

High School Cage Tourney Begins Today at Coliseum

By Bob Banks
High School basketball—which came in like a lion—will exit the same way with the inaugural of the state tournament today at the Coliseum.

Preliminaries begin today at 12:30 in Classes B and C. The A and D brackets will not begin play until Thursday.

The tourney will end Saturday night with championship games in A and D.

All four fields are crowded with potential title winners. The teams are so evenly matched that no single class lists a unanimous favorite.

The regional tournaments were filled with upsets. Underdog teams paid little attention to the role cast their way by sports writers and "crystal-ball gazers."

No team was strong enough to go through the season undefeated. Last year Minden, Pawnee City, St. Joseph's of Atkinson, Chadron Prep, and Hildreth all were sporting untarnished records at state tourney time.

A Teams Beaten
The three top Class A teams were knocked off in regional play. Lincoln High defeated Northeast, Omaha Tech defeated Benson, and North Platte was socked by Scottsbluff. These teams had won their semi-final

K State, Illini Cagers Play On Wednesday

Two of the nation's most prolific scoring crews, Big Ten Champion Illinois and Kansas State, Big Seven titlist, will clash at Manhattan Wednesday night in an unprecedented meeting between winners of the two conferences.

A capacity crowd of more than 13,000 is expected to jam Kansas State's new fieldhouse for the 8 p. m. meeting between the two schools. The contest has been booked to give both clubs a tuneup before they enter NCAA playoff competition the following week.

The post season game is a natural any way you look at it. Not only are the two teams winners of their conferences, they also are rated high nationally. K-State was third in the final United Press poll while Illinois was fourth. The two teams were fourth and fifth respectively in the last Associated Press listing.

Offensive Show
Wednesday night's game promises to be an offensive show all the way. Both crews have set new scoring records this year. The Wildcats' 825 points in Big Seven play gave them a new team offense mark of 69.9 per game. Illinois hoopers hit 999 tallies during their Big Ten campaign to post a new 70.6 average.

Coach Harry Combes sent his Illini through a rugged 22-game schedule this season which had them winning all but three starts. Illinois tied up its western conference title last week by downing Michigan State 49-43.

Only loop loss sustained by the Orange and Blue in Big Ten play was to Indiana which also handed K-State one of its three setbacks. The Hoosiers blasted Illinois 64-53 at Bloomington, but lost 71-65 in a return match at Champaign.

Other Illinois losses were to Toledo, 66-54, and DePaul, 68-65. Leading the Illini fast break attack will be Captain Don Sunderlage who was a sophomore starter on its 1949 Big Ten champion club. The 6-0 guard has a driving one-handed shot that has been practically unstoppable this season.

All-Conference
The all-Big Ten guard, who leads Illinois scoring with 370 points, most recent honor was being named the season's outstanding collegiate basketball performer at the Chicago stadium by the Chicago Basketball Writers Association.

But the Combes crew has

other performers who can hit the hoop with regularity. Ted Bach, 6-2, guard, isn't a starter but he is the team's second leading scorer with 225 points. Other top scorers are Red Fletcher, 214, Clive Follmer, 209, Bob Peterson, 204, and Irv Bemoras, 179.

Although the visitors have a slight edge on the Wildcats in scoring, Coach Jack Gardner's team has displayed a tighter defense this season. Illinois opponents have hit for an average of 60.7 points per game, while the best K-State foe could manage was 52.

Sophomore center Bob Peterson, 6-8, towers the highest for the Illini whose starting five averages 6-3.2. K-State's starting quintet measures in at 6-2.

Carrying the early burden for KSC will be forwards Ed Head and Jack Stone, center Lew Hiltch, and guards Ernie Barrett and Jim Iverson. Also counted on heavily by Gardner are Bob Rousey, who was named the Big Seven's outstanding sophomore by United Press this week, Dick Knostman, Dick Peck, Don Upson, and John Gibson.

Wednesday's contest will be the sixth meeting for the Purple squad with Big Ten teams this year. The Cats have conquered Ohio State, Purdue, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and lost only to Indiana.

AROUND THE LOOP...

Sportsmanship Trophy To Be Awarded Soon

The Sportsman Basketball trophy of the Big Seven has added prestige and importance in the light of the recent basketball scandals.

The winning school will be announced March 20 at a banquet at the Hotel Continental in Kansas City, Missouri. The gold trophy is presented to the Big Seven school which has shown the best sportsmanship on the part of the spectators, players and coaches. This is a memorial to Big Seven athletes who were killed in World War II.

A new Big Seven ruling announced by Reeves Peters, conference executive chairman, states that freshmen will be eligible for varsity competition next year if the national emergency continues.

Freshmen will become eligible September 1, providing they enter college directly from high school. Any student competing as a freshman after September 1 or the first year of a junior college may have a total of four years varsity participation.

Participation will be counted as one year regardless of how brief the time is or cause of interruption.

