

ReMarks . . .

By MARK GORDON
Sports Editor

Few are financially stable enough to afford to buy expensive boots, shirts, pants, nets, and other equipment and pay traveling expenses for two round trip journeys to Omaha, one to Wahoo and a round trip excursion to Des Moines, Iowa.

Yet the 11 members of the University Soccer Club who must provide all equipment needed to play a ten game schedule in the Midwest Soccer League.

It hardly seems fair that a group which is recognized as a club by the Nebraska Union isn't recognized by the University's athletic department.

Tim Rickard, club president, who has battled against so many dead ends in his struggle to get soccer going at Nebraska that he is surprised when a single day passes without some new problem occurring, has tried to get financial support.

NO LUCK

He has contacted the men's and women's physical education departments, the Nebraska Union and athletic director Bob Devaney with no luck.

He said the reason was that soccer is not a Big Eight sport since there is no league comprised of Big Eight schools.

Using the same analogy at another school, the University of Minnesota's hockey team isn't in the Big Ten hockey league because there isn't such a group, but Minnesota still provides complete support for the squad.

Rickard's team is not asking for 11 full athletic scholarships. The local president has estimated it would approximately \$350 for the team's expenses.

DESERVING

While we admit that with football the only sport finishing in the black, the athletic department doesn't have money to burn. But it appears to us that somewhere \$350 can be obtained to pay the expenses of one of the most dedicated teams on this or any campus.

When an entire team will pay for all its costs, travel by car to Omaha, Wahoo and 200 miles to Des Moines and even journey four or five miles just to play at a home field generously donated by the Lincoln Job Corps at the former Air Force Base, they deserve our congratulations.

This team represents the University in a six-team amateur league and it seems reasonable to assume the athletic department would get behind this sport and its dedicated players.

When the team opens its spring schedule, let's hope the University provides full financial support.

Nebraska's defensive middle guard Wayne Meylan, quarterback Frank Patrick and end Dennis Richnafsky, set 16 new Husker records this fall despite a team which at times looked shaky.

Patrick established seven peaks including a single game total offensive showing with 264 yards, season total offense with 1,427 yards, passes attempted in one game with 40, passes attempted in one season with 233, passes completed in one game with 22, yards passing in one game with 290 yards and passing in one season with 1,449.

Richnafsky set four pass-reception marks previously held by 1965 All-American Freeman White. He set records for his 14 pass receptions in one game, his 36 season grabs, his 67 career catches and his 145 single game passing yards.

FIVE MARKS

Meylan, who has been named to two All-American teams so far this fall, set five defensive standards.

The Huskers leading tackler led all-other Nebraska tacklers with 59 unassisted tackles in one season, most total tackles with 119 this season, most unassisted career tackles with 118, most assisted career tackles with 120 and most total career tackles with 238.

WHAT'S IT TAKE?

Southern California's running back O. J. Simpson must be wondering what it takes to win the Heisman Trophy that was awarded Tuesday to UCLA's outstanding quarterback Gary Beban.

Simpson raced for 1,415 yards and 11 touchdowns in 266 carries and gained 150 yards or more in seven of USC's 10 games.

Purdue's Leroy Keyes, who practically tore apart Big Ten enemy lines finished third as a quarterback won the nation's highest individual award for the fifth time in the past six years.

If basketball coaches pulled out a chunk of hair for each game they coached, Oklahoma State's veteran cage tutor Hank Iba would have been bald years ago.

Iba has been coaching the Cowboys 33 years.

Meylan Gains Second All-American Position

Nebraska's defensive middle guard Wayne Meylan was named linebacker on the American Football Coaches

Association All-American team.

This is the second All-American team for Meylan who was earlier chosen to the Look magazine All-American team.

