

# State Prep Cage Tournament Begins Today

## Wildcats Swamp Huskers, 108-80

The Kansas State Wildcats, gaining revenge from an earlier 80-66 defeat to the Cornhuskers in the Coliseum, dished out a crushing 108-80 blow to Coach Harry Good's Nebraska basketballers Tuesday night at Manhattan.

It was the final appearance of the 1952-53 campaign for both clubs, and landed the Wildcats a second place in the loop compared to a tie for fifth and sixth for the up-and-down Scarlet five.

Led by All-America center Dick Knostman, the K-Staters enjoyed a comfortable margin throughout the rout. Knostman connected for 28 points to lead his mates, followed by Jesse Priksof with 21.

Don Weber, junior forward on the NU quint, was the spark for outmanned Nebraska, hitting 21 points on seven field goals and seven of ten free throws to lead Nebraska scoring.

Big Bill Johnson was next in

the Husker scoring column with a total of 17 counters. Joe Good and Fred Seger added nine apiece. It was the final game as a Husker for Good, who is the lone senior on the club.

Kansas State, knocked out of the running for championship honors by Kansas U's win over Missouri Monday night, connected on 47 per cent of its shots from the floor.

The loss leaves Nebraska with a season conference record of four wins and eight losses. The Huskers thus fall into a tie with the Iowa State Cyclones for fifth and sixth spot on the league ladder.

Colorado, which split two regular season conference contests with the Huskers, has the undisputed cellar position. The Huskers won at Boulder, 80-65, while dropping the home game, 86-78. The Buffs won over NU at the Kansas City pre-season tourney, 67-53.



**WELCOMES ATHLETES, FOLLOWERS . . .** George (Potsy) Clark, Director of Athletics at Nebraska, welcomes the thousands of players, coaches and fans to the state prep basketball tourney, which opens Wednesday. "We're looking forward to a great tourney, and a lot of fun for teams and fans alike. Every year we look forward to seeing the kids, coaches, superintendents and fans at the state championships. It gives us a chance to crystallize our relations with all schools in the state, make new friends and renew old memories," Clark said Tuesday as he prepared for the tourney's opening. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

## Class B, C, Games Slated To Open Rugged Carnival

**By NORM VEITZER**  
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The University's doors open to thousands of high school basketball fans and players Wednesday, with the start of the 43rd annual Nebraska High School Basketball Championships.

Thirty two prep cage fives guarantee a thrilling carnival to decide the four different class champions. The cage action will swing into action Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. on the varsity court in the Coliseum with Seward opposing the quintet from Gering.

While the Class "B" cagers are swinging into action on the varsity maples, the Class "C" aggregations will begin competition on the freshman floor.

Leading off in the Class "C" games will be Chappell vs. Brainard. Chappell, boasting the best

win-loss record, received the number one spot in the pairings. Seward was ceded number one in Class "B" with Cozad in the second position.

Thursday's agenda shows both the Class "A" and "D" squads swinging into court action. Leading off in the top bracket will be Lincoln High vs. the crew from Grand Island. The Capital City boys are ceded record in the pre-tourney forecasts.

The other Thursday afternoon Class "A" game will pair Boys Town vs. Scottsbluff. Boys Town, ranked the top at the end of the regular season, was upset by Ben-sington in the district tourney. The rankings were upset with the maple-men of Boys Town slipping to fifth slot. But the dope sheet shows Boys Town to be the tourney powerhouse.

In Class "D" action on the freshman court, Chester will meet Talmage in the first contest and Walthill opposes Melbeta in the last Thursday afternoon encounter.

The tournament action will carry through Friday and Saturday with the class crowns being decided on Saturday. If the tournaments run true to form, the competition will be fast and furious and the spirit will run high.



**BILL GLASSFORD . . .** Head Football Coach Bill Glassford extends a hearty welcome to all of the high school athletes who have come to Lincoln for the State High School Basketball Championships. "It's always a pleasure to have athletes come from all over the state to our campus to compete against one another. If anyone in the athletic department can be of any service in showing any of the athletes the campus or any phase of our athletic program, don't hesitate to stop in," Coach Glassford said Tuesday.

