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Oklahoma State is having what is known as a "character building" year in basketball. And no coach is the country is as adept at building character than the Cowboys' Henry Iba.

That is the main reason why any team in the Big Eight would rather play Duke than an Iba team with a conference mark of one win and five losses.

No Scoring: No Stars

The Cowboy's single returning starter from last year championship team is notable only because his last name is the same as his coach's. Henry's nephew, Skip Iba, scores about as many points as a cheerleader (he got NONE in State's lone league win). But Skip knows his uncle's brand of basketball: a type of basketball where you don't have to score to win.

Oklahoma State doesn't have Walt Wesley, Don Smith, or even seven solid ball players. But this is the rule on an Iba squad, not the exception.

If the Cowboys have no scoring and no stars, why the fear of Gallagher Hall? Easy. What the Cowboys have is character built from Henry Iba's time tested system.

Lots of Character

You have to have character to play Iba's kind of basketball. The Oklahoma State Stomp - Iba's court version of the Tennessee Waltz - demands that a player have absolute control over his physical and mental faculties. Then turn that control over to the coach.

Iba practices ball control on the basketball court like Woody Hayes teaches it on the football field. The theory is simple, especially if you have a scoring punch that couldn't crush a paper cup. If you keep the ball, the other team can't score.

Loosely stated the Oklahoma State offense amounts to five-minutes-and-an-easy-lay-up.

Well executed against a finely drilled fast-break team (like Nebraska) the results are similar to pouring ten pounds of coarse gravel in the gear box of your sports car.

The Cowboy offense mesmerizes the oppositions defense with deliberate and intricate passing and weaving. They would just as soon win 20 to 15 as 90 to 80. That's Iba's idea of character.

Slow Death

Should Oklahoma State grab a lead of 19 to 16, they might sit on it the rest of the night. The only time the opposition sees the ball again is as it floats among the Cowboys.

Don't let Oklahoma State's record of 3 and 13 be misleading. The young Cowboys are only now beginning to acquire the Iba character. Before the season is out, they will surprise a few contenders.

Be careful Saturday night, Nebraska. Don't get caught in one of Henry's slumber parties. He'll slow you to death.



Charles Schober... Unbeaten Oklahoma sophomore.

Minor Sports Highlight Week End On Campus

By Bob Flasnick
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A heavy slate of minor sports is on tap for the University of Nebraska this weekend.

Some of the best fireworks could come in the indoor track meet between NU and Oklahoma.

No Curve In Ball

The U.S., Canada—and also Japan—face the inevitability of recognizing that tens of thousands of alerted science-teachers no longer can be deceived by textbooks perverting physics to seemingly prove that a baseball can be pitched to curve.

The "curve" ball is, in reality, a combination of complex factors involving the gravitational curve, and a fabulously-exploited optical illusion.

Being a mere fantasy of vision—it is non-existent physically—it, consequently, has increasingly-explosive potentialities when foisted on alerted teachers and students as genuine. (Demonstrations by justly angry students are likely.)

The Sooners' sophomore Ron Tull has high-jumped 6-10 1/2 already this year and hopes to reach 7-3 by the end of the season. Tull reasons that if he keeps improving at his current rate he'll hit 7-8 before he graduates.

"I've got one freshman pole-vaulter who can't get that high," declared Oklahoma Associate Coach John Jacobs.

But there may be some hope left for Nebraskas Steve Krebs who recently reached 6-6 1/4. Tull says he likes to jump off anything except dirt and that's what he'll be launching himself from at Nebraska.

Oklahoma's crack sophomore Charles Schober and his swimming teammates will invade the NUColiseum pool Saturday at 3 p.m.

KUON-TV Channel 12 will carry live coverage of the Husker's encounter with the Missouri swimmers tonight at 8:30. A freshman meet will precede the varsity match at 6:30.

Coach Klaas' team will be strengthened by the return of Steve Sorenson and Keeffe Lodwig who have been ill.

Missouri will not be as impressive a foe as the Sooner swimmers. Missouri is a young team and is considered one of the weaker teams in the conference this year.

Oklahoma has captured the Big Eight championship every year since 1955 and is favored again this season.

