ReMarks . . .

By MARK GORDON
Sports Editor

The Nebraska basketball squad will face a towering team Friday and Saturday that has even more height than the California State Titans who met the Huskers Monday night.

But the Washington State Cougars also possess another quality which the Titans woefully lacked—ability.

From all expectations, coach Marv Harshman has his finest team in 10 seasons at the Pullman school. The Cougars return all but one of the starters that compiled a 15-11 record while finishing second in the AAWU last season.

The Cougars opened Saturday night impressively with a 95-66 victory over Gonzaga.

6'8" AVERAGE

The Cougars' expected front line Friday night will average 6'8" with last season's District Eight All-American choice 6'9" Jim McKean leading the way.

Ted Wierman at 6'8" and either 6'7" Blaine Ellis or 6'6" Gary Elliot will join McKean in the front firing line that should provide the smaller Huskers a real opportunity to show if they can stop the big men.

While Nebraska has averaged 102.5 points in two inconclusive wins over outmanned California State (111-74) and the South Dakota Cyotes (94-61), it has been both hot and cold.

Against South Dakota, after hitting a mere 34 per cent of their attempts in the first half, the Huskers turned on the steam in the second stanza and finally hit 94 points.

MEMORIES OF LINCOLN

But it took them almost ten minutes to find the range against the Coyotes. If they wait that long at Pullman Friday and Saturday, they may find themselves hopelessly out of reach.

If Nebraska can keep pace with the westerners, we feel they will down the Cougars.

The Cougars lost two matches in Lincoln in 1966, a 100-75 drubbing and a close 80-78 contest and they undoubtedly will remember those two losses when they face the Huskers.

Whatever the results, by Sunday morning Husker fans will have a clearer idea of how coach Joe Ciprianо's boys can handle a taller team with ability.

ODE TO FOOTBALL

Ever wonder what sports fans from other countries feel about the great American game of football?

Cassian L. Aspinall, from British Honduras, who is at Nebraska under the Teacher Development Program, wrote this poem after watching his first football game when Nebraska edged Minnesota 7-0 at Memorial Stadium.

"This is a game of brain and bran
With stunts and "punts" of man and man
Every now and then one's down
Or performs a good "touchdown"
Then the crowd would jump and shout
Clap and cheer and prance about
Everyone seems gay-so gay
On an American football day.
Football is the national sport
And it surely strikes a note
At the stadium you can see
Thousands wrapped up in their glee
Looking with expectant eyes
On what is termed the Nation's prize
Comes a toss and then a pass
Followed by a loud broadcast
That's the way the game is played—
Not one moment is delayed.
Here's a block and there's a crack
As the players use their tact
While bands and clans take up the strain
To complete a thrilling game.
And this is a part of what I call
All in all— the American football.

POST-SEASON HUSKER ACTION

The Nebraska football team may not be going to any post-season bowl game, but four Husker players will see additional action.

Linebacker Barry Alvarez, defensive tackle Jim McCord and All-America (with or without UPI's vote) Wayne Meylan will participate in the Blue-Grey game at Montgomery, Ala. Dec. 30.

Alvarez and McCord will also play in the Senior Bowl clash at Mobile, Ala., Jan. 6 of next year, while Meylan has been selected to play in Honolulu, Hawaii's Hula Bowl on Jan. 6.

Halfback Ben Gregory has also been named to the Hula Bowl contest.

KANSAS STILL TOUGH

For those Husker followers who aren't planning to take off for Christmas vacation ten days early, we urge you to attend either the Nebraska gymnastics meet against Air Force here Saturday and the Great Plains Wrestling Tournament Friday and Saturday at Pershing Auditorium.

Don't count the Kansas Jayhawk cagers dead yet because they dropped a 57-51 contest to a highly-rated Louisville squad at Lawrence Wednesday night.

The defeat to nation's second or third rated quintet will only make the Kansans more anxious to mop up on the Big Eight when the season begins.

Photo By Robert Herrup

AIMING FOR WASHINGTON STATE . . . Nebraska's Ron Simmons (14) fires against the California State Titans Monday night during Nebraska's record-setting 111-74 victory. The Husker travel west to meet the highly-tauted Cougars Friday and Saturday at Pulman.

Tankers Begin Action At Big Eight Relays

By CHARLES DAVIS
Assistant Sports Editor

John Reta's Nebraska swimming team swings into action Friday and Saturday in the Big Eight Relays at Ames, Iowa.

Reta will take a travelling squad of 13 men to compete in 10 of 12 events on the swimming agenda. No Husker divers will participate in the two diving events.

Reta said the Relays will be a good way to start off the year. "It gives us an idea of how the kids are progressing," he said. "There is an element of fun along with competition too."

COMPETITION

"We also get an idea of the competition in the Big Eight," Reta said. "The strengths and weaknesses of other teams and our own team show up in this meet."

Reta noted that the distance of swimming in the Big Eight Relays is not as great as regular meets. "With relays you can have some variety by putting in odd distances to make it interesting," he said.

The Husker tankers did not record any wins in the meet last year. "However, we will be tougher this year than last," Reta said.

TWO OUTSIDERS

Defending champion Oklahoma returns along with powerful Iowa State and Kansas to vie for team honors.

Gratopp Leads Scoring

Five Nebraska cagers are averaging in double figures in Husker statistics after two Coliseum victories.

