

# Cornhuskers Return Home For Contest With UCLA

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Hoping to get back into the winning column after dropping contests to Michigan 77-71 and Wichita 71-46, the Nebraska Cornhuskers will play host to the UCLA Uclans tonight at the Coliseum. Tip-off time is set for 8 p.m. The Huskers have won one game, a 69-63 overtime triumph over the Texas Tech Red Raiders. They have also lost to the Iowa Hawkeyes 60-51.

For the guests, they are bringing a 2-2 record to Lincoln. Returning to the UCLA fold this year are four lettermen. Two of them are two year veterans, their center Willie Naulls and their guard, Morris Taft. The 6-5 Naulls last year set a southern division rebound record of 163. He also scored 352 points in 26 games for a 13.5 average.

Taft is known as one of the finest guards in UCLA history. He has an excellent jump shot and is a good driver. Other starters for the invaders include Allen Herring at 6-3 and Carroll Adams at 6-1 at forwards, and Dick Baton at the other guard to round out their starting five.

UCLA possesses a record that includes wins over Denver University 68-40 and over Purdue 76-60. They lost their first two games of

## Starting Lineups

Allen Herring 6-3	Don Schmidt 6-4
Carroll Adams 6-1	Charles Smith 6-1 1/2
Willie Naulls 6-5	Rex Eckwall 6-4
Morris Taft 6-3	Bob Mercier 5-11
Dick Baton 6-1 1/2	Norm Coufal 5-10

the season to Brigham Young 75-58 and 67-65.

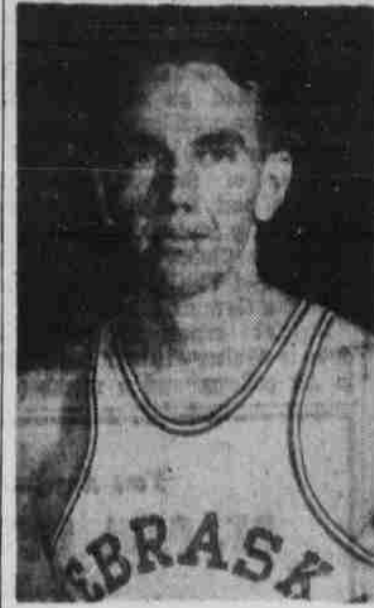
As was the case in their other four contests, the Huskers will be facing a taller five. Two new fac-

es will enter the Nebraska line-up as coach Jerry Bush attempts to put the Nebraskans back on the winning trail. The new starters will be a pair of little guards, 5-10

Norm Coufal, a senior veteran, and sophomore Bob Mercier. The young rookie stands 5-10.

Joining these two men in the starting quintet will be Chuck Smith and Don Smith at forwards and Rex Eckwall at center. The other new change finds Eckwall moving to the pivot and Don Smith to the forward. This will be Eckwall's first start since the Texas Tech contest. The 6-5 junior from Holmesville has been shelved with a case of flu. His absence has been strongly felt by NU both in scoring and on the boards.

While Eckwall has been missing from the squad, senior co-captain Chuck Smith has carried the Husker colors. The 6-1 forward has hit 74 points for an 18.5 average. He hit 22 against Tech, 24 against Michigan and 15 against Wichita. Merciers and Coufals appearance in the starting lineup was the result of their fine play against Texas Tech and Wichita. Merciers floor game was especially stimulating in the waning moments of the overtime contest and it was coufal's basket in the overtime that proved the winning margin.



Coufal and Mercier . . . New faces in starting five

## Big 7 Teams Lose Three

Basketball action in the Big 7 was limited to Monday night as four games were on tap. Besides the Nebraska-Wichita tilt, Colorado, Kansas State, and Oklahoma met foes, with only Colorado emerging victoriously.

The Buffs, who were only supposed to have a so-so year after their conference triumph last year, continued their winning ways downing the Iowa Hawkeyes 60-57. Jim Rangios and Mel Coffman paced the hosts with 19 points and 16 points respectively. Colorado trailed at the half 33-31, but came on strong at the end to down the mighty visitors. The number one scorer for Iowa, Carl Cain, was held to one tally. It gave CU an 8-0 mark for the year and dropped Iowa to a 2-1 record. One of their wins was over Nebraska.

