

High-Flying Free-Lantzer 'Tricked' To Nebraska By Weather

Stuart Lantz is a high-flying Pennsylvanian with a lot of self-confidence and talent, but not obnoxious enough to be called a jock. In fact, the Husker basketball player has enough class about him to be called "probably the finest ever to wear the scarlet and cream for the University of Nebraska." Veteran sportscaster Bob Zenger has called him just that several times and Bob is no newcomer in the sports watching business.

Stu's main ambition for the near future is to play pro basketball, and he's also got enough class and talent (not especially in that order) to accomplish that goal.

"I want very much to play pro ball," Stu says, "I hope to get a chance."

He should get a chance, the way things are going for the NU junior. That is, after another year of drawing crowds to the NU coliseum, he should.

Late Collapse

Despite suffering through a nightmarishly frustrating late-season collapse with his teammates, Stu nevertheless took a big step toward that pro career in the Huskers' loss to Kansas.

Having been shut down twice before in appearances opposite Jayhawk phenomenon Jo Jo White, Stu came through with a game-leading 21 points, proving even as cold and efficient a machine as the Kansas defense could not unhinge him.

Stu doesn't have any illusions about that Kansas

team, by the way. "We might beat them if we played again in the coliseum, but anywhere else I think they would take us. I love playing a good team like they are, though; I love the pressure."

No Illusions

Stu also has no illusions about the infamous (or, if you are at home, famous) Big Eight home court advantage.

"When you're on the road, you have to get yourself jelled, but when you're at home, you got 7,000 people helping you, yelling your name."

Stu is used to winning ways a forgotten thing here at Nebraska until he and his cohorts brought pride and crowds back to the NU barn. He played on a high

school team back in Uniontown, Pa., (NU's real East Campus) which went 83-2 over his three years there. Incidentally, Stu jumped center on that team, but that was the only set play they had, just "free-lancing" their way to two state titles, as he puts it.

So he's no stranger to Joe Cipriano's throttle - open type of play. In fact, I guess

By George!

By George Kaufman

you could say he's still sort of free-lancing.

So how did a high-jumping, sharpshooting player like Stu get to the pride of the plains, Nebraska?

"I was tricked," says the 6-3 "jumping jack" (compliments of the Associated Press). "At the time I first visited this campus, the weather was really lovely;

it was May, and it was nice and warm and I loved it. It really tricked me."

Score one for Nebraska weather.

Stu also wants to set his image back as one of the good guys after his big tumble in the Oklahoma State square-off. When an unnamed Cowboy player got a little miffed at being beaten and boiled over, Stu saw fit to grab him from behind to avoid any bodies on the floor, which would slow down the fast break.

"I thought I was being a good Samaritan," says Stu, who makes a habit of helping at least one little old lady across a street each day, "and all of a sudden the ref comes up and says 'You two are out.' I guess maybe I shouldn't have lifted

him off the ground." (Stu insists its the first game ever he's been kicked out of).

Though he does always think good thoughts, Stu seems to have one pet peeve: the rumor (which everyone has heard at least thirty times and nodded to knowingly) stating that all jocks get special privileges in the classroom.

"That's the biggest lie I've ever heard," he says. "I wish it would happen to me, but it never does. Some people think it's easy (being an athlete and a student at the same time); that the pros give us a break. It's just not true."

It would be unfair to credit Nebraska weather entirely for Stu's stopover here, though; some of the credit

must go to his high school buddy and roommate Ben Gregory (Yes, the same one). And would you believe Ben played on all three basketball teams in Uniontown with Stu, and even earned a starting berth before Stu did.

Next Year

About next year? "The finish this year will have a lot to bear on next year's Big Eight race," predicts Stu. "Cause none of the big teams are losing many." (Kansas 1 starter, Nebraska 2, KSU and Colorado 3.) "Kansas will definitely be the team to beat again."

Go get 'em the last time around, Stu.

(P.S. — If we're adopting Southern California for the Centennial, can we have Lew Alcindor for a year?)



SIGHTS OF SOCCER . . . Tim Rickard plays the goalie spot in a Sunday scrimmage of the University Soccer Club. Left, he waits the attempted goal. Rickard jumps to meet the ball, middle, and falls after deflecting it.

NU Soccer Club's Utah Tour Scheduled To Start March 26

By Terry Grasmick
Assistant Sports Editor

The efforts of Tim Rickard will come to a climax March 26 when the University Soccer Club plays its first game.

