

Free Ride



Tom Flynn (25), Marquette forward, takes a ride on Washington University's St. Louis guard bow. Kowit on way to easy layup.

Prep Ratings

Lawrence Features Strong Cage Club

By DON FORSYTHE
Experience and balance are paying off in a big way for Lawrence this season as the Panthers are rolling along with a 12-1 record and a No. 9 ranking in Class D.

Coach Leland Thurn opened the season with seven senior lettermen who had logged considerable playing time in 4-3 and 4-4-1 camps as sophomores and juniors.

Four of last year's starters returning the Panthers would no time in kicking the losing ball. They rolled up five straight wins before the Christmas break.

Defender, a Class C club with an 18-2 record, snapped the winning streak with a 62-48 defeat on Jan. 7, but the Panthers have bounced back with a seven-game string which includes the Great Trail Conference tournament title.

Thurn has settled on an all-star lineup consisting of: Jason Jarvik (9-1), Wayne Humphrey (6-0), John Sykes (5-8), Thomas Dolecek (5-10) and Dennis Kathanan (6-1).

Kathanan didn't start last year, but his improved play has been one of the big factors in the success of the Lawrence outfit this season.

His 14.5 scoring mark leads the exceptionally well-balanced Lawrence attack. All other starters are sporting double figure averages, too, which poses a problem for enemy defenses.

"The kids have played together enough now that they know what each other is doing all the time," Thurn points out.

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6 Yanks Ink '66 Tenders

New York City — First baseman Joe Pepitone, pitchers Jim Bouton, Al Downing and three other members of the New York Yankees are the latest to agree to terms, general manager Ralph Houk announced Tuesday.

Outfielder Hector Lopez and pitcher Bill Stafford and Jackie Culen were the other satisfied players to bring the total of signed players to 21.

Mickey Mantle remains the sole big name unsigned.

The switch-hitting star recently underwent a shoulder operation and is expected to sign his third straight \$100,000 contract before the club opens spring training Feb. 24.

Bouton is the only one of the six latest signees to take a cut. The right-hander, who fell from an 18-33 season in 1964 to 4-13 last year, was cut from \$30,000 to \$27,000.

All others received the same salary except Culen who was given a token raise. Culen, a right-hander, was brought up last summer after a 14-5 record at Toledo. He won three and lost four in a Yankee uniform.

Pepitone, who earned a reported \$55,000, batted .307 with 18 home runs and 62 runs batted in. Lopez, used mostly as a pinch hitter and reserve outfielder, batted .301 with seven home runs and 39 runs batted in.

Downing, a youngster with great promise, had a disappointing 12-14 season as one of the starting five. He is a southpaw.

Interest Down: SIU to Use Girl Batboys

Carbondale, Ill. — Joe Latz, Southern Illinois University baseball coach, has decided to use batboys this season.

Latz, now in his first season at SIU, said the idea to ship up student interest in SIU baseball also was an important factor in his decision.

The girls will escort uniforms to the plate umpire, throw the ball and "all that sort of thing," Latz explains. "They will be dressed in something they'll be chosen for looks and personality. Latz said the use of batboys is required, except the field position.

Sports State

Tuesday
Local
No event scheduled.
Nebraska — SAC at Oklahoma City 1:00 p.m. KJLH, KFOR, KFBH.

Nebraska Prep Ratings

By Don Forsythe

Class C
1-Fallerton (15-2)
2-Senior (15-1)
3-University High (10-4)
4-Leop City (10-3)
5-Bertrand (10-4)

Class D
1-Wilex (10-8)
2-Snyder (10-4)
3-Bridg City (10-4)
4-Overton (12-1)
5-Eagle St. Boniface (12-1)

Georgia Judge Makes Order Permanent

Atlanta, Ga. — A superior court judge made permanent today an order that the Atlanta Braves of the National League must play their home baseball games in Atlanta beginning this year.

Judge Sam Phillip McKenney ruled that the Braves' 25-year contract with the Atlanta-Fulton County Recreation Authority is valid and ordered the club to live up to it.

The Braves face an opposing order from Wisconsin court requiring them to prepare to play in Milwaukee, but club officials said they intend to honor the Georgia judge's order while fighting the Wisconsin order in court.

Huskies 7-0 and 15-2

Okla Stampede Is On

By CURT MOSHER
Norman, Okla. — "If we can get by Oklahoma, we're going to be tough," Nebraska coach Joe Cipriano had said Sunday while watching a minor league hockey game with his squad.

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With both polls giving them the ninth position.

