

ARGUEments

Sneaking Up

While you'd never know it here in the Midlands with basketballs still flying, baseball is starting to take its place for 1968 as the 20 major league squads are now assembling in Florida and Arizona for spring training and a meaningless exhibition season.

Place-by-place predictions would be little more than mere guesses now since it's only February. When the time for my fearless forecast comes in April (I can tell all of you are just waiting on the edge of your chair), I know I'll have a difficult time with it by just glancing at a few of the teams now.

In the superior National League, the teams to keep an alert eye on seem to be the Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals, all because their 1967 finishes were vastly different from 1966.

Invincible Cubbies

The Cubs, accurately called the "invincible team of destiny" by Chicago radio station WLS, soared all the way to the third slot after a tenth place finish in 1966. With Billy Williams and Ron Santo becoming established stars, and guys like Randy Hundley, Glenn Beckert, Adolpho Phillips and Don Kessinger taking their places as genuine major leaguers, the Cubs don't intend to be bumped from their lofty perch.

The pitching on Chicago's North Side also looks secure with 20-game winner Ferguson Jenkins, Rich Nye and Ken Holtzman leading the way. In 1967, Holtzman posted a 9-0 mark as a week-end hurler since he was taking six months of National Guard training. Cub fans' eyes brighten with the prospect of Holtzman around for all of 1968.

Team To Beat

World Champion St. Louis certainly deserves to start the season bearing the "team to beat" label after racing from sixth place to decisively take the pennant last season. Whether they can do it again hinges largely on Orlando Cepeda and Roger Maris, who both had years like most people thought they were no longer capable of. I have my doubts if they both can do it again, thus endangering the Redbirds' hopes for back-to-back flags.

Is it a fluke to go from first to eighth in one season? The Dodgers will be out to prove it was. While there is still no Sandy Koufax around, some important trades make the Dodgers look quite impressive — on paper. This team could make great strides upward, but the top couple of rungs will probably be out of reach this year unless manager Walt Alton can get a phone to the broadcasting bullpen and call in Koufax.

A year ago today, I would have sooner thought Kansas State would beat Nebraska in football than I would have thought we'd all be wondering if Boston could repeat as American League champs. The American League has now had four different pennant winners in as many years and Boston hardly looks like the team to grab two in a row. I really think the Red Sox just lucked out last year in a weaker league which has lost four out of the last five World Series and five straight All Star games.

It should be interesting to see if the Minnesota Twins or Detroit Tigers can bring a pennant home after both coming oh-so-close in 1967. The 1966 champion Baltimore Orioles are in about the same position as the Dodgers, but the Orioles probably have as good a shot at the flag as anyone.

No Pennant

A pennant doesn't seem to be in the prospects for either the Chicago White Sox or New York Yankees in 1968. Things have been so dismal attendance-wise, on Chicago's South Side the last two years that they are taking nine home games, one with each team, to Milwaukee this season. The White Sox blew it royally last year and finished fourth. They were probably lucky to land that high and will have a hard time reaching it again.

New York is just not the same team it was in the early 1960's. I had an opportunity to watch a four-game series between them and the White Sox last year, and while all of the contests were very close, the Yanks lost three. In past years, when the Bronx Bombers were in a close game, everyone feared "five o'clock lightning", a late inning Yankee rally to give them the win. While New York has some fine young players, "five o'clock lightning" is still a thing of the past.

Sorry About That

I hope I haven't made all of you American League fans too gloomy. After all, the National League doesn't have a Charley Finley. Now that he's moved the A's to Oakland, the colorful insurance executive will be able to start a season without having the wrath of his home town on him. At least not until after opening day.

Volleyball tournament accepting entries now

Entries are now being accepted for the intramural All-University volleyball tournaments. Deadline is 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 5.

There will be no entry fee charged for the tourney, and all teams must provide their own officials: one for net officiating and another as line-man and scorekeeper.

Double-elimination tourneys will be staged for fraternity

"A" teams; Selleck, Burr, Cather and Abel "A" and "B" teams; and independent entries.

