

# Chemists Garner Intramural Title

## Gain Victory Over Phi Deltas

By BOB WIRZ  
I-M Editor

Chemists became the champions of intramural basketball for the 1955-56 season Saturday night with a rallying victory over Phi Delta Theta, Fraternity champions.

The Chemists jumped to a lead in the first period, 14 to 11, but lost it again before halftime. At intermission the Phi Deltas were leading by a slim, 23-22 margin.

In the second half the Phi Deltas started moving away and led by seven points, 39 to 32, at the end of the third quarter. Then the independent champions took command and behind the torrid shooting of Dave Pederson and Bob Prokop, soon cut the margin down. They

surged into the lead in the final two minutes to win.

The big difference in the contest was at the free throw line where the Phi Deltas hit 11 of 18 while the Chemists were sizzling with 20 successful attempts in 23 tries. Pederson hit 14 of 15.

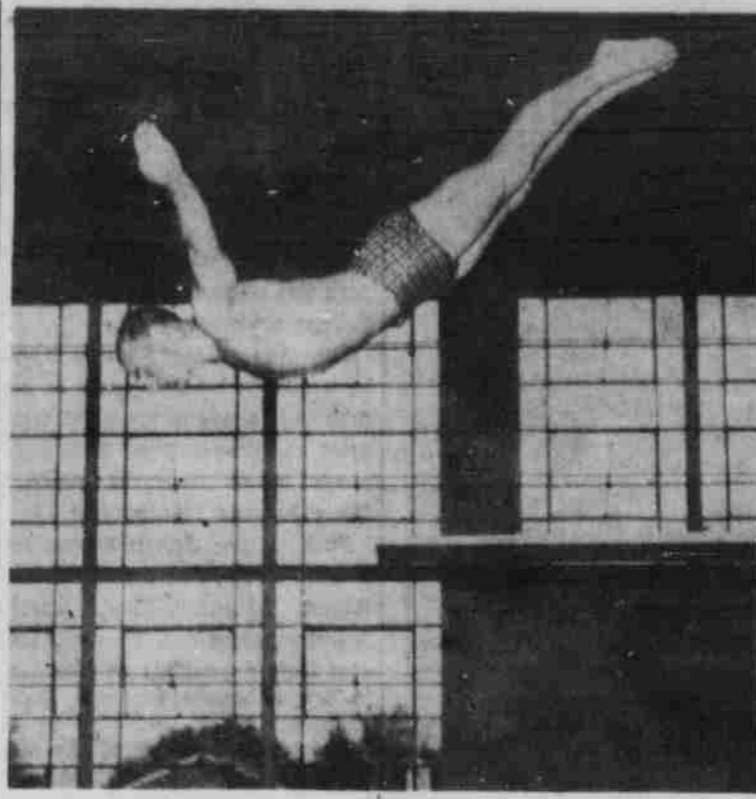
Pederson was the game's leading scorer with 22 points while Prokop had 15. Also scoring for the Chemists were Don Pederson five, Bob Allen four and Jack Peterson two.

Joe Carter with 12 points paced the loser balanced attack. Other Phi Delt scorers were Terry Healey and Eric Olson with nine each, Bill Ross had eight and Art Weaver seven.

Chemists advanced to the finals with a win over Avery, Selleck Hall Champions, Friday night by a score of 57 to 38. Ken Johnson paced the losers with 16 points while Dick Prusia and Lane Birkel each had nine. Dave Pederson again led the winners with 20 and he was followed by Prokop and Don Pederson with 11 and 10 respectively.

The Phi Deltas advanced to the finals by whipping Delta Tau Delta, 41 to 28 in the All-Fraternity championships. The Deltas fell behind early in the game and trailed 13-2 at the quarter. They never could quite overcome this deficit.

Olson and Healey paced the winners with 12 and 10 points while John Biedeck with 10 and Dwight Seibler with eight paced the losing Deltas.



Gene Cotter . . . Big 7's top diver at Boulder, Colorado . . .

# At The Big 7 Meet: Cotter Paces Mermen To Third Place Spot

By SHERMAN NEFSKY  
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Nebraska's swimming team led by Gene Cotter, took third place in the Big Seven conference swimming meet.

Cotter, a junior, was the only winner on the Husker squad. He emerged as champion in the one meter diving after nosing out Dale Waffmuth of Iowa State, 439.9 to 432.8.

Oklahoma led by their captain Peter Duncan and ace backstroke Lin Meiering fought off Iowa

State's challenge to win their second straight conference championship.

