

What's NU In Sports Huskers Must Win On Foreign Courts

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When the Oklahoma Sooners take the court tomorrow night in a conference tilt with the Nebraska Cornhuskers, it closes the last Saturday of basketball at the Coliseum for 1955. Only a Monday night engagement with the Missouri Tigers will remain on the NU home schedule.

If the Huskers should conquer both OU and the Tigers, it will mark a perfect home season of eight wins and no losses. It would also leave the NU quint with a 6-2 record in Big 7 play. They have lost to K-State 79-62 and to Mizou. Though this is a fine record, it is only winning half the battle.

League Laurels . . .

If the Cornhuskers nurse hopes of walking off with league laurels, they must be able to bring home the bacon from foreign courts. If a team has any potentiality, then taking conference triumphs on their home maps is a small task. By some unknown means of computation, it has been established that a host team has at least ten points edge on his opponents at the outset of the game.

Taking the Nebraska cage crew, their task is to win on the road. An example of their failure is last Saturday. In an earlier meeting of the two fives, Nebraska emerged victorious by 16 points. This was on the NU court. But when they journeyed to Manhattan, they fell to this same Wildcat team, 79-62. They held a 45-41 margin at the midway mark, but froze in the second half.

Thus far, the Husker's three conference wins have come in Lincoln. They have downed K-State, Colorado, Kansas and Iowa State. On the road they have lost Big Seven tilts to Missouri and K-State. In fact, six of Nebraska's seven wins have been here. Their only victory on foreign boards has been a win over Bradley. They have lost all eight of their contests on the road. Difficulty like this will only bring Nebraska a third or fourth place standing on the road.

A Winning Team . . .

A winning team must be able to compile at least a 10-2 mark to take conference honors. This year the two top contenders, Missouri and Colorado, both deadlocked are running true to form. The Buffs and Tigers are deadlocked for the loop league with a 5-1 record. If Nebraska hopes to come out on top, they must down CU, Kansas, Iowa State and Oklahoma on the road and still beat MU and Oklahoma in Lincoln.

As the mid-way point has been reached in the 1954-55 cage season, most of the conference races have begun to take shape. In the East, the Ivy League has proved a tight race. Penn, led by All-American Jess Arnell, has posted a 6-2 mark.

However, Columbia, boasting a 5-1 league record is running a close second. The Big 10 finds Iowa and Minnesota deadlocked with identical 5-2 records. Illinois is proving a close second with a 4-2 mark. The Illini meet Minnesota this Saturday in a crucial tilt.

Turning to the Atlantic Coast, Maryland tops the heap with an 8-2 mark. Duke, North Carolina and North Carolina State rest in second place with a 7-2 mark.

Colorado, Missouri To Battle . . .

In our own Big 7, Colorado and Missouri, the two top title contenders, battle at Boulder this Saturday. Tulsa and St. Louis are the big guns in the Missouri Valley. Tulsa has a 4-1 mark and the Billikins a 3-1. This will be the first year since the war that Oklahoma A&M has been out of the running.

In Intramural Play

Phi Deltas, Phi Gams, ATO's, Beta B's Win

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After a two week layoff due to final exams, intramural basketball is again in full swing, with four games played Monday night, 14 Tuesday and 14 Wednesday. With the IM tournaments drawing near, teams are making a final effort to wind up in the upper bracket of their leagues to qualify for the playoffs.

The League 1, the Phi Deltas Tuesday night tightened their hold on first place with their sixth win, a 53-41 victory over the Phi Gams. The ATO's, trailing closely in league standings, also moved up, winning handily from Sigma Chi, 60-29. Wednesday night the Phi Gams came through with their first league victory, a 48-33 win over the Sig Alphas.

Sig Eps Win
In the lone contest played in League 2, the Sig Eps Tuesday lambasted the AGR's, 46-21.

Theta Xi continued in their winning ways with a 56-24 pasting of Brown Palace for their seventh consecutive triumph. In the only other contest in League 3, the Alpha Gamma Sigma quintet defeated the second place ZBT's, 42-24, for their second win of the season.

The Cornhusker Co-op five ran their string to eight straight victories with two wins, beating the Tekes, 72-25, Tuesday and the Theta Chi's, 54-43, Wednesday. The Theta Chi's had previously annexed their fifth win, dumping Norris House, 47-35, Tuesday.

There was plenty of action in League 5 Wednesday as the leading ATO B squad zipped past Sigma Chi, 29-15, the Phi Gams routing the Phi Delt B team, 41-21, and the Delt B's smothering the Sig Alpha's, 45-22.

Beta Bs Take 6th
In League 6, the Beta B five gained their sixth straight win, with a 34-19 victory over the Sig Eps. The Phi Psi's sided their cause, defeating the AGR B team, 43-29.

