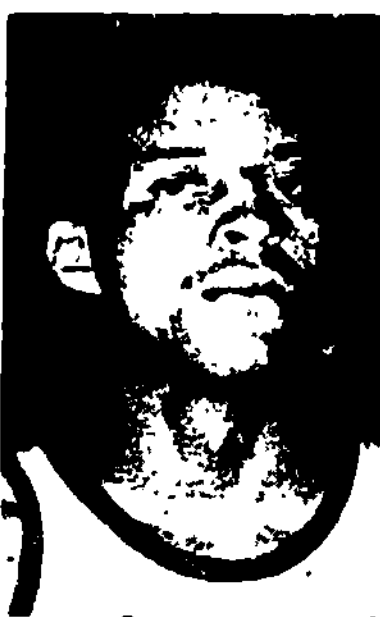


1963-64 All-Nebraska College Team



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Crawford, Nelson Unanimous Picks

Hastings, Wesleyan Dominate State's All-Star College Basketball Squad

By LARRY DENNIS

Hastings College and Nebraska Wesleyan University, the two titans of Nebraska small-college basketball during the season just past, dominate The Lincoln Sunday Journal and Star's collegiate all-star team for 1963-64.

Hastings, which defeated Wesleyan twice, once in overtime, to become the only Nebraska team to stop the Plainsmen, gained two places on the first team.

Bennie Crawford and Eddie Lorentzen, the junior college transfers who paced Hastings to the Nebraska College Conference crown and a berth in the NAIA tournament in Kansas City, were the Broncos' honored.

Wesleyan's sharp-shooting Dick Nelson was awarded a first-team berth and two other Plainsmen, Chet Paul and Don Beckmann, were placed on the second team.

The two Hastings stars and Nelson are joined by Chadron's great Felix Sanford and Omaha freshman whiz Sam Singleton on the first honor unit.

Rounding out the second team are Art Oliver of Midland, Dick Muma of Chadron, and Dennis Nelson of Doane.

Crawford and Wesleyan's Nelson were unanimous choices among the ballots received from the state's coaches.

All-Nebraska College Basketball Team

PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	CLASS
Bennie Crawford	Hastings	6-5	Jr.
Felix Sanford	Chadron	6-6	Sr.
Eddie Lorentzen	Hastings	6-6	Jr.
Sam Singleton	Omaha	6-5	Fr.
Dick Nelson	Nebraska Wesleyan	6-0	Sr.
Second Team			
Art Oliver	Midland	6-3	Fr.
Dick Muma	Chadron	6-2	Sr.
Chet Paul	Nebraska Wesleyan	6-5	Sr.
Dennis Nelson	Doane	6-3	Soph.
Don Beckmann	Nebraska Wesleyan	5-10½	Sr.

Honorable Mention

Larry Villnow, Omaha; Roy Washington, Midland; Mike Harmon, Peru; Ron Priebe, Hastings; Paul Kaster, Omaha; Charlie Myers, Omaha; Frank Empey, Peru; Wayne Clements, Concordia; Larry Martin, Kearney; Roger Ginapp, Wayne; Jon Garcia, Wayne; Jim Booher, Nebraska Wesleyan; Gene Kruse, Dana; Walt Hamlett, Hastings; Mel Harris, Hastings; Craig Kelley, Doane; Jim Roark, Nebraska Wesleyan; Rich Fowler, Midland.

Crawford, a 6-5 spring-legged junior with a fabulous shooting touch, averaged 26 points and 16.4 rebounds per game for the Broncos, sinking 52.4% of his field goal tries during the season.

Nelson, one of the finest long-range gunners to come down the pike in a long while, is the No. 2 career scorer in Wesleyan history

with 1,515 points. He lost the team scoring title by three points to Paul this year, averaging 19.7 per game, but it was his ability to hit from outside when nobody else was scoring that saved many a game for the Plainsmen.

