

'64-65 Cornhuskers Have Stellar Year

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This past year has seen some unforgettable moments in Nebraska sports. There have been some heartbreaks, some disappointments, some failures, but all in all, it has been a remarkable year for the Cornhusker sports fan.

The top thrill would have to be the participation in the Cotton Bowl against what was to be acclaimed the top college team in the country, the Arkansas Razorbacks under the tutorage of Frank Broyles. The trip to Dallas was well worth the chips, despite a last minute 10-7 defeat at the hands of the 'Hogs' as we (not so affectionately) came to think of them. Most loyal Cornhusker fans, both those who watched in Dallas and those who sat by their television set would be reluctant to admit that Arkansas had the better team. And surely no one will ever forget Harry Wilson's pass reception and run that almost broke the back of the hogs.

The Cornhuskers had come



Fred Duda in early game... His loss caused momentary gloom for Husker fans. But Fred will be back next fall.

a long way up to that New Year's Day 1965. From the Orange Bowl Championship Team in 1964 that had lost men like Bob Brown, Dennis Claridge, Rudy Johnson, Ron Michka, Dick Callahan, John Kirby, Willie Ross, and Lloyd Voss, Coach Bob Devaney had to rely upon untested sophomores and a quarterback who had seen some action—Fred Duda.

In the opening fiasco with South Dakota, Duda looked good, but all agreed that it was no test. All eyes turned



Coach Devaney... Masterminded successful football campaign.

toward Minnesota for the real truth about the 1964 football team. The game was televised nationally, and Nebraska fans watched, expecting the worst. Near the middle of the fourth quarter, they had their worst fears confirmed. A sound Minnesota team was well out in front of a gallant but seemingly undermanned Cornhusker squad.

Then it happened! Duda uncorked a perfect strike to little Frankie Solich who romped into the end zone. "Well!" perked up the fans sitting by their sets. "At least we've got a bunch that don't quit." And to their added amazement, Duda threw a pass to Kent McCloughan which ricocheted off a helmet and into his arms for the winning tally!

The next contest was against Iowa State. Nebraska fans were expecting the worst again. ISU was supposed to have a tough squad. Early in the game Duda rolled out on a keeper, was hit out of bounds, and... wait! He's down. It looks like his leg... Bob Churchich came in and did a fine job securing a tight 14-7 victory, but the Huskers were stunned with the loss of Duda for the season.

As they say, the rest is history. Nebraska whipped its next six foes, dropping a game to a fired-up Oklahoma, but earning that Cotton Bowl trip nonetheless. The Husker's

Larry Kramer became a consensus All American.

Second only to the football season in thrills was the magnificent upset of the nation's top basketball team, Michigan. The Huskers did it in storybook fashion, coming from twelve points down late in the contest to win it on sophomore Fred Hare's over-the-head shot at the gun.

The young, colorful and erratic Huskers provided many thrills en route to a 10-15 season and a tie for sixth place in the Big Eight Conference.

In the just completed track season, there was the fabulous Charlie Greene to thrill the fans with his bursts of speed. Greene became the second Cornhusker to win the coveted Schulte award for the outstanding participant in the Big Eight Conference meet. Lack of depth in the field events hampered the Thincad's efforts to win the Big Eight crown.

The baseball squad on a combination of fine defense and superb pitching has suddenly become a threat for the Big Eight Crown, but it will be this weekend before the fate is known.

So there it is, a capsule of a thousand sighs and a million cheers—a stellar year in Intercollegiate competition for the University of Nebraska. And another year is just three months from beginning. GO BIG RED!



The jubilant mob... Fans jam the Coliseum floor after fantastic last-second victory over top-ranked Michigan.

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Two Nominated For 'Outstanding'

More nominations have been received for outstanding intramural athlete. Bob Witte has been previously nominated. Bill Ginsburg writes:

"Jim Levy has been a superior intramural athlete. He quarterbacked the Sigma Alpha Mu football team to the semifinals, he was the top scorer and backbone of the basketball team. He is currently the leading hitter and sure fielding shortstop on our softball team.

"Jim was the captain of the Sammy Volleyball team, and has been chosen outstanding intramural athlete of Sigma Alpha Mu three of the last five years.

