

# Beta Sigs, Pioneers, TC Scare Favorites

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"It's going to be a long row to hoe" was the unanimous cry after the first night of intramural basketball playoff action came to a close Monday. A total of 19 games rendered a decision before the curtain was rung down on most of the first-round struggles and most of these caused the eyebrows to climb a notch.

The "easy victories" just weren't there for most teams concerned Monday night. Heavy favorites sighed in relief as they saw their supposed runaways shrink into meager victories. A couple of strong favorites put away their basketballs for another year.

Confident Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Epsilon ran into a pair of buzz-saws in the form of Pioneer House and Beta Sigma Psi and managed to pull out wins in the final minutes. Top-ranked Phi Kappa Psi and little regarded Theta Chi threw everything at each other but the playing floor as the Phi Psi's eked out the decision. Sigma Phi Epsilon "B" and Phi Gamma Delta "B" saw two Ag College delegations by name of Alpha Gamma Rho "B" and Farmhouse "B" smash their championship hopes with upset victories. It was playoff time again.

Sigma Chi ended Pioneer House's undefeated streak at 12 in a first-round fraternity "A" tussle, but had to come from behind and then withstand a furious Pioneer comeback in the final canto. Sigma Chi won 40-32, with the winning buckets coming in the final minute.

It was nip-and-tuck all the initial half. The two outfits exchanged the lead five times in the first quarter which saw Pioneer entering the minute rest with an 8-7 advantage. The second period was no different and the count at intermission stood at 17-17.

The Sigs breathed easier

towards the end of the third stanza as Ted Connor and Ben Leonard found the range to shoot them into a 30-23 lead. After Larry Dunning opened the fourth with a long looper, the Sigs had it in the bag, they thought.

The nine-point Sigma Chi advantage lasted exactly four minutes. During this interval, the winners were held without a counter as the Pioneers, with renewed vigor climbed into a 32-32 tie. That's the way it sat for two and a half minutes.

Ben Martin dunked a charity toss for the Sigs in the last three minutes for the deciding point, but it didn't look very comfortable.

## Frosh Tracksters

A freshman-varsity track meet is scheduled to get under way at 2 p.m. Saturday, Coach Ed Weir announced this week. The meet will provide the frosh cindersmen their last opportunity to improve their marks before the Big Seven frosh postal meet deadline, March 7. "We're anxiously awaiting Saturday's meet," Weir said. "It will give the freshmen a chance to better their events, and help the varsity squad prepare for the oncoming outdoor track season."

Entering the final minute, the victors dusted off their stall and in vain attempts to get the ball, the Pioneers saw the game go up in smoke as first Connor and then Carr Trumbull connected and that was it.

Ward Davis of the losers led all scorers with 12 counters while Connor with 11 and Leonard with nine topped the winners.

Meanwhile, top-rated Phi Kappa Psi was having its troubles. Finding themselves behind 2-10 with only four minutes gone, the Phi Psi's gave it all they had to gain a 15-12 quarter lead and

then they and Theta Chi sizzled the nets in a 58-53 Phi Psi victory.

Behind the 23-point effort of Fred Longacre, upstart Theta Chi gave the leaders a battle royal. They owned their early eight-point advantage and then watched the winners gain a pair of leads of 12 points, but fought back to within range each time.

Coupled with Longacre's 23 counters was Ray Selk's 20 to produce the majority of the losing points. Bob Bachman led the way for the winners with 22 markers followed by Bob Reynolds' 11.

The Phi Psi's meet Sigma Chi Thursday evening at 8 p.m. in perhaps the feature game of the tourney. Feature perhaps, but no more exciting than what was produced Monday night.

Sigma Phi Epsilon found the "easy" half of the bracket too hot for comfort. Beta Sigma Psi almost provided the upset of the year as they forced the Sig Eps to come from behind in the final minutes and stall their way to victory, 43-39.

Behind the nine and six-point efforts of Bill Renner and Oliver High, the Beta Sigs kept the winners on their toes during a 22-22 first half.

That tie was quickly snapped as the underdogs forged a five-point lead midway in the third period on baskets by High and Spike Dannehl. It remained for Al Hansen, Sig Ep stalwart who had managed scarcely more than ten points in the last five games, to pull the winners to their senses.

Four times the Sig Eps found themselves behind and four times Hansen potted them with deadly accuracy from far out to bring the lead back into safe keeping. The last one gave the winners a 39-38 advantage which they kept the rest of the way or three minutes to be exact.