Lorentzen was troubled by illness during part of the season, but this didn't slow him down much. He played in every game, averaging 18.5 points each time out and rebounding at a 13.5 pace. The 6-6 center went on a rampage in the second Wesleyan contest at Hastings to almost personally save the Broncos' hides.

Chadron was the only Nebraska team to defeat Hastings this year, and Sanford was the big reason for the

Eagles' success over the campaign. The 6-6 senior averaged 24.5 points and 17.9 rebounds and at the end of the year held five school scoring and rebounding marks. Over four years he scored 1,469 points to rank second in Chadron history. On a per-game basis, however, he's No. 1.

Sanford got considerable help, of course, from Muma, a 6-2 senior who averaged almost 21 points a game for the Eagles.

Singleton led Omaha to its best season in 10 years, scoring at a 20-point clip and ranking as the leading rebounder at year's end with an average of 11 per game. His performance helped carry the Indians to within one game of the Central Intercollegiate Conference title.

Except for the lack of height, the second all-star team no doubt could compete on even terms with the

first. Oliver, Midland's freshman ace who rewrote most of the records in Wesleyan's Christmas Holiday tournament, ranks with Muma and Paul in the 20-point class.

Paul, who averaged 19.8 per game and shot 48% from the field, also averaged 13 rebounds a game to lead the Plainsmen in that department. He was named to the NCAA college division regional all-tournament team at Cedar Falls, Iowa, at season's end.

Beckmann was Wesleyan's defensive whiz and floor leader, a classy playmaker who averaged more than 13 points a game. He shot better than 48% from the line and almost 87% from the free throw line over the season.

Dennis Nelson was the standout on an improving young Doane team, averaging 16.1 in scoring and 10.6 in rebounding to lead the Tigers in both departments.

Prep



Parade

By Don Forsythe

Staff Sports Writer

A few days of confinement with an illness-enforced vacation usually has a fellow itching to get back on the job as quickly as possible. But this writer hasn't decided yet as to whether the itching stems from inactivity or measles.

The indoor vacation, although not requested, cropped up at a convenient time with the state's prep athletes making the switch from indoor to outdoor sports.

As is the case so often, the switch is taking more time than planned. The villain, of course, is the weatherman, who pays no heed to the notation on the calendar that the high school outdoor track season begins in the final week of March.

Track, golf, tennis and baseball candidates and coaches work under a major handicap as they battle the weather each spring. Their seasons are short to begin with and are interrupted often by inclement weather.

Just about the time that the school year closes the weather begins to become suitable for the athletes. But a few sprinkles, snowflakes or cold weather don't seem to diminish the enthusiasm of either player or coach in the March, April and May campaigns.

Surprise Finish

The death of the Quin-Cities Conference was not entirely unexpected, but the suddenness of its passing was a surprise to many.

Failure of the new league points out the many problems it faced. A variety of conflicting interests was the primary stumbling block.

It wasn't that the member schools didn't make an honest attempt to reconcile their differences. School officials put in enough time in conferences, meetings, etc., that they could have figured out a way to put man on the moon.

But that wasn't the problem and there appeared to be no simple solution for the problem in the Quin-Cities lineup.

No Ties, No Worries

Now the Lincoln schools are left without conference affiliation. The Mid-East Conference, of which Northeast and Southeast were members, folded as a result of the Quin-Cities Conference. Lincoln High was a member of the Intercity League, also ended when the Quin-Cities was originated.

Loss of conference ties should create no problem for the Lincoln schools in the next year or two, however, as most of the athletic scheduling has been completed.

In fact, scheduling should be no great problem for the Lincoln schools should they choose to remain independent for a longer period. They have plenty of competition right at home, and can just about any direction to fill their open dates.

Columbus Meet Tops Track Slate

The outdoor track tempo picks up for Nebraska high school athletes this week with major meets set Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Headliner is the Columbus Invitational Saturday. This early season meet usually serves as a measuring stick for the state powers in Class A.

