

—Outstanding Varsity Athlete—

First Award Nod Goes To Wrestling Champion

Undefeated Dual Record Cited

Mike Nissen, senior wrestler from Mason City, Ia., is the first varsity athlete to be nominated for the Daily Nebraskan "Outstanding Athlete" award.

Evidence cited for the award is Nissen's undefeated dual record in three years of varsity competition and his two-year stint on the All-American wrestling team.

The letter also states that Nissen did much to bolster team spirit and he also captained the wrestling team this year.

"I would like to nominate Mike Nissen, Nebraska's National Champion wrestler, for the Daily Nebraskan's Athlete of the Year Award.

"I believe Mike Nissen embodies the qualities of the superior athlete. Both in achievement and in sportsmanship Nissen has demonstrated his qualification for this honor.

"The records that Mike has left in the Husker record books are both well-known and impressive. These marks are more outstanding when it is considered that he competed in the Big Eight Conference, always regarded as the center of the nation's wrestling talent.

"In three years of varsity competition Nissen was undefeated; his few losses came in tournament competi-



HUSKER CHAMPION—Mike Nissen is the first NU athlete nominated for the Daily Nebraskan's Athlete of the Year Award. Nissen capped his Husker wrestling career this spring by gaining the NCAA 123-pound championship.

tion; Nissen made the National All-American wrestling team two years in a row; and this year he was the 123-pound champion at the National NCAA Tournament.

"Mike was Nebraska's team captain and by the team's own admission, the "spirit" of the squad. Despite a young squad and a disappointing season, Mike was always giving encouragement.

"Nissen hails from Mason City, Ia., where he was a high school state champion also.

"His national title was the result of a good portion of the desire Mike has. Nissen went into the finals an underdog against Mike Johnson of

Pittsburgh. Johnson had previously defeated Nissen's season nemesis Mark McCracken who de-

Sharpe Article Appears in National Publication

The current issue of Coach and Athlete, national publication for coaches, players, trainers and officials, contains an article by University baseball coach Tony Sharpe. Sharpe writes on the topic, "Defense Against the Sacrifice Bunt."

ditioned Nissen in the Big Eight finals, 6 to 4.

"Nissen pushed the Pittsburgh ace to a 6 to 6 draw in regular time and then pinned him in overtime.

Nissen's championship was the first individual title that a Nebraska University athlete has received on a national level other than track. "Mike Nissen's performance as a Husker athlete should gain him the distinction of the Athlete of the Year."

IM Softball Nears Finish; Playboys Defending Champ

BY LARRY ASMAN
All four fraternity flight winners have now been decided in intramural softball. Delta Tau Delta thumped Sigma Chi 10 to 6 Friday and 15 to 9 Monday to take the fraternity "A" championship. Powerful Farm House blasted Sigma Phi Epsilon 11 to 1 to take the "B" championship.

Ag Men defeated Beta Sigma Psi 8 to 3 for the "C" championship, while Cornhusker Co-op edged Acacia 11 to 10 for the "D" championship.

The "A" and "B" winners play today on the Northwest diamond, and the "C" and "D" winners square off on the Southeast diamond.

Play Boys, last year's defending all-university champions, play the Strike Outs for the independent championship. Play Boys beat the Dents 13 to 8 to reach the final game; the Strike Outs crushed Physics 24 to 9.

The Benton-Bessey winner plays Kiesselbach, 14 to 3 winner over Smith, for the Burr-Selleck championship.

The final fraternity game is Friday. The fraternity and Burr-Selleck champs play Monday, and that winner plays

the independent champion for the all-university softball championship on Wednesday, May 22.

Softball Results:
Play Boys 12, Dents 8
Strike Outs 24, Physics 9
Kiesselbach 14, Smith 3
Capital 19, MacLennan 8
Bessey 5, Selleck 4
Delta Tau Delta 10, Sigma Chi 6
Delta Tau Delta 15, Sigma Chi 9
Benton 1, Capital 17
Sigma Phi Epsilon 8, Theta Xi 6
Cornhusker 11, Sigma Alpha Mu 4
Acacia 12, Pioneer 6
Ag Men 8, Beta Sigma Psi 3
Farm House 11, Sigma Phi Epsilon 1
Cornhusker 11, Acacia 10
Today's Schedule:
NW Delta Tau Delta vs. Farm House
SE Ag Men vs. Cornhusker Co-op

NU Netters Slam By N-Dakota

The Cornhusker net squad won its third straight match yesterday afternoon in preparation for its Big Eight title fight this weekend at Manhattan, Kan.

The Huskers whitewashed North Dakota in a match on the University courts, 7-0.

Last weekend the Huskers defeated the Creighton University tennis team at Omaha, 6-1.

Dick Gibson and Dave Wohlfarth continued to lead the Husker team, each winning his singles match and then teaming together for a successful doubles match. The pair had teamed together last Friday at Omaha and produced the same wins.

The next match for the Cornhuskers will be this weekend at Kansas State where they will vie for the Big Eight title. Last year the Huskers placed fifth. Defending champion is Oklahoma State and runnerup is Colorado.



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Outstanding Athlete Nominations

Nominations for the Daily Nebraskan "Outstanding Varsity Athlete" and the "Outstanding Intramural Athlete" are still open to date. The deadline for the nominations is 5 p.m. Monday, May 20, which means there are five more days to get your nominations in.

Nominations have been opened for a week but so far only one nomination has been received for either award.

Nominations may be made by either students or faculty members and should be signed by the person making the nomination. Nominating letters should include a letter stating the athlete's qualifications for the award.

The winners will be announced in the final issue of the Nebraskan and awards will be presented at a luncheon in the Student Union on that day.

'N' Club Initiation Set For Thursday

'N'-Club held its informal initiation Sunday afternoon with all new letter winners and 'N'-Club members participating. Formal initiation will be held tomorrow night at 6:20 p.m. at the Lincoln Hotel in conjunction with its annual banquet.

The formal initiation and banquet will be followed by a business meeting and election of next year's officers. All 'N'-Club members are urged to attend.

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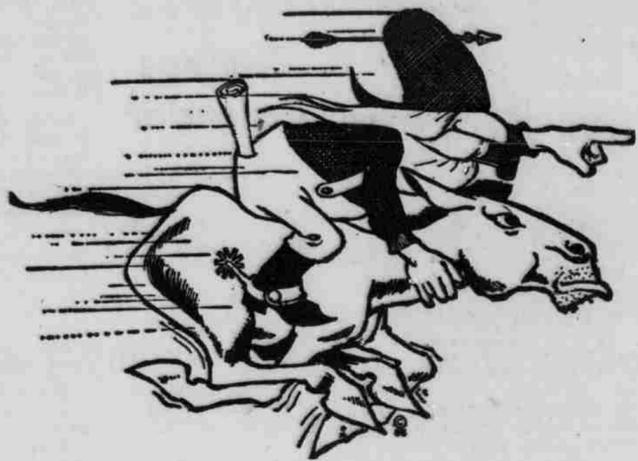
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