

Conference Action:

NU Bows To MU; 88-80 Score

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Nebraska used a spectacular performance by Rex Ekwall and inspired play by his mates to come within an ace of upsetting the heavily favored Missouri Tigers at Columbia last night, 80-88.

The first half was nip and tuck till the 13-minute mark when Missouri, sparked by 6'8" Chuck Denny, who got 16 points the first half, moved away to a 28-20 lead.

But with 10 minutes to go in the first half, Ekwall came dynamically to life, pushing in 17 points to lead a Nebraska comeback that moved the Huskers to a five point, 43-38 lead two minutes before the buzzer.

Missouri used buckets by conference scoring leader, Norm Stewart to struggle back to a 45-43 half time lead.

The second half found the Huskers still a red hot ball club. Coach Jerry Bush gambled on big Terry Howard as a replacement for foul-ridden Don Smidt and the "Butcher" came through with a scrappy performance under the boards and three beautiful hook shots.

Ekwall started out to duplicate his first half play, but he accumulated his fourth foul with 17 long minutes still to go and was forced

to ride the bench a good share of the second half.

Even so, he managed 9 points and when he finally fouled out with a minute to go, Nebraska was down only 85-78.

Nebraska hit for a sensational 51.5 per cent from the field the first half and cooled but little the second. Missouri was deadly from the free throw stripe, converting 30 of 40, which eventually made the difference in the score.

Ekwall's 26 points was the individual high, followed by Missouri's Stewart with 24 and Denny with 23. Charlie Smith got 15 for Nebraska and Don Smidt 12. Lionel Smith and Charlie Ross of Missouri got 19 and 18 respectively, as Missouri used only six players.

Nominations

All intramural all-star nomination ballots in all leagues should be turned in to Max Krietman in The Nebraskan office by March 15.

The ballot must not include the names of a team's own members or members of teams that the nominating team will play in the tournament.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal
Bob Elwood . . . sophomore distance man finished fifth in two-mile run at Big 7 tourney. Other Huskers to place were Leonard Rosen, Ken Reiners and Bernie Randolph.

Nebraska Wins In Overtime

It's getting so Nebraska has trouble winning basketball games in two periods—in fact the last two the Huskers won, had to go into overtime periods.

Last Saturday night the Bushman captured a 64-63 victory at the hands of the Oklahoma Sooners. Earlier in the year, they downed the Okies at Norman, 68-61, the last conquest previous to Saturday's game.

With over a minute left in the regulation period, Coach Jerry Bush instructed his quintet to hold on to the ball for a last-second shot at the basket. The scoreboard read 58-58. Kubacki performed an excellent one-man stall by holding the ball for over a minute near mid-court.

In the overtime, Kugacki put the Huskers out in front with his pet two-handed set shot to make the score 60-58 in the Nebraskans' favor.

This Week-end:

Cornhusker Squads Split Four Contests

In a busy week for Huskerland, winter sports teams split four contests.

Big splash of the four matches was made by NU swimmers as they squelched Kansas State, 51 1/2-32 1/2 in an important Big Seven dual held in the Coliseum, Saturday.

Nebraska produced six wins in ten events to overcome the Wildcats, who had held the Huskers to a 42-42 tie in an earlier meeting. K-State's Tom Onuma copped both the 50 and 100-yard free style dashes to provide the only double winner of the afternoon.

Carl Bodensteiner, Nebraska's talented sophomore took the 440-yard free style after trailing until the three quarter mark to provide the top spectator interest of the meet.

Nebraska's other win of the weekend came as Bruce Riley led the Cornhusker gymnasts to first place in the All-College Invitational held at Boulder, Colo. Riley was voted the most outstanding performer in the meet by meet officials.

Nebraska's wrestlers lost their sixth match of the season as Colorado swept to a 28-5 decision by winning seven out of eight matches. Alan Rosen provided the only Husker win as he decided Mel Werner, 5-2, in the 177-pound class.

The Colorado victory marked the end of Husker captain, Arnold Morton's, winning streak. The husky Husker had been unbeaten until Ron Teubner of Colorado defeated him 9-6 in a 157-pound scrap.

On The Oval: KU Corners Big 7 Meet As Huskers Finish Last

By BOB MARTEL
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The University of Kansas won its fifth straight Big Seven Indoor Championship this past weekend in Kansas City. Kansas scored 51 points while Oklahoma placed second with 45 1/2.

Nebraska reached an all time low in track competition by finishing last in the classic while gathering only 4 1-3 points.

Four records fell and one was tied as 7500 cinder fans yelled their approval.

Hindrik Kruger, pole vaulter from the University of Oklahoma bettered a record of 13 feet 11 3/4 inches set in 1950 by Sooner Bill Carroll with an effort of 14 feet 6 1/2 inches.

The shotput event belonged to Bill Neider of Kansas who hurled the 16 pound ball 59 feet 9 1/4 inches. Bob VanDee of Oklahoma was second with a toss of 52 feet 10 1/4 inches.

