

# State Cage Teams Here For Tourney Wednesday

The 1951 Nebraska high school state basketball tournament field was completed Saturday night and gets under way in Lincoln on Wednesday.

## State Cage Pairings

**CLASS A**  
Thursday, March 15  
12:30—Hastings vs. Omaha Benson.  
1:50—North Platte vs. Lincoln High.  
7:00—Omaha Tech vs. Lincoln Northeast.  
8:20—Fremont vs. Scottsbluff.

**CLASS B**  
Wednesday, March 14  
12:30—Omaha Holy Name vs. Plainview.  
1:50—David City vs. Lincoln Teacher's High.  
7:00—Pawnee City vs. Holdrege.  
8:20—Wayne vs. Gering.

**CLASS C**  
Wednesday, March 14  
12:30—St. Joseph's of Atkinson vs. Newman Grove.  
1:50—Hildreth vs. Syracuse.  
7:00—Elkhorn vs. Friend.  
8:20—Taylor vs. Chappell.

**CLASS D**  
Thursday, March 15  
12:30—Chester vs. Polk.  
1:50—Dalton vs. Axtell.  
7:00—Wayne Prep vs. Primrose.  
8:20—Palmyra vs. Millard.

in the pre-tourney chart, will face Palmyra, Mudecas champion, in the opening round. These teams are in the lower bracket with Wayne Prep and Primrose.

Chester bumps into Polk while Dalton smashes into Axtell.

**Plenty of Excitement**  
If the forty-first annual basketball tournament is anything similar to pre-tourney play offers there will be plenty of excitement and upsets to keep even the calmest of individuals jumping.

The three top teams were knocked off in their particular tournaments. Northeast was bumped by Lincoln High, Tech defeated Benson,

and North Platte went down at the hands of Scottsbluff.

Grand Island will not be a contender this year as they slipped to an underdog Hastings. Hastings kept the ball rolling as they went on to down Fremont.

In Class B the main upset saw Holdrege swing into high gear and drop Minden's hope of traveling to the State's largest and most desired meeting.

Chappell's Buffaloes, defending champion, upset Chadron Prep in two overtimes 57-55.

Axtell will take the floor Thursday due to a spurt which took them past favorite Brady. Another Class D upset was Wayne Prep's win over Uehling.

## All-Americans Rivals in Game

Two all-American guards will match wits and court prowess Wednesday night when Kansas State and Illinois, champions of the Big Seven and Big Ten respectively, pair off in a tuneup game for the NCAA playoffs in which both teams will compete for national honors the following week.

A good deal of Kansas State's hopes in the 1950-51 fieldhouse highlight will be pinned on Ernie Barrett, who is being mentioned on most everyone's all-American teams. Spearheading the Illinois attack will be Don Sunderlage who also can claim all-American distinction.

Barrett, who leads Kansas State's ten-cylinder attack with 251 points, has been named first team all-American by Sporting News. He is listed on the second team by Associated Press and Look magazine, while United Press gives him a third team nod as well as a first team berth on the all-Big Seven quintet.

Sunderlage, a 6-0 basketball shorty, has burned the cords for 370 points this season and is hitting a mean 38 per cent of his tries from the field. He, too, was listed by United Press on its third team all-American.

The two fireball guards are identical in their blazing brand of play, rugged backboard work, and split second play timing, but the expected crowd of 13,000 will see two different brands of shooting.

Barrett's speciality is a soft, one-handed poke which he seems to hit best from outside the circle or in the corners. Sunderlage's pet point maker is a driving one-handed push shot that usually hits the mark when hoisted toward the basket.

The Illinois guard is torrid from the free throw line. He led Illinois free throwers in 1949 with a .704 average to win the Ralf Woods Memorial Trophy and set a Big Ten free throw mark in 1950 when he hit 20 in a row.

No matter what the outcome Wednesday night, fans should go away satisfied because they will have seen two of the game's finest performers in action.

# Husker Baseball Squad Faces Reconstruction Job

"There are many new faces, and little is known about their abilities," remarked Baseball Coach Tony Sharpe.

No one realizes better than he the tough problem he faces in rebuilding a team from practically the ground up in order to field a ball club that will retain the Big Seven championship and maintain the Cornhusker prominence acquired in recent years.

With outstanding ball players like Cerv, Denker, Grogan, Hays, Novak, and Vrbka gone, the material with which to reconstruct is a shadow of that of more recent years.

With the exception of a small nucleus of experienced boys, the stock is as green as the proverbial grass on the other side of the fence. Consequently, the job of screening out the boys from the men will be a difficult one and will require shrewd handling and intelligent judgment.

**Woes**  
Fortunately, the woes of Coach Sharpe are also the woes of other conference pilots. Graduations, pro teams, and the Selective Service Boards have ransacked much of their talent, so they too are faced with the problem of reshaping their squads.

A swing around the loop finds Colorado rating the dubious distinction of losing more lettermen than any other club in the conference. Colorado lost 13 varsity players. Two good hurlers in Nix and Maniro, the only returning veterans, provide the focal point around which an entire team must be formed.

