

# I May Be Wrong

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Sunday Sports Columnist

To Fred Hare happiness is a basketball filled with air. Fred's so goofy over the game he likes practice. Fred figures the necessities of life are rims, backboards and floors. According to him the best things Santa could put in a kid's stockings would be speed, quickness, jumping ability and a keen eye.

He doesn't need them in his Christmas stocking, however. Basketballwise, Fred is the guy you would have trouble shopping for. He's the guy who has everything, at least almost everything.

But Fred has a problem. He hasn't quite learned how to use everything he has. In the event he ever does, and Nebraska coach Joe Cipriano says he is, nothing would be out of sight, including all-America recognition.

When Fred was still a freshman, Cipriano compared him with Walt Hazzard of UCLA. He said Fred could be the same type player as Hazzard and could mean to the Huskers what Hazzard meant to the Bruins. Which is like saying what an engine is to a car or a body to Brigitte Bardot.

## Trouble Adjusting

Fred was not Walt Hazzard last year. In fact Fred wasn't anybody last year except Fred Hare, the same Fred Hare he had always been. But Fred was no longer in high school where his natural ability was so far above most of his opponents he could carry his team to victory alone.

There was need for more team effort. Cipriano felt Fred didn't provide enough. There was need for defense. Cipriano felt Fred treated defense like mangy hound . . . he left it alone.

As a result Fred acquired some splinters on the bench. Instead of wearing out nets, he was wearing out the seat of his pants. In the first six games this year Fred wasn't a starter. Then, in the last game, he became one.

Presumably, Cipriano has found that the best way to a man's heart is not through his stomach after all. It's through the seat of his pants.

## Improvement Talk Frightening

It's almost frightening to think of improvement talk. As a sophomore all Fred did was lead the team in scoring with a 15.2 average while shooting at a respectably 40 per cent. And he led the team in rebounds with 185.

"He's realizing more what he has to do now," Cipriano says of the 6-1, 180-pound former Omaha Tech star, in reference to team play. "He's giving the ball up more when he's double teamed."

"Fred has to realize that a guard initiates our offense and as a result has to pass more and dribble less. He still needs work, but he's improving on defense. He gave us a much better effort defensively against Stanford."

"If he keeps improving maybe it'll all come out his senior year," Cipriano says. "It's going to be a gradual change . . . not that I want it to be . . . making him play our way."

## Not Too Easy

It isn't always easy for any college player to adjust, and particularly so, for a youngster with Fred's ability. He started playing in the fourth grade and he was the best player then.

Fred's the crowd favorite and has been for a long time. He says it doesn't bother him, but admits: "I think people tend to expect too much when you have a good reputation."

And Fred admits it hasn't been easy to adjust to college life. But he's made up his mind now to just do his best in class and in basketball and let things fall as they may.

"I'm getting to play more now," he says. "And whether I like it or not, I'm adjusting to his way of play."

To be a playmaker and not so much of a shooter is difficult.

"I think so," he answers when asked if he can make the switch. "It won't come all at once, but it may come to that . . . passing more and rebounding more and maybe not shoot so much."

One thing which is helping is that Fred is surrounded now by other good players, players who keep up with him and accept his quick passes.

"This year it's better," he says. "Everybody's quick . . . you can make good passes and be effective. We can get out and move."

The Big Eight tournament will be a big test.

## Iowa Among Cage Favorites

El Paso, Tex. (AP) — Ninth-ranked Iowa meets surprising Arkansas and defensive-minded Texas Western in heavily favored against Loyola of New Orleans in Wednesday's first round of the Sun Carnival Basketball Tournament.

Iowa, a Big Ten darkhorse to Michigan and Minnesota, brings a perfect 7-0 record into the tournament won by Texas Western three out of the last four years.



Trotter Star

Fred Neal, one of the stars of the Harlem Globetrotters, will perform with the team at Pershing Auditorium in Lincoln Jan. 4.

## Adams Says

# Grid Bid Reports Too Low

Houston, Tex. (AP) — Bud Adams, owner of the Houston Oilers, said Saturday his losing bid for Texas linebacker Tommy Nobis was for \$650,000 — and that his offer to Texas Tech's Donny Anderson already has exceeded that figure.

"I feel sure Nobis signed for excess of \$700,000," said Adams, "because the offer we had agreed on was for \$650,000. It was all cash, payable in three years. And I would have raised the ante, but I didn't get the chance."