The Alpha Gamma Sigma B quintet took it on the chin in League 7, losing to Farm House Monday, 40-27, but redeemed themselves with a 25-22 edge over the Theta Xi's Wednesday.

In the Frosh League, the AGR's were bounced from a tie for first place by two defeats, one at the hands of the Farm House five, 45-28, and the other by the DU's 29-28. The Phi Deltas, meanwhile, took over sole possession of first place with a resounding 52-25 tri-

umph over Sigma Chi. In other games, Sigma Nu brought their record to 4-4 with a 22-19 edge over the ATO's and a 34-29 margin over Farm House.

In League 14, the Ag Jokers handed the Rustlers, 41-35.

The following teams won games by forfeit: Delta Tau Delta A (2 games); Phi Kappa Psi A; Beta Sigma Psi A; Cornhusker Co-op B; Farm House B; Delta Upsilon C; Hitchcock House C; Ag Men and Phi Epsilon Kappa.

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... Must Stop Twin Threat Title Hopes Of Husker Bushmen Dangle On Weekend Slate With Sooners, Tigers

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After a successful week-end Coach Jerry Bush's hustling Huskers once again assume their roles of giant killers. The Bushmen, who claim the only blemish on the Colorado slate, face a double assignment.



Lester Lane, a diminutive, 5-10 guard on Bruce Drake's Oklahoma quintet, has scored consistently during his four years of varsity action. Playing on a losing team this season, Lane's outcourt eye and driving ability have lost none of their luster as he clips along at a 21.3 scoring gait. For his size he is an excellent rebounder, play-maker and defensive player.

dividual competitors will take the floor against the Huskers in these conference tilts. Oklahoma spark-plug Lester Lane holds the title of the first man in the school's history to exceed the 1,000 point total. Mizou's skyscraping pivotman, Bob Reiter, also has gained this accomplishment.

Missouri is ranked in the top ten nationally in all polls. Aside from their tremendous postman Reiter the Tigers also have in their starting line-ups two proven snipers, Norm Stewart with a 17.3 average

and Med Park who is hitting at a 15.1 clip.

The Huskers will probably employ their collapsing zone defense in hopes of hamstringing Mizou's gangling center. Each time Reiter has faced zone coverage he has suffered sub-par evenings from his usual output of 18.5 per game.

Crucial Point
This is the crucial point for Husker conference championship aspirations. Should the Scarlet quint continue their winning ways

they could still annex the crown. This would require the type of play they showed against Colorado in all future encounters. Where the Huskers appear to be hurting is on the road outings. Coach Bush's charges have been successful in but one contest on away games this season. The Huskers have shown glimmers of hope lately, but the answer will come in the next few encounters.



Will Fagler, lanky 6-5 forward and pivotman, possesses the longest reach on the Nebraska squad. This armspread, plus a good leg spring, have enabled "Fag" to gobble up his share of rebounds and points. Monday night he played the game of his career as big Burdette Haldorsen finally tired of chasing him and had to be taken from the game in the closing minutes.

Leading Big Seven Scorers

Haldorsen, Colorado	25.6
Reiter, Missouri	22.5
Lane, Oklahoma	21.6
Duncan, Iowa State	21.3
Stewart, Missouri	16.6
Thompson, Iowa State	15.3
Craft, Kansas State	14.8
Jeangerard, Colorado	14.6
Park, Missouri	13.6

Thirty-Five Begin NU Baseball Chores Spady Handles Workouts

The crack of the horsehide will temporarily replace the roar of the gym as head coach Tony Sharpe sends 35 baseball hopefuls through their early season paces against the University of Tulsa in preparation for their opener April 1 at Tulsa.

While Sharpe is still with the Sage squad, assistant coach Dick Spady is handling the reigns.

Returning lettermen are Fran Hofmaier and Dick Geier, pitchers; catcher Murray Backhaus, Bill Giles, 1b-of; Norm Confal, ss; Dirkes Rolston, inf.; Jim Cederdahl, of; and Don Becker, of. Other veterans reporting are Dan Brown, 3b; Roger Bottorf, LeRoy Garreles, Bryan Sievers, and Jerry Shaw, pitchers.

Coach Sharpe said the mound corps will be his mainstay in this year's season. One oddity is that

five of the six hurlers are south-paws. Rookie Rex Ekwall is the only right-handed hope. Sharpe is expecting to improve his standing from last year when his diamond crew finished sixth. Iowa State fell below the Cornhuskers.

Sharpe said that Missouri and Oklahoma should once again battle for Big 7 laurels. The Tigers went on to win the NCAA finals last season, avenging an earlier loss to Holy Cross in the 1953 play-offs. The Missourians have their same squad back save their shortstop and first baseman.

Mat Match Advanced

The wrestling match scheduled with Kansas State for 7:30 p.m. Friday night has been advanced to 5:30 p.m. due to a conflict with the Hebron-Teachers basketball game.

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