

Huskies Drop Big Eight Debut, 55-54

The University of Nebraska Cornhuskers' Big Eight debut was spoiled Monday night when a fighting Missouri Tiger team fought doggedly to stave off an NU rally with 5 1/2 minutes remaining and go on to slip past the Huskies 55-54.

In both team's Conference opener the Tigers, even though hitting

the bucket with less accuracy than did the Scarlet five, kept the game well under domination until the last six minutes when the Nebraska crew finally pulled into the lead for the first and last time in the contest. At that point Herschel Turner's lay-up sent the Huskies into the lead but moments later Sonny Siebert potted a long set shot for the Tigers and they were

never headed after that.

The Huskies did keep up their fighting spirit however, as they fought tooth and nail down to the final gun, with Jim Kubacki hitting the final Cornhusker basket with only six seconds remaining in the fray.

Missouri's Cal Abrams was the game's high scorer with 15 points. Nebraska was led in the scoring column by Don Smidt who hit two buckets and six of eight free throw attempts for a total of 10 points. Reimers and Kubacki each added nine to the Huskies' score with Fitzpatrick and Turner contributing eight points to the futile cause.

Missouri led the Huskies at the halftime, 25-18.

Nebraska made 45.5 per cent of its shots good while Missouri hit only 35.4 per cent.

Nebraska (54)	Missouri (55)
Smidt 2 0-4 4	Talley 0 1-2 1
Fitzpatrick 3 2-4 4	Wachhoff 2 3-4 4
Arwood 2 0-2 1	Abram 3 9-9 1
Hester 0 0-0 0	Hlymer 1 0-0 2
Greaves 0 0-0 0	Harbin 1 0-0 2
Reimers 3 3-4 3	Stephens 1 2-3 3
Nannon 3 0-1 4	Forstall 2 1-1 4
Kubacki 4 1-1 4	Siebert 5 2-3 3
Turner 2 2-2 2	M. Kirsy 2 3-3 4
Totals 20 14-32 19	Totals 17 21-27 24

Scoring by halves—1st 18-36-54
Nebraska Missouri 25 30-55



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star Smidt... leads scoring

Wilt's Replacement Shows Improvement

The "Mr. Bones" of basketball's greatest collegiate road show, Kansas' Jayhawkers, is Monte Johnson, spare junior forward.

Last year Johnson earned the moniker because of his entertainment talent on trips. Fitting two spoons between the fingers of each hand he tinkled rhythm to any music available. He was as adept with his right hand as an original "Mr. Bones" in the old time minstrel shows, who actually used bones instead of silverware. At mealtime particularly, Johnson's show was a hilarious one. Some of his mates called him "Spoons" instead of "Bones," but nobody cared as long as he went on stage now and then.

He was a pretty good instructor too, imparting the talent to Lew Johnson, the departed 6-6 1/2 forward. Guard Lynn Kindred is his pupil now.

Johnson has become a basketball "Mr. Bones" this year, whaling his angular frame up on the backboards and hounding the caroms wherever they go like a mastiff fighting for a dinosaur femur.

That's the biggest improvement Johnson has wrought this year and one reason Kansas is getting plenty of second and third shots even when Wilt Chamberlain isn't under the boards.

"I had been getting position alright," the 6-5 blond explains, "but I hadn't been getting my share of rebounds. I made up my mind to start chasing the ball wherever it bounced instead of figuring the guy on that side would get it. Now I play my position first and if the ball doesn't come my way I go after it. Sometimes I leave the side open, but I'm getting more rebounds."

For the record, Johnson is pulling down 5.4 per game, a solid harvest when you consider that Chamberlain is averaging 19.0 and Ron Loneski 12.6. He isn't polished and he isn't agile, but he gets the job done much in the manner of Bill Hougland, the lean warhorse of the 1950 and '52 title clubs.

Before long he may be throwing 20-foot ringers like Hougland too, since his shooting has improved considerably. He's averaging only 5.0 at the moment, but his four over-the-top goals helped beat Northwestern, 71-63, in a tough early match at Eveson.

