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Says Northwestern 'Wonderful Opportunity' ... Dye To Leave Nebraska?

By Ed Icenogle Sports Editor

Indications are that University of Nebraska athletic director Tippy Dye will be the next athletic director at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., according to Chicago newspapers.

Dye, who with the selection of Bob Devaney and Joe Cipriano as football and basketball coaches brought the University into national sports prominence, was scheduled to return to Lincoln Wednesday.

"I am going back to Lincoln to give it (the Northwestern offer) thought," Dye told the Daily Northwestern sports department. "I will try to make a decision in a few days."

The signs pointing towards Dye's acceptance of the position are the Big Ten, a reported raise and Dye's second visit within a week to Evanston.

If Dye elects to take the position it would mark his return to the Big Ten Conference in which he was a

standout as a college athlete.

Dye was All-Big 10 in football (as a quarterback) and baseball and an All-American in basketball for Ohio State (1937).

Dye had visited Northwestern once before within the last week and was reported by an official at the Northwestern campus to be touring the school Tuesday afternoon.

Dye spent the day with Dr. J. Roscoe Miller, the president of Northwestern.

There was also an indication that the salary offered Dye was considerably higher than the \$20,000 per year he is earning at Nebraska.

"This looks like a wonderful opportunity and a fine educational institution," he said to the Daily Northwestern reporter. He then said that he would make his decision within the next few days.

Professor T. Leroy Martin, the chairman of Northwestern's faculty athletic committee, said that Dye had been contacted about the position as early as the first of September, 1966.

"Both sides never really considered it seriously," Martin added.

There were possibly two other men seriously considered for the director's post after Stuart Holcomb vacated it.

Pete Elliot, head football coach at the University of Illinois was one of these. He dropped out of consideration when the Big Ten declared a number of Illini athletes ineligible to compete because of irregularities in the scholarship program.

Bob Bronzan, athletic director at San Jose State in California, was another man suggested.

Before coming to the University of Nebraska

over five years ago, Dye was athletic director at Wichita University for three years.

His coaching career included the Cincinnati Bengals football team (1937-38), three years at Brown University coaching basketball and football, and a year at Ohio State during which he

coached football, basketball and baseball.

From 1950-58 Dye was the basketball coach at Washington, where he won the Pacific Coast Conference basketball title twice and the northern division of the conference six times.

His 1943 Ohio State baseball team also won the Big 10 title.

If Dye does decide to go to Northwestern, it has been speculated that Husker football coach Bob Devaney would be a logical choice to assume the position in addition to his coaching job.



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Weeds Of Wisdom From Gras

By Terry Grasmick Assistant Sports Editor

No matter how one looks at it, the Big Eight basketball cards seem to be stacked more heavily against Nebraska than the other contenders — Kansas, Colorado and Kansas State.

But there still exists one trail the Huskers could forge out of the Big Eight frying pan and into the NCAA Regionals fire.

However, this expedition to the title would call for all of this to happen, unless Kansas fizzles out:

(1) A victory over nationally sixth-ranked Kansas in Lincoln;

(2) A victory over Colorado at Boulder; (Nebraska failed in this endeavor last year and lost a share of the title.)

(3) Another victory over Kansas in a playoff, most likely on a neutral court.

Many have an alternative to his situation which may be summed up like this: "Kansas is probably going to win it, but look, if NU can come in second we're eligible this year for a National Invitational Tournament (NIT) berth."

The calendar is against the Huskers. The Big Eight winner probably won't be decided until Saturday, March 11 when Nebraska plays Colorado and Kansas engages K-State in Lawrence. And if first place is already decided by then there will more than likely be a second place tie or a possibility of one.

NIT eliminations start March 13 and it is highly doubtful the NIT would be willing to wait till the last minute for the Big Eight results before scheduling their participants.

But, assume the NIT would wait till March 11. If games, the playoff factor would keep a Big Eight contestant from the NIT.

Whew! Anyway, let us conclude that the Cornhuskers may have to forget the NIT possibility.

Now the schedule. The whole Big Eight race centers around the March 4 afternoon, televised game between Nebraska and Kansas in Lincoln. By then Nebraska will probably have gotten by K-State and Missouri and it will be 9-2 in conference play, a game behind Kansas.

Kansas State, by its presumed loss to the Huskers in Lincoln, would be 7-4 and out of the title race. The fact that they would still have to play at tough Iowa State and Kansas virtually eliminates them from second place, too.

But Colorado should be at 8-3, faintly in the title picture and most certainly in the second place race. Colorado journeys to a probable loss at Kansas on the 6th, but if Nebraska had lost to Kansas, the Buffaloes could tie for second place by beating the Huskers in Boulder.