The University Daily Nebraskan named more star teams. Jim Buchanan was listed as guard on the Big Seven first team and rated as fourth best Big Seven player faced. Bob Pierce copped forward position on second team. Eleven players too part in choosing the Big Seven opponents.

Five Colorado players performed in their last game of college basketball for the Buff squad in the squabble with the Sooners last week. The boys are all seniors: Wayne Tucker, Bill Clay, Fred Johnson, Hal McVey and Jack Foistad. Tucker was rated by the Jayhawker paper as forward on the All-opponent first team and the Big Seven first tea.

State Cage Pairings

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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	

games and won tickets to Lincoln on the strength of those wins.

The main upset in Class B found Holdrege reaching its season's peak by frowning out favored Minden. The Class C defending champions, Chadron Prep, had their hopes dashed by Chappell in two overtime periods.

Axtell won its berth via the upset route too. She defeated highly favored Brady in Class D. Another surprise in the same league was Wayne Prep's win over Uehling.

Northeast
In Class A the defending champ, Northeast, is a mere skeleton of last year's Rocket crew. Paul Fredstrom, one of the classiest pivots in the state, will lead the team, but even he may not be enough to carry it through to the state title. So the Rockets are considered as being merely one of several contenders.

North Platte rated the top notch spot until Scottsbluff beat her in the regionals. But the Platters are still a strong team and are rated a top threat.

Omaha Benson, according to Gregg McBride of the Omaha World-Herald, is the team to win the A title. But the Bunnies have been no more impressive in seasonal play than the other top teams in that class. Their record is 14-5.

Lincoln High also gets a strong vote in Class A. The Links started the season slowly but finished up in a whirlwind by winning one of the regional titles and defeating Northeast.

Holy Name.
In Class B Lincoln Teachers and Omaha Holy Name are both top contenders. The teams met twice during the season, and each emerged victorious once.

The Tutors, however, have a terrific one-two punch in Stan Matzke and Ben Meckel. Both are excellent rebounders and superb shots. Teacher's also have a strong team on down the line.

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Rag Experts Pick Winners Of Tourneys

Here they go again. The Daily Nebraskan sports prognosticators are back for another try. This time their predicting is concerned with the State High School basketball tournament.

Seven experts will make up the board for this try at picking winners. They are Jerry Warren, editor-in-chief of the Daily Nebraskan; Bill Mundell, sports editor; Bob Banks, assistant sports editor; and sports writers Shirley Murphy, Glenn Nelson, Marshall Kushner and Buck Ulin.

So here they are—your winners in Wednesday's first round competition.

Holy Name vs. Plainview
Holy Name—all.
Plainview—none.

David City vs. Lincoln Teachers
David City—none.

Lincoln Teachers—all.
Pawnee City vs. Holdrege
Pawnee City—Ulin, Nelson, Banks.

Holdrege—Warren, Murphy, Mundell, Kushner.

Wayne vs. Gering
Wayne—Ulin, Nelson, Murphy, Gering—Banks, Warren, Mundell.

St. Joseph's vs. Newman Grove
St. Joseph's—Ulin, Kushner, Warren, Banks, Nelson, Mundell.

Hildreth vs. Syracuse
Hildreth—all.
Syracuse—none.

Elkhorn vs. Friend
Elkhorn—Kushner, Warren, Ulin, Mundell.

Friend—Murphy, Nelson, Chappell vs. Taylor
Chappell—all.

Tennis to Be Co-educational

Tennis is the first sport in Nebraska's history to become co-educational.

Men students are invited to participate in the activities of the Tennis club. The group from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tennis club is organized to help members learn how to play and improve their game. Members learn rules and scoring.

Boys who are interested in participating with the club should get in touch with Edward C. Higginbotham, men's tennis coach. The number of persons is limited to the space available on the courts.

Tennis rackets may be rented from the University for ten cents an evening or 50 cents a semester.

Meetings will be indoors until the spring weather permits playing on the university courts. Beginners will be instructed in the mechanics and rules of playing. Rules are explained and practiced. Players learn how to improve their techniques and keep score. The club is considering a tournament toward the end of the semester.

Joan Park is faculty sponsor and instructor for the tennis organization. Miss Park lived in Australia where tennis is an all-year-round sport. She has played in many Australian club competitions.

The physical education departments are working together to promote co-educational tennis effectively. It is one of the few sports that can be successfully developed in this way.

Look Fails to Honor Kansan

Clyde Lovellette, University of Kansas star center, failed to make the Look Magazine all-star college basketball team.

The Jayhawker, who has been breaking scoring records more seasonally this season than he did in his sophomore year, has been generally considered as a top candidate for All-American honors. However, he earned only 10 points in a recent Kansas-Oklahoma A & M game. But Kansas still defeated the highly rated Aggies, 37-27.

The Look squad listed Gale McArthur, Oklahoma A & M; Bill Mikvy, Temple; Sam Ranzino, North Carolina State; Bill Swayze, Kentucky; and Mel Hutchins, Brigham Young; as being the cream of the crop this year.