### State Tourney Pairings

- Class A**  
**THURSDAY, VARSITY COURT**  
12:30—Lincoln vs. Grand Island  
2:05—Boys Town vs. Scottsbluff  
7:00—Hastings vs. North Platte  
8:35—Northeast vs. Omaha Benson
- Class B**  
**WEDNESDAY, VARSITY COURT**  
12:30—Seward vs. Gering  
2:05—Crete vs. Fullerton  
7:00—Omaha Holy Name vs. Wisner  
8:35—Gordon vs. Cozad
- Class C**  
**WEDNESDAY, FRESHMAN COURT**  
12:30—Chappell vs. Brainard  
2:05—Syracuse vs. Franklin  
7:00—Hartington vs. Clarkson  
8:35—Tilden vs. Loup City
- Class D**  
**THURSDAY, FRESHMAN COURT**  
12:30—Chester vs. Talmage  
2:05—Walthill vs. Melbeta  
7:00—Belgrade vs. Red Willow (McCook)  
8:35—Hyannis vs. Alvo

### IM GAME DEADLOCKED, 37-37

## Rockets, Soph Dents Stage Thriller; ATO's Defeat Sigs

**By BILL MUNDELL**  
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Seven and a half I-M cage play-off contests reached a decision Monday night as the fraternity "A" and "B" divisions reached the finals and the Independent division nearly closed out their quarter-finals.

Seven of the frays were dillies. They're still talking about that half of a game.

They said last Friday when the Rockets won a 28-27 decision from the Mustangs on a free throw after the game had ended, "a game can't get any closer." You should have seen these same Rockets Monday night.

The Rockets and Dental Sophomores hooked up in a whale of a contest that to all intents and purposes was a narrow Rocket victory. When the final buzzer sounded, the score was announced 37-35 and the Rockets had gained the Independent semi-finals.

A much later check of the scorebook determined that the real score was 37-37, and as of this writing, the tally still remains deadlocked. The longest overtime in I-M history will reach a conclusion Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 4:45 p.m. when the same tow teams take the floor once again. This time they will play for only five minutes or until the tie is snapped.

Before the question of the final score had reached its peak, the two teams gave a superb exhibition of basketball. Both outfits hit a high percentage of their shots, but defense was also in evidence and scoring shots were at a premium.

never made it, falling to the Phi Deltas in 1951 and Sigma Alpha Epsilon in 1952.

They almost didn't reach the finals this year. Behind tremendous work of Bill Giles under the basket, the Phi Deltas roared back from a 3-11 first quarter deficit to carry an 18-15 lead into the intermission. Giles netted ten points for the losers in that hectic ten minutes.

It was more Giles in the third stanza, but the Sig Ep balance offset the nine-point production of the Phi Delt center. The count was tied at 37-37 going into the final frame.

No more than two points separated the two outfits for the next seven minutes, the Phi Deltas owning the advantage most of the time. In the final three minutes, the winners gained a one-point lead on a bucket by Jack Konegni and began the stall.

Frantic attempts to gain the ball only resulted in Phi Delt fouls and slowly the winners padded their lead on free throws.

Giles led all scoring with a creditable 24 while Louie Roper added another 11 to the losing cause. Dave Brandon topped the Sig Eps with 16 points followed by Al Hansen with 12.

**ATO's Defeat Sigs**

Alpha Tau Omega won the right to meet the Sig Eps in the fraternity "A" finals next Saturday in the Coliseum with a stunning 40-35 victory over powerful Sigma Chi. To win, however, the Taus had to beat down a tremendous fourth-quarter Sig rush that had the count tied at 33-33 after it appeared that the ATO's were on their way to a romping victory.

A slow first period produced an 8-8 tie with neither team looking too impressive. The ATO Jones brothers took care of that but quickly in the second canto.

Brother Dave hit four successive shots from back on the left side to boots the Taus into a 16-8 lead and after Hobe had pushed through two from beyond the free-throw circle, Dave came back with another long looper and the winners owned a comfortable 22-8 bulge. The Sigs finally managed to find the range, but the quarter ended 23-11 in favor of the Taus.

