

# Hawkeye Height Too Much As NU Opener Fails 50-51

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Nebraska's ball control strategy almost paid off Saturday as they challenged the Iowa Hawkeyes for three quarters finally succumbing to a 50-51 defeat.

The tremendous height advantage of the hosts plus the returning nucleus of last year's NCAA fourth place squad added up to be too much for the sophomore studded Huskers to cope with.

As the Hawkeyes chalked up their 66th consecutive win against non-conference foes at home, the Huskers impressed their followers

viewing the fray on a national television hook-up with their stubbornness. The never say die Nebraskans remained within striking distance throughout the contest.

Coach Jerry Bush applied the proper tactics to the sky-scraping Iowans, knowing that they were outmanned on the boards they resorted to a ball control plan. The Huskers stayed even with their opponents on field goals as each quint notched 20. The difference came at the free throw line where

the Hawkeyes cashed in for 20-28 gratis tosses to the Huskers meager 11-24.

The Cornhuskers never led but after falling behind by an 8-0 count they retaliated to press at 22-21 and to within two points shortly after the half.

Nebraska could do nothing to control the advantage their opponents had on the rebounding department as the Iowa clan played Carl Cain (6-4), Bill Logan (6-6½), Bill Schoof (6-6) and Tom Payne (6-6). Jim Thom, sophomore pivot who stands 6-9 was not the answer to the Husker problem. He played most of the second half at the pivot and could manage only a set up and a free throw.

The NU scoring machine sputtered during the second half as it accounted for only six buckets after managing 14 in the first canto. Co-captain Chuck Smith paced the Husker offensive with a total of 13 points six of them potted on fancy hooks. Sophomore Jim Kubacki showed an outstanding field game acting as the Big Red playmaker and adding nine points and grabbing many rebounds from his taller opponents.

Forward Rex Ekwall also nailed down 10 points and speared many rebounds Don Smidt, sophomore pivot led the Huskers with 10 grabs off the boards. The pony express sophs showed promise-Gary Reimers, Kubacki and Jim Arwood as

they displayed some pretty smooth ball handling.

The poison for the Big 7 representatives came in the form of Logan's 16 counters and 14 rebounds while his adversary Cain dropped in 15 points to the Iowa cause.

Nebraska opens its home schedule Friday night as they host a Texas Tech crew at the Coliseum. The following night the Bushmen tangle with Michigan at Ann Arbor.



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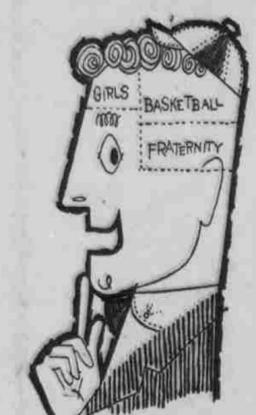
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## Conference Outlook: Kansas Quints Dominate Big Seven Cage Scene

By MAX KREITMAN  
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The curtain has fallen on the 1955 gridiron season in the Big 7 as the Oklahoma Sooners are Orange-bowl bound. Basketball season now takes over the conference spotlight.

With the season now underway, two quintets are rated as co-favorites to take conference laurels. They are the Kansas Jayhawks and the Kansas State Wildcats. Both squads are loaded with returning veterans, and of the two, the Jayhawks should take the nod over their interstate rival. Coach Forest Allen, the dean of American basketball mentors, beginning his 39th year at KU and his 46th year in the business, will once again field an all-veteran team. After finishing first in 1950-52-53-54 and second in 1951, the Kansans fell to a disappointing fourth last year. Gone from that squad of 1954 were the Lovelletes, the Borns, the Kelleys, and the Patersons, and in their place were four sophomores and one junior, Dallas Dobbs. The senior guard from Bartlesville, Oklahoma was an all-Big 7 selection his rookie year, but rated only a second place berth last year. Supporting Dobbs were the first year men, Gene Elstun, John Parker, Maurice King, and Lew Johnson. This year those five plus an able second unit in the person of Bill Brainard, Lee Green, Elaine Hollinger, and Jim Toft, a product of Grand Island high, along with two able sophomores in the person of Eddie Dwyer and Ron Johnson, forms the quintet that could very well carry the Kansans through the conference in triumphant style. KU opened play Monday against Northwestern at Lawrence.

The other conference co-favorite, fields a veteran crew against the Texas Tech five Dec. 6 at Manhattan. This is the Texas team that opens the home season for Nebraska Dec. 9. Coach Tex Winter will answer the call with Dick Stone, a 6-3 senior and Larry Fischer, a 6-5 sophomore at forwards. At the pivot will be a big 6-9 sophomore, Jack Parr, with Pachin Viens at 5-9 and Fritz Schneider, a 6-3 junior at guards.

Defending champions, Colorado, will have the biggest rebuilding job, trying to replace their all-conference center Burdette Halderon and their stellar forward Bob Jengerard. Last year the Buffs came from the cellar with an early season 1-7 mark to take the conference with an 11-1 record, their only loss at the hands of the Huskers. The year before they tied KU for the crown. This year, Coach Bebe Lee will go with an all-letterman line-up. It will include Jim Rangios at 6-4 and Mel Coffman at 6-3 at forwards, George Hannah at 6-7, and Mick Mansfield at 6-4 and Bill Peterson at 6 or Dave Mowbray at 6-1 at guards.

The Missouri Tigers, last years conference runner-ups, have taken on three quick games, opening Saturday with Purdue at Lafayette and then returning home and meeting South Dakota and Texas Tech on a Monday-Tuesday date. The Bengals, out to improve their 16-5 over-all mark of last year and their 10-2 finish in the league, will also field an lettered line-up, but missing from the starting quintet of last year will be their number one scorer, 6-9 Bob Reiter and their number three scorer, M. d. Park. Answering the opening gun for Sparky Stalcups' five will be Eddie Ronsick and Redford

Reichert at forwards, Chuck Denney at center, and Lionel Smith and Norm Stewart at guards. Stewart will be the big gun in the Tiger attack, last year averaging 16.7 points a game and a first team spot on the all-conference team.

Both Iowa State and Oklahoma will once again have to take a back seat in the league, the Sooners relying heavily on their 6-6 pivot man LeRoy Bacher. The Cyclones will have three sophomores in their starting five, John Crawford, Don Medsker, and Lyle Frahm, plus juniors Gary Thompson and Chuck Bogt.

The Huskers, who came on strong last year, have veterans Duane Buel, Chuck Smith, Norm Coufal, Bill Wells, Rill Roy, and Rex Ekwall, plus rookies Jim Kubacki, Jim Thom, and Lyle Nanne. Figuring in the top quint are Ekwall and Smith at forwards, Don Smidt at center, and Norm Coufal and Kubacki at guards.

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