Winners in all brackets will they compete for the all-University championship.

Players may compete for only one team and official volleyball rules will govern all matches.

A schedule of available courts will be posted on the I-M bulletin board. Managers should sign up for an open court.

Send all entries to room 102, Men's P.E. building.

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Husker Happenings

Friday
Basketball — Iowa State, Coliseum, 7:30 p.m. (fresh intramural 5:15).
Indoor Track — Big Eight championship at Kansas City.

Saturday
Indoor Track — Big Eight at Kansas City.
Gymnastics — State high school championship, Coliseum.
Wrestling — Oklahoma, Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Basketball — at Missouri.
Swimming — Big Eight championships at Lawrence, Kan.

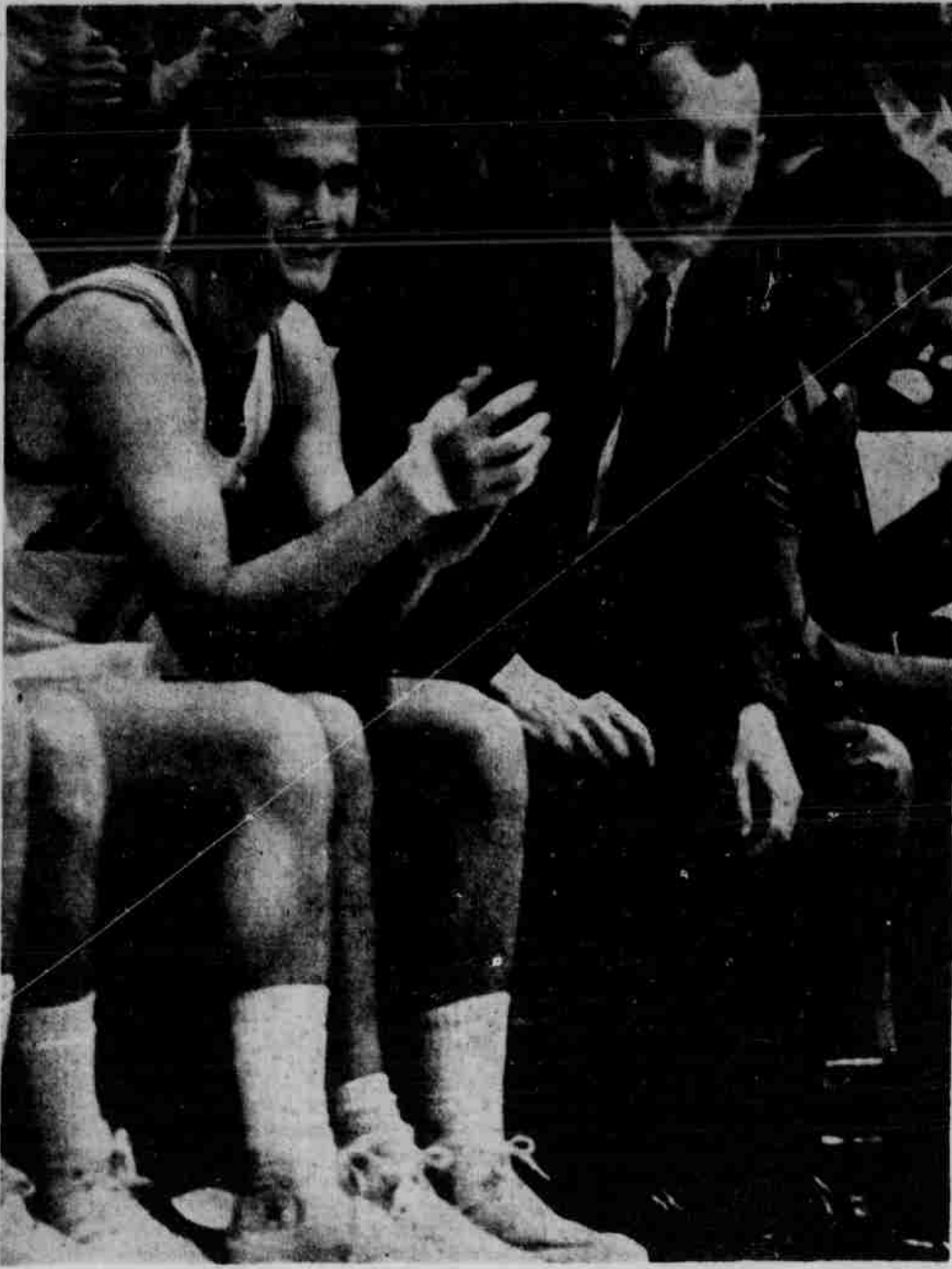
Friday
Swimming — Big Eight championships at Lawrence, Kan.
Wrestling — Big Eight championships at Boulder, Colo.