Rickard, organizer, president and coach, of the squad, which has a 50 member club list, announced the team's first competition will come via a spring vacation tour in Utah.

The tour will consist of four or five games in five days against school and town teams in Utah.

"Very Lucky"

"We're very lucky in having Utah being so kind to us," Rickard said.

Rickard's team will be accommodated free by their various opponents during their tour. Utah has an enthusiastic statewide soccer program.

"We may be playing one game in the Utah State football stadium which is marked for soccer play after the football season," commented Rickard.

Fifteen boys will be making the trip west and is financially on his own. Rickard noted, "The University athletic department just isn't interested in soccer."

Foreign Students

The team is composed mainly of foreign students in whose countries soccer is prominent. Team stars are Steve Mwamba from Zambia, Memhet Unsai

from Turkey and Bodo Fritzden, starting goalie for Utah State the past three years.

Rickard also cited as promising two Americans who had never kicked a soccer ball competitively till the USC was formed last fall. Steve Ham is a Sidney, Nebr., native while Craig Neely is a California boy.

Rickard felt, "They are among our best players now because they've been training hard. Training for the USC involves team practice during the week."

Trip Preparation

This weekend, to prepare for their road trip, the team will practice Saturday and Sunday afternoon on the field one block west of Abel Hall. There will also be an

important meeting in the Student Union Monday night at 7:30 for those players going or interested in the Utah trip.

Rickard expects fifteen to make the car trip. "The fact that we have to finance ourselves has discouraged one or two of our more promising boys," explained Rickard. He also noted the fact that many students had planned to journey home for vacation.

\$25 Each

Besides the hospitality of the Utah soccer supporters, the trip will cost approximately \$25 per man, including insurance, traveling expenses, food, and uniforms. All this is besides the double-figure expense for soccer boots.

Away From Smith . . .

Sidle Pulls Scoring Upset

For the second straight year, an 11th hour spurt has taken the Big Eight Conference's individual scoring title away from an apparent winner.

This year, it was Oklahoma's Don Sidle, a junior, who pulled off the last-week double scoring 42 and 27 his last two times out to beat Iowa State's Don Smith by two points, 349 to 347, and become the first Oklahoman to win the league's point-producing championship since Paul Courty did it in 1948.

Last Year

It was last year that Colorado's Chuck Gardner overtook Kansas' Walter Wesley on the final night for the scoring title. Sidle not only duplicated Gardner's comeback routine, but he almost equaled the Colorado center's versatility record.

Sidle not only won the scoring battle, but he also finished first in field goal percentage with a 56 mark, hitting 118 of 211 of his tries, second in rebounding with an average of 10.6 per game, and seventh in free throw accuracy with a

mark over 74 per cent. Last year, Gardner was first in scoring, second in both re-

bounding and shooting, and fourth in free throw percentage.

CONFERENCE GAMES ONLY

	g	fg	fga	pt	ft	fta	reb	pf	tp	avg.
IOWA ST.	14	341	831	410	296	391	680	515	237	48.7
Opponents		397	904	428	200	281	712	483	276	69.6
KANSAS ST.	14	304	949	415	199	315	631	554	265	70.5
Opponents		347	785	442	234	339	690	481	245	66.3
OKLA. ST.	14	256	656	390	244	329	742	368	223	54.0
Opponents		328	733	448	226	305	740	431	250	63.0
COLORADO	14	349	700	499	222	337	659	429	216	65.7
Opponents		339	800	424	185	272	680	410	260	63.6
KANSAS	14	388	849	257	223	316	706	467	252	71.4
Opponents		294	796	369	225	331	680	442	238	58.1
MISSOURI	14	439	929	376	212	299	709	503	301	65.0
Opponents		397	897	442	268	398	673	602	340	75.9
NEBRASKA	14	434	937	463	222	302	735	484	272	77.9
Opponents		378	905	418	273	391	690	490	340	77.9
OKLAHOMA	14	400	882	454	266	354	751	480	251	76.1
Opponents		441	927	476	243	325	740	471	268	80.4