Pat Mallette and Dave Brandon actually led the Sig Eps in scoring with 13 and 11, but it was Hansen's nine that came when they were most needed. High and Renner topped the Beta Sigs with 12 and 11, respectively.

Farmhouse "B" used the final quarter to best advantage and fashioned a 32-30 upset squeaker over Phi Gamma Delta "B."

Trailing 27-24 entering the fourth quarter, the Aggies' Fred Schmidt went to work with five important counters. A pair of Marv's contributed the final points. Marv Coffee netted a free throw with Marv Paneitz fielding an under-the-basket tally.

The Weiji Fijis netted a 7-6 quarter bulge, but saw it evaporate in the second canto on three straight goals by Coffee. Rex Fischer potted a pair in the third to bring the Weejis back, but they couldn't hold up in the fateful fourth.

Ray Gard of the winners led the scoring with 11 points while Fischer topped the Fijis with ten.

Meanwhile another league V team was receiving its lumps. It was fourth-quarter trouble for Sigma Phi Epsilon "B," also, as Alpha Gamma Rho rang up a 36-31 win.

The favored Sig Eps, behind the 13 points of Jerry O'Connor, rallied to a 19-15 first-half margin, but found O'Connor stopped in the second half as well as themselves.

AGR Wayne Frost went on a personal scoring spree in the final half of action. His 12 points pulled the Aggies out of the fire and when they had the lead, it was the famous AGR stall that saved the victory.

O'Connor with 18 and Frost with 16 contributed the bulk of the contest's scoring. Walt Finke of the winners and Bob Postma of the losers each helped their cause with six points apiece.

# Men, Women AAU Cagers Here Tonight

A double-header basketball carnival, featuring a girls' cage game as a preliminary contest, will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the Coliseum maples Wednesday night.

Two top-ranking AAU teams, the Goodyear Wingfoots of Akron, Ohio, and the Santa Maria Golden Dukes of Santa Maria, Calif., will compete in the headliner, scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m.

Both teams bolster All-American, All-Conference and All-Service talent, and are well up in the race for this year's NIBL crown.

Such stars as big Jim McIntyre, Minnesota; Jay Handlan, Washington and Lee; Sherman Nearman, North Carolina; Omer Meeker, Peru State Teachers College; and a host of others will display their talents before Coliseum fans.

Kicking off the activities will be an AAU girls game between the Commercial Extension School of Commerce team from Omaha and Lincoln's Elgin National Watch Company's AAU performers.

The Elgin girls are the City Class A girls cage champs, and the Omaha team has copped the Mid-West AAU championship title for the past six years. Elgin's record is 10-1, as compared to Elgin's 18-2 record for the Omahans.

It will be the first AAU girls' cage game on Coliseum records.

# Phi Psi Bees Swamp DU's; Mustangs Win

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The top-ranked fraternity "B" outfit lasted exactly one hour in the 1953 intramural basketball playoffs. Delta Upsilon "B" saw their championship hopes obliterated by Phi Kappa Psi "B," 48-18.

Entering the playoffs with the top Bee record of 11-1, the DU's, who led the ratings going into the tourneys, were no match for the hot Phi Psi's as they counted only two points in the opening frame and but one in the second canto.

Charles Betzelberger was the big gun for the winners, getting a 13-point total. Bob Johnson's six fourth-quarter points stood up for the DU Bees.

The Mustangs and Ag Men's Club "A" fought on even terms all the way before the Mustangs claimed a 37-34 victory. The Aggies, who had copped first place in league IX, didn't have it in the fourth stanza, however. Six free throws was the lump sum of the Ag Men's final-canto scoring while the Mustangs were ringing up ten.

Cap Dierks of the losers led the scoring with ten points while Jerry Strashem topped the victors with nine.

The heavily-favored Rockets were hard-pressed to gain a 42-35 decision over Holdrege "A." It was a personal scoring duel between Rocket Marv Lawton and Holdrege Dean Hutchins as the

two centers racked up 19 points apiece. It remained for the remaining Rockets to provide the winning counters.

The other Ag league IX representatives proved more fortunate. The University Aggies brushed aside AIEE in a 44-21 contest while the Ag Parasites tripped Phi Delta Phi, 36-23.

In the latter contest, the shysters never recovered from a 17-3 first quarter although narrowing the count at times. Willie Pierson led the winners with 13 tallies while the Ag Parasites tripped die-de fees with eight.