Big 8 dominates

In 1966 the Big Eight laid claim to 11 of the 22 finalists of the National Collegiate Wrestling Championships, won by Oklahoma State. The Cowboys had three individual champs; Iowa State, finishing second, had one; and Oklahoma, finishing third, had one finalist.

—NU avenges Lawrence loss, stays in race—

Huskers ambush KU, 76-69



Husker coach Joe Cipriano charges happily off the bench as his team opens a big lead over the Rock Chalk gang from Kansas. Husker guard Jim Damm, left, is nothing but smiles also.

by George Kaufman
Sports Editor

The Nebraska Cornhuskers, playing their best of the year when it counted, led the visiting Kansas Jayhawks by as much as 17 points Monday night in the Coliseum, then had to come through with free throws down the stretch for a crucial 76-69 Big Eight triumph.

Big Eight Standings

Team	Conf.	All Games
Kansas State	8	16 7
Iowa State	7	11 10
Nebraska	6	12 8
Kansas	5	16 7
Oklahoma	4	11 12
Missouri	3	8 15
Oklahoma State	2	10 12
Colorado	1	9 8 14

Playing before the most spirited and raucous capacity crowd of several seasons, coach Joe Cipriano's Huskers showed they'd learned their lessons well at Lawrence. An aggressive NU defense, man-to-man most of the way, cut off the inside lob shots which had throttled the Nebraskans 10 days before at Allen Fieldhouse.

Slow start

Both teams started out slow, feeling each other's defense out, both coaching staffs repeatedly out on the floor directing the attack or shouting instructions when they could be heard above the screaming NU fans and a sprinkling of Jayhawk followers.

Kansas and Nebraska traded a one-or-two-point lead nine times in the first nine minutes of play before a long jumper by Stuart Lantz put the Huskers out at 13-12 and they built a lead of 17-12 with 11:42 remaining in the first half.

Kansas fought back to take a 19-18 margin with 8:10 in the half, but that was the last they were to see of a lead, as Cip's starting five gained a 24-19 bulge and maintained a four- to seven-point lead out to a 38-31 half-time edge.

NU offense sparks

The Husker fans roared their approval when the team left for the dressing room, swinging a mock Jayhawk

around the floor by the neck, but they hadn't even warmed their lungs up yet for what was to come.

The Huskers exploded during the first eight minutes of the second half for 21 points, led during the spurt by Lantz and sophomore star Bob Gratopp with nine apiece.

At the same time Nebraska shut off the KU offense, holding the Hawks to just 11, as they flashed out to an unbelievable 17-point lead and the fans went wild.

The Huskers then cooled down to warm and watched the Hawks keep their poise and attempt to eat away the lead.

Too close

And they came close enough to throw a scare into the crowd, and probably Cipriano when KU guard Rich Bradshaw stole the ball and made an easy layup to bring them to a deficit of just five at 70-65 with 1:52 left to go.

It was then, however, that the earlier lead paid off, as the steam went out of the rally and they had to turn to desperation fouling in the final two minutes.

