

# Daily Nebraskan Sports

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## Wrestlers Broken Into New Weight Divisions

Five individual champions return from last year's Big Eight Championships — Tadaaki Hatta (115), YoJiro Uetake (130), and Bill Harlow (177) from Oklahoma State, Bob Buzzard (137) from Iowa State, and Greg Ruth (167) from Oklahoma—but because of the new weight classifications in the middle of the ranks, 145, 152, 160, it will be hard to guess where the defenders will go this year.

Because of this new alignment of weights perhaps the best criterion for predicting the Big Eight wrestling champion this year might be to take a look at the mid-season individual rankings supplied by Amateur Wrestling News.

Seven of the mid-season all-Americans and 10 of the second and third team members come from the Big Eight. This is just over half the total honored by the publication, edited by Jess Hoke.

If this is used as a guide, Oklahoma State, winner of the last five Conference titles, leads, holding three first-team spots and four third-unit positions. All-Americans for the Pokes are YoJiro Uetake

(130), Fred Fozzard (177), and Bill Harlow (191). Third-team members are Tadaaki Hatta (115), Grady Sells (123), Gene Davis (137), and Mike Reding (152).

Both Iowa State and Oklahoma have two on the top list. The Cyclones, however, come up with two second-team spots and one third-team representative. The Sooners show one runner-up and two third-unit members. From Iowa State, Ernie Gillum (115) and Bob Buzzard (145) rank as leaders while Tom Peckham (177), defending national champion at that weight, and Don Buzzard (191), were picked on the second team. Vic Marucci (160) is on the third team.

Oklahoma's first-teamers are Bill Lam (160) and Greg Ruth (167). Both are undefeated for the year and Ruth is the defending 167 NCAA champion. The second-team spot went to Wayne Wells (152). Third-team places belong to Dickie Haxel (145) and Luke Sharpe (heavyweight).

Oklahoma State is after its sixth straight Big Eight wrestling championship this

year, but this is not the longest winning skein in the Conference's history for the sport. Oklahoma rolled to eight straight, beginning in 1950. Iowa State ended that string in 1958. In the 32 years of the wrestling championships, Oklahoma has won 16 of the team trophies, while Iowa State and Oklahoma State have six each. Kansas State has won three times and Nebraska once.

In winning last year, Oklahoma State scored 110 team points, more than ever before in Conference history. The Pokes, in 1964, also crossed the 100 point mark (103) for the only other time the Big Eight champion has hit the century level.

The split for the individual titles at the NCAA last year showed Iowa State with two (Veryl Long and Tom Peckham), Oklahoma State with three (Tadaaki Hatta, YoJiro Uetake, and Jack Brisco), and Oklahoma with one (Greg Ruth).

## Baack Sets Sophomore Record Nebraska Closes With 85-64 Win Best Season In Four Decades

By James Pearse

It promised to be anticlimactic, Nebraska was virtually out of the Big Eight race after their loss at Colorado, fans were coming in painfully slow at 7:00, and most students were favoring hour exams over one more look at this year's Husker press.

But then the PA announcer asked everyone to join in singing happy birthday to Grant Simmons, the band loosened up with some lively music, the pon-pon girls began to dance, and Nebraska basketballers put on an extra dunking exhibition.

By game time there was a kind of carnival atmosphere surrounding this last game of the 1965-66 Nebraska basketball season.

The three seniors (Al Reiners, Coley Webb, and Simmons) were introduced and the band again played some of that birthday song for the departing Husker captain.

The crowd, now nearly 5500, came alive. Oklahoma State started the game slowly and the Huskers did not break into the scoring until almost two and half minutes had elapsed.

The first basket was by Tom Baack. The sophomore could break the Nebraska sophomore scoring record with 25 points. The crowd picked this up and started pulling for the 6'5" Fort Wayne, Indiana youth.

The Huskers applied the press early and kept in on the entire night. After the slow start, Nebraska pulled out to a 15-7 lead at the 13:00 minute mark.

Simmons and Baack were supplying the fire power for the Huskers, while the press had the Cowboy machine fumbling for its guns.

Using all the seniors and most of the rest of his bench coach Joe Cipriano had his Huskers out in front 43-32 at the half.

Baack was halfway to his record as Grant Simmons was going out in great style as his fast hands continually nabbed stray Cowboy passes.

Fred Hare had some off the bench to bag eight points by intermission. And the press, no matter who was running



It took its toll as Oklahoma State had ten misques at the half of the Huskers five.

The 5500 were enjoying every minute of this finale to the greatest season in four decades of Husker basketball.

The crowd cheered its approval as the quick stepping pon-pon girls closed out their season with some half-time routines. And the floor act with the crowd making a race of their work and cheering for their favorite to

brush the boards just a little bit faster.

With radio announcers eating cotton candy and Oklahoma State players chatting with the ice cream man, I was back to basketball action.