Nix cut Nebraska short last season, limiting them to four hits, and with him on the mound Colorado will be tough. Not too much is expected of the mountain boys.

Last season Missouri claimed the best mound staff in the loop, having Smith, Englert and Eberhart. But Smith and Englert are gone, and Missouri will have to dig deep to come up with moundsmen of equal effectiveness.

Add the losses of shortstop Eastok, first baseman Frier and catcher Alexander. Second baseman Kutz and chucker Eberhart will provide some thrills, but the Tigers on the whole should be a weak sister in the conference.

Kansas, with veteran hurler Sandefur on the hill, should post a few wins in the record book, come the end of the season.

However, Kansas has little else and they seem destined to battle it out with Colorado and Missouri for the cellar slot.

Kansas State will be screaming blue murder over the losses to pro ball of second baseman Scannel and outfielder Speck for a long time, and who could blame them? Add to Scannel and Speck, players like outfielder Johnson, and pitchers Iverson, Reitemeir and Pine, and the result would be a top contender for the Big Seven crown.

Without these Kansas State will be in the upper four, but will need more than a fair share of breaks to take the conference crown.

Oklahoma has been skinned of most of her talent, including ace hurler Kirk, first baseman Jones, a 400 hitter last year, and Stephenson, smooth working and hard hitting shortstop.

However, this is one school that should never be underestimated. Like the black gold from Oklahoma soil, the baseball material appears to be never-ending.

Veteran hurler Shirley and center-fielder Pagsley will be back, so Oklahoma will be a rough test for any team this year.

Iowa State, on paper, would seem to be the best bet for taking the conference crown. Returning veterans include pitcher Singley, Hackbath and Lurking, outfielders Johnson, Stone, and Delbridge, and catcher Steward.

The big problem here will be filling in a whole new infield, but the experienced moundsman and power hitters make the Cyclones a team to bear watching.

**NU Lettermen**  
On the Cornhusker side of the picture the lettermen are infielder Bill Jensen, outfielder Bob Diers, Ray Mladovich and chucker Del Kopf. The glaring weakness on the hill may get a shot in the arm from a few "greenies" who have been showing promise recently.

Dale Bunsion, George Nutt and Henry Mullen are the dark horses that could relieve the heavy burden being carried by Kopf and "Pinky" McCormick.

In the outfield Diers, Jerry Dunn and Bill Fitzgerald are expected to fill in and provide the needed hitting power.

At present the infield is shapening up with John Leach at first base, Bob Reynolds at second, Jensen at shortstop, and John Rego at third. Leach has worked at first base for a short time, but

he looks good and makes a very impressive target for the long throw.

Behind the plate Ray Mladovich seems most likely with Bob Loreburg and Bob Steinburg pushing hard.

The standard assets for the team will be defensive play and speed afoot. Without a doubt the arts of drag bunting and base stealing will be revived.

Hustle and spirit, which reflect the optimism of the coaching staff and the players, is very much in evidence. With many of the big bats gone, hustle may very well decide the outcome of many games and ultimately the representative to the national tournament in Omaha.

**Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Show Is Saturday**  
The Junior Ak-Sar-Ben show will be Saturday, 8 p.m., at the State Fair grounds coliseum, not Friday night as was printed previously.

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## Boston Braves Need Catcher

The Boston Braves are in need of a major league catcher. They were left with only Walker Cooper as their only experienced catcher Sunday when Del Crandall received notice from his draft board that he will be inducted on March 26.

The Braves are believed to be interested in making a deal for Bruce Edwards of the Brooklyn Dodgers, Mickey Owen of the Chicago Cubs or Rafael Noble of the New York Giants.

The Boston Red Sox have hitting troubles. The mightiest bats in baseball have scored only two runs and made just 12 hits in 18 innings against the pitching of Howie Fox and Ken Raffensberger of the Reds and Bubba Church, Ken Heintzelman and Robin Roberts of the Phils.

After gaining a split in their two-game week end series with the White Sox, the Chicago Cubs switched to minor league opposition Monday.

A single by Bob Borkowski scored Ransom Jackson in Sunday's tussle and proved to be the winning score.

Joe DiMaggio's replacement, the highly touted Mickey Mantle, had his debut delayed Monday when he was hit above the left eye attempting to catch a fly ball.

Mantle lost his "duel with the sun" in the fourth inning of Sunday's game.

## Husker Swimmers Third; Wrestlers Finish Seventh

Reese Wins Heavyweight

The Oklahoma Sooners, defending Big Seven wrestling champions, re-annexed their title Saturday at Norman. The Sooner matmen took six out of the eight final matches, ending up with 47 points. Kansas State was second with 21. Iowa State had 17, while Colorado and Nebraska each turned in 14.

Oklahoma won all weight classes except the 117 pound and the heavyweight, went to Maynard Skinner of Colorado and Herb Reese, of Nebraska.

day's Yankee-Cleveland Indian game, won by the Yankees, 13 to 8.

