

Huskers Meet K-State in Big Eight Tourney; NU Has Never Finished Higher Than Third

By Bob Prokop
The Big Eight basketball firing line gets underway at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 27, when the Huskers take on the Wildcats from Kansas State in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. This game features the winningest club in this pre-season tournament vs. the cellar dwellers.

The pre-season tournament of the Big Eight conference teams started in 1946 when Southern Methodist University copped the crown and has since been won by Big Eight teams, Kansas University and Kansas State, both winning the trophy four times.

The team to beat this year, according to NU Coach Jerry Bush, is Kansas State with the Colorado Buffaloes close behind. The tournament promises to be one of the closest events held in the Big Eight conference this year.

The eight coaches in session at Kansas City for their annual clinic declared to the press: "From top to bottom the teams of our conference will be as good or better than last year. In every instance, with the possible exception of Kansas, the teams will be stronger than last year."

Five Take Titles
Over the past ten years, only five tournament winners have gone on to win clear-cut championships in the league race with Kansas, the 1953 winner, sharing the crown in the 1953-54 conference race.

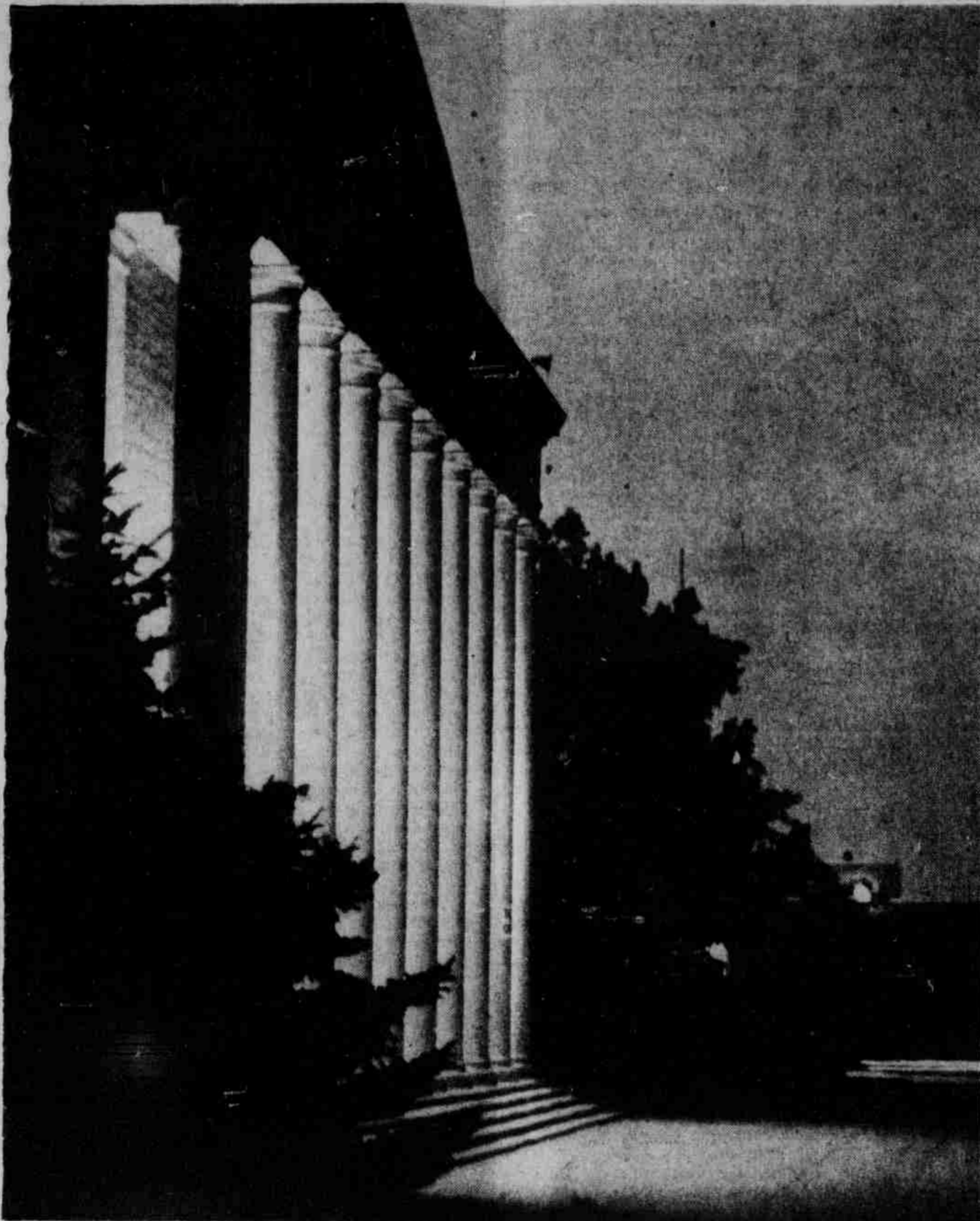
In the 1949-1950 conference race, the crown was shared by Kansas, Kansas State, and Nebraska. In the pre-season tournament that year, Kansas State finished third, Kansas, sixth, and Nebraska, seventh.

