

Basketball Letters Awarded To Eight

Eight Nebraska basketball players have been awarded varsity letters for the 1964-65 season.

The only two that won't return next year are Joel Kortus and Jerry Spears, a pair of 6-5 forwards who will graduate this spring.

Four of the group will be only juniors, including Fred Hare, the team scoring and rebounding leader; Nate Branch, third in scoring; Willie Campbell, who improved late in the year to earn a starting position and Brice Pearson, who missed

some of the late season with an ankle injury.

The other two are Grant Simmons, 6-3 guard who came in second in team scoring and was 11th in the Big Eight scoring race. Coley Webb, 6-5 forward-center, was the No. 2 man in rebounds with 158.

Jim Sullivan was awarded a manager's letter.

The Cornhuskers finished with a 10-15 record for the season and ended in a tie for sixth place in the Big Eight Conference with a 5-9 record.

"Cip" Will Speak

Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano will be one of the featured speakers at the

NCAA Coaching Clinic, sponsored by the National Association of Basketball Coaches in conjunction with the NCAA Basketball Tournament in Portland, Ore., Mar. 18-19-20

During his tenure at Nebraska, Cipriano has compiled a 17-33 record to make his lifetime coaching record 60-68. He spent three years at Idaho before taking the NU job.

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NCAA Finals Begin

By James Pearse

Friday and Saturday nights, March 19-20, the 1964-65 collegiate basketball season culminates with the big show in Portland, Oregon.

Mythical national champion Michigan will be favored to capture the crown in this year's renewal of the NCAA tournament finals.

Not having lost since January 2, the Wolverines go into the final round by virtue of a string of last minute offensive heroics on the part of All-America Cazzie Russell.

Most notable of Russell's performances are two five point bursts in the dying seconds against Big Ten rivals Illinois and Indiana.

Princeton and Bill Bradley get their shot at Russell's Wolverines in the semi-final pairings Friday. Rhode scholar and recent recipient of the Grand Award of Sports in College Basketball, Bradley has carried his Tigers all season long.

No one has thus far been able to come up with a combination to stop the tenacious Cat short of his own infrequent mis-play. One such rare occasion kept Princeton from copping Michigan in New York's Holiday Festival as Bradley fouled out late in the contest.

It should be interesting to watch two such one-star-dominated ball clubs battle, but the Big Ten representative has a stronger supporting cast in the likes of Bill Buntin and Oliver Darden, and should pass by the Ivy leaguers enroute to Saturday's championship showdown.

Michigan's opposition on Saturday will most likely come from the West Coast Athletic Conference king, UCLA.

Little Gail Goodrich and his cohorts have too much run and gun in them for the Wichita's Wheatshockers newly adopted slow-down tactics.

The finale between Michigan and UCLA on Saturday will pit the country's two best teams in their respective styles of play; power and speed.

Champion Cowboys Pace Big Eight Academic Team



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Three Big Eight Conference basketball players who made the wire services all-Conference teams have also been named to the all-Big Eight academic first team, including one who was a second-team academic all-American last year.

The returnee from the national list is Oklahoma State's Gary Hassmann, a pre-medicine major with a straight "A" average for the second semester last year. He was a Rhodes Scholar finalist this year, forcing him out of two games when interviewing for

the honor and probably costing him the scoring leadership for the Cowboys.

The number two scorer for the Pokes the past two years, Hassmann finished with a 12.6 average for the season. The only one to outscore him, Jim King, is also a member of this year's all-academic team.

King, who had a 3.2 grade average last semester, is an education major. Named to both all-Conference wire service teams, he was the only player in the Big Eight to be

ranked in all four individual statistical categories for all games. He carried a 12.1 scoring average for fourteenth, a 10.6 rebounding mark for third, and led all shooters with a 53.7 field goal average and 82.0 free throw percentage.

Holding down the forward spot opposite King was Colorado's Chuck Gardner, one of the real surprise performers in the Big Eight this year. An all-Conference performer, Gardner came along fast after the start of the Conference season to finish fifth in scoring (16.4), fourth in rebounding (10.5), and third in field-goal accuracy (48.7 per cent). Gardner, a mathematics major, has a career grade average of 3.6.

With Hassmann at guard is Iowa State's Al Koch, often called the best driver in the Conference. Koch, a geology major, had a 3.2 average for the past winter quarter at Iowa State. Listed as the third best scorer during Conference games with a 17.9 average, Koch's fast start carried him into second on the all-games list.

Grabbing the top honorable mention spots were Mike Frink of Colorado, who has a 3.03 average in history for the last two semesters; Skip Iba, who had a 3.0 average last semester in pre-dentistry; and Jim Gough, reserve center from Kansas, who had a 2.27 on a 3.0 basis last semester in English and pre-medicine.

- THE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**
- F—Chuck Gardner, Colorado, 3.6 in mathematics
 - F—Jim King, Oklahoma State, 3.2 in education
 - C—Roy Smith, Kansas State, 3.57 in chemistry
 - G—Gary Hassmann, Oklahoma State, 4.0 in pre-medicine
 - G—Al Koch, Iowa State, 3.2 in geology
- Honorable mention: Mike Frink of Colorado, who has history; Skip Iba, Oklahoma State, 3.0 in history; and Jim Gough, Kansas, 2.27 (3.0 basis) in English and pre-medicine.

Nine Frosh Lauded

Nine Nebraska freshman have earned numerals for their basketball efforts during 1964-65.

They are: Tom Baack, Jim Damm, Dick Davidson, Les Krenk, Stuart Lantz, Gary Olson, Ron Simmons, Ernie Strasil and Russ Washer.

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