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-The case against collegiate 'shamateurism'-

# The 1.6 controversy---a coach's excuse

### **Those Crying Towels**

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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.

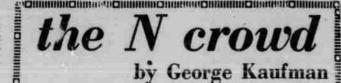
### The truth seems to be, however, that perhaps these coaches and AD's are not quite so benevolently-minded as they would seem at first glance.

For, though they conjure up images of poor young boys who cannot meet the rigid requirements of the coldhearted 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.



... And, considering an athlete must be even better prepared than the ordi. ary 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 maniel correlates extended to a "iack " 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-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 entires take part in University rallye

Winners have been an-nounced for the first time/ 16 from the University of Nedistance rallye of the Univer. braska and six members of sity of Nebraska Chapter of the Nebraska region and the Nebraska Region, Sports guests. Car Club of America.

Tonight at 9 there will be a meeting of the University There were 22 entries for chapter in the Union. Movies will be shown on rallying.

Scoring in the rallye is in The Kansas State tennis total number of seconds off team dismantled the Husker actual arrival at four checkpoints against a pre-set time,

University of Nebraska entric Driver, navigator Pelnia Bomberger, J. Magorian White, J. Hull Kammerlohr, T. Coe Schweers, B. Brunk Shaw V. Rogge Farris, D. Merchant

Nebr. Region, guests Friver, navigator Penn
J. Calder, R. Gillespie
J. Blackburn, P. Gillespie
R. Voller, J. Atkins
K. Voller, J. Atkins
K. Kuklin, S. Rose
V. Y. Kuklin, S. Rose
D. Vercruysse, D. Taylor

Pete Seaman, Kansas State, def. Bill Fink, 6-1, 6-2. Jim Hawings, Kansas State, def. Rod Johnson, 6-0, 6-3. Richard Dickson, Kansas State, def. Job Huributt, 6-2, 6-3. DURLES Duncan-Snodgrass, KS, def. Wiese-Fink, 5-5, 5-0 Dickson-Hastings, KS, def. Rochrs-John en, 36, 5-2, 5-2

Cats go wild

net attack at Manhattan Tues-

day for a 6-1 victory, allowing

only Bill Roehrs a close win

The Huskers won only one

other set, that in a losing

Bill Rochrs, Nebraska, def. Steve Snod-grass, 5-7, 5-3, 7-5. Merle Duncen, Kansas State, def. Tom Wiese, 5-2, 6-2. Pete Seaman, Kansas State, def. Tom SINGLES

Fink, Jim Johnson Richa Job He

cause in the No. 2 doubles.

in the top singles match.

### **Golfers** dropped

The Oklahoma State golfers put down Nebraska Tuesday afternoon at Stillwater, 91/2-51/2, to set the NU record at 14-5-2. Low for the Huskers was Charlie Borner with a 69.

Current Movies a.m. light face; p.m. bold face LINCOLN

Cooper/Lincoln: "The Secret War of Harry Frigg', 7:00 and

Varsity 'Sweet November', 1:09, 3:12, 5:15, 7:18, 9:21. State: 'The Graduate', 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00.

Stuart: 'Planet Of The Apes', 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20, Joyo: 'Did You Hear The One About The Traveling Saleslady' 7:20, 9:20.

Nebraska: 'Elvira Madigan', 1:00, 3:00, 5:05, 7:10, 9:15.

84th & O: 'Katie Elder', 8:30. 'Eldorado', 10:30. Last complete

\*Eldorado, 19:39, East Control show, 9:30, Starview: Cartoon, 8:35. Wild Racers', 8:32, 11:47. The Road Hustlers', 10:11. OMAHA

Indian Hills: 'Gone With The Wind', 2:00 and 8:00, Dundee: 'Half a Sixpence', 2:00 and 8:00.

Cooper 70: 'Dr. Dolittle', 2:00 and 8:00.



# Husker rifle team 2nd while breaking record

The Nebraska rifle team Roger Stark of OSU excelled broke the existing Big Eight at the prone position. record in the conference championships held at Law- bers, with the top five placrence last weekend, but had ing. The placers for NU were. to settle for second place due 1. Monfred Wunderlich, 2. to a sharp-shooting Oklahoma Greg Busacker, 3. Alan An-State team. Ann Sixta.

Both the Cowboys, with a 2755 score, and NU, at 2710, eclipsed the old Big Eight target mark. The high individual shooter Lyle Dunn and Jeanee Hahn.

was Jim Gunn of Oklahoma State, followed by Manfred Wunderlich of the Nebraska team.

Gunn also took high honors 5. in standing position, while Alan Anderson of Nebraska won the kneeling honors and 8. Oklahoma

## 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: Greased Urang "Needle in the Hay Stack,"

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contest at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum Friday and Saturday as the NU Rodeo Club sponsors an 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 Nebras- calf roping and ribbon rop- ning to represent NU in his ka Rodeo Association will ing: Jerry Coslor, Sargent, Fairgrounds Coliseum. Con- riding.

three performances scheduled now leads in the Great Plains tling on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Region. He also is in the top on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and five in calf roping and rib-7:30 p.m.

Cowboys and cowgirls will three in saddle bronc riding. be competing for team trophies, belt buckles, merchan- in winnings at the Kansas dise prizes and points toward State University Intercollegi-Intercollegiate Rodeo ate Rodeo in Manhattan on the championships. Saddles will April 19-20. He tied for first also be presented to the All- and second in the saddle Around Cowboy and Cowgirl, bronc riding contest and according to Marilyn Phifer turned in a sixth place perof Mason City, Rodeo club formance in the ribbon ropinformation 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,

specialty events in the NIRA host its first National Inter- bull riding and saddle bronc collegiate Championship Ro- riding; and Larry Nelson of contest finals at St. George, deo on May 3-4 at the State Alliance in bareback and bull Utah testants from 16 other schools Chip Whitaker, Chambers, in the Great Plains Region will compete in the steer

will see action in roping, ribare expected to compete in wrestling, an event which he bon roping and steer wresthird place in the region.

ing. Whitaker is in the run-

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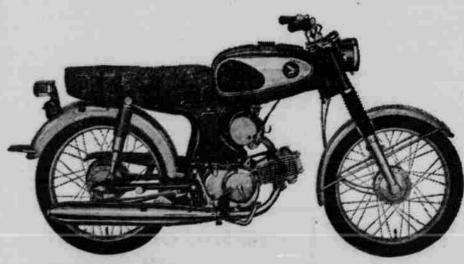


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