It became a battle of the centers in the second half. ATO Al Blessing handled most of the scoring for the winners while Sig Ted Connor found his shots connecting, also. Midway in that stanza with the rally standing at 27-17, the Sigs began their rally. In the next five minutes they outscored the Taus 6-1 and trailed by only 23-28 entering the final canto.

They showed no signs of slacking their pace as Connor, Sam Bell and Ben Leonard all continued to pound the nets, while Blessing was all the winners had to offer. With four minutes to go the losers had fought to a 33-33 tie, but that was the best they could do. Blessing continued to pound the nets and the Taus wrapped it up.

Blessing led the scorers with 15 while Dave Jones garnered 13. Connor topped the losers with ten.

**AGR, Sig B's Win**

Alpha Gamma Rho "B" and Sigma Chi "B" won the right to meet in the fraternity "B" finals by thumping Phi Kappa Psi and Farm House, respectively.

The AGR's came from behind to topple the favored Phi Psi's, 33-28. Overcoming a 17-19 halftime deficit, they gained the lead in the third period 24-23 and kept it the rest of the way. Walt Kintke and Wayne Frost led the scoring for the winners with 13 and 11 while Charles Betzelberger topped the Phi Psi's with nine.

The defending Bee champion Sigs showed their best form of the year as they crushed Farm House, 56-38. The junior Sigs displayed the hottest shooting exhibition in this year's playoffs as they climbed to an 11-1 margin early in the game and won going away.

Larry Gallion led the Sigs with 16 points, 11 coming in the third quarter. Paul Ely contributed another ten. Ray Gard topped the Aggies with 12.

The undefeated Ramblers and Pansies moved into the semi-finals of Independent play with convincing victories over Navy ROTC and Nebraska Co-op. The Ramblers won their eleventh straight, stopping Navy, 49-24

Ralph Weddle and Dan Brown each getting 12 points while the Pansies chalked up win number 13, topping the Co-op, 39-28. Chuck Jensen led the Pansies with 13 while Phil Haas garnered nine more. Don Gabriel was high for the Nebraskans with seven.

The surprising Ag Parasites continued to knock off the big boys Monday and downed Heagy Manor, 28-24. The win moved the Parasites into the semis against the winner of the Rocket-Dent overtime battle.

The Parasites led all the way in their upset victory. Duane Krable led the winners with 11 counters while Galen Johnson topped the losers with ten.

**Pejsar Guns Dents**

Behind the 13 points of Gordon Pejsar, the Dents climbed to a 12-9 quarter and 21-19 half. The Rockets used the free throw to good advantage in the third period and gained a 27-26 margin on six one-pointers and a goal by Bob Brum.

Pejsar again led the way in the fourth for the Dents and as the game ended, he sunk two charity tosses that tied the count. Those two points gave him an evening's total of 19 for top individual honors. Bill Best helped the Dent cause with 11. Ron Powers, Brum, and Hal Andrews all garnered ten points for the Rockets.

The third time's the charm or so hopes Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Sig Eps gained the fraternity "A" final for the third straight year Monday night by coming from behind and downing a gallant band of Phi Delta Eta cagers, 50-44. It will be the third straight year this same group of Sig Eps have tried for the title. They have

### Swim Course Instructs To Guard, Teach

The University men's and women's physical education departments are sponsoring two swimming courses for students wishing to teach or guard at swimming pools next summer.

A lifesaving class consisting of six three-hour sessions will compose the Red Cross senior life saving course.

Classes will be held on April 21, 22, 24, 28, 29 and 30 from 7 to 10 p.m.

A water safety instructors' course, which has as a prerequisite the senior life saving course, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. May 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 and 16.

Anyone already having a life saving certificate can immediately enter the second course. All classes will be held at the swimming pool in the basement of the Coliseum.

Classes will be held co-educationally. Swimming Coach Web Emery has charge of the men, while Miss Pat Sullivan instructs the women. All men interested should contact Coach Emery at the pool, and all women wanting to take the course should contact Miss Sullivan of the women's physical education department.

Men wishing to enter the classes should contact the Student Health center for swimming permit, and women must obtain girls' health permits in order to enter.



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