

# NU Faces 'Cats In Loop Opener

BY JERRY WARREN.

Coach Harry Good's University of Nebraska cagers launch their 1950 Big Seven campaign Saturday when they tackle highly touted Kansas State at Manhattan.

The Huskers finished their non-conference schedule with a dismal win over South Dakota Monday night. Having finished a tough three-night stand at the Big Seven pre-season tournament at Kansas City, Good's men were hard pressed to beat the sharp shooting Coyotes.

Milt "Bus" Whitehead proved to be the only member of the Nebraska team that could hit the basket in the KC tourney as he averaged 20 points, second only to Kansas' towering Sophomore, Clyde Lovelette.

### Seventh Place.

Nebraska managed to salvage seventh place in the scramble with a 19-point overtime onslaught against Iowa State. The Huskers were soundly trounced, 57-67, by the Colorado Buffaloes in the first game and were edged by the guest team, Michigan, 65-67, in the second round of the tourney.

Despite a final round, 44-40, loss to Missouri, the Sooners of Oklahoma seem to be the team to beat in the Big Seven this year.

A team composed of Paul Merchant, Wayne Glasgow and Bill Waters would be tough in any league but Coach Bruce Drake has Marcus Freiberger, tallest man in the conference at 6-11, to make the Sooners favorites in the mad scramble for the Big Seven crown.

### Huskers Fifth.

Early forecasters have picked the rest of the seven teams to end this way: second, Kansas State; third, Missouri; fourth, Colorado; fifth, Nebraska; sixth, Kansas; and seventh, Iowa State.

Kansas State's cracker-box fieldhouse gives them the advantage over the Tigers for runner-up spot, but Sparky Stalcup's crew could surprise as they did at Kansas City last week.

The Wildcats have virtually the same team that wound up last season beating every Big Seven team with a majority of sophomores dominating the play.

### Outstanding Soph.

Clarence Brannum, 6-4 center, and Rick Harmon, All-American nominee at forward, are the mainstays of the Wildcat attack. The two seniors received yeoman assistance from juniors Ed Head, Ernie Barrett and Jack Stone.

Missouri boasts one of the best sophomore performers in the league in Bill Stauffer, 6-3 forward. To complete a veteran-laden outfit, Stalcup has Jerry Fowler, 6-8 senior center, Don Stroot, 6-8 forward, George Lafferty, junior guard, and Bud Heineman, 5-10 hotshot forward.

Good anchors his offense around the post play of all-conference center Bus Whitehead and two classy guards, Joe Brown and Bob Cerv, but the Husker head mentor has much polishing to do before the Scarlet and Cream invade Wildcat land.

the 145-pound match.

It took Ed Lane slightly more time to dispose of State's Duane Schley in the 155-pound scrap. Lane topped Schley in 6:30.

# Hills Tops Buff Scorers With Record High

Colorado, the surprise team of the Big Seven before the Kansas City tournament, has been playing inspired ball with veteran support from Kendall Hills.

Hills, a 6-2 cager from Boulder, is headed for his best year as a Buffalo forward with scores of 11, 14, 21, 11, 24 and finally 16 in the first encounter of the Big Seven tournament against Nebraska. The 24 points that Hills managed to pile up, set a new season's record for the Buffs, replacing their last year's individual record of 18 points, also set by Hills.

The only blot in Hills' scoring is the five points he was held to by an Emporia State quintet, but

since that game the Colorado senior has been racking up points in record proportions.

Hills is out to break this year his total output of 134 points for last season. Playing his best on defense, the dependable forward can always be counted on to take his share of rebounds.

The court isn't the only place where Hills makes his presence known as the mainstay of the Buff Squad. He is practically a "straight-A" scholar. In high school at Boulder he earned three letters in football and basketball, and now has earned three cage letters at Colorado.



**HUSKER LEADER**—Milton "Bus" Whitehead lead the Nebraska offensive in the pre-season Big Seven tournament with a three-game total of 61 points.

# NU Wrestlers Blank SoDaks

Nebraska wrestlers made it a clean sweep against the South Dakota Jackrabbits Monday.

The Husker strongmen pinned six of the Staters and outpointed a seventh. When the final tally was made, Pat Patterson's charges were on the long end of a 38-0 score.

Hostilities got under way during the half of the Nebraska-SoDak U. basketball game, with little Louie Caniglia pinning Jack-rabbit Howard Hill in 5:17.

While the fans were rearranging themselves for the long evening of grappling, following the cage game, the Cornhuskers nailed another 'Rabbit pelt to the Coliseum mat.

### Fall in 32 Seconds

It took Bobby Yambor, 128-pounder and two-time winner of Big Seven laurels, only 32 seconds to write finis to his bout with Laverne Andersh.

In the 136-pound bracket, Walt Christman set what proved to be a record for the SoDak crew Monday night. Meeting Husker Mickey Sparano, Christman was the only wrestler from the North that did not hear Referee Vern Ekfelt slap the canvas. Although a little puzzled by Christman's power to avert a pin, Sparano proved he knew his mat tactics, decisioning Christman, 9-0.

Bob Russell added another win to the Husker column, when he pinned Leonard Helms in 6:10, in

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