

—The case against collegiate 'shamateurism'—

The 1.6 controversy---a coach's excuse

Those Crying Towels

The infamous 1.6 rule in college athletics has been much cussed and discussed of recent, with many coaches bringing out the crying towel and using it so passionately that one would think, if one did not know better, that the rule is the greatest injustice to man since Dachau.

The truth seems to be, however, that perhaps these coaches and AD's are not quite so benevolently-minded as they would seem at first glance.

For, though they conjure up images of poor young boys who cannot meet the rigid requirements of the cold-hearted colleges, and cite numerous examples of boys who scored less than a 1.6 in a projected aptitude test and yet went on to score a blazing 2.4 or so in a brilliant sports career, the fact is that these coaches are obviously not concerned with helping boys get to college who otherwise could not make it; they are interested only in the poor young men who could help them out in their professions.

Rule Not So Terrible

If they are sincerely interested in helping underprivileged youngsters get to college, let them turn over some of the money in the vast treasuries of the athletic departments to a scholarship fund for hardship cases, or boys from ghetto areas who have gone to such poor schools they couldn't possibly meet the requirements.

It is sometimes hard to see how it is a hardship to require a future collegiate athlete show that he can score grades at least as "high" as 1.6 on a 4.0 scale. That, my friends, is not even a passing grade.

the N crowd

by George Kaufman

And, considering an athlete must be even better prepared than the ordinary student to keep up his grades, due to the time and effort taken from his studies by his sports activities, it seems even more important to find out whether or not he can make it, even with the tutoring and special services extended to a "jock."

A college's first concern should be to see whether or not the young man has the interest and capacity to attend an institution of higher education, not whether or not he can play football or basketball.

'Professional Amateurs'

Unfortunately, the trend has swung almost entirely from the scholar-athlete to the near-professional athlete attending the school which just happened to be able to offer him the most for his athletic services.

And it is not the young athletes who are really to be blamed for this, after all, it is in their best interest to bargain for their future well-being if there is a market. The blame must be placed on the men who make a market for them to be sold in—the coaches and AD's.

In a more complex view, of course, the coaches and AD's are no more to blame than the players since they,

too, are part of an even higher-priced trader's market. They are in a profession which demands that they win-win and draw those crowds, or the fat-cat alums and a clamoring public will demand their resignation and the hiring of someone who can win.

Coaching does not pay that well unless you're part of the cream that rises to the top and to rise you must win, and to win you must have the material, which means you must trade in the open market for the young men willing to sell themselves for four years to the right bidder.

'Just Taking Orders'

So it is, I suppose, in the final analysis the society itself which breeds this sort of attitude of do-or-die professionally in America's coaches. Yet they are the ones who work directly with the young men and the ones who deal for them, and cannot truthfully say "I was only taking orders."

It is true that in order to go into coaching or athletic administration a man must have some love of the sport, and of the high schools and colleges which foster high-caliber sports. So they owe something to their profession to resist floating with the current at every opportunity.

And every time a top coach attacks things like the 1.6 rule he not only is going with the current, man, he is paddling down stream.

And, in the words of the Maharishi, "He who paddles downstream cannot help but soon reach the ocean."

22 entries take part in University rallye

Winners have been announced for the first time/distance rallye of the University of Nebraska Chapter of the Nebraska Region, Sports Car Club of America. There were 22 entries for

the Sunday afternoon rallye; 16 from the University of Nebraska and six members of the Nebraska region and guests. Tonight at 9 there will be a meeting of the University chapter in the Union. Movies will be shown on rallying.

Scoring in the rallye is in total number of seconds off actual arrival at four check-points against a pre-set time.

University of Nebraska entries:

Driver, navigator	Points assessed
1. D. Bomberger, J. Majorian	207
2. K. White, J. Hall	212
3. T. Kammerlohr, T. Coe	215
4. J. Schweser, B. Brunk	218
5. J. Shaw, V. Regre	221
6. W. Farris, D. Murchant	225
7. Wallace, Gary Peterson	228
8. Lotz, Patty Herman	231
9. D. Schafer, W. Simmons	234
10. Joe, Sandy Ryan	237
11. D. Doellite, P. Lind	240
12. S. Demma, J. Brown	243
13. E. Lenz, K. Low	246
14. T. Duke, W. Gentry	249
15. M. McCoy, J. Amwert	252
16. R. Branch, G. Siederavicius	255

Nebr. Region guests entries:

Driver, navigator	Points assessed
1. J. Calder, R. Gillespie	211
2. J. Blackburn, P. Gillespie	214
3. R. Voller, J. Atkins	217
4. L. Meyer, K. Christensen	220
5. K. Kakin, S. Rose	223
6. D. Verccusse, D. Taylor	226

Cats go wild

The Kansas State tennis team dismantled the Husker net attack at Manhattan Tuesday for a 6-1 victory, allowing only Bill Roehrs a close win in the top singles match.

Golfers dropped

The Oklahoma State golfers put down Nebraska Tuesday afternoon at Stillwater, 9-2-5 1/2, to set the NU record at 14-5-2. Low for the Huskers was Charlie Borner with a 69.

Animals one, people zero



Yes, sports people, it'll be the Animals vs. the People in another exciting contest at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum Friday and Saturday as the NU Rodeo Club sponsors a NIC event. Here, an Animal player is ahead, 1-0, and about to score a victory. Come on out and cheer for your favorite team.

The University of Nebraska Rodeo Association will host its first National Intercollegiate Championship Rodeo on May 3-4 at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum. Contestants from 16 other schools in the Great Plains Region are expected to compete in three performances scheduled on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cowboys and cowgirls will be competing for team trophies, belt buckles, merchandise prizes and points toward the Intercollegiate Rodeo championships. Saddles will also be presented to the All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl, according to Marilyn Phifer of Mason City, Rodeo club information chairman. The NU rodeo team will be headed by A. B. Cox of Valentine who will compete in the bull riding and steer wrestling. Other members are Larry Radant, Madison,

Husker rifle team 2nd while breaking record

The Nebraska rifle team broke the existing Big Eight record in the conference championships held at Lawrence last weekend, but had to settle for second place due to a sharp-shooting Oklahoma State team. Both the Cowboys, with a 2755 score, and NU, at 2710, eclipsed the old Big Eight target mark.

The high individual shooter was Jim Gunn of Oklahoma State, followed by Manfred Wunderlich of the Nebraska team. Gunn also took high honors in standing position, while Alan Anderson of Nebraska won the kneeling honors and

Games highlight Spring Day event

Blue skies, bright sun, green grass and no classes on Friday afternoon will make this year's Spring Day a successful event, committee members say. Classes will be dismissed at noon and the events begin at 1 p.m. on East Campus. Women's games include: The "Greased Orange," "Needle in the Hay Stack," "Hot Dog Relay," "Fish and Ballon," and "tug of war."

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