Sophomore forward Bob Gratopp is leading the team with a 19.5 scoring average and owns the game high of 21 points against South Dakota during Nebraska's 94-61 victory.

Senior forward Tom Baack, who has had productive second halves in both Husker games after starting off slowly has averaged 16 points per outing.

Sophomore Tom Scantlebury, who led the record-setting freshman cagers last season with a 28 point per game, is currently hitting 17.5 per game, while senior Stuart Lantz is averaging 13.5 points per match and junior forward Roger Leitner is scoring 10 points per contest

Team highs include a record-setting 111 points in the Coliseum opener against the California State Titans on 41 field goals and 29 free throws and the top rebounding effort was 49 against the South Dakota Coyotes Tuesday night.

TWO GAME HUSKER STATISTICS

Player	fg	per.	ft	fta	rb	pts	av.
Gratopp	14	.560	11	11	17	39	19.5
Scantlebury	13	.520	9	11	4	35	17.5
Baack	13	.419	6	8	10	32	16.0
Lantz	12	.500	3	5	12	27	13.5
Leitner	8	.429	5	9	7	20	10.0
Hare	6	.286	2	4	15	14	7.0
Simmons	4	.444	2	2	2	10	5.0
Wagner	3	.500	2	2	2	9	4.5
Von Seggern	3	.600	3	7	12	9	4.5
Damm	2	.333	0	1	4	4	2.0
Martin	0	.000	2	2	2	2	1.0
Cauble	1	.143	0	0	2	2	1.0
Peden	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0.0
Torrens	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0.0
McPherren	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0.0

F. A. C.
Friday Afternoon Column

By ED ICENOGLE

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The demise of the first semester is fast approaching and that means this is the second to the last Friday Afternoon Column.

After you have pulled yourselves together, let us get on to the business at hand in this FAC: namely, a review of the football season.

Rumor has it, at this time, that the impending merger of the University of Omaha and the University of Nebraska may eventually lead the way to denudation of Lincoln as the sports mecca of the midwest.

BIG CITY

How could this come to pass?

Easily. Observe:

The powers that be (when it comes to matters of higher education) will realize soon after the merger that Omaha is a bigger city than Lincoln. It's only taken about 91 years to figure that out.

Upon this realization, there will be little alternative but for the Regents to export NU from the Capital City to Omax. Their reasoning will run something like this:

"Now, if we can draw in 60,000 to a football game in Lincoln (a town with a base population of 150,000 or so), think of the people we would have attending the games in Omaha, which is two or three times that.

BIG HOLE

"Therefore, we should develop the most important aspects of our University (the football games, of course) and remove the grid goodies to the big city."

The ramifications of this are amazing to the contemplation of any NU student. For instance, what will the Regents do to the big hole in the ground when they pick up Memorial Stadium and cart it off to Omaha?

Or, will the University of Nebraska at Lincoln wither and perish without football to satisfy the educational necessities of the students here?

Gymnastics Competition Saturday

The Nebraska Gymnastics team will open its home season against the Air Force Academy at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Men's Physical Education Building.

This will be the Husker's first competitive meet after participating in the Kansas Ivitational which did not operate on a point system.

Husker Defensive Unit Steal Statistic Show

Nebraska's defensive unit stole the show in final Big Eight football statistics released Thursday by the conference.

The Husker defenders lead the league and the nation in total defense with an average game allowance of 157.6 yards as Nebraska became the first loop team to gain the national total defense title.

Nebraska also grabbed league and national top spot in passing defense with a 90.1 yard permittance per outing.

While taking the league crown with a 67.5 rushing defense Nebraska placed fourth in the nation and its 8.3 defensive scoring average which placed third in the Big Eight also placed the Huskers in a third place national tie.

Offensively, Nebraska won the Big Eight passing derby with a 154.7 team average and finished second in the league with a 317.2 total offensive showing per contest.

Husker quarterback Frank Patrick won the loop's passing title and placed second behind Kansas's Bob Douglass in the total offense category.

The big signal caller hit 116 of 233 passes for seven touchdowns and 1449 total passing yards for a new Husker passing peak.

He also gained the runner-up total offensive title despite losing 22 yards rushing for a combined total of 1,427 yards for a 4.3 average gain.

Husker fullback Dick Davis finished as the league's third leading rusher with 717 yards for a 4.4 average pickup.

Oklahoma's sophomore-of-the-year Steve Owens grabbed both the rushing and scoring title in his first year of action, while teammate Ron Shotts placed in the rushing runner-up position.

Nebraska's all-time pass reception leader Dennis Richnafsky settled in the fourth spot with 36 catches for 422 yards and three touchdowns.

Rifle Club Places High In KSU Turkey Shoot

The Nebraska Varsity Rifle Club finished eighth among 45 teams in the Kansas State Turkey Shoot held last weekend at Manhattan, Kans.

Allen Anderson led the Huskers with a 23rd place finish among 180 shooters with a 549 of 600 performance. Manfred Wunderlich scored 546 of 600 points to earn the 29th position.

Alaska was the winning team, while the Big Eight's host team the Kansas State Wildcats finished in fifth place at the annual tournament.

Sporting News Picks Meylan

Nebraska's middle guard Wayne Meylan was named to The Sporting News first defensive team.

It was the third first All-American team rating the record-setting Nebraska tackler has won after being earlier named to the Coach-e's All-American Team and the Look Magazine-Football Writer's of Association of America squad.

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