A 20-7 first half paved the way to the Uni Aggies' victory. After that it was no contest. Wayne Frats with 18 and Denny Bergin with 14 were chief point-getters for the winners while Weldon Vlasak was high for the Engineers with nine.

had to offer with seven markers. Heagy Manor stopped the Fliers in the second half and fashioned a 39-27 victory. Galen Johnson with 16 and Mal Moller with 13 provided the winners with enough to win. Clark Betcke tallied more than half of his team's counters, getting 15 for the losers.

The M-Street Boys found no competition from the Methodist House and chalked up a 42-21 victory. It was practically determined in the first half as the Boys ran to a 25-9 margin.

Roger Rankin and Jim Thorell led the winners with 15 and 14, respectively. Rich Satterfield topped the Methodists with ten.

Zeta Beta Tau looked great in the first period of their fray with Theta Xi and then collapsed, 30-50. Leading as much as eight points at one time, the Zetas suddenly went cold while Theta Xi warmed to the occasion.

Rex Christensen led the winners with 14 tallies while Arly Bondarinn netted 12 for the losers.

Beta Theta Pi warmed up in a 12-10 first quarter with Acacia and then showed no mercy to the Masons in a 73-31 romp. It was a high total that may well withstand the pressures of the rest of the tourneys.

Ron Smaha topped the winners with 22 counters, being assisted by Bob Hovey's 13 and Tom Harrington's 12. Dean Cunningham reaped the Acacia scoring honors with 15 to his credit.

Sigma Chi "B," the defending champion, and Alpha Tau Omega had too much for Beta Theta Pi "B" and Farm House. The Sig Bees crushed the Betas, 39-20, while the Taus came from behind to swamp the Aggies, 56-28. The Jones boys again led the ATO's, Dave getting 16 and Hobe notching 14. Doug Dale contributed an additional 13. Don Johnson led the losers in their early 9-3 lead and wound up as high man with 11 counters.

Larry Gallion's 15 was high for the Sig Bees. Hans Gosch led the Beta Bees with eight.

Phi Gamma Delta ran wild after an 8-5 first quarter to trounce Cornhusker Co-op, 41-20. Ed Schmidt led the way with 13 points for the Fijis while Harry Wray topped the Cocos with six.

## IM Playoff Scoreboard

Fraternity A	
Sigma Chi 48	Pioneer House 35
Phi Kappa Psi 58	Theta Chi 53
Alpha Tau Omega 36	Farmhouse 28
Theta Xi 50	Zeta Beta Tau 30
Phi Delta Phi 32	Phi Kappa Phi 24
Phi Gamma Delta 41	Cornhusker Co-op 20
Beta Theta Pi 73	Acacia 31
Sigma Phi Epsilon 45	Beta Sigma Psi 39

  

Fraternity B	
Sigma Chi 39	Beta Theta Pi 20
Farmhouse 32	Phi Gamma Delta 30
Alpha Gamma Rho 36	Sig Eps 31
Phi Kappa Phi 48	Delta Upsilon 18

  

Independent	
Lutherans 35	Farmhouse "C" 24
Ag Parasites 36	Phi Delta Phi 23
Heagy Manor 39	Fliers 27
M-Street Boys 42	Methodists 27
Rockets 42	Holdrege "A" 35
Mustangs 57	Ag Men "A" 34
Uni Aggie 44	AIEE 21

Unbeaten Lutheran Student Association chalked up win number 13 for the year as they romped over the Farm House Scrubs, 53-24. Bill Luther with 18 was the big scorer for the winners while Harlan Skinner with 16 and Ned Luther with 15 were right behind. Rex Meyer led the Farmers with ten.

Phi Delta Theta showed their heels to Phi Kappa Phi in a 52-24 rout. The issue was never in doubt as Bill Giles, Joe Carter and Louie Roper chalked up 13 and 11 points, respectively. Harry Doug Innes was all the Phi Kaps

# 1953 Gym Squad Best In History; Better Next Year

The Husker gymnastics team is certain to be one of the best teams in national collegiate circles next year.

These were the words of Coach J. G. (Jake) Geier, Husker gym leader, as he reviewed the Scarlet team's winning season Tuesday.

The Nebraskans completed their season last Saturday, winning the All-Collegiate Invitational meet at Boulder for the second straight year. This left the NU team with only one loss for the season—a dual meet at the University of Iowa which the Hawkeyes won by a 53-43 margin.

"We have the best team in the history of the University this year," the coach smiled, "and there are no graduating seniors on the squad."

"And even our top scorers will be up against some top competition from the freshman gymnasts who'll be eligible for varsity competition next year," he added. Expected to come from the frosh ranks to strengthen the squad are Bruce Riley, Ken Kolar, Burrell McMaster and Roger Nichols.