Sherman White and LeRoy Smith, both of Long Island University, had received many votes but were dropped as a result of the recent basketball scandal, according to the magazine.

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The first divisional champion was crowned in intramural basketball Monday night as Newman Club walloped the Lutheran Student Association by a 44-28 score. The Catholics, thereby, successfully defend their interdivisional championship which they gathered in last year also.

The Catholics were behind only in the first one minute as the Lutherans pushed to an early field goal by John Anderson. Newman roared right back, however, on goals by Neil Campbell, Bill Griffin and Jack Valentine to take the lead for good.

By the end of the first quarter the score stood at 10-6 and by halftime, the Catholics had upped the margin to 27-11.

COAST TO WIN
From there the Denom champs coasted to their win. Valentine led all the scorers in the contest with a nifty 16. Walt Weiland of the Lutheran finished as runner-up with ten counters. Both Campbell and Anderson each tallied eight points for their respective teams.

The new champion will rest for two days now before heading for higher honors. The Denom champ meets the Independent champ for the All-Unaffiliated title this Thursday.

Down To Four Teams
In that Independent division, the four semi-finalists were decided. The Geologists and Dorn A Stars advanced to the semi-finals by defeating the Warriors and the Phillips 33 outfits respectively.

The Dorn A Comets and Phi Delta Phi had already advanced to the semis.

Geology got the scare of the year in their contest with the Warriors. The Warriors fought to the end, but went down 41-44.

The rampaging rock-collectors started off fast in quest of their 13th straight victory. They rolled up an 8 to 3 first quarter lead and then really went to town in the second period and owned a 29-17 lead at intermission.

Big Lead
The Geologists increased their margin in the third quarter and appeared well situated going into the final stanza leading 40 to 25.

The Warriors had other ideas, however, and with Jerry Strasheim and Mary Lawton sparking their rally, they began breathing down the necks of the top-heavy favorites.

The rally carried them to nine straight points at one time during the last quarter and over all, the Warriors garnered 16 points to the Geologists' four. But the rally came too late and the Geology band had enough stamina to hold out until the final buzzer.

Yelkin Tops
Jack Yelkin was the scoring cog, as usual, for the winners, this time raking in 20 counters, nine in the second quarter. Lee Korte contributed eight more to the winning total. Strasheim led the Warriors with 13 while Lawton counted for nine.

The Geologists take on the Comets in the upper bracket Tuesday night.

The Dorn A Stars pulled a mild upset in the lower bracket as they downed the Phillips 33 crew by a 33-29 score.

The contest was as close as the score indicates throughout the 40 minutes. The score stood tied 11-11 and 25-25 at the end of the first and third quarters. The "half-ollers" held a slim 20-19 led at halftime.

Final Minutes
It was the last four minutes that won the contest for the Stars. Trailing by one point, they broke Ray Svehla loose for a long shot that put them ahead by a point. Bob Clark tied the game up on a free throw, but the Stars immediately took the lead again, this time for good. Svehla hit another two-pointer and Clark Calley connected for two more and the Stars were on their way. With a minute and a half remaining the

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13 markers while Buntin earned nine.

In the fraternity "B" tourney, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon each earned a ticket to the finals by blasting Farm House and Sigma Chi, respectively.

Second Half Spurt
The junior Fijis began rolling in the third quarter to blast the Farm House Bees, 38-21. At the end of the first quarter the score stood at 6-6 and at halftime, it was 15-11.

Ted Maupin and Don Larson led the way in the second half rally. Larson connected on six points on three fancy fastbreaks. Maupin was the game's high scorer, getting 14. Larson getting runner-up with 12. Bob Watson and Rollie Reynolds each topped the Aggie scoring with six.

Major Upset
The Sig Ep juniors pulled a major surprise as they waited to a surprisingly easy 30-24 victory over the Sigma Chi Bees.

The Sig Bees had owned two regular season wins over the Sig Eps but this is when it counted. The winners jumped to an early lead and padded it with points to make a 15-5 halftime mark the score stood at 23-12. The Sigs rallied in the waning minutes but never came too close to the victors.

Ben Leonard of the Sigs and Don Brandon of the Sig Eps led their respective teams with 13 and 12 points.

Persia Students to Host Cosmo Club at Dance

Persian students at the University will play host at a Cosmopolitan club dance Saturday night.

The dance will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, in Union Parlors X, Y and Z.

NU Bulletin Board

Wednesday
Kosmet Klub active meeting at 8:30 p.m., Kosmet Klub room, Union. Kosmet Klub pledge meeting at 9 p.m., Kosmet Klub room, Union.

Inter-fraternity Council meeting, 5 p.m., Thursday, room 315, Union.

Alpha Zeta smoker, Union.

Inter-collegiate chess tournament tryouts, 7 p.m., room 313, Union. All chess enthusiasts are welcome.

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