"Mr. Snook of the physical education department has called Levy 'one of the most natural all-around athletes I have ever seen.'"

"I feel Levy is deserving of the intramural award, as he is exemplary of the best in sportsmanship and athletics."

Jim Kubicek writes of Jerry Webb.

"I nominate Jerry Webb for intramural athlete of the Year. Jerry, in his two years of participation in intramurals has been a member of the Phi Kappa Psi softball team, the volleyball team, the swimming team in which he placed third in diving, the track team in which he won fourth place in the high jump. He has participated in handball, and was a member of the championship freethrow team.

"His most outstanding successes have been in the two major intramural sports, basketball and football. He was selected All-Intramural in basketball and plays end on the Phi Psi flag football team which is competing for the All University championship tonight.

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Pitching Is Key To Husker Success... Baseballers Can Win Big Eight Championship

By James Pearce
Sports Assistant

A college baseball campaign is short. Each game means as much as the next. There is no time to catch up to a mistake, or gain back a lost game.

When the league has three or four teams playing about the same consistency throughout the short season, the final week of play can make the difference between first place and a mere also-ran.

The Big Eight has such a race this year. Missouri, Iowa State, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State have all come through the condensed schedule with similar results, and each has a chance to represent the conference in the College World Series should things fall in the right direction over the weekend.

For Missouri to win the title again Iowa State would have to topple before them at Ames, or Nebraska and Oklahoma State crumble at Kansas and Colorado respectively.

If Missouri wins all three at Ames its all over. If they drop one and Nebraska falls Kansas three times the Husker flag will wave over the Big Eight as champion for the second time this year.

To win all the marbles on right, Oklahoma State and Iowa State will have to sweep their sets with Colorado and Missouri.

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SPORTS

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Various combinations of wins and losses among the four contenders can lead to a tangle of ties at the top.

What is the biggest fear a pennant hopeful faces in a situation like this coming week in Big Eight baseball?

Rain.

"If it rains out our games and someone else plays and wins we can lose out by not playing. We just want to play," says Nebraska's coach Tony Sharpe.

Sharpe views Kansas with a wary eye. He notes that the Jayhawks were considered the team to beat when the gun sounded and could come up with a combination of good pitching and hitting on the same occasion and knock off any contender.

The Nebraska mentor will go with the same pitching rotation that has carried the team to this point.

Stan Bahnsen leads the Husker hurlers with a 1.53 ERA to go along with his 48 strikeouts in 41 innings. His 5-1 sea-

son standard includes three shutout victories.

Bahnsen will be out to set the tone of the whole series when he takes the mound Friday afternoon for the front end of the doubleheader.

Bob Hergenrader and ever improving Gary Neibauer round the Huskers staff.

Senior catcher Larry Bornschagl, with a team leading average of .340, will be hoping to hang up his NU spikes with his best year under his belt and the added significance of the league title.

George Flock, also making his departing appearance for Nebraska, may be lost under the deluge of strong underclass pitching, but early in the year and in previous campaigns Flock has proven his worth to Sharpe's crew.

Nebraska's league leading defense is headed by a pair of infielders who show quickness and deft hands when challenging a chance. Joe Gaughan and Jim Smith, third and second baseman for NU, have steadily backed up Nebraska pitching in the past few games that have put Nebraska back into the pennant picture.

The Nebraska squad is aware of where they stand. Their practice sessions have silenced a bit with thoughts replacing boisterous jockeying. But the spirit of the team is high. All they want is the chance to play.

Little Frankie Solich typifies the squad's morale as they prepare for Kansas.

Tuesday while chasing a fly ball the mitey outfielder jumped at the fence, slid along its rough top for some feet and toppled out of the playing field. Wednesday he was back with slight indication that the bruises bothered him.

The team will work out for the last time in Lincoln on Thursday afternoon. Then they will eat and board a bus for Topeka, where they will spend the night.

At eleven on Friday morning the Huskers will begin to warm-up to the heat of the final week's action.

A swift two day windup to the whirlwind Big Eight dash promises to produce hot spots all around the league barring cooling rain.



Bahnsen... Pitcher holds key to Husker success in first game tomorrow at Kansas.

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