

Basketball:

Kansas Liked As Big Seven Champions

By STAN WIDMAN Staff Sports Writer
This year's Big Seven Basketball race might well turn into a one team battle as Kansas, led by Wilt Chamberlain and Maurice King figure to take everything including the National Championship.

Billings, Monte Johnson, Dick Keith, Larry Kelley, Lynn Kindred and Gary Thompson are also being counted upon by Harp.
Here at home, Jerry Bush and crew are tackling one of the toughest schedules in our history. Back to help is all-Big seven forward Rex Ekwall who is considered one of the outstanding players in our history. The two other senior lettermen are Dudley Doebele and Bill Wells.

These include Jim Arwood, Jim Kubacki, Lyle Nannen, Gary Reimers and Don Smidt. All five saw considerable action last year and are being counted very heavily upon by Bush. Biggest hopes among the newcomers include Bob Finn, Bob Harry, Terry Howard, Ron Parsons, George Swank and Larry White. Charles McAfee is back from a tour of service duty and figures to aid the team.
Kansas State appears ready to defend their title and in case anything happens to Kansas will prob-

ably do so. Their big gun is Jack Parr, 6-9 center who was a sensational sophomore last season. He averaged 17.4 points and 14 rebounds a game and for his all around play, he was named to the all Big Seven team.
Eight other letter winners will return to give Coach Tex Winter another title contender. These include one senior in Eddie Wallace who was named to the NCAA regional all star team last year, and six juniors, who include Hayden Abbott, Roy DeWitz, Larry

Fischer, Bog Jedwabny, Dean Richards, Bob Boozer, a sophomore from Omaha, Neb., is holding down a starting role and should be a big factor in the title hopes of Winter.
Iowa State shouldn't be counted out by any means as Coach Bill Strannigan has five experienced lettermen back from the team which won the Big-Seven tournament at Iansas City and finished in a second place tie in the Conference race. Heading the returnees is All-American and all-Big Seven Guard Gary Thompson considered to be the greatest player in Cyclone history.

Helping him will be Chuck Vogt another outstanding player back from last year, John Crwawford, D Medsker, and Lyle Frahm. Two outstanding sophomores who figure to start are Fred Boshela and Ron Baukol, rated as another Gary Thompson. Other squad members include Jack Peterson, Larry Swanson, Dick Farwell, Al Lowery,

Seven forward who will be counted upon to hold the team together and Ed Abbey, Joe Jones, Arthur Kell and Max Claiborne.
Promising sophomores include Richard Anderson Bill Ashcraft, Dick Bass, Don Bittle, Don Schwall Monte Simpson and Bob Stoermer.
Colorado
Colorado appears to be the leading candidate for the cellar as they have just five returning lettermen back and only one starter.
The one starter is Bob Heizer a senior guard. The other returning reserve lettermen are Jim Cadle and Dick Nicholson forwards Jim Jochems, center, and Dave Mowbray guard.
Outstanding among the sophomores is Gerry Schroeder who is pressing Mowbray at the guard position. One observation has been made of this Colorado squad. If they develop as fast as the gray hairs are popping through coach Sox Walseh's head, they will have a pretty fair season.



Starting Five

Jerry Bush, coach of the University basketball team, gives a few pointers to his five start-

ers. From left to right they include Ron Parsons, Don Smidt, Jerry Reimers, Rex Ekwall and

Jim Kubacki. This team will face one of the toughest sched-

ules in University history this season.

Experience Pys Off: Frosh Cagers Nearly Upend Varsity; Yearly Rally Falls Short, 65-62

By BOB MARTEL Staff Sports Writer
Coach Tony Sharpe's University of Nebraska freshmen squad, playing a sparkling second half, came very close to upsetting the favored

varsity quintet in a game style scrimmage last night.
Playing before a near capacity crowd, the yearlings gave Jerry Bush's crew a run for their money before bowing 65-62.

Paced by the fine shooting of Don Smidt and Bill Wells the varsity led at halftime 36-20.
It was after intermission that the crowd began to get excited. First year men Willie Fitzgerald, Herschell Turner, Bob Mayo and Bill Lundholm suddenly got hot and the cords began to burn.

Little by little the scoring gap shrank until finally in the closing seconds, the varsity found itself holding a slight 61-60 lead. Jim Kubacki hit with a long set shot to increase the edge to 63-60, but Fitzgerald stole the ball and spud down the court all by himself to put the freshmen back to within one point of the varsity.

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Bush then ordered his squad to begin freezing the ball and in the next few tension packed minutes Captain Rex Ekwall was fouled by an over excited yearling and proceeded to dump in two free throws to end the scoring.
The varsity, although overshadowed by the great showing of the freshman team, played a fine game. Although outboarded on their offensive backboard, they handled the ball well and were very cool in the clutch.
Ekwall who was guarded very

close by Fitzgerald, teamed with Kubacki and Smidt to provide the scoring punch in the second half. Smidt finished the evening with 15 points while Ekwall and Kubacki each tallied 11.
Gary Reimers and Dudley Doebele handled the ball very smoothly and Wells looked very good both offensively and defensively for the Huskers.
The freshmen were paced by mayo, Fitzgerald and Turner. Mayo, a 6'8" pivot man from Brooklyn, New York led all scorers with 21 points while Fitzgerald and Turner had 11 and 10 points respectively.
Lundholm and Wayne Hester worked the ball very nicely and both handled their share of the scoring. Lundholm jumped for 12 points while Hester had eight.
The Cornhusker varsity squad will open its regular season in Los Angeles on Friday and Saturday when they tangle with the UCLA Bruins in a pair of contests.
Coach Bush will begin his home season when he sends his team against the Iowa Hawkeyes on Monday evening.

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Sig Eps Edge Dents For All-Intramural Title

By GARY PETERSON Intramural Editor
Sigma Phi Epsilon is the new All-University intramural football champion. They won the title with a hard fought 19-12 win over the Dental College last Wednesday.

This was the first All-University title for the Eps since their 1950 team pulled the trick.
The Sig Eps won 9 straight games during the 1956 campaign. They went through the tough "A" Fraternity League unbeaten, a feat seldom accomplished. The only close games on the Ep schedule was a tight squeeze past the Phi Psi 6-0 and the win over the Dents.

In Wednesday's game, Gene Souponchick again provided the spark for the Eps. He passed for two touchdowns and ran for the other. One of his passes was to Rich Mason. Mason has caught seven touchdown passes during the three play-off games. The other TD pass was to Don Appleby. Soup ran for the Sig Eps other touchdown.
Equally brilliant was the Dent's Phil Eyen. He passed for two touchdowns and kept the Ep defense on their toes.
The Eps scored a touchdown and extra point in the first quarter to lead at the quarter 7-0. But, the Dents came right back and scored 6 points on a touchdown pass from Eyen. The half ended 7-6 Sig Eps. Both the Eps and the Dents added

a touchdown in the third period, but the Sig Eps iced the game with a TD in the fourth quarter.
Wednesday's game produced several individual stand-outs. Phil Eyen turned in a fine game at his tailback spot for the Dents. He was ably assisted by Joe Houfek. For the Eps, Russ Nielson, Rick Mason, and Don Appleby turned in some fine defensive work. Offensively it was little "Soup" Souponchick all the way.

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