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Don Sidle, C, Oklahoma	14	118	211	113	152	349	24.9
Don Smith, F, Iowa State	14	120	256	107	155	347	24.8
Stuart Lantz, G, Nebraska	14	111	202	59	75	281	20.1
Ron Coleman, G, Missouri	14	106	252	61	73	277	19.8
Pat Frink, G, Colorado	14	98	201	67	95	263	18.8
Roger Bohnenstiehl, C, Kansas	13	85	163	48	60	218	16.8
Tom Baack, F, Nebraska	14	103	220	28	33	224	16.7
Nate Branch, F, Nebraska	14	94	199	47	65	215	15.4
Jo Jo White, G, Kansas	14	83	197	39	49	206	14.6
Willie Rogers, F, Oklahoma	14	79	181	42	59	290	14.3
Tom Johnson, C, Missouri	14	73	170	41	54	187	13.4
Ron Francis, F, Kansas	14	74	177	27	39	175	12.5
John McGonigle, G, Iowa State	14	71	170	32	44	174	12.4
Dennis Berkholtz, G, Kansas St.	13	60	128	28	39	148	12.2
Jim Johnson, F, Oklahoma	13	65	146	26	39	156	12.0
Earl Seyfert, F, Kansas State	14	68	135	29	56	165	11.8
Bob Bauers, F, Colorado							

Langdon Wins In Consolation Finals

Nebraska's Jerry Langdon won the consolation finals in the Big Eight wrestling championships in the 123-pound division to be the only Husker to win his final match.

The Huskers finished with 13 team points, or sixth of a seven-team field.

OU Champ

Oklahoma won the team championship with 79 points. Iowa State was second with 69 and Oklahoma was third with 66.

Big Upset

The big upset of the meet came when OU's 225-pound middle-guard, Granville Liggins outpointed previously unbeaten Ted Tuinstra of Iowa State. Tuinstra is a 285-pound heavyweight.

Consolation Finals

115 — Tom Pennington, OU, outpointed Richard Henshaw, OSU, 10-4.
123 — Jerry Langdon, Neb., outpointed Dale Nadam, OSU, 6-0.
130 — David McGuire, OU, outpointed Ben Thom, Neb., 5-0.
137 — Pete Nord, Colo., outpointed Sam Hays, Iowa State, 6-1.
145 — Sam Al-Karaghouli, OU, outpointed Danny Thomas, K-State, 5-0 (in overtime).
152 — Bill Brown, K-State, outpointed Larry McArthur, Colo., 6-0.
160 — Glen McNary, OU, outpointed Rick Thompson, Missouri, 7-0.
167 — Bob Drepenstedt, OU, outpointed Ben Harens, Neb., 5-0.
177 — Jim Dauchon, Iowa State, outpointed Bruce Landrey, OU, 5-4.
181 — Tony Kozmet, OU, pinned Dave Lammert, K-State, 5-17.
Hyvry — Danny Lankka, K-State, outpointed Scott Swanson, Neb., 6-4.

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120 — Jerry Stone, OSU, outpointed Rex Wicks, Iowa State, 6-5.
167 — Vic Maroney, Iowa State, outpointed Bud McDaniel, OU, 9-3.
177 — Fred Fuzzard, OSU, pinned Bob Justice, Colo., 4-4.
181 — Ed Howell, Colo., outpointed Don Buzzard, Iowa State, 6-2.
Hyvry — Granville Liggins, OU, outpointed Ted Tuinstra, Iowa State, 5-1.
Team totals: Oklahoma 79, Iowa State 69, Kansas State 66, Colorado 50, Kansas State 15, Nebraska 13, Missouri 11.

Missouri's Ron Coleman.

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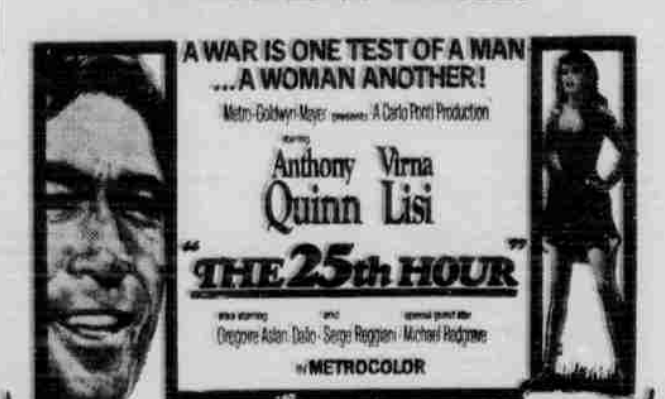
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