Probably the most fabulous player ever to play in the Big Eight, Kansas' Wilt Chamberlain, holds numerous records in this classic. He scored 45 points in one game, 106 points in three games, and holds field goal record of 18 in one game and 40 in a tournament. Chamberlain also has the distinction of missing the most free throws in a game and a tournament, 12 and 27.

Lovellette Tops Scorers
Another familiar name in the annals of basketball players, Clyde Lovellette, scored 222 points in all the meets that he participated in. Bob Boozer, transplanted Omahan who played for Kansas State, scored 16 free throws in one game, 40 for a tourney, and 49 in his career during the Big Eight tournament for records.

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HUSKER HOME—The NU Coliseum, home of many an exciting Husker basketball game, paints a silvery glow against the blackness of the night. The Huskers, after three victories on the home court this year, will not play within the friendly confines of the Scarlet plant until a Jan. 10

battle with Oklahoma. In the meantime, Coach Jerry Bush's cagers will tangle with three opponents in the West and participate in the Big Eight Tourney in Kansas City, Dec. 27-31. (Photo by Doug McCartney)

scored the most points recorded in a Big Eight overtime game, 103; and Colorado scored 99 in a regulation game. In a three game series, Kansas State scored 285 points.

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Iowa State	23
Oklahoma	22
Missouri	21
Oklahoma State	5
Colorado	16
Nebraska	15

Since Bush took over the helm of the basketball team from Harry Good in 1959, he has finished in first division twice, 1957 and 1958. Both coaches have compiled the following record against other Big Eight teams:

Nebraska has won three and lost three with Iowa

State; won one and lost six with Kansas State, lost five to Kansas, lost six to Colorado, has won two and lost one to Oklahoma University and Oklahoma State, and has won five and lost 3 against Missouri.

The best coaching record in the tournament has been posted by Glen Anderson, Iowa State coach, winning five and losing one. Jack Gardner, former Kansas State coach, won 16 and lost five.

Present active coaches that have outstanding records are Dick Harp of Kansas winning 11 and losing four, Tex Winter

of Kansas State, winning 17 and losing seven, and Anderson.

Wilky Gilmore, guard from Colorado and Gary Wheeler, Iowa State, and the only returning members of the top ten scorers of last year. Wilky had a 20.3 average with 61 points while Wheeler had a 16.0 average and 48 points.

The Huskers top scorer last year, Jim Kowalke, 14.3, graduated. Another Husker, Herschell Turner, scored 161 points in a three year period of the tournament, to rank ninth in the All-Time standings.

DAILY NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Husker Mat Men Win 20-6 Victory

By Bob Besom

Husker mat men won six of eight bouts Monday night on route to a 20-6 victory over Adams State.

Two Husker reliables had to come from behind for wins. Mike Nissen and Harold Thompson both spotted opponents takedowns before they made their moves.

Dick Van Sickle started Nebraska on its winning ways as he breezed through the 123 pound contest, 8-1. And heavyweight Jim Raschke finished the evening with the only fall.

