

# From The Sidelines High School Teams, Fans Welcomed To Spectacle

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Welcome to the Cornhusker campus, prep basketballers and fans!

The 43rd Nebraska State High School Basketball Championships, most colorful and thrilling spectacle in state high school sports, is being held on the Sooner campus Friday and Saturday.



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Last year's Coliseum gate receipts reached an all-time high, and according to O. L. Webb, executive secretary of the Nebraska State High School Athletic Association, those marks may fall this weekend.

Competition in this year's meet is unusually keen especially in the Class A field. All of the eight top-notch teams in this class are plenty capable of walking away with the title. But the team which wins the crown will have no "off nights" and must stay consistently hot during the entire sudden-death tourney.

### Loop Race Close In 1953-54?

A glance at basketball rosters indicates that Big Seven teams will be loaded with experienced talent next year. This year's squads around the loop were heavily laden with youthful players, who'll utilize their experience to present a hard-fought campaign during the 1953-54 season.

Only nine seniors are listed on the starting lineups of the seven conference squads. In other words, of the 35 players who were starters on their respective clubs, 26 of them—about 75 per cent—will be in action next year if they remain eligible.

Figuring each squad's strength on the basis of its top nine men, the graduation toll still will be extremely light. Of that 63-player total, only 15 have senior status.

Nebraska, along with Oklahoma and Missouri, will lose only one of their top nine. Joe Good, veteran starting guard, graduates from the Husker team; the Sooners lose sub center Tom Churchill; and starter Gene Landolt of Missouri leaves via the grad route.

Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State each lose two regulars, with the Cyclones dropping a total of four players from their nine best.

Iowa State's greatest scorer in the history of the school, Del Diercks, and playmaker Sam Long finish up, along with reserves Clare Rennie and Virg Dyerly.

The Jayhawks list Dean Kelley and Gil Reich, fiery starters, as top casualties, and Dean Smith, a reserve.

All-American Dick Knostman and guard Bob Rousey are through at K-State after the playoffs, as is Jack Carby, towering sub.

Colorado loses vet forward Frank Gompert and Jim Armatas, a reserve.

# Rambler-Rocket Final Game Set

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The Ramblers and the Rockets, two teams from the regular-season league, will meet Wednesday to determine the 1953 independent intramural basketball champion. These two outfits won the right Tuesday afternoon by winning three decisions, the Rockets two of them.

The undefeated and top-ranked Ramblers topped the only other

### I-M Playoff Scoreboard

"B" Finals	
Alpha Gamma Rho 48	Sigma Chi 39
Independent Semis	
Rockets 44	Ag Parasites 38
Rambler 44	Pansies 36

all-victorious team remaining, the Pansies, while the Rockets disposed of both the Sophomore Dents and the Ag Parasites.

The Rocket-Dent affair was the finish of a contest that started Monday night, Monday the two teams played to a 37-37 tie. The deadlock was discovered by a scorebook check after it had appeared that the Rockets had won a 37-35 verdict.

They played the overtime Monday and two long shots by Marv Lawton and Ron Powers coupled with a free throw by Hal Andrews pushed them to a 5-4 advantage and a 42-41 victory. The Dents scored first as a tip-off play gave Don Downs under the basket with the ball and he made it count. Andrews counted his free throw, but the Dents gained the advantage once more on a pair of gift tosses by Gordon Pejzar and Bill Best. Lawton looped his through with two minutes remaining and Powers hit the game-winning bucket with just 40 seconds to go. Pejzar wound up as top scorer in the game with 20 points. Best

helped the losing cause with 12 more. Powers led the Rockets with 12 while Andrews garnered 11 and Bob Brum ten.

Immediately following that fray, the Rockets took the floor against the surprise team of the independent tourney, the Parasites, and finally ushered the Ag team to the sidelines, 44-36.

Although leading all the way, the winners had to withstand three determined Parasite bids to take the lead. The first came in the second quarter as the losers narrowed the count from 6-17 to 11-18.

The Aggies tried again in the third stanza. Trailing 14-29, they closed the gap to 25-32 entering the final canto. They got as close as four points in the fourth, but couldn't make it.

Ron Powers led the winners with 13 points while Marv Lawton accounted for 12. Willy Pierson topped the losing Parasites with 11, eight coming in the last frame. The while Dick Olson added another nine.

The Rambler-Pansie contest was the battle between the last two remaining undefeated teams in intramural action. And it was definitely a battle for three quarters. A furious fourth-quarter finished the Pansies, 44-30.

The losers began the makings of an upset in the first quarter as they led 12-7 after leading as much as six points at one time. Ralph Weddle of the Ramblers found the range in the second stanza and led the winners to a 21-16 halftime bulge. Weddle hit for 15 points the first half, getting all the first quarter points and another eight in the second canto.

The Pansies narrowed the count to 22-25 in the third chucker but found their hopes completely shattered in that fourth.

# NU Wrestlers Travel To Conference Meet

The Nebraska grapplers leave for Norman, Oklahoma, Thursday morning to compete in the Big Seven wrestling championships which are being held on the Sooner campus Friday and Saturday.

Coach Al Fartin's crew will be shooting for the runner-up position. The NU coach doubts if any conference team can overtake the powerful Oklahoma team for the championship. Fartin also believes that the top contention for second place will be from Colorado, Iowa State, and NU.

The Cornhuskers have an 8 won and 2 loss record in their season competition. One of the losses was to Iowa State and the Cyclones have lost only to Oklahoma.

# Close Contests Highlight Opening Day Of Tourney

It was opening day for the 1953 Nebraska High School championships Wednesday and the fur flew in traditional manner as two "B" and two "C" outfits enhanced their chances in the battle for the various titles. Chappell and Syracuse made the big step in class C, while Gering and Fullerton copied their initial starts in class B.

