the N crowd by George Kaufman

A Minor Thing

What makes a minor sport minor? This is a question that has been kicking around for long time and perhaps should be discussed since a lot of dust and tears are annually raised over its lament-

As venerable a writer as the Daily Nebraskan's own Mick Lowe recently explored the issue of why a sport like football draws rabid, foaming mobs of 65,000 and wrestling is lucky to get the student manager to show up.

Unfortunately for his readers, Mick never did answer his own question of why and instead wound up voicing the perennial cry of apathy and the pleading "Why won't you people please go out and support our sweating

Perhaps, even more unfortunantly, there is no answer to the question that can be pointed at and burnt at the stake as the culprit.

It's Own Making

But I can't help but think that prime among the many reasons that a sport becomes a "minor" one is that it makes itself a major or minor sport.

Big Red fans don't like to admit it, but it is a fact that football was not king at Nebraska from the early fifties until the Devaney era. The seats in the old stadium were not fought and haggled over like so many tickets to heaven each fall; nor did anyone have midsummer dreams of where the Bowl game would be this season. Fans and players alike seem to have been rather indifferent about the whole thing.

But Bob Devaney arrived, was told by those above that NU now wanted back into the football profits, and developed a program here which has made Nebraska and Bob Devaney nationally known.

The fact that this was done at the expense of most of the other sports here is generally not mentioned. Or else the response is that profits from football help all the sports.

Football Breeds

This is, of course, not true. Profits from football help football. Witness the expansion of Memorial Sta-dium — not well-planned and carefully-financed expansion, but frantic expansion beared to glean the new-found willingness to purchase a seat while the fanatic willing-

Witness the new press box at Memorial Stadium. Not just a press box, but a "luxury" press box with special accommodations for well-heeled patrons of the team who were willing to gamble a great deal of money that Husker football games will be worth watching in

Do we have a new track, which was virtually ruined as a spectator accommadation by the stadium expansion? No. Do we have a new coliseum or fieldhouse to replace the pathetically inadequate barn built during the dark

So once a course has been decided upon, tradition seems to set in and we are stuck with a "major" sport which is placed above all else and to which growth in other sports is sacrificed.

Kansas decided a while ago to be a track and basketball power, and they are. Oklahoma and Oklahoma State decided to be powers in wrestling and both have been for as long as most can remember.

Oklahoma Frustrating

Oklahoma seems to have the frustrating ability to be quite fluid in its emphasis and carry on the most bal- ing. anced sports program in the Big Eight and perhaps in the nation with the exception of such sports-crazy schools as UCLA and Southern Cal.

Another factor is naturally the appeal a sport has for the fans — its aesthetic appeal, if you will. But the question again arises: Why do the Oklahoma schools and Iowa State draw basketball crowds for wrestling and wrestling crowds for basketball?

It is obvious to those few who have attended both that a Nebraska basketball game offers much more of a pageant than does a Nebraska wrestling meet. In the basketball game, there is the pre-game warmup, the bands, the cheerleaders and the halftime entertainment. In the wrestling meet, the participants sort of drag out onto the floor and go at it without much ado. Occasionally a fan will cough or something, but this is rare.

Man-To-Man

But to sports purists, a wrestling match offers just as much excitement as does a basketball game, concerned only with man-to-man confrontation as opposed

Gymnastics is probably the most aesthically pleasing and "pure" sport, yet has to be classified as a minor sport mainly because of the attendance.

Going by that criteria, baseball here would have to be called minor, but most people do not consider it so when the phrase "minor" sport is mentioned.

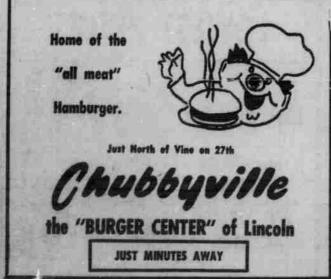
Then there are sports which deserve to be considered minor, such as golf, cross country and tennis. They are not designed to be spectator sports, except perhaps when the very top men in the sport are performing.

Golf and tennis are both extremely popular recreational sports in America, but not popular as a college

So, put these factors all together, stir in a little imag-ination, add your own opinions and take the entire thing with a grain of salt.

Let Me Know

Better yet, go see a minor sport for yourself in the next few weeks, decide why it isn't popular and drop me a line. And remember — Always Be Prepared To Go To The Rail.



-Against Houston Cougars-

back in chilly Nebraska.

The Cougars were national College World Series in Oma-

The Huskers rapped junior righty Jim Sparkman for all three runs Tuesday afternoon before he was relieved by Ron Stasny, also a right-handed junior, who carried the highest ERA of the returning Cougar hurlers at 13.50 in two

In the second inning, Tom Tidball drew a walk, Mike Churchich was safe on an er-

reached base on an error and was advanced on a ground Ron Johnette who singled.

er Al Furby started things York Monday after playing It did it's job as KU jumped again with a walk, Johnette again he ped with a single and Villanova team for a 55-49 the rest of the way. scored on another Stephenson one-baser.

Charlie Green.

the six-game series and bring drove in Houston all-Amerismiles to Cornhusker fans can outfielder Tom Paciorek 2, Chu in the fourth for a 2-1 lead.

Nebraska deadlocked the isrunners-up last year in the sue again in the eighth as Alex W. I Walter reached first on an error, stole second and went to Gridder 'serious' third on a bad throw. He then came across to score on a sacrifice by Johnette.