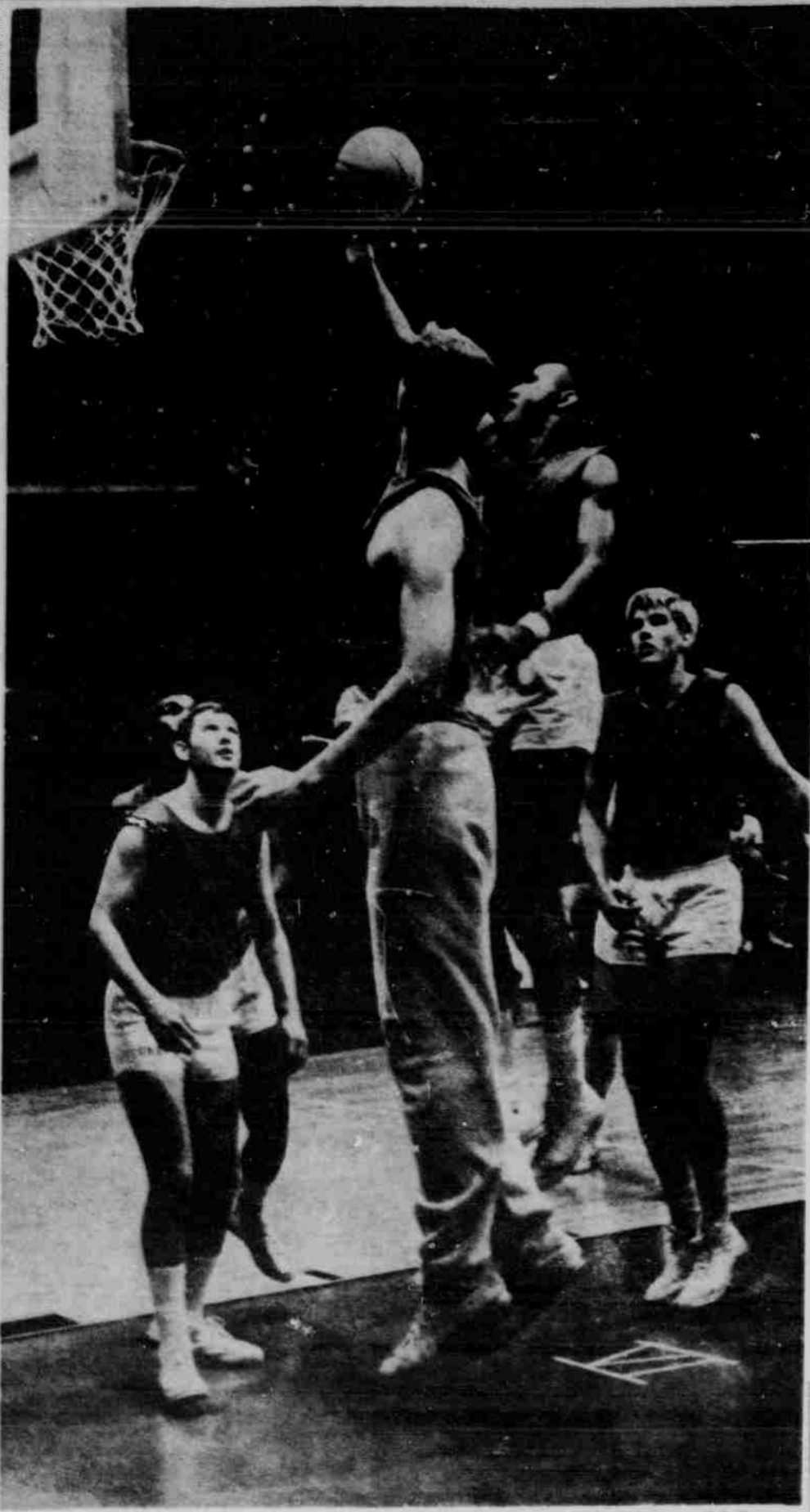
Oklahoma's Granville Liggins was chosen as middle guard for the team.

Basketball Tickets Still Available

Student and faculty-employee season basketball tickets will be honored at Friday's 7:30 p.m. Varsity-Freshman cage tilt, Jim Pittenger, athletic ticket manager, said this week.

Pittenger also reported that 548 of 4,000 available student season basketball tickets have been sold as of Tuesday afternoon.

The tickets, costing \$5.25, are on sale at the Coliseum ticket office until Dec. 8.



STUART LANTZ PUTS IT IN . . . as Husker basketballers prepare for Friday's Varsity-Fresh tilt.

Eight Lettermen Return To NU Gymnastics Team

By CHARLES DAVIES

"We basically have the same strength as last year," Jake Geier said of his Nebraska gymnastics team which compiled a 7-5 record in the 1966-67 season.

