

Cowboys, Tigers Are Alone At Top of Big 8 Standings

Big 8 Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oklahoma State	13	6	.688	0
Missouri	10	9	.526	3
Colorado	8	11	.421	5
Oklahoma	7	12	.364	6
Kansas State	6	13	.310	7
Iowa State	5	14	.263	8
Kansas	4	15	.211	9
NEBRASKA	3	16	.158	10

By Hal Brown
Only two teams are still in contention for the Big Eight baseball championship with only three teams playing .500 ball or better.

Oklahoma State is coasting along in first place with a 13-6 mark and Missouri is the only team having a chance to edge them out for the pennant. The Tigers are three games back with a 10-9 record.

The Cowboys can clinch at least a tie for the league crown by sweeping a three-game set from Iowa State Friday and Saturday at Stillwater. If both the Tigers and Cowboys win three this weekend, the title will be decided when the two teams meet the last week of the season.

Any combination of Oklahoma State wins or Missouri losses totaling four would give the Cowboys sole possession of the title.

In other activity this weekend Oklahoma will be at Nebraska, Kansas goes to Kansas State and Colorado is at Missouri.

Colorado Third
Colorado is the only team, in addition to the top two, that is playing .500 ball. The Buffs are in third place with

NU Netters to Face Creighton Thursday

The Nebraska tennis team meets Creighton University Thursday in Omaha in the first of two meetings of the schools this year. The teams will meet again in Lincoln May 16.

a 6-6 record. Oklahoma rounds out the first division with a 6-7 mark.

Nebraska is in last place with a 3-9 record in conference play. The Huskers are tied with Kansas in win-loss percentage, but Nebraska is 9 1/2 games behind Oklahoma State while the Jayhawks trail by only 8 1/2. Nebraska has a 5-12 mark overall.

The league-leading Cowboys are led by hurlers Jim Wixson and Larry Ferguson, who have won 11 games between them this season. The two moundsmen each turned in complete game performances Saturday as the Cowboys took 8-5 and 5-4 wins over Colorado.

Wixson allowed only six hits in the opener of the twin-

bill as Walt McKenzie and Ray Bond led the plate attack. McKenzie smashed a two-run homer in the fifth inning and led off a three-run seventh inning with a triple. Bond hit a two-run homer later in the inning.

Two Colorado errors and a single by Jim Dobson accounted for the winning runs in the 5-4 nightcap as Ferguson allowed eight hits in gaining credit for the win.

Missouri came back to take two from Iowa State Saturday after losing the series' opener to the Cyclones Friday.

The Tigers pounded out 12-3 and 18-1 victories Saturday with Mike Hunter and Ed Luffon smashing four-baggers for the winners. Hunter drove one out of the park with two men on in the fifth inning of the first game.

Missouri scored nine runs in that inning with four on crossing the plate on Luffon's grand slam homer. Hunter also homered in the fourth inning of the nightcap with the bases loaded.

Iowa State won the series' opener Friday by a 6-5 count in 10 innings.

Oklahoma, Nebraska's opponent this weekend, won both games of a doubleheader from Kansas State Friday, but dropped the Saturday tilt, 1-0, in a 10-inning duel.

Extra-Inning Battles

Both games of Friday's twinbill went into extra innings before the Sooners pulled out 2-1 and 5-2 decisions in eight innings both times.

Kansas State's Brad Steele and Sooner Jerry Haddock locked horns in the scoreless pitching duel Saturday before an unearned run in the 10th inning gave the Wildcats the win.

Harris Regains Lead Among Husker Hitters

The Nebraska baseball team returns to the home diamond this weekend after two series away from home the past two weeks.

Coach Tony Sharpe's Huskers will face Oklahoma in a doubleheader Friday at 1:30 p.m. on the Nebraska diamond. The two teams will meet in a single game at 10:30 a.m. Saturday as a part of the All-Sports Day slate.

Senior Jerry Harris retained the batting leadership as Steve Smith dropped to the No. 2 spot in hitting. Harris is hitting .322 and Smith owns a .314 average. Don Schindel is the only other Husker above .300. He is hitting .304.

Bill Redmond leads in RBIs with nine. Rex Sweet leads in doubles with four and stolen bases with five.

Tom Ernst continues to lead the pitchers with a 2.25 ERA. He has a 1-1 record. Ernie Bonistall, who was charged with the loss at Kansas Saturday, is the winningest pitcher with a 2-3 record.

