

Lantz Tops Basketball Statistics

Stuart Lantz, the 6-3 jumping-jack junior from Uniontown, Pa., leads the Husker netters in every major statistical department through the team's first fifteen games. Lantz has compiled a 19-point average for the year on a 52 per cent field goal average and an 83 per cent average from the foul stripe. Lantz's field goal total of 116 is one ahead of Tom Baack, junior playmaker from Fort Wayne, Indiana who carries an 18.5 average.

point conference average is close behind. Baack has a 49 per cent field percentage and has cashed in on 91 per cent of his foul shots in Big Eight play. Nate Branch's comeback from an early season stint on the bench has boosted his overall average to 14.4 points. Stellar performances against Oklahoma and Missouri have upped his rebound totals to 37 in the Big Eight and 106 overall. Lantz leads in both departments with 39 and 113, respectively.

Willie Campbell, also showing improved play recently, is the fourth Husker in double figures with 11.6 overall. Jim Damm and Ron Simmons have shared the fifth Husker starting position. They have overall averages of 5.9 and 4.5 points, respectively. This balanced team scoring has given the Huskers an overall 83.2 points per game average. Opponents, however, have broken Nebraska's defense at a 79.2-per-game clip. Some of the Husker bests this year include 44 field goals against Missouri, a Nebraska record, 100 points against Washington State, 54 rebounds against Oklahoma and 30 of 35 free throws, against Washington State.



GETTING THE JUMP . . . on the baseball season, Cornhusker squad members loosen up in the Field House, while waiting for the spring thaw. Nebraska journeys to Houston, March 27, for their first game.

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Gals' Athletic Facility To Aid Men's Sports

Not only the University of Nebraska's women's athletic program will get a boost in the arm from the new women's physical education building now under construction.

Joel Meier, superintendent of men's intramurals, predicts that the new building will increase the capacity of the facilities for men's athletics.

Specifically, the male intramural program will have greater use of the Coliseum swimming pool when the girls move to their own pool.

Also, the East Campus gym will eliminate the two nights per week set aside for the women.

Meier expects the addition of the East Campus facility plus the use of the University High gym, when the prep school closes after

this year, to accommodate more basketball teams.

Meier also noted speculation concerning further expansion of NAU athletic facilities.

The speculation included an estimated \$80,000 proposal to convert an area on the East Campus into football and softball fields.

Other possibilities mentioned were the construction of tennis courts behind Bancroft Hall and possible temporary use of land behind Abel Hall near Vine Street for football.

Meier said that flag football may suffer next season as a result of increasing interest and enrollment and lack of playing fields.

"We may have to eliminate flag football and play basketball," said Meier, "or eliminate the B football teams."

On current plans, a double-elimination basketball tournament gets underway Thursday following the conclusion of the indoor intramural track finals.

The tournament, which is scheduled to run through March 9, will include the top four teams of each league.

A total of 144 teams participated in the leagues, a jump up from last year's 127.

"The program's getting bigger and going up every year by ten to 15 teams," said Meier. Next year he expects the increase to be from 20 to 30 teams.

Outdoor track is the most likely to be a victim of inadequate facilities. The intramural director said the conditions of the track due to construction work will probably prohibit its use in the spring.

Handball finals will be this weekend and the padelball tourney will start Monday and run into March.

Intramural swimming, wrestling and archery will be offered during March, according to Meier.

He also listed as spring sports volleyball (after basketball), softball, spring golf, water basketball, weight lifting, tennis doubles, badminton, deck tennis and horseshoes.

Nebraska, K-State Cage Game To Decide Leader

Riding a four-game winning streak, Kansas State returns to Ahearn Fieldhouse on Saturday, where the Wildcats and Nebraska Cornhuskers will play for the Big Eight basketball leadership. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Both K-State and Nebraska sport 4-1 conference records, with Kansas and Colorado deadlocked at 3-1. The Jayhawks will be at Iowa State on Saturday night, while the Buffs meet Oklahoma at Norman, Okla., on Saturday TV.

After an opening loss to Colorado, K-State has bounced back to defeat Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. The Wildcats' victories over

the Oklahoma schools have been decisive, 75-50 over the Cowboys and 102-82 over the Sooners.

Both the Wildcats and Huskers expect a different type of game from the Big Eight pre-season tourney clash which saw K-State run up a relatively easy 98-81 victory.

Nebraska, the pre-season pick to win the Big Eight cage title, has with speed and quickness, followed closely by experience. The Huskers have four of the top five scorers back from last season, in addition to the top four rebounders.

Heading the list of Nebraska stars is Stuart Lantz, a 6-3 guard who can

score and rebound with the best of them. Lantz combines with Tom Baack, a 6-5 forward, to give the Huskers fine outside shooting potential, with Lantz, 6-4 Nate Branch and 6-5 Willie Campbell adequate workers on the boards.

K-State will be faced with the same problems it licked Nebraska on in the tourney; that being the Cornhusker fastbreak and press. Coach Joe Cipriano's club has the same offensive potential the Wildcats encountered against Oklahoma on Monday night.

K-State's starting quintet of forwards Earl Seyfert and Galen Frick, pivot Roy Smith and guards Dennis Berkholtz and Steve Honeycutt appears set for Saturday night, with the Wildcat bench geared for necessary relief work. Top substitutes of late have included senior Larry Weigel (17 points against OU), 7-1 Nick Pino and senior guard Bob George.

In 117 games since 1908, K-State has come out on top on 70 occasions, while Nebraska has chalked up 47 victories. In contests last season, the Cornhuskers won twice, 82-71 at Manhattan and 79-69 here.

Nebraska Freshmen To Take On Wildcats

The Nebraska freshman basketball team takes on the Kansas State Wildcats to try to make its Big Eight mark 2-0.

The meeting will be Saturday at Manhattan.

The K-State yearlings hope to snap a two-game losing streak, after opening the campaign with two consecutive victories. The Wildcats knocked off Dodge City and Fort Scott junior colleges, before losing twice to the Kansas rookies. Last time out, the KU freshmen claimed a double overtime, 86-84, triumph.

Coach Bill Guthridge expressed satisfaction in the development of Dennis Weinhold, a 6-8 frontliner

Baseball Practice Underway

A squad of 31 reported last Monday afternoon as the 1967 varsity Cornhusker baseball team began indoor practice in the fieldhouse.

With the loss to pro ball of ace pitchers Gary Niebauer and Bob Hergenrader, the Huskers are in need of tossers as they prepare for their non-conference tilts and the traditionally tight Big Eight race.

The team will open the season with a ten-day tour of Texas beginning March 27 in Houston with two games against Rice University.

Thon Wrestles To Lone Win, Huskers Fall

Junior Ron Thon decisioned Colorado's Eric Martinez for the Huskers only win in a 24-3 wrestling loss to the Buffalos Wednesday afternoon.

Thon's win in the 115-pound weight division was the meet opener in the Nebraska Coliseum, but from there on out the Huskers did not fare so well.

Jerry Langdon, Dennis Dobson, Duane Dobson, Gary White, Jim Heimelic, Bob Erickson, Ben Barnds and Wayne Meyland were each decisioned by the Buffalos.

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