The mid-week attraction is the Wrangler Relays at Burwell Wednesday.

Thursday events include the Arapahoe Invitational, and the Bur County meet at Tekamah.

The Friday card includes the Hi Line Conference meet at Brady and the Roseland Invitational.

The Peru Invitational and the Superior Invitational are also scheduled Saturday.

Cubs Pick Up Joe Amalfitano

Mesa, Ariz. (AP)—The Chicago Cubs, seeking a successor to the late Ken Hubbs at second base, bought 30-year-old Joe Amalfitano from Tacoma, Wash., of the Pacific Coast League Saturday.

The Cubs reportedly paid the major league waiver price of \$20,000 for the right-handed hitting and throwing infielder. He is a six-year National League veteran and the San Francisco Giants and Houston Colts.

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He's Unanimous

Jackson Heads Jucos

Strong Scottsbluff contributes the most to the Lincoln Sunday Journal and Star Nebraska Junior College all-star basketball team, placing two men on the 1963-64 honor unit.

A pair of rangy sophomores, 6-3 Calvin Graham and 6-4 Mel Witherspoon, are the nominees from the state's western powerhouse. They are joined by Norfolk's Fred Jackson, Fairbury's Tom Morrison and York's Mike Shay in the all-star cast.

These were the top vote-getters in balloting by the state's junior college coaches.

Jackson, a 6-2 sophomore from Omaha, was the only unanimous choice among the selections. He averaged 19 points a game for two seasons to gain his place at the head of the list.

Graham was Scottsbluff's leading scorer with a 25-point average and was the second-best rebounder, hauling in an average of 13.5 per game.

Witherspoon, Scottsbluff's No. 3 scorer with a 16.5 average, led the board statistics with 15.4 rebounds each time out.

Shay, a 6-4½ sophomore whiz from York, averaged 18.7 points and 12 rebounds per contest over the season.

Morrison was a stickout on a weak team, averaging 16.9 points over a 22-game schedule and scoring 20 points per game against Nebraska juko competition. He also was Fairbury's best defensive player and an exceptional ball-handler.

"If Tom would have been with a better ball club, he would have been very outstanding," says Fairbury coach C. L. Grovert.

Norfolk's Ron Kuepke, a 15-point scorer, and Vic Sanderson, who averaged 21.5 for Scottsbluff, also were strong candidates for the honor roll with 10 other standouts from around the state.



Fred Jackson

Red Cross Sets Up Water Safety Training Course

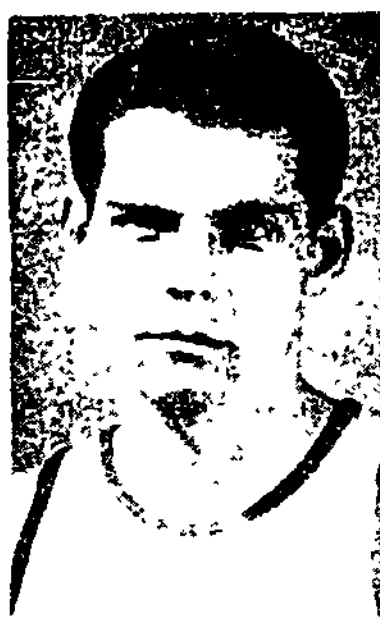
The initial part of an eight-week water safety instructor training course opens Wednesday at the Red Cross chapter headquarters, 17th and E.

The instructional program will shift to the Southeast High School pool, 37th and Van Dorn, for the remainder of the sessions. The sessions will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The second part of the Red Cross program runs June 1-5 from 7 to 10 p.m. also at SE.

Anyone 18 years-old and older, with a valid senior life saving certificate, may enroll in the course.