One of the reasons for all this is that Johnson, a regular forward-center on Wyandotte's state high school champions of '55 under Carter Burns, always has wanted to play basketball for Kansas. Fact is, in filling out his information blank as a freshman here he wrote that very line opposite the space requesting "Ambition."

"I started following Kansas basketball down in grade school," he explains. "I heard so much about the tradition. Kansas always had a lot of fighters who gave a lot of effort. The coaching was tops too. I was most interested in those Clyde Lovellette teams."

It made no difference that the Jayhawkers offered him no scholarship. He was willing to come for no more than a chance to make good and earn a starting uniform. At least, he has accomplished that latter. He's been on full scholarship since last year.

No one is claiming Johnson belongs among the Big Eight's elite. Neither can anyone say that he doesn't give full effort which is damaging every foe the Jayhawkers meet.

Coach Dick Harp analyzes it well with this... "Monte has discovered that he is a run-of-mill player when he merely tries to use his natural talents. But by supreme effort he can be a better than average player. He typifies everything that is worthwhile in athletics because he

has learned the big lesson of life... you can succeed by trying hard. We feel he'll keep coming along and improve his playing skill too."

Johnson may be alternating in the pivot again Tuesday night with Loneski when the defending conference kings open their league slate against tough Oklahoma at Norman. At this writing Wilt Chamberlain still was on the doubtful list with a glandular infection. The seven-foot All-American missed the first game of his collegiate career because of the ailment here Thursday as Oklahoma State stung Kansas with its first defeat of the season, 52-50, in overtime. Johnson and Loneski split post duty in that one, producing 22 points between them.

Kansas Maintains Second Spot; K-State Drops To Fourth In Poll

Perhaps the Big Eight's grip on the national basketball scene is dwindling according to the sports writers of America.

The Associated Press placed West Virginia firmly in the top position in the loop sport while Kansas remained in the second place rung. Only 12 of the 104 participating sportswriters and sportscasters gave the Kansas Jayhawkers a first place rating while 57

of the group favored the West Virginia Mountaineers. The total for the two clubs were 854 for the West Virginia club and 735 for the Jayhawkers.

The big reason for the loss of prestige suffered by Kansas was their first loss of the season at the hands of Oklahoma State, another Big Eight member, who stilled the Jayhawkers 52-50. The Kansas club did not move down in the ratings, however, as they were playing without the talents of All-American Wilt Chamberlain who was in the hospital recovering from a urinary tract infection.

The outcome of the game did have considerable effect on the Oklahoma State outfit however. Coach Hank Iba's men moved from 14th position last week to the eighth position this week. Their hold on the top ten was even firmer after Monday night when they nipped seventh ranked Cincinnati 61-57 to gain fame as the giant-killer in this season's hoop race.

The Kansas State Club dropped to fourth place this week being replaced in the third spot by the North Carolina Tarheels. The Kansas State club was raked during the Big Eight pre-season tourney by Kansas for their only loss of the season, but the Tarheels were showing their usual championship performance since their lone defeat two weeks ago which has netted them the third spot in the nation.

Monday night's action showed Kansas State coming from behind

to nip Minnesota 71-72. Wildcat Don Matuszak came off the bench with seven minutes remaining in the contest and the K-State club behind 67-61. Don potted nine points in those last seven minutes to spark the Wildcats past the Gophers.

The other Big Eight club that saw action Monday night fared not so well as they took it on the chin in the last three seconds to fall at the hands of a stubborn Montana State club, 62-61.

Iowa State who started off the season in the top twenty has now dropped from the list of cage powers.

In another change in the ratings Mississippi State soared from ninth place to the fifth position by beating high scoring Alabama Monday night 46-42. The Mississippi State club, playing a defensive game as does Oklahoma State, downed the Alabamians despite going into the game an underdog.