A full slate of gymnastics is being offered this weekend. At 10:30 Saturday morning the NU Frosh meet the Iowa State freshmen. At 2 in the afternoon Iowa State, Oklahoma and Nebraska will compete in a triple duel.

Nebraska is currently holding a 3-2 record. Considering the pre-season outlook given by Coach Jake Geier, the record is quite respectable. Geier expected this to be a "re-building year."

Husker gymnasts, lead by Rich Berand and Allan Armstrong, have come up with victories over Ft. Hays, Kansas State and Wichita State. Losses came at the hands of Mankato and the University of Minnesota.

Nebraska's hard-pressed wrestlers will go after their Saturday afternoon at 1:30 against Indiana State College in the Coliseum.

Intramural Scoreboard

Farm House 59-Alpha Gamma Sig 50
Acacia 34-Pi Kappa Phi 29
Sig Alpha Mu 30-Pi Kappa Alpha 27
Pioneer 2-Theta Chi 0
Gooding 2-Avery 0
Smith 2-Seaton II 0
Abel VIII 51-Abel XI 44
Abel XII 2-Abel IX 0
Abel XIII 2-Abel X 0
Glenn 70-Governors 32

Pike 33-Patton 27
Custer 40-Kennedy 39
Rogers 42-Frost 33
Thoreau 78-Carson 26
Penn 43-Pershing 39
Civil Engineers 49-Pharmacy 41
Gamblers 49-Burners 43
Mistifis 39-Marauders 38
Navy 68-Air Force 20
Gunners 34-Hustlers 28
Unicorns 36-Aggies 29
Phi Kappa Psi 70-Theta Xi 49

Hustlers 22-Dent Molars 0
Phi Epsilon Kappa 2-Beavers 0
Phi Delta Theta 58-Alpha Tau Omega 36 (B)
Phi Kappa Psi 69-Theta Xi 37 (B)
Sigma Chi 46-Sigma Phi Epsilon 41 (B)
Beta Theta Pi 55-Kappa Sigma 45 (B)
Phi Gamma Delta 49-Triangle 25 (B)
Sigma Nu 44-Delta Tau Delta 38 (B)
Sigma Phi Epsilon 59-Delta Upsilon 32 (B)
Cornhusker 44-Pioneer 39 (B)

Beta Sigma Psi 70-Delta Sigma Phi 24 (B)
Ag Men 2-Delta Sigma Phi 0
Dents 64-Civil Eng. 36
Kappa Sigma 35-Sigma Chi

Epsilon 28 (C)
Delta Upsilon 37-Delta Tau Delta 33 (C)
Phi Kappa Psi 36-Alpha Tau Omega 35 (C)

Football Coach Speaks

Always on the lookout for good football talent, University of Nebraska aid George Kelly was in Omaha Wednesday to speak to the Near North Side YMCA noon Forum.

In the gathering were seven Omaha athletes being honored for their outstanding achievement. All seven still have open minds as to where they will attend college, it was reported.

Among the honored were Joe Orduna of Omaha Central, who says he will come to Nebraska next fall.

Others still undecided were Dave Green and Kirkland Wise of Tech, Stanley Standifer of North, Clarence Jones of Boys Town, and Carl Mobley of Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson.

With college football recruiting at its peak, Kelly scooted for Kansas immediately after the luncheon.

Kelly, Bob Devaney's defensive line coach, said he had his eyes on "one of the finest" halfback prospects "we've seen."

Big Eight Wrestling March 11

Ticket prices have been announced for the annual Big Eight Conference Wrestling Championships to be held in Ahearn Fieldhouse on Friday and Saturday, March 11-12.

The classic will start Friday night at 7:30 p.m., with two sessions slated for Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Prices for the Friday night and Saturday afternoon sessions are \$1 general admission and 50 cents for students through high school age. For the Saturday night finals, general admission prices are \$2, while student tickets are \$1.

Tickets will be on sale at the Ahearn Fieldhouse ticket windows one hour prior to the start of each session. There will be no reserved seats for any of the sessions.

ISU Toils

Clay Stapleton, Iowa State head football coach, announced that the Cyclones would open 1966 spring drills April 18.

Stapleton will hold five drills a week for one month. He has scheduled two spring games, as has been his custom. One will be played May 7 with the final game scheduled one week later.

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