Grant also mentioned that he felt the Huskers regained their momentum which seemed to have lost an edge Saturday night in the close game with Oklahoma State.

Certainly, the Huskers looked like they had Monday night. For the most part they looked good, very good. The press was effective. They shot only 42 percent which is below their average, but they put up 81 shots which is also above the average. And everybody picked in on the boards to give the Huskers an edge there.

Obviously, the layoff had hurt prior to the Oklahoma state game, but even so the Huskers played a home soul searching over the weekend to make sure they started playing well again.

"We all talked about how we looked at Oklahoma State," Nate Branch said. "We made up our minds to do better. But I think we can do even better. We missed a lot of easy shots."

"We want to get Oklahoma City, too. We want to get them all. We're greedy."

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Nebraska Basketball Team Cited

By United Press International
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They're Top Team; Huskers 9th

Lexington, Ky. — "The forecasters said it would be an off-year for Kentucky, but I say old Adolph Rupp didn't let it get to him."

Rupp said, "I'm 20 pounds lighter. I feel great, and we're going to have a good year."

That was in November.

Eighteen basketball games and 13 victories later, the Barons and his Wildcats are sitting on top of the Associated Press poll and holding a Big Eight title in the Southern Conference.

The Big story is not what happened but how it occurred. Adolph Rupp had fallen in love with a basketball team.

For the first time in his 35 famous basketball years at Kentucky, Rupp has let a team get under his skin. He takes a personal interest in each of his boys this year, and he lights in their confidence.

Rupp admits it. "Oh, yes, I am very close to these guys, I think they are some of the finest young men I've ever known," he said.

He sat at court-side during a recent scrimmage and looked on benevolently as his boys swished shot after shot.

"It's a pleasure just to come out here and watch these boys. They're tremendous."

Rupp considers the Wildcats the best-balanced team he has had. At various times 1,814 years ago he has had praise for Jerry Conley's passing and ball handling; Louie Dampier's shooting; Thad Jarner's inside work; Tom Kruke's play making; and, his special favorite, Pat Riley's general play.

Asked why he takes a personal interest in this year's players, he said, "They are eager to get along with me. They know what I'm trying to tell them... they understand what I'm trying to do."

The team feels the same way about its coach. Senior Conley said he never has seen a coach take such an interest in the members of his squad.

"It's very close to us as this year... he works hard, and we know he's pulling for us all the time," Conley said.

"This is a far cry from the days when Rupp ran an impersonal machine that produced 720-150 record but no emotion."

Conley actually buzzed Rupp after the Wildcats beat Vanderbilt 105-80 Feb. 2 in the crucial game of the season at Nashville. Rupp was red-faced but recovered quickly.

This is Rupp's own team, and he has staked his claim to it, win or lose the national championship.

"The fans never have taken to a team like they have this one," he said. "I hear people downtown everywhere talking about our Wildcats."

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
TUESDAY,
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Big 8 Standings

CONFERENCE GAMES	W	L	PTS	REB
Nebraska	4	2	104	10
Kansas State	4	2	104	10
Oklahoma State	4	2	104	10
Missouri	4	2	104	10
Colorado	4	2	104	10
Arkansas	4	2	104	10
Texas Tech	4	2	104	10
Oklahoma	4	2	104	10

ALL GAMES

W	L	PTS	REB
Nebraska	4	2	104
Kansas State	4	2	104
Oklahoma State	4	2	104
Missouri	4	2	104
Colorado	4	2	104
Arkansas	4	2	104
Texas Tech	4	2	104
Oklahoma	4	2	104

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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Nebraska	4	2	104
Kansas State	4	2	104
Oklahoma State	4	2	104
Missouri	4	2	104
Colorado	4	2	104
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UP! Poll

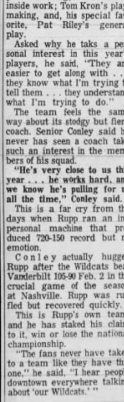
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Shelby Bowler Leads GI Meet

Grand Island (UPI) — R. Bergengren of Shelby with a 712 series leads in singles competition following the first of four weeks of competition in the Grand Island men's open handicap bowling tournament here.

In doubles competition, J. Decker and L. Hahn, both of Beaver City, led the pair with 1,200. The Kimball High Schoolers also first in team honors with 3,128.

In all-events competition, D. A. Bergengren of Lincoln, S.D., led with 1,853, closely followed by Ed Puga of Manhattan, Kan., with 1,827.



Nebraska basketball team posing.

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