It was dual win number two for Coach Bob Mancuso's grapplers. The season record is 2-0-1.

Mancuso is taking the freshman-varsity squads to the Midwest AAU Tournament in Omaha today. Weigh-ins are this afternoon while the preliminaries are billed for 7 tonight. The finals are on tap for 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Results

- 123-lbs. Dick Van Sickle, Nebraska, defeated Duane Hockett, 8-1.
- 130-lbs. Mike Nissen, Nebraska, defeated John Perry, 9-2.
- 137-lbs. Jim Fainon, Nebraska, defeated Jim Deutsch, 7-3.
- 147-lbs. Dave Cook, Nebraska, defeated Jerry Springer, 2-0.
- 157-lbs. Harold Thompson, Nebraska, defeated Ron Wright, 5-2.
- 167-lbs. Gaylon Schauer, Adams State, defeated Ken Fox, 9-5.
- 177-lbs. Rich Duvall, Adams State, defeated Gordon Calman, 10-1.
- Heavy Jim Raschke, Nebraska, pinned Merlin Miller in 4:58.

Sig Nu's Win Individual Mat Titles

Three Sigma Nu's picked up individual intramural wrestling titles in the championship bouts Monday night preceding the varsity's dual with Adams State.

Krish Krush, Sigma Nu, took a feature overtime win from Bud Ottman in the 137 pound title bout.

- 130-lbs. Ben Roscoe, independent, defeated Scott Rodwell, Sigma Nu, 2-1.
- 137-lbs. Krish Krush, Sigma Nu, defeated Bud Ottman, Phi Gamma Delta, 4-1 in overtime.
- 147-lbs. Bob Besom, Sig Alp, pinned Leroy Flock, Alpha Gamma Rho, in 3:00.
- 157-lbs. Jim Herring, Theta +1, defeated Lowell Minert, Alpha Gamma Rho, 2-0.
- 167-lbs. Charley Clatterback, Sigma Nu, defeated Jim West, Theta +1, 4-2.
- 177-lbs. Larry Pelton, Sigma Nu, defeated Gary Ammerman, Phi Kappa Phi, 6-1.
- 191-lbs. Ron Greise, Play Boys, defeated Cal Cotwright, Sigma Chi, 4-0 in overtime.
- Heavy-Norman Fiddelde, Play Boys, pinned Bob Peshek, Phi Psi, in 3:20.

Huskers Head West Seeking Fourth Win

By Dave Wohlfarth
The Husker cagers were scheduled to leave this morning for a three game swing West, meeting Wyoming, California and Stanford en route. Nebraska then journeys to Kansas City for the Big Eight Tourney Dec. 27-31 before beginning loop competition in January.

Nebraska, now two and three for the year, will be seeking to break a long standing road jinx against non-conference competition. The Huskers' only two losses this year were at the hands of enemy hosts, Wichita and the Air Force Academy.

Coach Jerry Bush's hoopsters beat Notre Dame and Ohio U last week to keep the

undefeated Scarlet home record in tact.

Bush indicated that he plans to start the same five who opened against Ohio when the Huskers meet Wyoming at Laramie tomorrow night.

The starting quintet in NU's 81-64 win over the Bobcats Saturday night included: guards Rex Swett and Daryl Petch, center Bill Bowers and forwards Tom Russell and Ivan Grupe.

Wyoming has won four and lost one this year, suffering its only setback against Wichita 78-54.

After the opening loss to Wichita, the Cowboys have roared back to defeat Harding, Simmons, Oklahoma City, Eastern Montana College and Montana State College. The latter two victories were achieved by the Cowboys on the road last weekend.

