Fairbury's Siegel Trims Choices To Five Schools

By Randy York Prep Sports Writer

Marquette, Kentucky, Notre Dame, Kansas or Nebraska

In a little more than five months, Fairbury's Bob Siegel will attend one of those schools to play basketball.

The 6-5 three-time all-stater. Nebraska's biggest prep basketball superstar since the fabled Fred Hare of Omaha Tech more than a decade ago, announced Tuesday night that he has trimmed his choices to five from a list of 270.

"I hope to visit all five cammid-April," related Siegel, who cut five schools — Southern Cal, Utah, Brigham Young, North own.' Carolina and South Carolina -

was getting ridiculous," said Siegel. "I fielded 17 phone calls from recruiters within four hours Monday night.'

The calls ranged from Los Angeles (the assistant coach at UCLA) to Maryland.

Siegel, the second leading scorer in Nebraska prep basketball history with 2,337 points, says his college prospects have become a game with some people "smiling and trying to guess where I'm leaning. I know people will be surprised where I end

"I can be as good as I want to puses and make my decision by be," says the confident Siegel. "I have all the tools. If I don't make it, it's one guy's fault — my

Siegel believes he can become out of his plans over the a starter at Marquette, Kentucky or Notre Dame by his "I had to cut the list down. It sophomore season. He can

visualize himself as a starter at with the large sellout crowds school as his older brother Tom. State, a close drive from Fair-Kansas or Nebraska as a freshman.

"There are a lot of things wrong with my game that may need more seasoning. But that doesn't bother me," said Siegel.

"My biggest problem is defense. I have to learn to make it one of the best parts of my game," he adds. "In high school, I've been bigger and when the competition is not up to your own, you just don't play defense belly-to-belly like you should. Defense is easy if your mind is

"I need some fundamental, work, too," says Siegel. "I have to know the game better — when and who to hit and when to cut.

But I'll get there.' Siegel says he's impressed drawn by Kansas, Marquette, Kentucky and Notre Dame. The only poor facility in which to play, he notes, is Nebraska's

Marquette has told Siegel that 'I could be a star. Al McGuire's seen me in person and he doesn't lie. He was one of the first to offer an automatic sholarship. He offers all his seniors three to four pro tryouts. He gets it on paper and sticks to it.

Coliseum.

"I might not start my first year if I would go there, but it would probably be worth it," says Siegel. "I might be able to work in right away at Kentucky. It may have that potential like Nebraska and Kansas."

If Kansas should land Siegel's talents, he may attend the same that Bob was favoring Kansas

who came to Nebraska last fall bury, for his basketball future. on a full football scholarship.

Tom, however, became disseason while concentrating on scholastic work and subsequently transferred to Fairbury Junior

"He didn't get treated very well. They (Nebraska) acted like he wasn't around just because he wasn't playing." Bob says of his brother

"Well, Kansas found out there was talent like that laying around in Fairbury," relates Bob, "and Gale Sayers is coming up bere to talk to Tom. I expect him to be playing there next fall.'

There had been speculation

said. "The girls are very in-

telligent players and they play

"I would, too, if Chuck enchanted in the layoff last Garrett, their assistant coach, was the head coach." says Siegel. "I've only met coach (Jack) Hartman once and you play for the head coach, not the assistant. I know coach Hartman is quiet, but I would have to know more about the guy."

> K-State, however, may land the other half of Nebraska's primary recruiting target in 6-6 Sidney senior Rick Seidel.

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Lincoln Girls

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Next stop for the local sharpshooters is the national AAU championships in New Orleans, April 5-8.

tle it won last week.

The team, comprised of five high school girls from Southeast, East and Lincoln High, is the first Lincoln team in history to win the high school division regional crown.

Paced in scoring this season by Sherry Brydl, who with 15 points led the way in the title-clinching game in Omaha Tuesday night. the Roberts team has won 13 games while losing but four.

"Two of those four losses came to the team from Fremont which finished second in the regionals," coach Don Crouch

Crouch, a state employee who is a counselor for the visually handicapped, says coming up with the necessary funds to reach New Orleans for the nationals may be as tough as topping the opposition they'll face from the seven other regional

"Our sponsor has been great. They bought new uniforms and

When the Roberts Dairy spon- have paid our entry fees in numerous tournaments. There's just so much we can ask of them," he adds, "but, we'll get there one way or another."