Bob Lang, Missouri senior, high jumped 6 feet 7 1-2 inches to beat the old mark of 6 feet 5 3-8 inches established by Tom Scofield of Kansas.

The Oklahoma mile relay team set the fourth record with a 3:20 performance, clipping a second off the mark set by the 1953 Sooner team. Members of the record breaking relay squad were Charles Folson, William Pritchett, James Denton, and John Dahl.

Hurdler Fritz Hagenboeck of

Colorado tied a meet record with a 67.4 effort in the 60 yard high hurdles.

The 60 yard dash was won by Dick Blair of Kansas with Jack Davis of Missouri placing second. Missouri got a first and second place in the 60 yard low hurdles as Davis finished in 06.9 with Roger Ornduff close behind.

Kansas' Al Frame was a double winner as he copped both the 880 and mile runs. His time of 1:54.7 in the half mile was the third fastest in conference history.

The 440 yard dash honors were taken by Folson. The Sooners winning time was 50.2 seconds.

Jerry McNeal of Kansas was the winner in the two mile run. Husker Bob Elwood placed fifth in this event.

Erwin Cook of Oklahoma took broad jumping honors as he soared 24 feet 1 inch.

Outside of Elwood's fifth place in the two mile run, the only other Nebraskans in the scoring column were Ken Reiners, Leonard Rosen and Bernie Randolph.

Reiners and Rosen picked up three Nebraska points in the shotput event as they placed fourth and fifth respectively. Randolph gained 1-3 of a point as he tied for fifth place in the pole vaulting event.

From The Sports Desk Kreit's Korner

By MAX KREITMAN
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State tourney time . . . This week the Coliseum will be echoing the sounds of basketball and wild cheers as the annual Nebraska State Basketball Tournament gets under way.

Six classes will crown champions Saturday night, Class AA, A, B, C, D and E.

In the opening round of the AA bracket, Lincoln Northeast meets Omaha North and Boys Town goes against Scottsbluff.

The A group finds Falls City opening against Omaha Holy Name and York takes on Gering. Loup City tackles Wayne and Chadron Prep meets Hebron in the B pairings.

Geneva vs. Hildreth and Clarkson challenges Spencer in the C bracket while Springfield meets Dodge and Brady battles Western in the D class. The E league matches Tobias against Holstein and Farwell taking on Sprague-Martel.

Many upsets were pulled for some of the teams to be present at the State finals.

Omaha North upset the appiecart in the AA district meet by upsetting Omaha Central and Omaha Tech. Boys Town earned a trip to Lincoln via an upset over Omaha South.

Tourney's purpose two-fold . . . Basketball fans in this area will get a chance to see some of the future Nebraska players in action.

The tournament serves a dual purpose. The first one is to show the finest competition and the desire to win. Players will be making an all-out effort for the various trophies in the different classes.

However, another purpose is served during this three-day affair. One of the most important points stressed in any prep athletic program is sportsmanship. Average rabid fan who goes out to see his team win at any cost will laugh this off, but I feel that this is just as important as the victory itself. In fact, it denotes a very important one.

There is a saying that is used in many locker rooms. It says—A good winner is one who holds his head high no matter what the outcome is.

My predictions . . . Class AA—Scottsbluff; Class A—Gering; Class B—Chadron Prep; Class C—Geneva; Class D—Springfield; Class E—Tobias.

Intramural BB Tourney Nears End

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IM Editor

Intramural basketball playoffs moved into their final week last night with semi-final games in Fraternity A, B and C leagues and Sellen Quadrangle A and B leagues.

Independent league teams play their semifinal games on Wednesday. This is all leading up to the final games Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings before the State Tournament games.

Last week Delta Tau Delta won by forfeit from Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega won the same way to pave their way into the semi-finals of the Class A Fraternity league. In the lower half of their bracket Phi Delta Theta whaloped Sigma Epsilon, 56 to 32 and Cornhusker Co-op stopped Phi Kappa Psi, 35-31.

In Fraternity B leagues, Alpha Tau Omega won by forfeit over Kappa Sigma. Phi Gamma Delta stopped Phi Delta Theta 51 to 37. Also, Delta Tau Delta stopped Phi Kappa Psi, 49 to 14 and Delta Upsilon won a semi-final berth stopping Beta Sigma Psi, 39 to 23.

Sellen Quadrangle A league play found Avery upsetting Hitchcock which was undefeated in regular season play, 40 to 25. Andrews stopped Sellen, 38 to 29.

Also, Macean dropped a close decision to Fairfield, 41 to 38 and Canfield ran up what it believed to be an all time intramural high beating Gustavson I, 92 to 33.

The B league had Macean walloping Burnett, 43 to 18, while Bessey and Canfield won by forfeit over Benton and Manatt respectively. Hitchcock drew a bye.

In the Independent league playoffs, a stout Chemist five ran by Methodist, 68 to 36. Also Phi Epsilon Kappa dropped the Bums, 63 to 39, and Inter-Varsity lost to Uni Aggies by a score of 39 to 21.

AGR Grads won by a forfeit over Dent College B Navy ROTC,ologists, and Corn Borers won by

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