

# goal dust . . .

By Jim Swartz

While Nebraska varsity cagers are flying high in the Big Eight and have climbed into the nation's top ten the freshman team isn't setting anybody's world on fire.

Disappointing? "Yes," reports freshman cage coach Glenn Potter, "but certainly not discouraging."

He noted that the yearlings 1-5 record this season could be better but "we don't recruit for a good frosh team, out what will help the varsity the following year."

### Adjust To Husker Style

Potter explained that many of the teams' problems can be attributed to "a period of adjustment."

With most of the players, we are breaking them into a new game system and they have to adjust to it."

He explained that the yearling athletes problems are compounded because he is playing some players out of position to give them experience.

"The main idea of our freshman program," Potter said, "is to acquaint the athlete with our style of ball and to give them game speed with the major emphasis on ball handling."

He explained that the Husker coaches recruit this year with an eye for taller boys, to fill in the front line. An example of this is the shortest full-ride scholarship winner stretches a healthy 6-2.

"What we recruit are good athletes that we can work into our plan," Potter said. "That is, with next year's varsity squad returning a nucleus of four starters, to keep our program developing we need three or four sophomores (this year's freshmen) to push the regulars for their starting positions."

### Competition The Aim

He continued, "Of course I would like to have the squad win, but I feel the same thing can be accomplished by competition with the varsity for starting berths."

Part of the yearlings shortcomings can be explained by the varsity's success—quickness and speed. The frosh found out the hard way that there is no substitute for this element of the Husker's game and dropped their first five decisions before winning last week with the help of two speedy Calitornians.

Robert Wagner, 6-2 converted guard from Erie, Penn., tabbed as a future Husker floor-leader by Potter, noted, "It's just not easy to loose."

The serious frosh leader added, "what makes it even harder is that all of the guys on the team have played on winning teams in high school and no one's used to losing."

Wagner continued, "The hardest part about losing has been to know that it's because we have been making the same mistakes week after week."

Wagner, who will trade in his tennis shoes for track shoes when basketball season is over (he broad jumped 23-feet in high), added a confident "things will get better when we start winning."

Don't give up yet frosh. Last year's yearlings finished with a 3-5 record and has given the ninth-ranked Huskers "blue chip" stars in Stuart Lantz and Tom Baack, backed by a strong reserve headed by Jim Damm.

## Students May Use Pool Only

Bob Muschewski, graduate assistant in student affairs, has asked the Daily Nebraskan to inform students of the following restrictions regarding use of the Coliseum on Sunday afternoons.

Although the Coliseum is open during the hours from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the only facility which students may use is the swimming pool.

Students wishing to play basketball should go to the P.E. Building. Other Coliseum facilities such as handball courts, weight lifting room, and ping-pong tables are not available on Sunday afternoons—at the present time.

Many students have used the swimming pool during the first two hours of the afternoon.

The last two hours — 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—have seen no more than 10 to 15 people in the pool at one time.

If students are not using the pool for fear it will be overcrowded, it might be beneficial for them to know that they can come during the above two hours and not have to worry about finding "Standing Room Only."

## Tickets Going Fast

While Big 8 indoor track and field meet tickets are going fast in Kansas City, they are still available in the Nebraska section through the University of Nebraska Ticket Office.

NU Ticket Director Jim Pittenger said he still has a number of good balcony and lodge tickets for the colorful conference show.

Preliminaries are held on Friday night, with a full program—including four freshman events and some high school events—on tap. Big 8 finals are Saturday, Feb. 26.

## Intramural Results

The Intramural basketball tournament will continue over the weekend. Games are being played on five courts in an effort to wrap up the tournament before the start of the state high school basketball championships March 10.

The schedule for the double elimination tournament is posted on the bulletin board of the intramural building.