Nobis signed Dec. 14 with the Atlanta Falcons, a new club in the National Football League. Rumor said the price tag was \$225,000 and that the American Football League Oilers had bid \$250,000 but lost on other factors such as pension and the prestige of the older league.

Adams said Saturday he believes the Falcons got Nobis by offering him \$100,000 more than Houston if he could sign immediately, but that if he turned it down they were through negotiating.

And reports that Illinois' Jim Grabowski signed with Green Bay this week for \$250,000 are a good deal short of the mark, according to Adams.

"It was more than twice that," Adams said. "I was in close contact with officials of the Miami team. I asked them if they got to where they thought they would lose Grabowski to let me take a pass at him."

"They called me, but couldn't reach me because I was out with Anderson at the time. They called the New York Jets and they made a last minute offer. But I know Grabowski got \$825,000 or over."

The Miami Dolphins are the latest addition to the AFL.

Adams said he learned from a source close to the Anderson family that Green Bay Coach Vince Lombardi told Anderson the Packers planned to trade veteran running backs Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor if they succeeded in signing both Anderson and Grabowski.

Adams said the NFL is paying stratospheric bonuses this year because Commissioner Pete Rozelle has told the owners they must sign the top 30 college stars in order to command the television contract the league wants.

The NFL's contract with CBS expires at the end of this season and the league reportedly wants several million more dollars for any renewal with the network.

Adams said he will be in Jacksonville, Fla., Friday to sign Anderson after Texas Tech's Gator Bowl game against Georgia Tech.

"It is not beyond the realm of possibility that Anderson will receive \$800,000," Adams said. "It will be an all-cash transaction too, payable in three years."

Does he think he'll be able to outbid the Packers and get the Texas Tech All-American?

"It's all questionable," he said. "There's no predictability to what's being done."

## Spain's No. 2 Pick a Puzzle

Sydney, Australia (AP) — The mystery surrounding Spain's No. 2 singles player in the Davis Cup challenge round against Australia will not be cleared up until Sunday afternoon.

It had been expected that Luis Arilla would be chosen No. 2 to Manuel Santa but now it appears that Juan Gisbert, as not Arilla, will receive the call to face Fred Stolle in the second singles Monday following the opening match between Santa and Roy Emerson, Australia's No. 1 player.

The second singles position on the Spanish team has been one of the mysteries of the team's preparations.

Team manager Jaime Bartoli told newsmen he had decided on his No. 2 man two days ago but wished to hold off a public announcement as long as possible. It was noted that Gisbert began striking his true form just about that time.

If Gisbert is picked to play the singles, it is probable that Arilla will be teamed up with Santa in the doubles.

The odds heavily favor Australia making a successful defense of the Cup in its 22nd successive challenge round.



Nebraska assistant football coaches spend a lot of time these days with a movie camera, checking high school prospects across the country. At left, Clete Fischer views a film, while Mike Corgan (right) goes through some mail prior to a matinee session of his own.

## 'Better to be Seen . . .'

# Bowl Tilts Slow Recruiting, But They Help in Long Run

By CURT MOSHER

There is no definite measuring stick as to just how much winning and the subsequent bowl trips mean to the Nebraska recruiting program, but it must mean a lot.

Coach Bob Devaney's staff has not had a bad year recruiting yet, and they have yet to recruit under normal conditions.

Recruiting is a year-around business, but for the schools not in bowls or undergoing coaching changes the month of December is a big month.

The Nebraska coaches have been able to sneak in some work, but nothing like they would if the Orange Bowl preparation wasn't staring them in the face.

When the staff returned from the Phoenix training camp the football office looked like a shipping warehouse. Mail was stacked up and there was enough film in the office to stretch around Lancaster County.

It all has to be looked at. Allowing for one or two rare exceptions, the Husker staff doesn't take a high school player without first viewing film.

Freshman coach John Melton, one of the nation's outstanding procurers of talent, estimates the Husker staff will look at 500 different game films and communicate in one way or another with 1500 prospects.

Some of this has been looked at, but not too much due to the Orange Bowl preparation and the re-

quired film study of Alabama.

But all is not lost. The different coaches have assigned areas and have a pretty good feel of those areas already.