The rankings with points on a 100-0-7-654321 basis (First place votes and won lost records through Saturday in parentheses):

1. West Virginia (47) (10-0)..... 894
2. Kansas (12) (10-1)..... 735
3. North Carolina (10) (9-1)..... 770
4. Kansas State (11) (9-1)..... 666
5. Mississippi State (10) (10-0)..... 454
6. San Francisco (7) (10-1)..... 441
7. Oregon State (11) (8-1)..... 215
8. Oklahoma State (2) (6-1)..... 213
9. Kentucky (8)..... 191
10. Bradley (2) (6-1)..... 181

Second Ten

11. Maryland (7-2)..... 147
12. Tennessee (8-2)..... 139
13. North Carolina State (9-2)..... 132
14. Michigan State (7-2)..... 122
15. Oregon State (11) (10-1)..... 113
16. St. John's (Bkn) (7-0)..... 87
17. Illinois (7-1)..... 81
18. Memphis State (4-1)..... 59
19. Utah (9-1)..... 51
20. Wichita (9-1)..... 46
21. (tie) Seattle (4-1)..... 46

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Kansas Prospects Good In Title Race

By DEL RASMUSSEN
Edition Sports Editor

With three starters, and six other assorted hands lifted by graduation, Kansas' 1957-58 basketball prospects cannot be as bright as was the outlook ahead of last season when the Jayhawkers surged to second place in the NCAA tournament.

Gone from last year's national runners-up are Gene Elstun, all-conference forward; guard Maurice King, good enough to be drafted by the Boston Celtics, and his backline mate, John Parker, who has been signed by the new Kansas City team of the N.B.A. Gone too, is Lew Johnson, 6-6 1/2 forward who played so well down the stretch after two years of capable center duty, and Blaine Hollinger, the broad-jumping guard who pinch-hit so valuably on several occasions.

With Elstun second on the team scoring tables at 293, and King third at 263, the Jayhawkers are losing 41 per cent of last year's offense in these five men.

None of the newcomers—and four of them are well regarded can hope to be as effective as this duo, plus Parker.

More significant, last year's squad was the first Kansas club in history to battle 40 per cent of its field goal tries. Elstun, Parker and King all were left over the top shooters. If the defense clustered about Wilt Chamberlain, this trio enjoyed target practice, much as did those outside gunners of the '52 NCAA champions when the defense sagged heavily on Clyde Lovellette.

Thus, lack of proven outside shooting skill is one of KU's problems this campaign. Defense and floor speed are the others.

No one, of course, needs waste tears on Harp and his plight. Not with two rebuilding cornerstones like Chamberlain and Ron Loneski. The Big Dipper earned unanimous All-American acclaim last season as a sophomore, canning 800 points and harvesting 510 rebounds to rank fourth nationally in both departments. Furthermore, the agile 7-footer deflected 192 enemy shots, 35 per cent of which would have found the basket. He was, of course, the core of the nation's fifth-ranking defense which restricted the enemy to 58.6 points per game.

It's difficult to see how Chamberlain could be any better than he was in his rookie season. If he doesn't improve a gram, he still is the nation's most valuable collegiate basketball player.

Hampered early in the season by a broken foot, Loneski was great on occasion in his rookie campaign. He closed with a 17-

game average of 9.6 and a rebound mean just under 8.0.

Exceptional seasons from these two exceptional players will be necessary if the Jayhawkers are to repeat as the great team that they were last year, finishing second in the nation.

The one big test, with Oklahoma State who has no feelings for big names in basketball, failed miserably when the Cowpokes dropped the Jayhawks like a hot potato when they were left without the talents of the Big Dipper.

Now with the conference curtain going up the Jayhawkers' success will be dependent upon two variables—how well it absorbed its early season play and if the squad can receive concrete help from at least two of the sophomores.

Reporters For Sports Accepted

Any student who may wish to write sports for the Daily Nebraskan next semester may apply at the office of the paper for an application blank.

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Kell Retires From American League Sport

George Kell, veteran infielder of the Baltimore Orioles, announced Monday he is retiring from baseball as an active player.

Kell, 35, a veteran of 15 years in the American League, said, "Everybody has to quit some day and I have reached the point where I realize that this is the time."

He said he would rather retire now than have some one tell him in the middle of the season that he was through.

Kell broke into the American League in 1943 with the Philadelphia Athletics. He compiled a lifetime major league batting average of .306, nine times topping the coveted .300 mark.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal GLASSFORD

Glassford Happy In Arizona

Bill Glassford, ex-Nebraska grid mentor is now living happily with his family in Phoenix, Arizona.

