

Hustle Streak Puts Huskers Into Lead

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Riding a three-game hustle streak and owning a share of the Big Eight lead, the University of Nebraska cagers will soon enter a conference show-down in Kansas.

The Cornhuskers are tied for the loop lead at 4-1 with Kansas State, who downed Oklahoma at Norman Monday to gain the tie.

But the Wildcats and the Huskers are only a victory ahead of Colorado and nationally-ranked Kansas.

The showdown comes when NU plays Kansas State at Manhattan Saturday and then on to Lawrence and the Kansas Jay-

hawks Tuesday.

Nebraska boosted itself to first place during the semester break with home victories over Oklahoma and Missouri.

Oklahoma fell 97-78, despite a 31-point display by conference scoring leader Don Sidle.

A tenacious press led by Stuart Lantz broke open a close game just after the half.

Tom Baack put in 23 against the Sooners; Nate Branch hit for 22.

Nebraska also spurred to a 99-82 trouncing of Missouri last Saturday. The Tigers were never really in the game as the performance of Branch and the Lantz led the team to a gaping 26-point lead before the reserves took over.

Branch fired in 25 points and Lantz poured in 24, with Willie Campbell adding 18 more.

The Huskers will try to keep alive the title hopes at Manhattan, where NU faces a 12-4, balanced Wildcat team that stomped Nebraska in the Big Eight Tourney in Kansas City.

Earl Seyfert and Dennis Berkholtz are the team leaders while the 7-1 height of Nick Pino is usually only a bench threat.

Kansas, 12-3, is led by Roger Bohnstiehl and playmaker Jo Jo White. Last year it was forward Ron Franz who gave the Huskers fits. Franz is back and he and the other Jayhawks are setting their sights on a second straight Big Eight title and a ticket to the NCAA regionals.

Nebraska Slate Heavy Saturday

Following Wednesday's 2:00 p.m. wrestling match between Colorado University and Nebraska in the Coliseum, the Husker athletic schedule takes a short rest until this Saturday.

Saturday the varsity and freshman cagers invade Kansas State.

The Wildcats also help the Huskers open the indoor track season with a duel here.

Nebraska swimmers host Iowa State at 3:00 p.m. in the Coliseum pool.

NU's gymnasts and their freshman understudies will be at Iowa State for a meet with the Cyclones and Denver University.



OKLAHOMA FELL . . . to a hard-driving Nebraska attack led by Tom Baack and Nate Branch. (Left) Branch (44) gets the upper hand on Baack and Oklahoma's Don Sidle, tipping in two of his 22 points. (Right) Baack drives past Sooner Willie Rogers. Baack finished with 23 points.



Tankers' New Coach Makes NU Adjustment

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Swimming coach John Reta had to join the freshman class in making adjustments to college life at Nebraska this year.

Reta, in his first year of coaching the Huskers, was the swimming coach at Lincoln Southeast High School, where he led his teams to eight consecutive state championships.

"The coaching in college is essentially the same as it was in high school. The main difference is in the amount of freedom that the boys have," Coach Reta commented.

"Here, where there is less parental control, the boy is more on his own," he continued. "The boys must make choices. If they want to excel, they must learn to budget their time so that they can make their grades and still compete."

Coach Reta also felt "that there is more pressure on the boys in college. They have to get good grades to stay in school and avoid the draft. Because of this, I have to be more aware of a boy's problems."

"Since the college courses are more difficult and time-consuming than in high school, I must pay more attention to a boy's physical condition before and during a workout," Reta said.

This year Reta is coaching four of his high school swimmers on the Nebraska team. Dale Parker, Lee Liggett, and Bill Kenagy are swimming on the varsity squad and Steve Nootz is competing for the freshman team.

The varsity swim team will meet Iowa State this Saturday afternoon in the Coliseum Pool.

Concerning his team, Reta said, "This year we are mainly going through a process of rebuilding. We were hurt when three All-American swimmers add a number of other good boys graduated. It will take some time to replace these individuals so we don't have the depth and balance that we should."

He added, "The boys are swimming faster than they

were at this time last year and we are making progress. However we have a tough schedule and all of the other teams have improved too."

Cowboys Nov. 11 Opponent

Oklahoma State's rugged Cowboys will supply the Homecoming opposition for the 1967 football season.

Nebraska Athletic Director Tippy Dye has announced that the Cornhusker football team will host the Cowboys in the Homecoming feature on November 11.

Dye also announced that Band Day will be held in conjunction with the Iowa State game on November 4.

