



BASKETBALL ANYONE . . . Basketball was the name of the game this past week, but it's hard to believe that it is not a "contact sport," i.e. like football, soccer, etc. Referee and players take steps to prevent a possible boxing match at the Oklahoma State game Monday (left picture). The scuffle that brought on the tense situation got started in the second half (middle picture). The playing got a little rowdy at the Kansas game Saturday afternoon, too (right picture).

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Charlie Will Run

Despite being hampered by a strained leg, Nebraska's sprint star Charlie Greene is shooting for his third straight NCAA indoor 60-yard dash title.

Greene and the Nebraska mile relay team will be in action Friday and Saturday at Detroit where the annual NCAA indoor unfolds. "My leg bothers me a little, but that's not important now," Greene said. "The main thing I want to do is win the NCAA for the third straight time and I'm going all out to get the job done whether the leg hurts or not."

Injury Responding
Coach Frank Sevigne said Greene's injury, suffered while winning the Big 8 indoor 60 in :06.0 (tying the record) last Saturday at Kansas City, is responding to treatment and that he should be ready to defend his title.

Mile Relay
Sevigne also tabbed his mile relay team for the NCAA following time trials this week. "We're going to shoot the works and go after that mile relay title," Sevigne said.

He tabbed this quartet for the Detroit trip: Dennis Walker, Les Hellbusch, Hugh McGovern and Cliff Forbes. Hellbusch and Walker ran on the great Husker mile relay team that won at Drake last year. McGovern and Forbes are sophomores who have had a fine winter.

At Boulder Saturday . . . Huskers Tuck NIT Bid Under Belt

The Nebraska basketball team, with a pleasingly premature invitation to the NIT in New York next week tucked under its belt, will face a gigantic challenge when they journey to Boulder Saturday.

The Huskers must win the televised afternoon contest with Colorado to prove that they are at least the second best team in the Big Eight conference as the NIT officials have indicated.

The Buffaloes gave Kansas a tough challenge in Lawrence, falling by seven, 66-59, while Nebraska was thrashed there, 84-58, early this year. Even more significant is Colorado's possession of a victory over Kansas in Boulder. Nebraska came close in Lincoln but still was on the short end of a 64-57 score.

University of Nebraska officials accepted the NIT invitation at 10:15 a. m. Wednesday following the receipt of a telegram invitation.

Husker coach Joe Cipriano made the announcement saying, "We have received an invitation to play in the National Invitational Tournament in New York, with our first game slated for Monday night."

The coach added, "All of our players and coaches

feel this is a wonderful opportunity to represent the University of Nebraska and the Big Eight Conference in one of the greatest athletic events in the nation. We will do our utmost to fulfill the responsibility that has been placed upon us by this honor."

This responsibility starts Saturday afternoon in Boulder. Cipriano pointed this out saying, "At the same time, we still have to play Colorado at Boulder on Saturday and this is the number one problem confronting us."

"We now have an added incentive to play our finest game of the year at Colorado and we are directing all our efforts toward that goal."

The Huskers will fly straight from the Colorado game to New York where they will play the Marshall-Villanova winner on Monday night.

In the tournament, although is Southern Illinois, the nation's top small college team and possessor of victories over national pow-

erhouses Texas Western and Louisville.

Other teams in the Hus-

kers division, include Marquette, Tulsa, Memphis State and Providence. The

championship game will be televised nationally Saturday afternoon, March 18.

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