Batting after 17 games:

Player	AB	R	H	TS	SB	HR	SH	BB	SO	RBI	BA
Harris	30	11	29	3	0	0	0	9	1	5	.322
Smith	35	4	15	0	2	0	3	0	11	4	.314
Schindel	23	7	10	1	1	0	1	5	0	1	.304
Wal	23	1	8	2	0	0	1	0	3	4	.281
Redmond	28	2	13	3	0	0	1	3	0	15	.259
Ernst	12	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	.250
McClatchy	30	8	7	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	.233
Anderson	23	4	7	2	0	0	0	3	0	8	.212
Sweet	60	4	12	16	4	0	0	5	2	8	.200
Bonistall	34	1	6	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	.176
Becher	32	4	9	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	.173
Myers	30	2	5	6	1	0	0	1	9	9	.167
Salerno	40	5	6	7	1	0	0	0	5	0	.150
Havestock	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	.000
Nalberk	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000
Johnson	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Webster	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rood	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	.000
Dyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	322	56	112	140	30	4	0	3	9	62	.241

Player	W	L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	ERA
Ernst	1	1	24	11	6	21	11	12	2.25
Bonistall	2	3	29	16	8	20	9	6	2.48
Havestock	1	2	27-1-3	13	11	25	10	10	3.82
Johnson	0	3	12	11	6	11	10	8	4.30
Wal	1	2	20-1-3	22	16	31	17	25	4.73
Webster	0	1	5-3-3	6	4	8	5	4	6.35
	5	12	128-1-3	79	31	130	61	66	3.28

NEBRASKAN SPORTS

—Star of The Week—

Roots Gets Nebraskan Award For Lengthy Javelin Throw

By Jan Sack

Javelin specialist Al Roots earns the Daily Nebraskan Star of the Week award for the week of May 1-7 for his record breaking performance against Colorado Saturday.

With his spectacular throw of 240-11 Roots captured the number two spot among collegian javelin throwers. Roots grabbed his position from C. K. Yank of UCLA who had a toss of 236-3.

At the meet Saturday Roots said, "I knew that I had thrown hard, but it felt like it slipped — just a little off balance. It turned out real good."

Roots said he was counting on the wind to carry him through for a good throw, but it was so varying that he couldn't depend on it.

The javelin has not always been the slender senior's specialty. During his high school days for Wyandotte in Kansas City, Kan., he ran the hurdles, the 440, the relays, and high jumped as well as throwing the javelin.

"I could do everything fair," he said, "but I decided to specialize in one thing and maybe I could do it well." As it happens

now, his mark seems to prove his point.

Before the meet in Colorado the best performance from Roots had been as a freshman when he set the Big Eight fresh record with a toss of a little over 222 feet.

As a competitor in variety action his best effort came in the meet against Houston earlier this year. He set the Nebraska varsity outdoor record with a toss of 218-4.

Ike Hanscom, field events coach for the Huskers, has helped Roots develop his athletic ability in the javelin. Roots saw several films of Finnish spear throwers and then adapted their technique to his style.

The outstanding throw opened the door to a brighter future in the track world. His plans thus far include going to the Big Eight outdoor championships, competing in the Midwest AAU in Cozad, and possibly going to the NCAA Championships in Philadelphia in June.

The National AAU in New York is also in June. In this meet the top three finishers in each event will be eligible to participate in the Russian-American Games in Moscow in July. Roots said he had not made any definite plans along that line.

Nissen Nominated for Top Athlete

Nebraska bantamweight wrestler Mike Nissen has received a nomination for the Daily Nebraskan Outstanding Varsity Athlete award.

Nissen is described as the "bright spot in the Husker wrestling season this year." He boasts a nearly-clean record suffering his first defeat in the Big Eight tournament against the Big Eight champion Duwane Miller of Oklahoma.

The 123-pound wrestler was pinned by Miller with two seconds remaining in the semi-final bout of the tourney.

Miller went on to dethrone 123-pound champion Masaaki of Oklahoma State in the next match. Nissen owned an 8-0 record

in dual competition and a 4-0 record in tournament competition going into the conference tournament.

The most significant of the little Iowan's six pins was his Star of the Week performance against Don Webster of Iowa State, the runner-up in the 115-pound Big Eight championships in 1960.

Nominations Accepted

Nominations for the Daily Nebraskan's Outstanding Varsity and Intramural athletes are being accepted by Sports Editor Hal Brown. Entries should be sent to the Daily Nebraskan office in the Student Union.

In the next meet Nissen went on to decision the 115-pound Big Eight king, John Dooley of Kansas State, for the only Husker score of the meet.

Wrestling coach Mickey Sparano once described the nominee as a "terror on the mat with a lot of drive and determination that keeps him moving."

Nissen held a captain position on the wrestling team. He is a sophomore and won the Nebraska most valuable freshman athlete award in 1959.

Nissen joins Al Roots on the Daily Nebraskan nomination list for Outstanding Varsity Athlete.

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