Clete Fisher has Nebraska and Texas, Carl Selmer Iowa and Minnesota, George Kelly Illinois and Wisconsin, Mike Corgan Michigan and eastern Ohio and Melton western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. Jim Ross draws special areas and worked some in Missouri, Kansas, California and Las Vegas, a fact which brought considerable chiding from his colleagues.

"Tell the fans not to worry," Ross deadpanned. "We'll get somebody out of Las Vegas yet."

Typical of the early operation is what Corgan does. He sent out cards to nearly every school in Michigan. The coaches of those schools return them with their idea of prospects. But grades and size tend to trim that list in a hurry.

"This (the bowl) slows us down," Ross says. "We can't get a chance to see all of the film. And we can't get out and see the kids."

But he says the bowl helps even if the Huskers should lose.

"Better to be seen and lose," he said, "than not to be seen at all." The thought seemed familiar.

The visitations to the campus are out until later as the coaches usually don't invite an athlete in for a weekend until they have seen some film.

The film grading is inter-

esting in that Devaney doesn't necessarily decide who comes. And some he won't see at all, particularly so when the coaches are on the road, see a film and have to make a quick decision.

"Majority rules," Melton says of film grading. "If we get in a bind, coach Devaney comes in and looks at the film."

In most instances the help comes from alumni contacts. And these "bird dogs" are on the trail at all times so some contact is being made, bowl or no bowl.

The bowl doesn't effect state recruiting too much and this is the big one anyway.

"If Nebraska high schools had a good year (several prospects) we'll have a good year recruiting," Ross says. "If not, then we won't."

# Letters To 48 Huskers

Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney announced Saturday that 48 members of the undefeated 1965 Cornhusker football team have been awarded letters.

Thirteen of the lettermen were seniors who will play their final game against Alabama in the Orange Bowl game, New Year's night.

Included among the departees are All Americans Walt Barnes, Freeman White and Tony Jeter, all three-year lettermen, and All Big 8 choices Dennis Carlson, Frank Sallich, Mike Kennedy and Ted Vactor. Other three-year lettermen lost in 1966 will be Duncan Drum, Fred Duda, and Bill Johnson.

Offense  
Ends—Larry Casey (1), Tony Jeter (3), Freeman White (3), Dennis Richmond (1).  
Tackles—Gary Brichacek (2), Dennis Carlson (2), Jim Brown (2), Bob Tauchner (1).  
Guards—LaVerne Allers (2), Roger Kudrna (1), Jim Osberg (1), Jim McCord (1).  
Centers—Duncan Drum (3), Kelly Peterson (1), Bob Hill (1).  
Quarterbacks—Fred Duda (3), Bob Church (2), Wayne Weber (1).  
Halfbacks—Ron Kirkland (2), Ken Brunk (1), Charles Winters (1), Harry Wilson (2), Ben Gregory (1).  
Fullbacks—Frank Sallich (3), Pete Tattman (2), Mike Worley (1).  
Defense  
Ends—Len Jank (1), Jerry Patton (1), Langston Coleman (2), Ivan Zimmer (1).  
Tackles—Dick Czap (2), John Stehmeyer (2), Walt Barnes (3), Carol Stuth (1).  
Middle guards—Wayne Maylan (1), Jerry Murphy (1).  
Linebackers—Lynn Senkbeil (2), Rick Coleman (3), Mike Kennedy (3), Barry Alvarez (1).  
Corner backs—Bill Johnson (3), Al Kuehl (1), Kase Carstons (2), Dennis Thorrell (1).  
Safety backs—Marv Mueller (1), Ted Vactor (3), Ron Fossumeyer (1), Larry Wachholz (2).  
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## Nebraskan Honored



Smith

Reggie Smith, a two-time Sunday Journal and Star Class B all-state football selection, has been named to the second team in Parade magazine's third annual all-American high school squad elsewhere in today's paper.

Smith, of West Point Central Catholic, is the only Nebraskan on the 33-player squad.

The 6-0, 210-pound senior was a powerful runner and an exceptional linebacker. In his junior season he averaged 7.8 yards per carry and as a senior he stepped up the pace, averaging 9.8 yards.

Reggie scored 167 points in leading his club to a 9-0 season and a second place ranking in Class B during the past season.

## K-State to Host Mexican Stars

Manhattan, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas State basketball team will be host to the Mexican Olympic team for a special game here Jan. 17.

H. B. (Bebe) Lee, K-State director of athletics, said the Mexican team will play on a tour of the United States under auspices of the People-to-

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