If Nebraska should beat Kansas and the two are tied going into the final day, Colorado would have a giant spoiler opportunity just like the one they took advantage of last year.

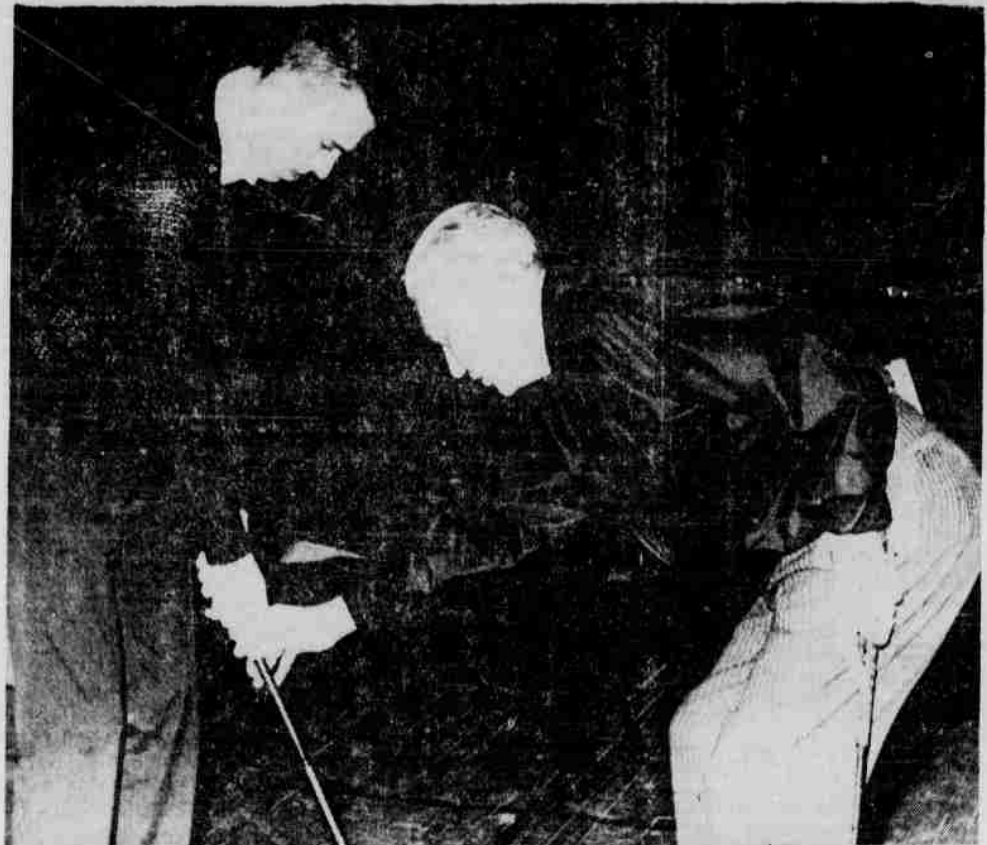
Faithful Husker fans feel the Coliseum atmosphere will bring the upset victory over Kansas. The question would then be whether Nebraska can win at Boulder and force the playoff. If the NIT situation develops (or rather disintegrates) as predicted, the Cornhuskers will have to win if they want to play again in the 66-67 season.

Beating Kansas in a playoff would depend on where the game were held and also a small miracle.

Usually when some wise guy starts assuming probabilities and predicting possibilities, the improbable and impossible happen. For instance, Missouri beats Nebraska, Colorado wins at Lawrence or Nebraska and Kansas tie! Oh, well, back to the drawing board.

Alcindor Judged Best Player

Lew Alcindor, the giant of college basketball, has been named the winner of the second Abe Saperstein Memorial Award, selected by the Chicago Press Club.



FORE! ... or five weeks more before the physical education department's golf class will move outside. Here varsity golf coach Harry Good instructs student Jim Wahe in the indoor part of the course. When weather permits the golfers will be outside.

'67 Intramural Swimming Meet In March, Has Two Divisions

The 1967 intramural swimming meet will be divided into two divisions: one division for men out for freshman or varsity swimming and are non-lettermen and the other for those not out for the sport.

The non-lettermen division will be separated in turn into fraternity, dormitory and independent competition.

Preliminaries are scheduled for March 6-8, 7:30 p.m., with finals March 13 at the same time.

Entries will be taken at the time of the preliminaries. Six finalists in each division will be determined on their times. Six fastest in

each division will be determined on their times and will go to the finals.

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