Basketball schedule:  
Friday, February 18  
P.E. Building Court 1  
5:00 Sigma Alpha Epsilon C vs. Delta Upsilon A  
P.E. Building Court 2  
5:00 Phi Gamma Delta C vs. Sigma Nu C Sorority  
Wednesday, February 16  
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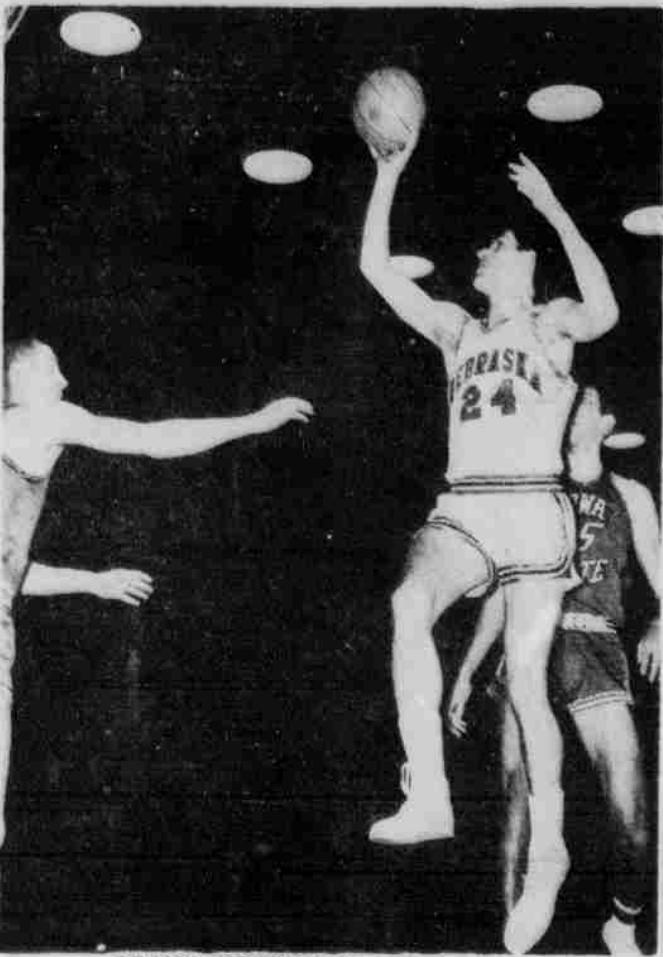
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## Cornhuskers Invade Tigers



GRANT SIMMONS lays in two . . .

With captain Grant Simmons leading the way, Nebraska's Cornhuskers will invade the Missouri Tiger's den Saturday night in quest of their ninth straight Big Eight conference win.

Nebraska goes to Missouri at full strength. Stuart Lantz, who had a slight injury at mid-week, will play.

Missouri has been the door mat of the league thus far, but Coach Cipriano warns: "They are the kind of team that can get hot. They have two fine shooters."  
Nebraska thrashed Missouri 82-60 in Lincoln back in January, but in Columbia

the Tiger's "garbage" style of play could cause the smooth running Huskers some problems.

The Huskers definitely aren't looking by Mizzou. "We play them one at a time," says Cipriano.

In other league games Saturday, Kansas will walk into Cowboy country to meet Oklahoma State. Red-hot Kansas State stays at home to take on the Buffs of Colorado, and in a second division tussle the Cyclones of Iowa State entertain the running Sooners of Oklahoma.

## Crook Runs Straight To Win

By Bruce Mason

There is an old proverbial saying: "He who runs a crooked mile does not succeed." This saying does not apply to the captain of Nebraska's Track Team, Dave Crook.

The lanky 6'2", 175 pound senior who spent his high school years at Bellevue recalls an event in the Drake Relays of 1963 as his most exciting moment in athletics. As the anchor man on the mile relay team he came from behind to snatch victory from the grasp of defeat.

Dave believes that attitude is the prime ingredient in the life of a quarter-miler. He added, "I've noticed, at least in my case, the need for self-confidence and the determination to perform to the utmost of my ability."

The wiry thinclad expressed the importance of competition by remarking, "The only way you can improve yourself is by competing against the best in your distance."

Dave prefers the outdoor track season over the indoor because of the additional freedom which the outdoor track offers. "Outdoors I have more freedom and I am not so cramped as when I run indoors. Also the element of chance predominates indoors, especially in the shorter races."

Crook noted that it is difficult indoors to estimate a person's performance by a comparative basis due to differences in the length and surfaces of the various indoor tracks. He added that the performances indoors are relative to the track more so than to the ability of the individual.

In running the 600 indoors, Dave commented that he usually paces himself for the first quarter mile before he initiates his move to overtake the leader.

"An important aspect of the 600 or quarter mile if you are racing against the clock is for

someone to set an early fast pace. Most runners are reluctant to set the pace and prefer to doggedly pursue the leader before making their move. I personally don't run for time but to win!"

