

## Intramural basketball competition narrows

The play and the uniforms are often ragged and the crowds are small. But the competition in the Men's Intramural Basketball Tournament, which concludes this week, is usually spirited.

Monday night at the Coliseum, three teams won their individual "A" league championships in preparation for the All-University championships. Kappa Alpha Psi edged Sigma Alpha Epsilon 42-35 to win the fraternity championship, the Celtics romped past the Burnouts 68-38 to capture the independent title and Abel VII crushed Gus II 57-32 to win the dormitory championship.

The closest game of the night was fought between Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the fraternity crown. Kappa Alpha Psi led the entire game, but their biggest lead of seven points came at the final gun. Quickness combined with the hot shooting of Ben Brown (25 points) were the key factors in Kappa Alpha Psi's victory.

The Celtics employed the fast break and the hot shooting of Bill Slaughter and Chris Rosenstalk to crush the Burnouts for the independent championship. Slaughter and Rosenstalk combined for 53 of the 68 points scored by the Celtics.

Abel VII built up an early 10-0 lead over Gus II and then used an effective fast-break and superior rebounding to gain the dormitory championship. Husker football player Bob Wolfe led the Abel scoring with 16 points.

Eight intramural teams will compete this week for the All-University basketball championships.

## Coach laments frustrating season

by Gary Seacrest

The Nebraska swimming team paced up and down the side of their antiquated Coliseum pool in preparation for this week's Big Eight swimming championships. The swimmers have been working out with little glory since September—usually 2½ hours a day, six or seven days a week.

Husker Swimming Coach John Reta says he doesn't expect his team to gather much more glory when they finish their season at the Big Eight meet, which runs Thursday through Saturday at Missouri. Reta predicted his 13-man team, which had a 2-7 dual meet record this season, lacked the depth and talent to challenge such swimming powers as Kansas and Oklahoma for team honors.

Reta, who produced a string of state swimming championships in the 1960's while coach at Lincoln Southeast High School, called the current season "damn frustrating."

"This is one of the worst years I've had here," the six-year veteran at UNL said. "I'm certain that I can't go through many more years like this. Quite frankly, if there wasn't a new pool in the future I wouldn't stay."

Despite the poor dual season, Reta predicted several of his swimmers have a chance to place in the top six in certain events at the Big Eight meet.

"Spencer Luedke has our best chance to be a winner," according to Reta, who hopes the Lincoln High graduate can succeed former Husker Dave Backer as the Big Eight champion in the 200-yard freestyle. Earlier in the season Luedke broke Backer's

Coliseum pool record in the event.

"His (Luedke's) workouts have been better than Backer's were last year and Backer swam 1:45.6 to win," Reta remarked.

"Our breaststrokes (Terry Seymour, Bob Fry and Jim Hill) are all in the 2:21 category and any of them could finish among the top six with a good day," Reta added. "Dan Dermeyer has a shot in the 100 backstroke. Tom Heuke is capable of breaking 5:00 in the 500 freestyle and if he does that he'll be right up there. Bryan Short was sixth in both diving events last year and can repeat."

The Huskers' swimming problems in recent years stem mainly from the old Coliseum pool, which is so bad that Reta could only schedule two home meets this year. Although Reta is reluctant to use the old pool as an excuse, it's obvious from the small 13-man squad that Nebraska often loses out in the recruiting war with schools that have better facilities. However, relief is in sight since a new pool will be part of the proposed \$12 million UNL fieldhouse.

Another big problem, according to Reta, is the scarcity of swimming below the college level in Nebraska. "Swimming in the state of Nebraska can not support our swimming program," he noted.

Despite the fact that he doesn't have one swimmer on a full scholarship, Reta said, "Money-wise we're in pretty good shape. Bob Devaney (athletic director) is well aware of our problems and he has tried to help out in grants-in-aid."

Despite his problems, Reta still remains optimistic. "We don't have a winning tradition in swimming here and it takes time to get such a tradition off the ground so you can perpetuate it. However, we haven't given up on the idea of developing such a tradition."



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