Husker ticket director Jim Pittenger said single game orders and orders for new season tickets are being accepted. However, he pointed out that filling new season orders must await the conclusion of the re-order season this spring.

"We won't be able to tell how many new season orders we can fill until we know for sure just how many fans re-order their season tickets," Pittenger said. "We are taking orders now and will fill them if at all possible after we know about the renewals."

Track Finals Ducats on Sale

Mail order tickets for the 39th annual Big Eight indoor track championships, March 3 and 4 in Kansas City, go on sale Wednesday.

Tickets for this year's meet are priced at \$2, \$3 and \$4 for the finals Saturday night.

Mail order requests will be processed as they arrive.

Track Highlights Intramural Week

Intramural sports will be highlighted this week by the finals of indoor track at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Also on the agenda are the handball finals and paddleball with the basketball tournament starting Thursday.

Says NU Coach . . .

Husker Gymnasts' Foe Only No. 2

Iowa State, Nebraska's next gymnastics foe, is only No. 2—but not by much. The Cyclones, who will

host the Huskers and Denver University at Ames Saturday, lost 190-25-188.50 to Southern Illinois—the best squad in the nation in the opinion of NU gymnastics coach Jake Geier.

The Southern Illinois gymnasts have stumped Iowa State three times in as many years to spoil an otherwise unblemished record for the Cyclones.

This season Iowa State has swamped Kansas, Kansas State, Minnesota and the Air Force Academy. The Cornhuskers have dumped Oklahoma, Wichita, Fort Hays State and Central Missouri State.

Minnesota handed the Huskers their only loss before finals, 169-9-168.2.

The Iowa Staters, with 1965 and 1966 Big Eight gymnastics titles to their credit, are expected by Geier to be tough.

The Cyclones' standouts

in the all-around event, senior Jerry Fontana and sophomore Mike Jacki, will compete against a youthful Husker duo about which Geier is very happy.

Steve May of Hastings and Mick Johnsen of Lincoln, both sophomores, are the all-around performers, who participate in six gymnastics events.

All-rounders participate in floor exercise, side horse, horizontal bar, long horse, parallel bars and the rings.

Other top starters against the Cyclones will include Pat McGill, a Lincoln junior, in floor exercise; Burt Christopherson, a sophomore from Omaha, in side horse; Mike Ready, Lincoln Senior, in trampoline; and Johnsen in horizontal bar.

Leading man in long horse is Omaha senior Richard Beran, while in parallel bars Johnsen is the leader. May gets the nod in the rings, with Lincoln senior

Allen Armstrong and Johnsen close behind.

Geier's most productive gymnasts appear to be May and Johnsen.

"You can't believe how much they're progressing," the mentor says of them. "If they keep it up they're going to both be someone to really contend with."

The Huskers will meet all of the Big Eight schools before the conference championships slated for March 17 and 18 at the Nebraska Coliseum.

Greene Rambles

Nebraskan Charlie Greene edged Canada's Harry Jerome with a 56.1 60-yard run in the Portland, Ore., Indoor Track Meet over the weekend.

Kansas Jim Ryun won the 1,000-yard run in 2:09.9 in the Portland meet.

Greene pulled a hamstring muscle in the 60.

Scantlebury Big Gun for Freshman

Not many Nebraska freshman basketball teams have grabbed as much attention as this year's undefeated yearlings.

There are probably two reasons for this: the young Huskers are off with a roaring average just under 100 points per game, and Tom Scantlebury.

Scantlebury, a 6-2 leaper from Skyline High School in Oakland, Calif., has scored 117 points in four games for a 29.3 average.

This is even better than his senior year in high school, when he scored at a 25 points-per-game clip while earning all-city and all-

Northern California honors.

Scantlebury was coached by Paul Harlass at Skyline. The coach's methods have developed six college all-Americans, among them Bill Russell and Paul Silas.

"The fast break style of basketball and the methods favored by Coach Joe Cipriano were the main things that pulled me to the University of Nebraska," Scantlebury said.

He had also considered the university of Southern California, Brigham Young University and a pre-Christmas opponent of the Huskers, the University of Pacific.

Having a storehouse of various shots has made the former Oakland flash difficult to defense. Tom hits consistently with long range jumpers and mixes in twisting lay-ups.

"Defense is probably the weakest part of my game, and I plan to work on it this summer," said Scantlebury. "With the great ballplayers in the Oakland area, pick-up games are not hard to find."

Majoring in business Scantlebury hopes to receive a sound education at Nebraska. He is also a Beta Theta Pi pledge.

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