

# ReMarks . . .

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The 10,000 fans who attended the two Nebraska basketball games Monday and Tuesday night went primarily to see the Huskers play basketball.

But during the two halftime intermissions, they also saw two games between teams in midget leagues around Lincoln.

While we have nothing against lettering the smaller set invade the Coliseum court and have the thrill of playing before a good-sized crowd, we feel the area must be lacking talent when the only halftime performers available are a group of 10-year-old basketball players.

### VARIETY

Instead of wasting the 15 minutes with such spectacles, there are halftime programs from various other schools around the country that could be copied for the Coliseum crowd.

Why not let the gymnastics team perform, have a tumbling demonstration, wrestling demonstration, ping pong matches, or a dance act?

All of these programs would give some dedicated athletes a chance to perform in front of several thousand persons, which is something they seldom do.

It would also give the Nebraska spectators something to admire rather than what they can see looking around any basket in the Lincoln area.

### MINNESOTA BEST

Some of the best halftime programs which kept our interest were a gymnastics show and a weight lifting demonstration at the University of Minnesota a few years back during the half of a Gopher basketball game in the Twin Cities.

The Huskers don't return to Lincoln until Dec. 23 when they face the Wyoming Cowboys, but since most University students won't be in the Capital City over Christmas vacation, the next chance for most Husker backers will be Jan. 13 when Nebraska opens its Big Eight home schedule against Missouri.

Let's hope we won't have to sit through another watching of the grade schoolers play basketball at the Coliseum.

### BIG SWITCH

What did Wayne Meylan ever do to the United Press International representatives to make them bypass Nebraska's great middle guard?

After naming Meylan for the UPI's Big Eight Lineman of the Year award, the UPI pollsters picked Meylan on the second All-American team behind Oklahoma's Granville Liggins.

After placing Meylan on the second All-American squad, UPI Monday selected him as the nation's FIFTH best middle guard while naming Liggins as the UPI Lineman of the Year.

If Nebraska's number 66 can be named on the second All-American team, how can three other people suddenly jump ahead of him when the national linesman of the year awards are distributed.

Let's be fair—if Liggins can't even beat Wayne for the All-Big Eight title at middle guard, how can he be the nation's top lineman and Meylan fifth best.



Photo by Dan Ladely

NEBRASKA'S STUART LANTZ (22) . . . takes a jump shot during Tuesday's 94-61 victory over the South Dakota Coyotes while Mike Hyde (53) and Rod Foster (51) give him an over-the-shoulder look.

# Langdon Shooting For Win In Great Plains Tournament

Senior Nebraska wrestler Jerry Langdon will be shooting for an improvement on last year's third place in the Great Plains Tournament Friday and Saturday at Pershing Auditorium.

Langdon, a third place finisher in the Big Eight meet last year, will be moving up to 130-pound class from his usual 123 pound class to compete in the meet.

"It has been hard to get down to the 123 pound weight this year," Langdon said.

### DOWN TO 123?

The Sidney native said he will attempt to make the 123 pound weight class a couple of times during the season. "I plan to get down for sure for the Big

Eight competition." "I feel stronger at 130 pounds but the kids at 130 in the meet this weekend will be stronger too," he said.

Langdon said he doesn't know who would wrestle in the AAU meet but he thinks the competition would not be as tough as last year.

### FREE STYLE

The varsity grappler said a number of Husker wrestlers have a chance to place in the Great Plains Tournament.

"However, Ben Barends and Richard Kerr will not compete in this meet but another in Iowa," Langdon said.

"They do not want to compete in freestyle competition which will be go-

ing on at this meet," he said. These two will compete in the collegiate style in Iowa.

Langdon said the new assistant wrestling coach, Jerry Stanley, has been helping him a lot this year. Stanley is a former national champion from Oklahoma.

two time Big Eight champion," he said.

Langdon also plans on making his third trip to the NCAA meet Mar. 21-23. "I am going to give a big effort to place in the NCAA this year," he said. "There is no reason why I shouldn't."

The 130 pounder, who has had some tough luck in the NCAA in the past, said he was beaten by the second place finisher in his first trip and was defeated by the fourth place finisher last year.

### TOUGH AGAIN

Looking ahead, he said the Big Eight competition will again be tough this year. "The top two boys will be back including a

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# Soccer Club Suggests State College League

After finishing third in its first season in the Midwest Soccer League, the University Soccer Club is considering playing its spring schedule in a proposed Nebraska College League.

Tim Rickard, club president, said he will write letters and suggest forming a league among officials at John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo, Pershing College in Beatrice, York College at York and Creighton University in Omaha.

He cited the Midwest's 10 game spring schedule as contributing heavily to the club's decision to form a league of Nebraska college teams.

### TIME FACTOR

"We can only play eight weeks from the beginning of April until the exam period," he said. "and it's just not enough time to play 10 games."

"With competition among Nebraska colleges, we could perhaps develop local rivalries among the schools," Rickard said. The league would have a shorter schedule than the Midwest with teams representing schools geographically closer together, he said.

He added that a college league would give soccer a boost in this area and "that is one of our objectives."

Reflecting upon the team's third place finish, he cited the team's one all tie with Des Moines as the factor knocking the Lincolns from title competition.

### GOOD START

"We started off well indeed, but the tie was disappointing," he said.

After winning its first four contests, the club dropped a 4-1 decision to Des Moines and lead them until the final 30 seconds before the Iowans banged home a goal to deadlock the game at 1-1.

After the tie, the locals split the final four games,

dropping to third behind Des Moines and the Omaha Kickers.

### OUTPLAYED

"We held our own against competent opponents, but the Kickers really outplayed us," he said.

The Omaha school blasted the University 9-1 and 8-2 in a home and home series.

"The feeling was one of surprise that we lost so badly to the Kickers," he added.

Rickard said the team displayed much individual skill, but "the weakness was getting them to play as a team."

Rickard cited three players, Steve Mwamba, the team's leading scorer with 17 goals, Sumai Hasimoglu, the team's fourth top goal-getter and Greg Brown, a former all-state soccer standout from Rhode Island, for exceptionally fine performances.

Rickard said fullback Brown "did an excellent job and I think he is one of the boys who will improve a lot."

### FINAL FORFEIT

"And what more could we have asked from Steve," he said about the player who did an outstanding job hat tricks and one four-goal performance this season.

### FINAL MIDWEST SOCCER LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Des Moines	8	1	1
Omaha Kickers	8	0	2
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Seven of the 15 cagers listed on the varsity lineup are native Nebraskans, while Pennsylvania leads other states with three players.

California can claim two Huskers, while Indiana, Texas and Wyoming each are listed as hometowns by one Nebraskan.

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