Nebraska football player

ror and Tidball was then kansas faces St. Peters In the third, fellow football player Dana Stephenson in NIT semifinal contest

semifinals of the National Invitational Tournament in New York Monday after playing catch-up with a cold-shooting Villanova team for a 55-49 Villanova team for a 55-49 the rest of the way.

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They will face fast-breaking lanova defense with his slick Delta Tu Delta In Delta I an advance.

Big Eight runner-up Kan- fense. But they threw out a out. He was then tallied by sas fought its way into the top weapon of their own after tal of 117 matches. semifinals of the National In-

Keith Winter was credited St. Peters College, who Mon- ball handlng and Rodger with the win and was relieved day night dismantled top- Bohnenstiehl topped the balin the eighth by senior veteran seeded Duke, 100-71, to win anced scoring with 15 points. Big Dave Nash took care of In Monday afternoon's contest, which was called at then end of 11 because of darkness, the Huskers had to fight back an advance.

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versity non-lettermen.

The Dents were the winners of the intramural handball championships capturing the team trophy as well as the singles and doubles champion's medals.

Nebraska swimming coach freestyle.

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Steve Noots — Varsity record in the 200-freestyle im: 1-644 in the 100-yard breaststroke; 201-8 in the 201-9 in

singles medal and teamed to achieve only a sixth place James Krauss — :22.6 in the the doubles medals too.

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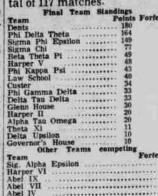
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25 teams participated in a to- with senior Steve Goetz get-



medals will be awarded to individual champs in each April 3 and Mon., April 8. A practice period has be

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tion will be divided into two ers in diving will advance to

Dents win Tankers improved, Baseballers win, tie intramural but so is league As of today, the Nebraska baseball team has nothing but good news to report from their stay in Houston. The Huskers followed an 11-inning 2-2 tie Monday night with a 3-0 victory Tuesday afternoon to take a 1-0-1 lead in the six-game series and bring the s

"We were disappointed, of Gary Toogood captured the course, because we were able yard breastatroke. were tremendously proud of treestyle. with Gary McMullen to grab finish," John said. "But we Six flight winners received the fine performances some All but Goetz return next of our swimmers attained."

broke five varsity records, Hempleman, Nootz, Stasiownot only indicating improve-ment at Nebraska but also demonstrating the great slated for two more years of quality increase in Big Eight action. swimming in recent years.

"Boys who a year or two Malevoz, Sigma Phi Epsilon; medals were fourth and fifth Delta Theta; Dick Baldwin really has been some fantasand Strateman, Phi Delta tic improvement throughout Theta; Jim Deitemeyer and the conference and the coun-

four of the five new school The 137 individuals from the records for the Cornhuskers, ting the other. Here are the new record-holders:

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400-yard individual medley — Bernie
Hempelman, sophomore, 4-66.7; old record: 4-52.8 by Tom Chambers in 1844.
Hempelman is from Des Moines, Ia.
500-yard freestyle — Tom Cook, Omaha
junior, 5-12.8; old record: 5-19.1 by Bernie
Hempelman in 1968.
1200-yard freestyle — Steve Nootz, Lincoln sophomore, 1-53.5; old record: 1-55.9
by Tom Nickerson in 1965.
200-yard individual medley — Steve
Goetz, Lincoln senior, 2-06.1; old record:
206-4 by Dave Frank in 1966.
200-yard hackstroke — Jim Stasiowski,
Baltimore, Md., sophomore, 2-06.3; old
record: 2-07.1 by Bill Henry in 1964.

Cornhusker swimmers who

Cornhusker swimmers who hit career-best times in the Big Eight meet included: Bernie Hempleman — 18:39.5 in the 1,650-yard freestyle: and the varsity rec-ord in the 400-in. Tom Cook — Varsity record in the 500-

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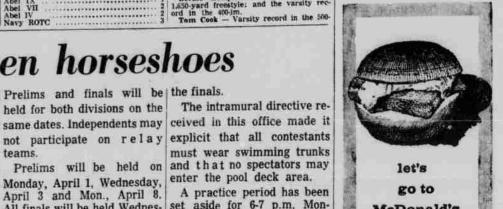
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elimination tourney. Each or- P.E. Building. ganization may enter six dou-

versity rules may enter. ing at 6 p.m. Matches will be played just Individual times will be east of the Coliseum, next to posted on brackets on the the Military Sciences build-bulletin board in the P.E.

pions and a trophy will go during the weigh-ins. to the winning team.

There is no entry fee for due at 102 Physical Educa-Thursday, March 28, 5 p.m. Shoes will be available at

The fraternity and all-Unifrom Ag College, Gus II from Selleck, Custer House from Cather, Able IV from Abel and the Aggies from Independoubles champs.

Wrestling

mural swimming, wrestling es as they wish, but a con- available for practice from held for both divisions on the The intramural directive retestant may enter only one 5:30 to 7 p.m. daily and on same dates. Independents may ceived in this office made it Tuesday and Thursday from weight class. 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

All contestants will be weighed in at once for the tournament. The date and site for the weigh-in will be eith-The 1968 horseshoes com- er from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thurspetition will be for doubles day, March 28, or Friday, team, playing in a single March 29 in 115 of the Men's

All matches will be held in bles teams, each match con- the wrestling room in the sisting of a best of three Coliseum basement or on the Varsity Court. Matches will Anyone eligible under Uni- start on Monday, April 1, start-

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horseshoes, and entries are NU Foundation tion Building not later than receives bequests

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