At Des Moines, Iowa, the Drake Bulldogs also molded an upset, downing the Kansas State Wildcats 70-64. The Bulldogs came from a 42-31 halftime deficit. Pacin Vicens paced the Wildcat attack with 15 points. The Wildcats led 59-58, but a Drake field goal put them ahead to stay 60-59. Bill Murrel led the winners attack with 15 points.

The other conference game saw the Ohio State Buckeyes, paced by their all-American guard Robin Freeman, down the Oklahoma Sooners 89-68 in a contest at Columbus, Ohio. Freeman, who currently is leading the nation in scoring with an amazing 39.5 average, tallied 12 field goals and 16 free throws for 40 points. The Sooners were never in the contest, being down at the half 40-17. Joe King led OU with 20 points.

## Freshman Thinclads Shine In IM Meet

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Cornhusker track followers should have something to look forward to in the near future. For several outstanding performances by fresh tracksters have brightened the picture.

Coach Frank Sevigne, in his first year as Husker track coach unveiled a dazzling array of yearling prospects at the annual NU intramural track meet. Although the cinder trials were only the preliminaries Coach Sevigne had plenty to smile about.

A fabulous frosh in the person of Keith Gardner of Jamaica stole the spotlight in the prelims held Tuesday night. The mustachioed speedster turned in several performances that left the crowd gasping. To open the evening Gardner breezed through a 60 yard dash with a clocking of :06.3, only one tenth of a second off the Big Seven conference record, and only two tenths of a second over the world mark for the distance. Making the performance even more fabulous, he singled the cinders in sneakers as spikes are not allowed in the meet.

However the scintillating 60 was only the opener for the evening. For Gardner followed up with a fight of 60 yard high hurdles in :07.5 which is again only :01 over the conference standard. He then concluded his showing on the track as he topped the low timbers in :07.1.

Gardner's heats of hurdles however were set at the high school level, standard for the intramural meet. The twelve pound shot was also used in the weight event. Gardner's boosters were certain

he could match his performances due to the lack of spikes.

He also paced the broad jumpers with a 21.7 leap. It was observed that on this jump he was some five inches behind the four inch wide takeoff plate. He slipped his jump in between his sprint and hurdles efforts.

Another exceptional effort somewhat overshadowed by Gardner's exploits was the 13 feet 5 vault of Bernie Randolph. Randolph pulled away from the vaulting field while qualifying in other events. Clearing this height at such an early point in the season left Randolph a marked man for the Big Seven indoor championships next spring.

Frosh Don Farrington turned in another creditable showing in the 60 with a :06.7 clocking to win top honors in the fraternity competition. Bennie Dillard, still another freshman flash was timed in :06.5 in the 60 but later injured a leg in a hurdle race.

Two more freshmen distance men looked good. Biff Morrison covered an 890 in 2:11 and former Gold Medal winner Gary Hoffman had a 2:12.3 timing.

60-Yard Dash  
Independent—Gardner in :06.2  
Fraternity—Farrington in :06.7  
60-Yard High Hurdles  
Independent—Gardner, :07.5  
Fraternity—Ken Pollard, :08.1  
Broad Jump  
Independent—Gardner, 21.7  
60-Yard Low Hurdles  
Independent—Gardner, :07.6  
Fraternity—Rod Schroeder, :07.6  
890-Yard Run  
Independent—Jesse Navarro, 2:16  
Fraternity—Morrison, 2:11

Finals in the intramural event, supervised by Ed Higgenbotham, will follow Christmas holidays and precede the indoor Big Seven cinder season.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star  
Eckwall . . . returns to line-up

## NU Names Opponents

As per expected Oklahoma dominated Nebraska's All Opponent team, as they did anyone's who played them. The Sooners placed five men on a squad that would give any college team a long afternoon. The assortment of players selected includes six who were near unanimous choices for All American. Teams represented include three who were among the top ten teams in the country emphasizing the caliber of the competition the Huskers met.

Top ten teams were Oklahoma, Pittsburgh and Ohio State. All Americans selected are marked with an asterisk. Three tackles, Cal Woodworth, Oklahoma; Bob Pollock, Pittsburgh; and Francis Machinsky, Ohio State.