New conference records were set in all but one event. One of the most outstanding performances was put on by Jeff Farrell of Oklahoma when he swam the 100 yard freestyle in a record time of :51.2, bettering the previous record of :52.0 set by Bob McKeivitt of Iowa State in 1955.

Only five teams entered the meet as Missouri and Kansas State don't field swimming teams. Iowa State finished second with 102 points, followed by Nebraska's 32, Colorado 31 and Kansas 25.

# Sooners First: Husker Grapplers Finish Last In Meet

Winning five final events, the Oklahoma Sooners wrestling squad won the Big Seven grappling meet at Ames, Iowa.

The victors tallied 85 points to come out on top of the second place Iowa State Cyclones, who scored 76 points. Kansas State finished third with 31 points, Colorado fourth with 27 points, and Nebraska last with eight tallies.

The one-two combination of OU and I-State is exactly the same as the way the two schools finished in the conference swimming meet.

Three Huskers got as far as the semi-finals before losing. Marshall Nelson advanced to the semi's before being pinned by OU's Dick Delgado in the 123-pound class.

In the 167-pound division, the Huskers Bob Pickett lost to the Sooner's Bill Kale. Don Brand, Nebraska's heavyweight entry lost to Gordon Roesler of OU.

In the finals, Bob Lyons of Oklahoma decided Bob Mancuso of K-State, 3-2 in the 130-pound class. In the 137-pound division, Dean Carne of Iowa State beat Don Hart of Oklahoma, 10-5.

The 147-pound class found Don Studebaker of OU pinning Roland Alexander of KS in the time of 6:30. Bob Formanek of IS repeated as the 157-pound champion by decisioning Jerry Broff of Oklahoma, 5-2.

Iowa State's Frank Powell won the 167-pound contest by decisioning Bill Kale. The Sooners Don Hodge won the 177-pound class by pinning Gene Frank of the Cyclones in the time of 2:41.

Gordon Roesler is the heavyweight winner via a decision over I-State's Don Jensen.

Last year these same Sooners won the crown with the Cyclones taking second.

# From The Sports Desk: Kreit's Korner

By MAX KREITMAN  
Sports Editor

**State tourney notes**

Boy's Town, the darkhorse of the Class AA bracket of the Nebraska High School basketball tournament, came through in flying colors Saturday night to down the hometown favorite, Northeast. The Cowboys finished the year with a 14-4 record and earned first place in the final poll of the state's top ten.

Jerry Collier, the 6-1 Fall City center, was in my opinion one of the finest players in the tourney. The senior pivot man was Fall City's main factor in copping the Class A crown.

Another player that looks like a good Husker prospect is Geneva's Larry Fiedler. The big center turned in a 27-point outburst against Clarkson to lead his team to the trophy throne in the C bracket. He is just a junior. He outscored the tourneys leading scorer, Bob Moore of Clarkson.

Leading their respective division in scoring were, Class AA, Rudy Stoehr of Northeast—34 points; Class A, Jerry Collier of Falls City—51 points; Class B, Ken Dahl of Wayne—40 points; Class C, Bob Moore of Clarkson—52; Class D, John Hoagland of Brady—42 points; Class E, Paul Collision of Farwell, 39 points.

**Presentations . . .**

Two awards were presented to Nebraska basketball players at the halftime of the Class AA finals. Rex Ekwall, the Cornhuskers leading scorer, won the teams Most Valuable Player award. He was presented with a set of sterling silver.

Duane "Whitey" Buel, the senior

co-captain, won the Joe T. Brown award, symbolic of top sportsmanship. His award was given on the basis of his comeback after an injury kept him out of action for the first half of the current year.

**My error . . .**

I mentioned in my last column that Chadron Prep was favored to cop the Class B title. I was informed by some colleagues of the professional ranks that it was Chadron High not Prep that was entered in the tourney.

To make the situation more embarrassing, two other schools are in Chadron, one a Parochial school and one a college. The only consolation of the whole situation was that Chadron High was beaten in the first round and my prediction fell by the wayside.

**Traveling man . . .**

Jerry Bush, head basketball coach, is on the way over the neighboring states in search for talent for future Husker quintets. This week Bush will be at the capitol of the prep cage sports, Indiana. He then will visit state tourneys at Ohio, Iowa, Illinois and New York.

Who knows, from the melting pots of these states could come the future members of the Big 7 champs, Nebraska. Wishful thinking, huh . . .

**The lighter side . . .**

In all, there will be six home contests next year. They will include South Dakota U. Iowa State, Kansas State, Indiana, Missouri and Baylor. On the lighter side, we meet Colorado at Boulder next year. Hello Tulagies . . .

# THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

## At The Crack Of The Bat: Husker Baseball Crew Travels South To Oppose Tulsa In Season Opener

By BOB MARTEL  
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The Nebraska Cornhuskers will open their 1956 baseball season on March 24 opposing Tulsa University at Tulsa.

The Huskers will be trying to improve on a 1955 season which produced an overall record of 15 wins and five losses and a Big Seven mark of five wins and one loss.

The big stick of last year's squad, third baseman Don Brown, is back for another fling. Brown led the Husker hitters last spring and is expected to bat in the cleanup position this season.

Coach Tony Sharpe's pitching staff will sorely miss Fran Hoffmner, the ace of last years mound corps, who graduated last spring.

Counted on to fill Hoffmner's shoes are Willie Greenlaw, Roger Bortorf and Dick Gier, all portersiders.

Greenlaw turned in a couple of fine mound performances last spring including one stint in which he whiffed seventeen opponents and looks like he might be the man to carry the load.

The Husker schedule calls for 22 games this season, nine of which will be played at home.

Nebraska will swing south during spring vacation to oppose Tulsa at Tulsa, Houston at Houston, Rice Institute at Houston, and Baylor at Waco. All these meetings will be two game series except the Tulsa clash which will be a one game tilt.

During last year's southern swing the Huskers won five out of six contests. Brown led the team with 14 hits in 25 trips which included two home runs for a respectable .560 batting average.

The Cornhuskers will play host to the Offutt Air Force Base Flyers on All Sports Day April 28. The Flyers turned out a fine club last year which consisted of quite a number of minor league players.

Norm Coufal, regular shortstop last season covers a lot of ground and is sure-handed in the double play situation. In addition to his fine defensive play, Coufal was also a better than average stick. Batting in the number two spot, the Husker shortstop accounted for more of his share of extra base hits.

Sophomores from last year's fresh squad who could be a big help to Coach Sharpe are Frank Napp, Don Smith, Jim Kubacki, Dick Kleiber, Gary Reimers, Rod Wolfe and pitchers Cal Johnson and Charles Ziegenbein.

The Huskers will close their season on May 25 with a game against Iowa State at Ames.



Don Brown . . . Husker slugger . . .

# Huskers Sixth: K-State Captures Big Seven Title

The 1955-56 Big Seven Basketball season came to an end last week with the Kansas State Wildcats being crowned conference champions.

Nebraska finished sixth with a three won nine lost record, and compiled a 7-16 mark on the entire season.

This was a dismal finish for the Huskers who last year produced a 6-6 record while finishing in a tie for third place.

The Cornhuskers lost two games last week. The first one was to Missouri, 88-80 and then to Iowa State, 94-74 to leave those two teams tied for second and third in conference standings with identical 9-4 records.

Kansas lost a chance to throw the league into a tie when they were beaten by Kansas State, 79-68 and then lost their finale to Colorado 75-67. The Buffs added a 67-66 win over Oklahoma to replace the Jayhawkers in fourth position.

Kansas State will be in action Friday in the N.C.A.A. tournament at Lawrence, Kansas. They will

meet the winner of the Tuesday game at Wichita, pitting Memphis State against Oklahoma City.

**Attention**

All men who are interested in going out for any spring sport at the University this year must report to Student Health at 7 p.m. the 21st of March for a physical examination.

No one will be allowed to participate without a physical.

**BIG SEVEN CONFERENCE Final Standings**

Team	Won	Lost
Kansas State	9	3
Iowa State	8	4
Missouri	8	4
Colorado	7	5
Kansas	6	6
NEBRASKA	3	9
Oklahoma	1	11

**All Games**

Iowa State	15	5
Kansas State	16	7
Missouri	15	7
Kansas	14	9
Colorado	11	11
NEBRASKA	7	16
Oklahoma	4	19

**Notice**

All men interested in varsity golf should report to the N club room, Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. for a meeting with coach Jerry Bush. This includes all members from last year's team and any others who are interested in trying out this year.

**Notice**

Everyone entered in Intramural squash, handball, or table tennis matches is reminded to keep checking the bulletin boards in the men's Physical Education building to find the time and place of their matches so that they may not lose out by forfeit.

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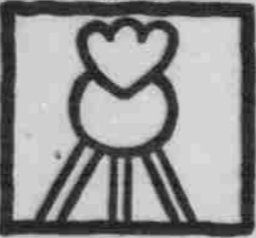
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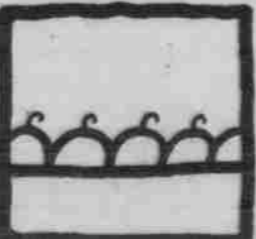
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