

Huddle Up

By Mike Nelson

The day is sunny. The trees are green. The temperature is right. It's Football Weather, USA!

And so the dorms, fraternities, and a few sororities (who shall remain nameless) pour out into the streets to play intramural football. Imagine now, if you can, a televised sandlot football game (not played on University fields of course, since there are none). Think . . . think . . . think . . .

Announcer: Welcome to the "Sandlot Game of the Week" brought to you by "Band-Aid" for cuts, bruises, and those painful teeth marks left in your neck by the Bursar after tuition time. What do you think of this beautiful day, Joe?"

Joe: It's a beautiful day, Bill.

Bill: Yes, you are right, Joe. It's a beautiful day for intramural football here at the beautiful Children's Zoo. Now let's switch you to Intramural Field number two at 2000 West O St. and Harry Jansen. Come in, Harry.

Harry: Hello, Bill. Here we are on West O Street, location of Intramural Field Number two. Just a few minutes ago we had four accidents: two independents were run down by a Mack Truck, while two passengers in a Volkswagen were injured when their small car was smashed by a Phi Delta Theta power play.

The team suffered one skinned knee and two black eyes, while the VW was flattened beyond recognition. The final injury was a stubbed toe, suffered by the coach of the "Pi Phi Power Plants" well known for their aggressive power plays.

Now we switch you to The University of Nebraska Athletic Department and F. J. Parks. Come in, F. J.

F. J.: We're here to interview NU's intramural director, Joe Meyer. Hi, Joe.

Joe: Hi there, TV fans. Hello there to you too, F. J. F. J.: Joe, what do you think of the new location for fall football?

Joe: For fall, what?

F. J.: Football? Oh, I follow the Dodgers.

F. J.: Football! What do you think of football?

Joe: (stroking his chin for effect). It's a fine game F. J. I think that Cipriano is doing a real fine job with those boys.

F. J.: Well, on to the next question . . .

Joe: Hi, mommy!

F. J.: I'm sorry Joe, you can't do that on television. Now what do you think of the new intramural fields on West "O" Street and at the Children's Zoo?

Joe: Although the locations are inconvenient, think of the beauty of those new parking lots! Imagine how ugly the mall was, all that crab grass and that type of thing.

F. J.: Well, Joe, do you have any future plans dealing with sports?

Joe: Yes F. J., in keeping with our program of beautification, we are planning to tear down "whats-its-name" stadium and build a replica of the Geography Building.

F. J.: Thank you, Joe.

Rifle Team Seeks 'N' Club Recognition

By CHARLES DAVIES
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Will the University varsity rifle team become a letter sport?

Manfred Wunderlich, rifle club president and team captain, is "hoping that the University makes the team a letter sport."

"We need University funds for traveling," he said, "because a sport must be a member of the N Club to obtain full financial backing from the University."

"All of the Big Eight schools participate in the rifling program so why not make it a member of the N Club?" he questioned.

He also added that 90 per cent of the nation's schools have a rifle program.

From 1939 until 1944, under the guidance of Colonel L. M. (Biff) Jones, shooting became a varsity sport.

In 1944, due to World War II gas rationing, the team was unable to compete outside Nebraska and, consequently, lost its eligibility requirement for the N Club.

The rifle team, though not a member of the "N" club, does conduct its own awards program. Freshmen who maintain a high average and participate in several shoulder-to-shoulder matches are awarded a medal at the season's end.

Sophomores are awarded a sweater, juniors a letter jacket and seniors a plaque.

The Varsity team consists of the top six shooters.

Sgt. Dooley serves as coach of the rifle team

while Major Willy serves as the advisor

"In competition, the team consists of 4 members who fire a match of 60 shots in 3 positions: prone, kneeling, and standing, in 100 minutes," Wunderlich said.

"First semester competition primarily includes dual meets, to gain experience," Wunderlich added. "A few matches correlate with football games with the shooting taking place in the morning."

Colorado will shoot here Oct. 21 and Iowa State Nov. 4.

Second semester includes more invitationals and the year's biggest meet, the Big Eight championship, the team captain said.

The Big Eight meet consists of a ten-man team instead of the usual four.

The Nebraska team finished 4th in the Big Eight meet last year following Oklahoma State, Kansas State, and Colorado.

"The team didn't have the depth like we do this year," he said. "We are expecting to do a lot better than last year's disappointing performance."

The rifle team was undefeated in dual matches for the 1966-67 season.

Two seniors and two juniors return from last year's squad, including 1967 Big Eight individual champion Allen Anderson, a Lexington junior.



CAGERS RECEIVE PENNANTS . . . after victory at Chilpancingo, Mexico.

Jet Set Basketball Team . . .

Cagers Play In Mexico

By Mark Gordon
Sports Editor

One way to beat the summer heat is to go swimming in a lagoon 30 miles outside Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico.

That's what Husker head basketball coach Joe Cipriano and his Nebraska team discovered while traveling on a month-long basketball tour of Mexico this July.

"It was a tremendous experience not only from the standpoint of basketball, but it gave them a chance to see how other people live and that's an education in itself," the Husker cage boss said of the 7,500 mile excursion.

"GAIN EXPERIENCE" Cipriano said the trip, presumably the first international tour a Nebraska basketball team has made, had three purposes.

"It gave us a chance to give some of our younger players opportunity to gain experience," Cipriano said, "and it gave us a chance to travel and do some recruiting."