Guards—Bo Bolinger\*, Oklahoma; Jim Parker\*, Ohio State. Center—Jerry Tubbs\*, Oklahoma.

Quarterback—Jim Harris, Oklahoma.

Halfbacks—Tom McDonald\*, Oklahoma; Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy\*, Ohio State.

Fullback—John Bayuck, Colorado.

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# THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

## Houchen, Bodensteiner Star: NU Tankers Sink Grinnell

Winning seven out of ten events and setting one new record in the 200-yard individual medley, the University outplashed Grinnell College in a dual meet yesterday, 53-31.

Tom Houchen, team captain for Nebraska, established a new pool and meet record in the 200-yard

individual medley as he handily won it with a time of 2:35.3. This is the first time this event has been held. In years past the distance has been 150 yards instead of 200 yards.

Nebraska was in command of the meet from the first as they won the 300-yard medley relay in the first event and then added a first in the next event, the 200-yard free style, to build up a large lead.

Nebraska allowed the Grinnell tankers only three first places as they sank the visitors.

Both Houchen and Carl Bodensteiner were double winners for the Husker splashers. Besides winning the 200-yard individual medley, Houchen also won the 200-yard breast stroke. Bodensteiner outswam the opponents to capture first places in the 220-yard free style and the 400-yard free style races.

Other firsts for Nebraska were scored by Gene Cotter and Paul Schorr. Cotter showed championship form in winning the diving by a large margin. Schorr won the backstroke in the good time of 2:35.1.

Cotter, who lettered in 1953 and is just back from the service, demonstrated the form which enabled him to take second in the Big Seven as a sophomore. In showing his early season form Cotter also showed that he is a definite threat to the Big Seven title.

In all, Nebraska tankers ran up a grand total of eight firsts, six seconds and three thirds. In three events Nebraska swept both first and second. They also won the 300-yard medley relay although they had to settle for a second place in the 400-yard free style relay.

The only Grinnell swimmer who was able to break through the Nebraska monopoly of first places was Joel Stubbs. Stubbs, who is Midwest sprint champ, handily won the 50 and the 100-yard free style events. He also swam the anchor leg on the winning 400-yard

free style relay team. Stubbs won the 50 in 25.1 and the 100 in 57.3 which are credible times although he has done much better in both events.

The top thrill of the afternoon was provided in the 220-yard free style by Bodensteiner and Charles Hawtreay of Grinnell. Dead even at the last turn, Bodensteiner turned on the steam as he out-sprinted Hawtreay and won by a body length.

Grinnell has always been a tough meet for Nebraska and last year they tied them, 42-42.

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Courtesy Lincoln Star  
Gene Cotter . . . veteran diver

## Meet Results

300-yard medley relay—Won by Nebraska (Paul Schorr, Tom Houchen, Bill Tagney); second, Grinnell. Time: 3:23.1.

220-yard free style—Won by Carl Bodensteiner (N); second, Charles Hawtreay (G); third, Bill Simmons (G). Time: 2:34.1.

50-yard free style—Won by Joel Stubbs (G); second, Bill Tagney (N); third, Doug Thorpe (N). Time: 25.1.

200-yard individual medley—Won by Tom Houchen (N); second, John Holeman (N); third, Bob Carruthers (G). Time: 2:35.3.

(New pool record and meet record as this is first time event has been held.)

One-meter diving—Won by Gene Cotter (N); second, Steve Gaines (N); third, Bob Madgett (G).

100-yard free style—Won by Joel Stubbs (G); second, Wyman Kenagy (N); third, Bill Tagney (N). Time: 57.2.

200-yard backstroke—Won by Paul Schorr (N); second, John Holeman (N); third, John Marsh (G). Time: 2:35.1.

440-yard free style—Won by Carl Bodensteiner (N); second, Bill Simmons (G); third, Bob Carruthers (G). Time: 5:38.

200-yard breast stroke—Won by Tom Houchen (N); second, John Nielsen (G); third, Doug Thorpe (N). Time: 2:42.4.

400-yard free style relay—Won by Grinnell (Charles Hawtreay, Bob Bannister, John Marsh, Joel Stubbs); second, Nebraska. Time: 4:10.2.

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