1963-64 All-State Junior College Cagers



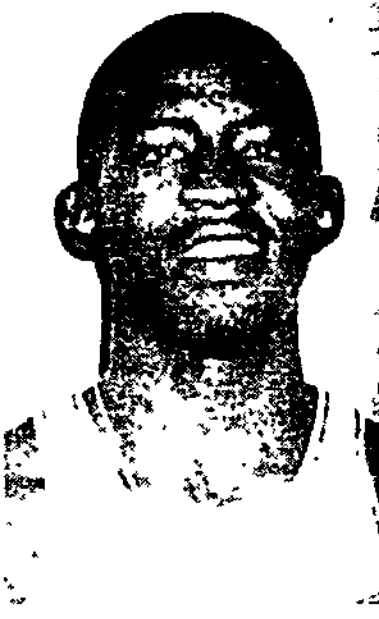
Mike Shay



Tom Morrison



Mel Witherspoon



Calvin Graham

All-Nebraska Junior College Basketball Team

PLAYER	SCHOOL	HEIGHT	CLASS
Fred Jackson, Norfolk		6-2	So.
Tom Morrison, Fairbury		6-1	Fr.
Mel Witherspoon, Scottsbluff		6-4	So.
Calvin Graham, Scottsbluff		6-3	So.
Mike Shay, York		6-4	So.

Honorable Mention

George Eckhardt, McCook; John Armstrong, Norfolk; Ron Kuepke, Norfolk; Larry Placke, Fairbury; Charles Campbell, McCook; Denny Willard, York; Dick Hill, York; Nelson Bertran, Scottsbluff; Henry Granger, Scottsbluff; Jim Libal, Fairbury; Len Kuepke, Norfolk; Vic Sanderson, Scottsbluff; Charles Nelson, McCook.

Late Goals Let Leafs Even Stanley Cup Series

Montreal (AP)—Red Kelly and Frank Mahovlich collaborated on back-to-back goals in the first period and the Toronto Maple Leafs defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 2-1, Saturday night to square their Stanley Cup semifinal series at one victory apiece.

Kelly, a 36-year-old veteran appearing in his 170th post-season game, and super-star Mahovlich each scored during a four-minute span. The Leafs, defending Cup champions, held on behind Johnny Bower's brilliant goaltending.

Jean Beliveau thwarted Bower's shutout bid when he scored the Canadians' goal on a second-period power play.

Kelly converted a Mahovlich pass at 8:50 of the opening period and set up his linemate's decisive goal at 12:03. Leafs captain George Armstrong also assisted on Mahovlich's tally.

Beliveau connected for Montreal at 15:29 of the middle period, just 10 seconds after Toronto's Eddie Shack drew a two-minute penalty for boardchecking. John Ferguson and Bernie Geoffrion drew assists.

Bus Withdraws As AD Prospect

Des Moines (AP)—Bus Mertes, Drake football coach who was interviewed a week ago for the athletic directorship at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., said Saturday he has withdrawn from consideration for the job.

"I appreciated the opportunity to visit and look the job over, but I'm convinced I want to coach some more," Mertes said.

Leslie Gade Gains National Co-ed Pin Finals

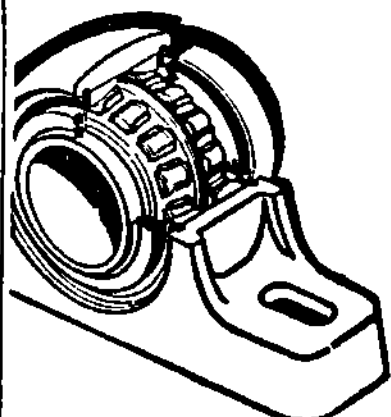
Minneapolis, Minn. — Leslie Gade, a Grand Island sophomore in Teachers College at the University of Nebraska, will be one of 56 students competing in the finals of the third National Intercollegiate Co-Ed bowling tournament Apr. 12-13.

This final field of young gals were winners of regional competition among 6,000 collegiate bowlers and will aim for national team, singles, doubles and all-events titles in the two-day event.

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