Dave with four years of high school competition behind him asserted that the major difference between high school and collegiate track is the emphasis upon personal desire and personal effort on the part of the athlete at Nebraska.

"This emphasis is probably the best explanation for the high attrition rate for our track team. If you want to stay and work, you will; if you don't, no one will push you to remain. It is your decision. I believe that this system produces the maximum in effort and results from those who remain."

Training for Dave usually begins in September and consists of long distance running, and 10 to 15 220's daily.

"This," he stated, "is the important facet of your training for it builds up your stamina and endurance for the coming season. However, during the season the emphasis is upon shorter and faster races to improve your speed and quickness."

One of the pleasures track has bestowed upon him, Dave feels, is the exhilaration he experiences near the end of a close race when the whole stadium is on its feet shouting encouragement to him.

"It is a tremendous feeling knowing that all those people are behind you and giving you encouragement to win. You can't help but exert that last bit of extra effort needed to win," he concluded.

Dave, an English major in Teacher's College, plans to teach at the secondary level after graduation and then to return to apply for his Masters.

His immediate goal is to make the Olympic team and represent the United States. An idle dream? Not with Dave Crook it isn't.

Dave through his effort and desire has transformed his dreams into reality. For Dave Crook doesn't run a crooked mile.

## Seating Changed

Expansion of reserved seat areas in Nebraska's Coliseum has prompted a change in the official seating capacity figure. Ticket Director Jim Pittenger has announced.

"Our seating capacity is now 8,260 with 4,642 reserved," Jim said.

## Bridge Tourney Winners Named

Local winners of the National Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament held Sunday in the Nebraska Union have been announced.

High scorers for North-South hands were Russ Maik and Paul Ryan and for the East-West hands, Steven Prior and Tim Allan.

The scores of these players will be sent to the regional competition. The top scoring pairs in each of eight regions will win an expense paid trip to the face-to-face championships at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., May 6-8.

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## Bufs Worry Sevigne

If you asked Nebraska Track Coach Frank Sevigne "How's Chances This Week?" and he answered, "Slim and None," it wouldn't be surprising.

'Cause Sevigne is taking his indoor track team to Colorado and Frank notes past history may rob him of sleep this week.

"Sure, I'm worried," Frank grimaced. "We've won only one meet out there in 11 years, and we've had some pretty good teams go out to Boulder."

But Sevigne still plans to herd his troops on the bus and head for the Flatiron Country come Friday.

"Yeah, we" show up," Frank confided. "Actually, we've got a better chance to win the meet this year than we've had in almost any other year we've gone out there."

The Cornhuskers will boast some top notch Big 8 track stars in the Colorado dual.

Sprinter Charlie Greene, winner last week of the USTFF 60 in Madison Square Garden, already has equalled the world mark of :05.9. He'll be joined by sprint Lynn Headley, winner of the Federation 100 last spring.

Nebraska also features capt. Dave Crook, 600 winner at MSG with a school record time of 1:10.6, distance man Peter Scott, hurdler Ray Harvey, who equalled the NU Stadium mark of :06.8 in the low last week, and shotputter Jim Beltzer, who extended his NU record to 57-4½ as the Huskers socked Wyoming, 76-43; and high jumper Steve Krebs, who has logged an NU record 6-8.

The Nebraska travel roster:

Shot Put—Jim Beltzer, Jerry Patton, Dennis Hagin

Pole Vault—Ron Fecht

High Jump—Steve Krebs, Gary Neibauer

Broad Jump—Gary Neibauer, Dave Janky, Neil Knolle

60—Charlie Greene, Lynn Headley, Larry Liss

100—Peter Scott, Orlando Martinez

200—Ray Harvey, Lonnie Sherlock, Dave Kudron

400—Dave Crook, Jim Ryan

800—Dennis Walker, Ron Lee, John Houghton

1-Mile—Dennis Settles, Orlando Martinez

2-Mile—Ray Harvey, Lynn Headley, Dave Kudron

5-Mile—Peter Scott, Joe Scott

10-Mile—Les Hellbusch, Norval Jones

The Colorado dual will be the Huskers final tuneup for the Big 8 championships which take place in Kansas City on Feb. 25-26.

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