The spotlight is focusing on the hitters in the Pittsburgh Pirates' training camp.

The Pirates scored 17 runs while beating the St. Louis Browns, 9 to 8 and 8 to 5, over the weekend and Monday play the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League.

Tommy Brown, a candidate for left field with the Brooklyn Dodgers, put in a strong claim for a permanent berth Monday.

The 21-year-old "little DiMaggio" broke up Sunday's game with the Boston Braves when he smashed a two-run ninth-inning double off the left field wall to give the Dodgers a 10 to 9 victory.

## NU Swimmer Twice Winner

The University of Nebraska scored 27 points at the Big Seven swimming meet to place third in the final conference standings.

Eddie Crarer was the bright light in the Cornhusker machine. He was in top form and brought home both the three meter and nine meter fancy diving titles.

He piled up 348.3 points to win the three meter title and the same amount in winning the other title.

Crarer was the first diver in Big Seven history to hold both titles at the same time.

Veteran Buele Balderston pepped up enough to win third place in the 100-yard backstroke.

Ted Kanamine, Nebraska's star sprinter, showed enough speed to place third in the 100 yard freestyle. Balderston came back to place fifth in the 200 yard backstroke.

In the 220 yard freestyle Jerry Desmond, sophomore distance swimmer, picked up a fourth place for the Husker cause.

The Husker 440 yard freestyle relay team placed fourth in that event. They also placed fourth in the 300 yard medley relay.

The Huskers were shut out in the 100 yard breaststroke, the 440 yard freestyle, the 120 yard individual medley, the 60 yard freestyle, and the 200 yard breaststroke.

The Iowa State tankers piled up 107 points to win the conference title. Defending champion Oklahoma was not too far behind with 87. Colorado was fourth with 26 points. Missouri, Kansas, and Kansas State did not send swimming teams to the meet.

Iowa State won her fifteenth conference title in 19 years. The Cyclones built up a 62-51 margin at the end of eight events, and pulled away completely in the remaining events.

A total of nine new records were hung up in the meet. Lee Anderson set a new mark of 1:02 in the 100 yard backstroke for Oklahoma. Stan Black of Colorado set a new mark of 1:05 in the 100 yard breaststroke. Cyclone Bob Brown was clocked in 51:3 to establish a new 100 yard freestyle record.

Sooner Don McCloskey swam the 120 yard individual medley in 1:14.8 to set a new record in that event. The Cyclone 300 yard medley relay team set a new mark of 3:01. Bob Brown set another record in the 60 yard freestyle with a 27.9 mark. Lee Anderson of Iowa State recorded a 2:19 in the 200 yard backstroke to set a new record in that event. The Iowa State 440 yard freestyle relay team set a new mark with a 3:22.5 performance.

## Baseball Owners Refuse Chandler

Happy Chandler failed again in his quest to hold on to the baseball of commissioner job.

The Major League club owners Monday refused to renew his contract. His present seven-year contract expires April 30, 1952.

The owners voted nine to seven in favor of Chandler, but he needed 12 affirmative votes in order to keep his job.

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## AROUND THE LOOP...

### Four Nebraska Men Recognized by KU

The University Daily Kansan overlooked Husker cagers when choosing their 1051 All-Star quintet. Iowa State and Nebraska were the two Big Seven teams not represented on the first team.

Jim Buchanan placed guard on second team and Bob Pierce gained third team honors. Joe Good was named to the All-Big Seven sophomore team and Bob Mercier was given honorable mention.

Bob Rousey of K-State is one of the reserves surging forward to gain a starting line-up position with the Gardnermen. He is sixth high scorer on the Wildcat squad and has only started in one game. He had led K-State scoring in three games this season. His final record is 59 baskets from the field, 24 free throws totaling 142 points.

Iowa State is scheduled to play 22 baseball games in their 1951 season. Fourteen Big Seven games appear on the list. The Cyclones blow in to Lincoln for games on April 30 and May 1. The Cyclones open the season against Tulsa on March 23 and close May 26 against Colorado. Cap Tamm, Iowa State coach, has had the squad working for nearly a month indoors.

Bill Glasford, Husker grid coach, will be a featured instructor at the annual Illinois spring football coaching clinic, April 27-28 at Champaign, Illinois.

Champ meets champ in Manhattan, Kansas, Wednesday night. Big Ten champion, Illinois, clashes with Big Seven titlist, Kansas State, before an expected crowd of 12,000 in the Wildcat new field-house. The game is predicted to be a great offensive show.

Both teams have high national ratings. K-State was third in the final United Press poll while Illinois was fourth. The crews rated fourth and fifth respectively in the last Associated Press listing.

This is the second basketball match between the two schools. The Illini hold the only win, a 28-25 triumph in 1946, Jack Gardner's first year as Wildcat mentor.

Ernie Barrett, K-State's great competitive guard, is being mentioned in everybody's column these days and we shall follow precedence. He finished the season with a record of 109 field goals and 33 free throws totaling 251. Barrett is one of the biggest factors responsible for the Wildcats' 21-3 season finish.

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