central, third in the all-around competition, have both announced that they will attend Nebraska in the fall.

Other place winners in gymnastics who will enroll at Nebraska include Mickey Johnson, Lincoln High; Bob Ottman, Grand Island; Allen Armstrong, Lincoln High; William Carne, Omaha Benson and George Rozmarin, Lincoln Southeast.



BONISTALL—Nebraskan Star of Week.

SPORTS SLATE

Today

No events scheduled

Friday

BASEBALL—Nebraska vs. Kansas State (2) at Manhattan.

GOLF—Big Eight Meet at Columbia.

TRACK—Big Eight Meet at Lawrence.

TENNIS—Big Eight Meet at Lawrence.

Saturday

BASEBALL—Nebraska vs. Kansas State at Manhattan.

GOLF—Big Eight Meet at Columbia.

TRACK—Big Eight Meet at Lawrence.

TENNIS—Big Eight Meet at Lawrence.

Bush Expects Three Preppers

Three Nebraska prep athletics have announced plans of enrollment at the University next fall.

Bill Marshall, all-state cage choice from Grand Island, is planning to come to Nebraska, said basketball coach Jerry Bush. Marshall is 6-3½, weighs 212 and is in the upper third of his class scholastically.

Steve Carsten, of Avoca, is 6-5 and also a member of the national Honor Society, plans to enroll here, Bush said.

And John McPherson, who at 6-1 ranks as Ralston's top all-around athlete, concludes Bush's list.

Huge Elected N Club President

Jim Huge was elected president of the N Club at the annual initiation banquet last night at the Lincoln Hotel.

Other officers who will head the varsity letterman's club for 1962-'63 under Huge include: Bill Thornton, vice-president; Ray Stevens, secretary-treasurer; Phil Swaim, public relations with Larry Tomlinson and Vern Bauers as sergeants of arms.

George Kelly will serve as

the N Club faculty adviser next year, succeeding Dick Klaas.

Forty-one athletes were initiated at the banquet:

Albers, Dennis; Amador, Jeff; Anderson, Terry; Brown, Robert; Callahan, Richard; Chapman, Gordon; Clardier, Dennis; Cook, Dave; Early, Kendall; Fowler, William; Fox, Ken; Henry, William; Johnson, Rader; Jones, Charles; Kiffin, Monte; Kirby, John; Kuhn, Robert; Levy, Charles; McIntire, John; Michka, Ron; Nansen, Neil; Nystrum, Thomas; Petach, Darryl; Pucik, Dennis; Roberts, Dave; Rood, Jed; Ross, Willie; Schuman, Thomas; Sadowski, Charles; Smith, Jay; Swihart, Steven; Tomlinson, Larry; Vincent, William; Voss, Lloyd; Wright, William.

Beran Awarded Hillman Grant

Richard Beran of Omaha Central has been awarded the Hillman gymnastic grant which provides him with \$100 a year for four years, announced Husker gymnastic coach Jake Geier.

Beran was third in the all-around competition in the last state high school meet.

Jim Howard, now a freshman at Nebraska, won the first Hillman award a year ago.

Nebraskan Applauds

The Corn Cobs have initiated eleven new men and have assigned them jobs for the coming year.

The initiates and their jobs are: Bill Ahlschwede, Dave Griffin, and Larry Ross, Homecoming committee; Roger Stork and Tom Kotouc, Rallies and Shows committee; Dick Weill and Bob Mahood, Flower Sales committee; Jim Conner, Card Section committee; Dave Smith and Jary Phillip, publicity committee; and Dave Zimmer, New Student Week committee.

The new officers of the Women's Residence Association were elected recently.

They are: president, Arnette Kratochvil, sophomore; vice-president, Doris Mueller, sophomore; secretary, Sandra Ahlman, sophomore; treasurer, Evanne Agena, freshman; activities chairman, Vivian High, sophomore; social, Jane Yost, freshman; scholarship, La Donna Cowell, freshman; publicity, Linda Launer, freshman; intramural, Karen Ault, sophomore.

Aquaquettes, women's synchronized swimming club, has elected officers for the coming semester.

Sue Elliott will serve as president of the organization. Other officers are Linda Larsen, vice president; Mary Alice Crabill, secretary; Sue Erickson, treasurer; Barbara Edwards, publicity chairman.



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