In perhaps the top game Wednesday afternoon, top-seeded Chappell earned a narrow 48-46 decision over previously undefeated Brainard. To win, however, the westerners had to beat off a furious fourth-quarter rally and rely on their accuracy at the free-throw line.

Leading as much as 15 points at one time, the victors carried a 25-15 lead into the intermission only to see Brainard force their way back in the closing moments to knot the count at 44-44. The victory rested directly on the shoulders of Roger Zehr as he stood at the free-throw line with 17 seconds remaining. He made them both count and the Indians were in the second round.

Zehr topped the winners with 17 points as a 22-14 advantage at the charity line boosted Chappell into the victory. Virgil Vrbka led the way for the losers with 11 counters.

In the other class C contest, Syracuse disposed of another previous undefeated team in Franklin with deadly accuracy from far out coupled with steady under-

the-basket work when it counted, to win, 50-44.

Here too, the winners had to withstand a late rally to earn the verdict. Trailing 29-42 entering the final canto, Franklin slowly crept to within four points but couldn't apply the final pressure.

Bob Kramer tok scoring honors for the winners with 19 pointers while Russ Peterson of the Flyers led all stiring with 21.

### Gering Hits Seward

The top "B" game of the day was the opener in which Gering topped previously unbeaten Seward by a 69-53 score. It was anybody's ball game for the initial three stanzas, but the highly-regarded Bluejays wilted in a furious fourth. Entering the final frame, the Bulldogs owned a narrow 44-41 bulge.

It began to appear early in the game that Gering would not have enough men to field a full team as three of their stalwarts picked up four personals. Handicapped by this fact, the Bulldogs saw their one-time seven point lead evaporate into a 30-31 halftime deficit.

Behind the 22-point effort of Don Margheim, Gering began to click in the last quarter and scored 23 counters while holding the losers to 12.

Margheim was the game's top scorer, followed by Seward's scrappy Lloyd Schultz who garnered 16.

### Warriors Rout Crete

Fullerton blasted Crete out of any title bid in their class B encounter with a rousing 62-29 vic-

# AGR's Beat Sig B's, 48-39 To Win Fraternity 'B' Title

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Alpha Gamma Rho "B," the cinerella team of the fraternity "B" playoff tournament, became the first 1953 intramural basketball champion Tuesday night as they outgout and outscored defending champion Sigma Chi "B." Smarting from an early 3-9 deficit, the AGR Bees roared back to capture the fraternity "B" championship by a 48-39 tally.

From that one point in the game with three minutes gone until the final buzzer, it was all AGR. With Wayne Frost leading the scoring parade and Dick Monson controlling the boards against the taller Sigs, the Aggies climbed to a 14-11 quarter margin and never again were behind.

It was culmination of a long tourney road for the new champions. Included in their list of playoff victims were Sigma Phi Epsilon, 36-31; Pioneer House, 46-13; Phi Kappa Psi, 33-29 and now the highly-regarded Sigs. All of their contests with the exception of the Pioneer game were hard-fought with the Aggies squeezing out the victories in the final moments.

The runnerup Sigs, on the other hand, did not have trouble with a single foe, romping over Beta Theta Pi, 39-20; Beta Sigma Psi,

43-21 and Farmhouse, 56-38. They were expected to do it again Tuesday night, but the AGR's had other plans.

The losers started out fast. After seeing Aggie Tom Leisy dunk a charity toss, they counted on successive baskets by Paul Ely and John Gray. Gray sunk a free throw just before Dick Monson hit the first bucket for the champions from under the basket and the tally stood at 5-3, Sigma Chi.

Four free throws, two by Larry Gallion, quickly pushed the defending champs into an imposing 9-3 lead, but that was the last time they ever looked at the scoreboard to see how far ahead they were.

Wait Finke connected on a jump shot and Monson followed with his second bucket, a hook shot, and then dropped in a free throw after Ed Zabel had done the same to knot the score at 9-9. Frost put the champs ahead with a looper and after Ely tied the count with two free throws, Leisy hit from far out and the Aggies were in the lead for good.

The Sigs put on their best display of power in the waning moments of the contest. Trailing 46-31 with two minutes to play, Gallion hit three successive jump shots and Gene Merrigan added

another to narrow the final margin.

It was a bad week all around for Sigma Chi. Their "A" team was knocked out of contention for that crown Monday afternoon by Alpha Tau Omega in the fraternity "A" semi-finals.

# What to do till the Dough comes or

When it's Springtime on the Campus maybe Auntie will start Springing too

A certain Senior, who shall be Nameless, was all tangled up in an Unfortunate Situation. The Big Spring Weekend was just three days away; his Number One Girl was lined up; the blueprint called for Substantial Resources—and he was, to put it bluntly, Busted. Furthermore, his Credit Rating was Strictly Slow Motion.

Nameless, however, being a man of Considerable Ingenuity, even though Insolvent, was nothing daunted. His strategy was simple: a quick reconnoiter in his book of Family Statistics, two minutes of inspired composition, and a fast call to Western Union.

The Big Weekend went like a Breeze. Our joy cut a Super-Swath—and paid for it. Cold Cash. Sunday night he escorted his Dream Girl down to the 10:12, then headed for his Subject, tired but happy—pausing only long enough to throw a Heartfelt Kiss toward the windows of the local Western Union office, and to gaze fondly once again at a crumpled telegram. It bore this wallet-warming message: "Thank you for your Telegram and for your sweet thought. Even an old lady likes to have her birthday remembered. Hope he money order will prove useful." Signed "Aunt Jane."

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