Charities save it

Four different Huskers cashed in on at least the first of each of the four last-minute fouls KU committed, as they finished out the scoring with six charity points for the 76-69 final margin.

The hustle and inspiration

which won for Cip's crew shows itself best in the rebound department, where the Huskers out-rebounded the much taller Jayhawks by 42-31, not counting team rebounds.

The NU victory again throws the Big Eight title race into another round of confusion as it heads down the stretch with the finish in sight.

The Kansas State Wildcats with a win at Missouri, moved into the lead, placing idle Iowa State second, the Huskers third and Kansas, who led and looked almost home free after defeating NU last weekend, mired in fourth.

The Huskers get their shot at the Cyclones Friday night, after Colorado hosts the Iowans tonight, as NU makes its final home appearance.

Lantz would up high with 22, Gratopp right behind with 21, and Roger Bohenschel collected 20 for KU.

NEBRASKA (76)

Player	fg	ft	reb	pt	tr
Brack	7-18	5-6	7	2	10
Gratopp	7-11	7-9	13	3	21
Von Seggern	0-1	2-4	11	4	2
Scantlebury	3-5	4-4	4	2	10
Lantz	7-16	8-13	7	2	22
Parson	1-2	0-0	0	0	2
Cable	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	25-52	38-58	42	17	76

KANSAS (69)

Player	fg	ft	reb	pt	tr
Bohenschel	7-14	6-8	9	4	20
Sloan	1-6	5-6	3	3	7
Nash	6-15	3-4	12	4	13
White	5-17	0-1	3	4	10
Douglas	2-2	1-2	4	3	5
Arndt	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Harrison	2-6	0-0	1	2	4
Bradshaw	4-7	0-0	0	2	8
Totals	27-67	13-30	31	28	69

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Yell squad practices in March

Freshmen students interested in trying out for the University yell squad may sign up in the activities room 132 of the Nebraska Union.

Applications will be accepted until March 7.

Tryout practices will begin on March 11 and end on March 19. These practices are not mandatory for acceptance into the yell squad.

The preliminary eliminations will be held on March 20 and final eliminations will be held on March 21.

I-State wrestler meets Waterloo

... Don Buzzard dropped from team

Ames, Iowa—Don Buzzard, senior 177-pounder from Waterloo, Iowa, has quit at Iowa State, it was announced by coach Harold Nichols.

This stripped the Cyclones of a veteran who had finished second at 191 pounds in the National Collegiate meet the past two years.

Nichols held Buzzard out of the Minnesota meet and against Nebraska in order to give him more time to study. Buzzard finished his exams then left Ames for his home in Waterloo.

Rod McDonald, 177-pound sophomore from Morning Sun, have wrestled at 177 in several meets this year. Nichols did not indicate what shift he would make to fill the vacant spot in upcoming meets.

Buzzard was 6-2 when he quit, both losses coming at the hands of Oklahoma State's national champion Fred Fozzard.

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Well represented

The Big Eight was well represented in 1967 post-season football bowls, as Nebraska played in the Sugar Bowl, Missouri's Charlie Brown and Gary Lane were named outstanding players in the Hula and All-Star games and Iowa State's Eppie Barney was outstanding in the Blue-Gray contest.

Current Movies

Times Published by Theater. Times: a.m. Night (over) p.m. Bold face

LINCOLN

Cooper/Lincoln: 'Bonnie and Clyde', 7:00 and 9:00.
Stuart: 'The President's Analyst', 1:00, 3:05, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30.
Varsity: 'Billion Dollar Brain', 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20.
State: 'I, A Woman', 1:00, 2:41, 4:22, 6:03, 7:44, 9:23.
Joyce: 'The Last Safari', 7:15, 9:15.
Nebraska: Foreign Film Society, 7:00 and 9:00.

OMAHA

Indian Hills: 'Gone With The Wind', 2:00 and 8:00.
Dundee: 'Far From The Madding Crowd', 2:00 and 8:00.
Cooper 70: 'Camelot', 2:00 and 8:00.

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