He said trampoline would be Nebraska's weakest event with only one capable man available, while the team strength lies in still rings, floor exercise, and long horse events.

The graduated seniors have been replaced by some capable sophomores although they lack experience he said.

The sophomores include Allan Cook on still rings and parallel bars, Kenneth Lamb on side horse, and Tom Reising on the trampoline.

"These boys will help quite a bit," Geier said.

Besides the sophomores, Geier has eight returning lettermen from last season's squad which finished fourth out of six teams in the Big Eight meet. (Oklahoma State and Missouri do not have gymnastic teams.)

Junior standouts Steve May and Malcolm Johnsen return from last year's squad. Both juniors participate in the all-around event.

"There will be a struggle

between May and Johnsen from the top spot," Geier said.

Two-year lettermen returning are Pat McGill on floor exercise and team captain Robert Santoro on floor exercise and long horse.

Other lettermen are juniors Burton Christopherson on side horse, Michael Hoskovec on all-around, George Sederavicius on long horse, and Thomas Traver on side horse.

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Injuries Slow Cagers, Season Approaching

By MARK GORDON

With the regular season less than five days away, Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano has seen a variety of ailments plague three of his top men.

6'1" senior letterman Fred Hare, who sat out last season with a knee injury, missed last week's practice sessions because of his mother's death.

Both Bob Gratopp, a 6'4" sophomore and Dale Von Seggern, a 6'7" sophomore, who have been vying for the starting center spot have sustained sprained ankles in the last week.

GRATOPP SORE

"Gratopp has been starting at the high post position and his ankle is still a little sore, while Von Seggern has been running at about three-quarters speed," Cipriano said this week.

Cipriano said Hare, who led the Huskers in scoring his sophomore season, "Was doing real well until last week, but it will take him a couple of weeks until he gets back in the swing of things."

Although Cipriano has been pleased with the practice sessions, he said jokingly, "It will be good to play against some new faces after six weeks."

Before meeting California State at the Coliseum at 7:35 p.m. Monday to kick off regular season play, Nebraska will meet its freshman counterparts at 7:30 p.m. Friday on the Coliseum court.

"We've worked on polishing up our offense and defense and with two scrimmages a week, we have

been getting into game situations," Nebraska's cage boss said.

Although Cipriano said the squad is in excellent physical condition, "it's now a matter of getting our timing down pat."

In an effort to improve upon last year's 10-4 Big Eight mark and a 16-9 overall finish, Cipriano has installed a half court press that "is just a pressure type defense at midcourt," he explained.

FORCES OPPONENTS

"It forces the opponents into a different type team and out of their offense," he said.

If the new Husker defense is effective, it will be month of the season, he added.

"We have a tough December schedule, he said in explaining Nebraska meets three teams which finished in either the top or runners-up spot a year ago in their conferences.

Washington State tied for second in the WAAU last year and they are a big strong team that averages 6'8" or 6'9" in the front line," he said.

TO HAWAII

The Huskers meet the westerners in a two game set in Pullman Dec. 8 and 9 that begins a western swing reaching Hawaii before the annual Big Eight pre-season tournament in Kansas City Dec. 27-30.

He said Michigan State, which tied for the Big Ten crown last season and Wyoming which won the Western Athletic Conference league title a year ago, would provide stiff opposition.

Nebraska meets the Michigan quintet at East

Lansing, where the Spartans were undefeated last year, Dec. 20 and faces Wyoming in Lincoln Dec. 23, hoping to avenge last season's 102-98 setback.

In December, Nebraska is slated for 10 games besides the four-day pre-season conference tourney before heading into league play Jan. 5 against Iowa State.

Jayhawks To Repeat As Champs

The Kansas Jayhawks should repeat as Big Eight champions with relative ease according to Sports Illustrated's annual basketball issue.

The Jayhawks, who captured the Big Eight title with a 13-1 record last year, "should have little to worry about until they hit the March midwest NCAA regionals," the publication predicted.

"They have worked on their shooting trajectory and Jo Jo White together with all of last year's starters except Ron Franz will be formidable to the opposition," the magazine said.

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