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Tonight's Games

- P. E. Court 1
- 5:10 p.m. Kappa Sigma-A vs. Phi Delta Theta-A
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Tau Omega-C vs. Phi Delta Theta-C
- 7:30 p.m. Sigma Alpha Epsilon-C vs. Phi Kappa Phi-C
- 8:30 p.m. Sigma Chi-C vs. Beta Theta Pi-C
- P. E. Court 2
- 5:10 p.m. Phi Epsilon Kappa vs. Pershing Rifles
- 6:30 p.m. Navy, ROTC vs. Newman Club
- 7:30 p.m. Vocational Ed vs. Law College
- 8:30 p.m. Theta Xi-A vs. Sigma Nu-A

Lodwig Leads Frosh

Keefe Lodwig paced the University of Nebraska freshmen swimmers with three victories as the yearling tankers swam past the Iowa frosh, 49-47, in a postal meet.

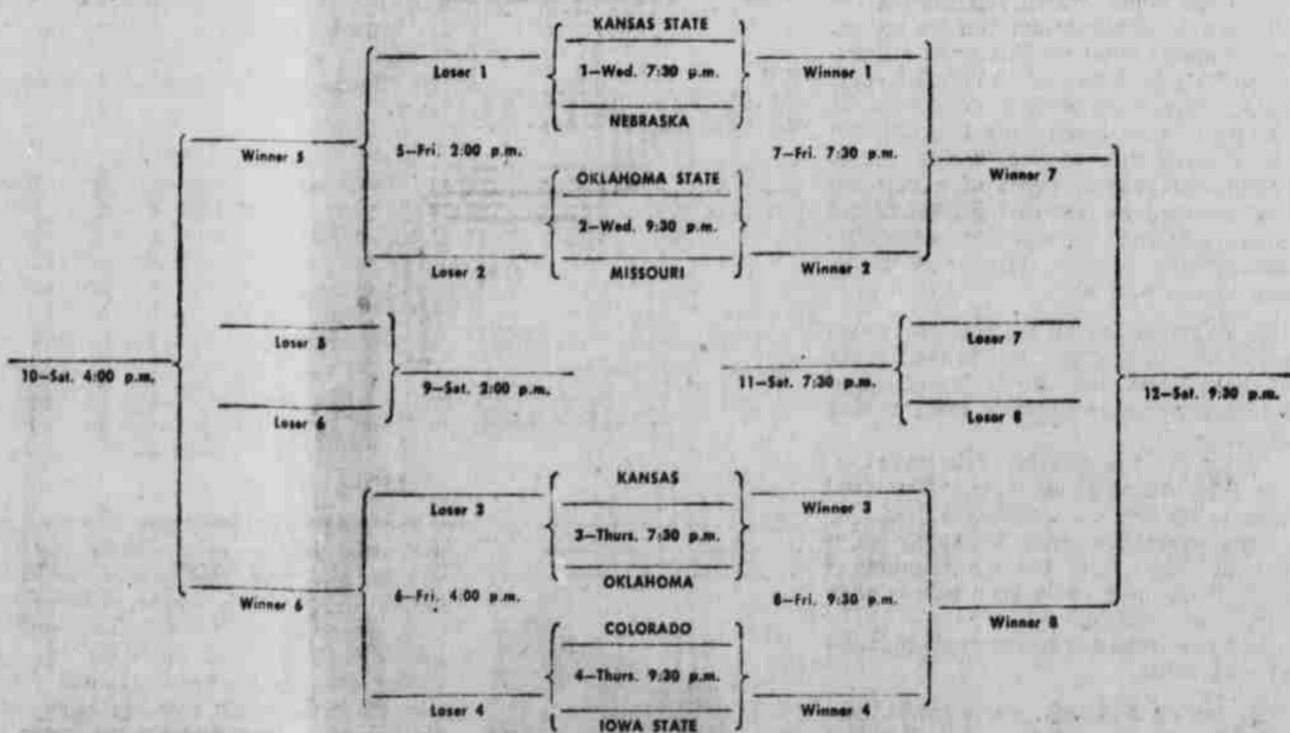
Lodwig garnered firsts in the 100, 220 and 440-yard freestyle events.

Other NU winners were Pete Crancer, 50-yard freestyle, and Tom Chambers, 200-yard breaststroke.

Huskers finishing second were Bill Stelle, 200-yard butterfly and 220-freestyle; Paul Fangman, 50-yard freestyle; and Ken Lundgren, 440-yard freestyle.

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