In addition to Brydl and Sharon Baack, who were both chosen to the regional all-star team, Jan Crouch, Christy and Kathy Oswalk, Lola Heindricks and Sarah Boslaugh are the

other members of the club. "Our starting lineup has a 6-1 girl at center and a pair of sixfooters at forwards," Crouch reports. "In addition, one of our guards is 5-10.

The girls play "regular boys rules," Crouch says. "The only difference is that there is a no 10second center line, there is a 30second clock and all fouls in the last two minutes call for two free throws. These are women's AAU

The team, the only one in Lincoln, played in and won the Omaha city league because of

the lack of local opposition. 'Playing and winning the Omaha league was a great challenge." Crouch says. "The DAV team we beat for the title it was our third victory over them in four games — had never before lost in that league.

'Winning the regional, since it was a first for a team from Lincoln, was also great," he adds. Now we get the chance for the ultimate test. The cream of the crop will be at New Orleans.

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UCLA may be in the making.

JFK plays Northwestern (La.) State College Thursday in the opening round of the three-day Women's National Invitational Tournament in Amarillo, Tex. The Patriettes then travel to Gallup, N.M. to defend their title at the national AAU Tournament, March 27-31.

Although the Patriettes come from a small Nebraska town, they play big-time basketball (full-court variety). Even JFK coach George Nicodemus says his club should be favored to win

both upcoming tournaments. "In my opinion we have the best women's basketball team in the U.S.," he said. "If we play our game it's going to take a super effort by some team to

But Nicodemus also knows that upsets are common in women's basketball. "When you get in these tournaments there's no tomorrow," he noted. "We can't afford to look past anyone.

The 48-year-old Nicodemus is known as the Magician at JFK. After 18 years of successful junior high and high school coaching in Iowa, Nicodemus produced a national champion in

just two years at JFK. Is JFK destined to become the UCLA of women's basketball? "I like to think so,"

Patriettes Seek Repeat Wahoo — Beware basketball Nicodemus remarked. "We just more basketball-wise and have scorer is 5 foot-7 All-American guard Juliene Brazinski, a junior more confidence," Nicodemus

In addition to winning the AAU title last season, the Patriettes captured the Phillips University Invitational Tournament while compiling a 27-10 season record. This season JFK won a repeat title in the Phillips Tournament, finished first in the six-team National Girls Basketball League and currently own a

We're a better team than a year ago because the players are

with a lot of enthusiasm.

The Bill Walton of JFK is 6foot-2 sophomore Barb Wischmeier, an All-American center from Mediapolis, Ia. Miss Wischmeier leads the team in scoring and rebounding. averaging 13.2 points and 8.2 rebounds per game.

The team's second leading

offense while averaging 12.4 points a game.

Nicodemus said the highlight of the season would be repeating as champions in the AAU Tournament with its tough 32-team field. The JFK coach said the Amarillo meet, which has an eight-team field, is considered the lesser of the two national

from Roselle Park, N.J. Miss

Brazinski quarterbacks JFK's

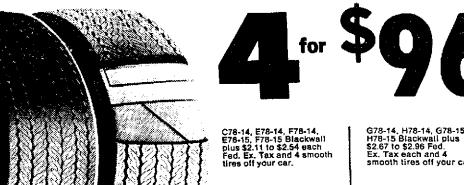
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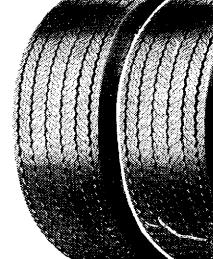
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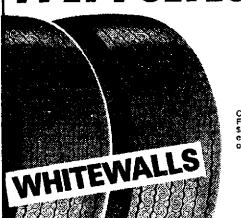
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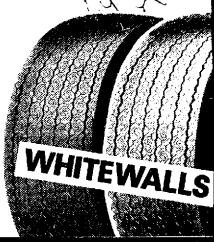


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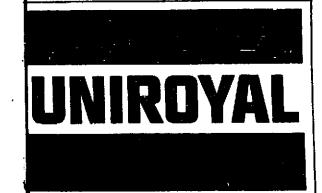
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