Bill had this to say about his present life in the sunny city, "Never been happier in my life. When the phone rings it is not irate fans but people wanting to buy insurance. And, when I look out the window I see orange, grapefruit and lemon trees—not angry alumni."

Glassford has been in the insurance business field for little more than a year, but now is a member of the "million-dollar club" and recently was named assistant agency manager of one of the nation's topflight insurance companies.

The Glassfords are in their new home in Scottsdale and Bill insists he has no intention of returning to football although the family still have some football interests.

They attend Arizona U and Arizona State football games and cheer the Scottsdale High football team (son Gary, as a junior, was first-string quarterback).

Bill may have some school spirit left although it may not be for Nebraska. He may be running for the school board in the city in which he lives.

Bill finally left the Nebraska coaching staff after much deliberation and left the position to a young coach by the name of Pete Elliott. After one year at the University Pete quit at the school and gave way to Bill Jennings, present coach.

This Week In Sports

Saturday
Basketball—At Kansas State
Swimming—At Kansas
Wrestling—Missouri (Here)

Intermittent
Tuesday
P.E. Bldg.
Court 3 7-30 p.m. Phi Delta Phi v. Soutniks
8:30 p.m. Alfa Cow Alfa v. Huskerville

Wednesday
Court 1 8 p.m. Hitchcock v. MacLean-A
5:30 p.m. Sigma Chi-B v. Delta Tau Delta-B
7:30 p.m. Delta Theta-B v. Phi Kappa Psi-B
8:30 p.m. Roucher v. Benton

Court 2 8 p.m. Seaton I-A v. Seaton II-A
6:30 p.m. Bureau v. Fairfield
7:30 p.m. Andrews v. Bessey
8:30 p.m. Avery v. Gus I-A

Court 3 7:30 p.m. Beta Theta Phi-A v. Farm House-A

Thursday
Ag College 6:30 p.m. Alpha Gamma Rho-C v. Farm House-C
7:30 p.m. Alpha Tau Alpha v. R Street Job

Court 1 5 p.m. Beta Theta Phi-B v. Alpha Delta Phi
6:30 p.m. Sigma Phi Epsilon-C v. Sigma Chi-C
7:30 p.m. Delta Tau Delta-C v. Delta Upsilon-C

Court 2 8 p.m. Phi Delta Theta v. Beta Theta Phi-C
8:30 p.m. Beta Sigma Phi-A v. Cornhusker-A

Court 3 9 p.m. Phi Delta Theta v. Cornhusker-A
6:30 p.m. Confield-B v. Gus I-C
7:30 p.m. Gus I-B v. Seaton I-B
8:30 p.m. Kappa Sigma-A v. Sigma Phi Epsilon-A

Court 3 7:30 p.m. Alpha Tau Omega v. Theta Xi-A
8:30 p.m. Wesley House v. Phi Delta Phi

Varsity 6:30 p.m. I Tau Phi v. Pathogens
7:30 p.m. Navy, ROT v. Chem-Hery
8:30 p.m. Phi Kappa Psi-A v. Delta Upsilon-A

Fresh 6:30 p.m. Dental College v. A Street Club
7:30 p.m. M Street Club v. Presbyterian
8:30 p.m. Sigma Chi-A v. Delta Tau Delta-A

Friday
Court 1 5 p.m. Geogranth v. Soutniks
Court 2 5 p.m. Newman Club v. Phi Epsilon Kappa

Saturday
Court 1 1 p.m. Sigma Epsilon-B v. Theta Xi-B
2 p.m. Delta Sigma Pi v. Brown Palace
2 p.m. Beta Sigma Psi-A v. Sigma Alpha Mu
4 p.m. Phi Delta Theta-A v. Sigma Phi Epsilon-A

Court 2 1 p.m. Delta Tau Delta-B v. Kappa Sigma-B
3 p.m. Huskerville v. Alpha Tau Alpha
4 p.m. Delta Tau Delta-A v. Kappa Sigma-A

Court 3 1 p.m. Delta Upsilon-A v. Sigma Chi-A
2 p.m. Beta Theta Phi-A v. Sigma Nu-A
3 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon-A v. Tau Omega-A
4 p.m. Farm House-A v. Theta Xi-A

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