

# Huskers Open Home Season

## Cagers Hope To Even Score, Meet Texas Tech Tonight

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Its tip-off time at the Coliseum tonight as the Nebraska Cornhuskers, losers in their first outing to the Iowa Hawkeyes 60-51, play hosts to the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Tonight's contest opens the Huskers' 10 game home schedule. Other non-conference foes include Vanderbilt, UCLA and Emporia State.

For the visitors, it will be their fourth tilt against Big 7 foes. They have previously bowed to Kansas State and Missouri. Last night they were defeated by Iowa State, 72-52, at Ames. They have also met Mercier College and Texas Christian this season. For the defending Border League champions, they will start with Duane Blackshear and Jim Reed at forwards, Eugene Carpenter at center. Walter Newton and Ned Underwood at guards. The invaders squad will average 65 in their line-up is one all-American potential, Jim Reed. The 6-4 forward averaged 22.2 points last year with a total of 558 tallies. He is a three year veteran. The Texans have two other three year men in their starting quintet, forward Duane Blackshear at 6-6 and a 6-3 pivot man, Eugene Carpenter. Carpenter scored 363 points last year while Blackshear tallied 253.

For the Huskers, they will hope to bring their record to 1-1, but will

have to be leary of the taller Red Raiders. Says coach Jerry Bush, "We are catching the tail end of their current trip, and they are beginning to play ball and work together. They have four more games under their belt than we do." The Huskers made a surprise showing against the taller and more experienced Hawkeyes last week at the sophomore laden Husker five used the "stop-and-go" style to play to good use. For the NU crew, the opening bell will be answered with Rex Ekwall and Chuck Smith at forwards, Don Schmidt or Jim Thom at center, with Gary Reimers and Jim Kubaacki at guards. If Schmidt's ankle, which was injured in the Iowa clash hasn't improved, Thom will open at the pivot. Both Ekwall and Jim Mercier have been laid up with the flu, but are expected to be ready to go by tonight. Duane Buel, the senior co-captain, has had his collarbone taken out of the cast, but won't be ready for the action until the first of January.

Following the Texas tilt, the Huskers move back to the Big 10 for a non-conference affair with the Michigan Wolverines. They then travel to Wichita Monday for a tilt with the Wichita University Wheatshockers before returning home the 16th of December



Smith  
Nebraskan Photo

## Player Sketches Hustle Pays Off For Soph Kubaci

Husker basketball fans who viewed last Saturday's televised inaugural of the Nebraska cage squad undoubtedly need no introduction to Jim Kubaci, 19 year old sophomore guard from Toledo, Ohio.

Kubaci turned in such a poised exhibition against the Hawkeyes that many sportswriters and fans thought he was a veteran college performer. In that Iowa game, Kubaci tallied nine points and grabbed seven rebounds, third high for the Huskers. The amazing thing about this is the fact that Kubaci stands about 5-9, nearly nine inches shorter than the entire Hawkeye lineup. This proves the ability of the Huskers to perform their rebound patterns properly and block their men out.

Nebraska fans will get their first glimpse of Kubaci in person when the Huskers square off against Texas Tech tonight at 8 p.m. in the coliseum. Many have followed him throughout his freshman year when he paced the yearlings in pre-game scrimmages.

Kubaci comes to the University through the efforts of Coach Jerry Bush, who Jim believes is the best college basketball coach in the country. In fact, Jim credits his biggest thrill in playing for Bush. In Toledo, where Bush coached before coming here last year, Jim attended as many of the home games at Toledo University as possible.

Jim likes all sports, with basketball and baseball rating the highest on the list. He has a rather outstanding record, having prep'd at Maconber high school in Toledo. While at Maconber he

earned nine letters, in basketball, baseball and bowling.

His competition also earned him many honors throughout the state. With basketball, in addition to being a two year regular, he was selected to the Toledo All-City team his senior year and chosen the outstanding City League player at the same time. He was also named to the second team of the All-State selections.

Kubaci potted over 400 points his senior year to cop the city scoring title.

He also doubles in baseball and plans to take up that sport here. He won All-State honors for his second base play in high school.

He's a 170 bowler and recorded the highest game score in the City League last year—a 265.

Jim is majoring in physical education and has not yet made any plans for after graduation.

As for the current cage squad, Jim states "We've got a very well balanced squad this year and we should go a long way."

Practice has paid off for Kubaci who often puts in five hours a day at the mapsles.

## Cage Schedule

Nebraska's cage opener against Texas Tech Saturday night kicks off a ten game home schedule this season. The Huskers, who face a rugged 20 game slate plus the Big Seven Tourney stand a good chance of running up quite a win skein on the NU mapsles.

Tech, UCLA and Vanderbilt are the three pre-tourney opponents at home.

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	16-University of California UCLA (Los Angeles)
	21-Vanderbilt
Jan.	16-Missouri
	21-Colorado
Feb.	4-Emporia (Kan.) State Teachers
	6-Kansas State
	18-Iowa State
	25-Kansas
March	3-Oklahoma (AWAY)
Dec.	3-Iowa
	10-Michigan
	12-Wichita
	19-Wisconsin
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for a tilt with UCLA. The 19th they are at Madison Wisconsin for a game with the Wisconsin Badgers before they return here the 21st for a clash with Vanderbilt before Christmas vacation. They are then in Kansas City the 26th to 30th for a Big 7 tourney.

# THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

## Gymnasts To Compete In Chicago

Coach Jake Geier's University gymnastic squad opens its 1955-'56 season Saturday at Chicago in an All-College Invitational Meet.

Other teams expected to turn out for the meet include Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Michigan State.

Four boys have been named by Coach Geier to represent Nebraska at the meet including Bruce Riley, returning letterman from Omaha; Wayne Strickler, 20-year-old junior from Lincoln; Irving Krist, Omaha junior; and Robert MacDonald, a junior from Bayard.

Riley will head the Husker delegation by performing in all nine events.

Last year, the Huskers won five dual meets, lost one dual to the University of Iowa, took first place in the All-College Invitational Championships and tied for ninth at the NCAA meet.



Riley  
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