Team Captain Tom Kidd led the team in scoring with a total of 262 points for the season. Kidd participated in every event except two, and was a consistent scorer. He won the individual trophy at the All-Collegiate meet.

Following Kidd in scoring were Danny Fogel, 176 points; Max Kennedy, 133 points; Don Hodge, 118½ points; Charles Sprague, 65 points; Bert Linn, 40½ points; Dick Raecke, 25½ points; and Ray Fallstead, 17 points.

## The Season Records

Dual Meets	
Nebraska 22½	North Kansas 29½
Nebraska 17	North Dakota 19
Nebraska 32	Colorado State 44
Nebraska 38½	Colorado 27½
Nebraska 24	Navy Pier 42
Nebraska 41	Iowa 53
Nebraska 20	Denver U. 24
Nebraska 7½	Colorado A&M 21

  

Triangular Meet	
Nebraska, 89½	North Dakota State 12½
Kansas State, 36	

  

All-Collegiate Invitational	
Nebraska scored 129 points to defeat Colorado State, Colorado, Denver U., Kansas State, Colorado A&M and Kansas.	



JAKE GEIER . . . His NU gymnastics squad completed its most successful season in the history of the school last weekend. The Husker gym team won the All-Collegiate Invitational at Boulder for the second straight year, winning eight of nine dual meets and one triangular plus the ACI win.

# Van Lines Harsh Decision Ousts Toronto Sports Page

Howard Vann

Is there really too much emphasis put on college athletics or are there just too many people who are looking for an argument? Since when does one page of sports news printed in a school newspaper tend to turn the whole college's eyes towards sports activities and emphasize an institutions sports?

I am referring specifically to the article which appeared in The Daily Nebraskan last month stating the sad case of the University of Toronto disbanding their school sports page to de-emphasize sports.

Expressing my own ideas on the subject with absolutely no reflection on anyone else on the sports staff, I consider the entire case in most instances as childish.

Ever since the basketball scandals two years ago there seems to be a general tendency to condemn a school who wins a championship or some major national title.

Naturally when a coach puts a team on the field he wants his bunch of boys to develop into one of the nation's best. Is this season enough to condemn a whole school for too much emphasis on sports?

I have absolutely nothing against the policy which the Toronto newspaper decided on but it was just another of a long line of actions designed to de-emphasize sports and it's time that some definite conclusion be reached about the matter.

It has been hashed over time and time again with the same thing being said every time. Naturally the first thing a student comes to college for is an education, but there is also knowledge in participating in extra-curricular activities including athletics.

Most men at one time or another glance at the sports page if for no other reason than to see how the local team is doing. Sports play a major part in the world today and not only in colleges.

There are men who make a livelihood through coaching college athletes, men who go to the international olympics, publicity men, and numerous other men who are connected in some way or another in college athletics. They are striving to improve conditions wherever they can.

Here's one solution. Let those who continually harp for de-emphasis rest the case for the present. In any situation there is always room for improvement and schools are striving to improve the de-emphasis "crisis." No matter where you go, there will always be competition!

You can never tell what the outcome of any sporting event will be until the final moments are over. Of course there are always the favorites and underdogs but every once in a while there is an exhibition which the fans remember season after season. Such is the case of NU's fine finish in the Big Seven Indoor Championships.

After the first days competition NU was expected to fight it out with Colorado and Missouri for the sixth position but clutch performances by the Huskers nabbed the team third place after a dismal indoor season.

Hats off to Coach Ed Wier and his fine bunch of boys who really did a spectacular job at Kansas.

## Laying Weekend Plans



CONFERENCE POINTERS . . . Husker swimming Coach Web Emery gives pre-meet advice to his star diver, Gene Cotter, in preparation for the Big Seven swimming championships Friday and Saturday at Norman. Cotter has been a consistent winner of the diving event in conference dual meets this season.

## Big Seven Rankings Continue Unstable

As the Big Seven race for the championship rolls into its final two weeks the runner-up positions are still in doubt.

Kansas moved one step closer to their second championship in two years last Monday night as they walloped the University of Colorado, 78-55. B. H. Born, towering center for the Jayhawks broke the Big Seven scoring record which had been broken twice previously this season. Born dumped 44 points through the hoop on 16 fielders and 12 out of 20 free throws.

## Main Feature Clock

Varsity: "I Confess," 1:26, 3:27, 5:28, 7:29, 9:30.  
State: "The Promoter," 1:38, 3:36, 5:34, 7:32, 9:30.

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