The team, consisting of nine sophomores, two juniors and two seniors started slowly by dropping their first four games, but rebounded in winning in the final nine contests.

The tour began July 8 when the team flew to Mexico City and met the Mexican National Team in a three-game series that the Southerners swept.

"TOP DIVISION"

The two squads then swung south almost 700 miles to Tuxtla Gutierrez to face each other in a two-game set which the Huskers salvaged by winning the

final game.

Cipriano praised the Mexican team by saying "they could play in the Big Eight and finish in the top division."

Before meeting Nebraska, the Mexicans had finished fifth in the World's in Uruguay just a month before, and they eventually finished second in the Pan-American games basketball tournament in Winnipeg, Canada.

"MISSED HAMBURGERS" Nebraska then returned to Mexico City and swept five matches with various college and independent Mexico City quieted before moving on to Guadalajara where they won two games.

Nebraska won their first game from a college team in Chilpancingo, a town near Acapulco.

"We feel we improved along the way," Cipriano said, "and most of the teams we played had quickness, good ball handlers and good shooters."

"We had a lot of interesting experiences, but I think the players missed the hamburgers and milk shakes," he joked.

The 1966 Big Eight Coach of the Year said the team was pleased with the food except when they had eggs and soft drinks in some distant towns.

"We were well received and taken care of on the trip," he added.

ONLY 13 PLAYERS
Cipriano said the trip,

sponsored jointly by the Mexican Basketball Federation and the Nebraska athletic department, only allowed 13 players.

Besides Cipriano and his 10-year-old son Randy, Nebraska's new assistant cage coach Bill Harrell accompanied the team.

Cipriano said choosing the players for the trip wasn't a chore as "we only have 15 on the team, and one was in summer school and the other was in a ROTC camp."

The sophomores who went included Ken Cauble, Bob Gratopp, Tom Line Sam Martin, Ed McPherson, Ken Peden, Tom Scantlebury, Lee Torrrens and Dale Von Seggern.

Upperclassmen included juniors Roger Leitner and Bob Wagner and seniors Tom Baack and Stuart Lantz.

SIGHTSEEING TOO

The team didn't spend the entire period playing basketball—not with all the sights to see in Mexico.

In Mexico City, they attended the Jaiolai games, the bullfights, and toured the University of Mexico which has an enrollment of 85,000 students.

"I've seen bullfights before, but this one gave the bull a fighting chance," Cipriano added, "and there's no question that the campus is beautiful."

The team also attended an athletic club and shopped in a wholesale market in a residential section where the team purchased gifts and souvenirs.

"The NCAA has recently put in a rule that you can't take the kind of trip that we did more than once in four years," Cipriano said.

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Gregory To Oppose Former Teammate

Two long-time acquaintances will be renewed when Minnesota's Gophers invade Memorial Stadium Saturday to meet Nebraska's Cornhuskers.

Ben Gregory, Nebraska's hard-driving halfback and Ray Stephens, Minnesota's junior quarterback, both hail from Uniontown, Pa., where they played high school football under coach Leon Kaltenbach.

Gregory has not only followed Ray's career since high school, but he has also kept a close watch on Sandy Stephens, Ray's brother, who quarterbacked the Gophers into the Big Ten's winner circle in 1960 and a subsequent Rose Bowl appearance.

"STILL CORRESPOND" "I have followed him all the way since high school," Gregory said of Sandy, Minnesota's 1961 All-American quarterback, "and I still read about him all the time."

Gregory attended the same grade and high school with Ray, but was graduated one year ahead of the Minnesota quarterback.

Although the two former Uniontown prep stars who participated in basketball as well as football are almost 500 miles apart, they still correspond.

"I was up there to visit him last spring," Nebraska's co-captain explained, "but we really didn't talk too much about the game."

"GOOD FRIENDS" "We are good friends," he added, "but he might

think it's tough when we beat them Saturday."

"I always like to play against Big Ten teams, particularly Minnesota," the 5'11" 219 pound senior said.

He said that Nebraska used the first of two weeks of practice sessions preparing for Saturday's Lincoln opener working on executing plays.

"I think we slightly improved over last week," he said in explaining that the Huskers aren't planning to experiment with anything different against the Gophers.

Like Nebraska, which triumphed 17-7 over Washington's Huskies, Minnesota won their opening game—a close 13-12 decision over the University of Utah in Minneapolis Saturday.

BIG GOPHERS

"We have to have better execution of plays and keep quicker than they are," he said "if we're going to beat them."

The Huskers must gain a quickness jump on the Big Ten members because they won't enjoy the customary wide-spread Nebraska weight advantage.

The Gophers average approximately 237 pounds on the defensive line led by All-American candidate Bob Stein, a 6'3" 230 pound left end.

Left tackle Ron Kamsecki at 6'3", 244 pounds, middle guard Ed Duren, 250 pounds, and right tackle McKinley Boston, 245 pounds, beef up the Gophers front wall.

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Scrimmage Takes Toll In Injuries

Two more Huskers were added to the injury list as Nebraska ran through a full-scale scrimmage Saturday morning.

Strongside linebacker Harold Ahlmann, Barry Alvarez's back-up man suffered a knee injury and Bob Best, second string right cornerback, sustained an ankle injury in the workout.

Coach Bob Devaney isn't planning on taking any more chances with his injury-riddled crew that meets Minnesota Saturday in the Memorial Stadium opener.

"With our injury situation the way it is, there will be no more scrimmages," Devaney said.

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