The second half started slowly, as did the first. But when Baack hit the first Husker points of the second stanza with 16:36 to go the hulking old "barn" came alive with excitement.

During the next two minutes with the devastating press scattering the patterned Cowboys from here to stillwater, Nebraska put home 15 points and burst into a 58-36 advantage.

The relentless pace continued and the happy Husker followers were rising with the score.

As Baack neared the record the Huskers began to set him up. Simmons and Willie Campbell were hawking the ball from Iba's boys before the Cowboys even had a chance to handle it, getting it twice on the five second inbounds rule.

Hare and Jim Damm, Stuart Lantz and Reiners, Nate Branch and Webb, and little midget Ron Simmons all were chipping in points or pressure to the cause.

Climaxes to this climactic game began with the departure of Grant Simmons with 3:15 remaining. The Omaha senior, invaluable to the Huskers this season, left as the third leading scorer in Husker history (he had 22 on his final night) and left some mighty Big Converse All-Stars to be filled by next year's captain.

Then the other seniors, Reiners and Webb left. The crowd which had stood for

Simmons, rose to their feet again and roared their appreciation to the graduating Huskers.

Then, with the crowd still cheering continuously, Baack stepped dangerously close to Al Maxey's sophomore scoring record of 384 points in the 1958-59 season.

At 1:42 the lanky, unassuming young man from Indiana split the cords and tied the record, while sending the Huskers out in front 79-60.

Hare, who replaced Lantz, brought the ball up the court on the following series. At mid-court Hare waved Baack to the basket, took a couple dribbles and hit Baack with a pass.

The record breaking shot was no good, but Baack had been fouled. The leading free thrower in the Big Eight stepped to line, fired, and the ball rimmed away.

Would he get another chance?

With :47 seconds to go in the contest Baack again was fouled. You don't escape twice from free throw accuracy like Baack's.

As the 5500 stood and waited, the tired Baack sent home not just one, but two free throws and erased a Husker record.

With the score 82-62, Baack departed, 26 points to his credit. He was met by his fellow Huskers as he reached the bench, weary from his effort, but smiling.

And that's the kind of year it was. Slow at the start, increasing in momentum with each game until Nebraska burst onto the Big Eight scene at the conference tourney, going into the finals before falling to Kansas.

## College Skiing

From "Ski"

Everyone on campus from the fraternity sweetheart queen to the physics major has heard the "Happiness is" sayings.

SKI Magazine has now come along and defined what College Skiing is . . . for the educated skier and prospective ski buff.

In its current issue—which is devoted primarily to college skiing and includes an issue-within-an-issue by the Harvard Lampoon—SKI feels it has culled some of the best off-beat answers to the "College Skiing is . . ." question.

COLLEGE SKIING IS taking advantage of any situation, and keeping your good behavior for the bigger things, like civil rights.

COLLEGE SKIING IS the Ohio State freshman who took off for the winter quarter in order to become a folk singing ski bum; then took off the spring quarter to become a ski bum; then took off the summer quarter to become a bum.

COLLEGE SKIING IS the southern girl who had never seen snow before she took her first ski week; eloped with the ski school director and never again crossed the Mason-Dixon Line.

COLLEGE SKIING IS the girl who wears a pearl choker with her lowcut dresses to a formal dance to cover the tan line created by her turtleneck shirt.

COLLEGE SKIING IS "the look" from the knees down—the most expensive boots, skis and poles—while on top you wear a creative collection from the local army surplus store.

COLLEGE SKIING IS the IN sport, according to SKI Magazine. Give it a try—if you haven't already—since it's the swinging sport on the slopes and apres-ski.

## Intramural Basketball

By Bob Flax

Rogers won the Cather Hall championship Monday 40-39 in an overtime period.

Rogers had trailed throughout most of the game, but managed to knot the score at 36-36 at the fourth quarter came to a close.

Jerry Patton was out ahead in the scoring race as he collected 23 points for Rogers. Bill Parker got 10 for the winners.

Scoring leaders for Glenn were Whitey Mumm with 17 and Don Delaney with 9.

Rogers will meet Abel XII A to determine who will play in the All-University championship game.

Abel Subdues Seaton Abel XII A beat a roudy Seaton II team Wednesday night 54-46 in intramural basketball action.

Abel lead by only one point at the end of the first quarter and at halftime, but slowly widened their lead during the third and fourth quarters.

Bob Hedges and Tim Bolz lead the Abel Hall champions

in scoring with 16 and 15 points.

Seaton, who had two men ejected from the game, was lead in the scoring department by Ben Gregory with 16 and Harry Wilson with 12.

**Tournament Schedule**  
Wednesday, March 9  
P. E. Building Court 1  
5:00 Phi Kappa Psi B vs. Abel XII B (University B championship)  
7:00 Rogers vs Abel XII A  
8:00 Phi Kappa Psi A vs. (winner Dents, Misfits)

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