

OU's Martin excels in tennis too

Basketball and tennis may seem like a rare combination, but Oklahoma's Scott Martin mixes the two sports successfully.

Only a sophomore, Martin is a starting Sooner guard and last year claimed the Big Eight Conference singles and doubles tennis titles as a freshman.

The Bartlesville, Okla., native earned all-America recognition in basketball and all-State acclaim in football in high school.

WHAT'S MORE, Martin hasn't suffered academically with a heavy athletic program. He compiled a 3.7 grade point average as a freshman.

Martin's emergence as a floor leader and shooter is one of the reasons why the Sooners are constructing their best record in years. He hit 10 points in Saturday's OU win at Iowa State and is averaging in double figures for the season.

Martin, however, hasn't been completely satisfied with Oklahoma's team play.

"We still haven't put it together for a whole game," he says, although the Sooners won the Big Eight Conference basketball tournament for the first time in December.

Martin admits he feels considerable pressure when Oklahoma plays road games.

"I get emotional, but I try to keep it under control," he says. "To win on the road a team has to shoot the good shots and keep the ball moving."

MARTIN BELIEVES that a basketball team must force its opponent to make more mistakes, if it is to win. "This is tougher to do on the road," he notes.

Quickness plays a big role in forcing mistakes, and Martin feels that tennis complements his basketball quickness.

"Is tennis you stop and start quick like in basketball," he explained, "and you have to react quickly in both sports."

Martin's selection of OU was not a surprise. His father (Bill) captained the 1938 Sooner basketball team. He's now a Phillips Petroleum Co. executive.



Scott Martin . . . Scholar-Athlete

Heard new NU problem

Probable Starters

(Tipoff: 7:35 p.m. Coliseum)

NEBRASKA (13-7)	POS.	OKLA. (14-4)	POS.
Scantlebury (6-2)	G	Ayers (6-2)	G
Martin (6-0)	G	Martin (6-0)	G
Chalk (6-7)	C	Ray (6-9)	C
Jura (6-10)	F	Heard (6-6)	F
Gratopp (6-5)	F	Jack (6-5)	F

Nebraska's basketball team Monday night needs a different approach for Oklahoma than it gave in a 69-62 loss against Kansas State Saturday night at Manhattan.

The assignment is the same, but the theory is different.

Nebraska's approach against Kansas State involved stopping a balanced offense, but the Wildcats' Jerry Venable disrupted the strategy with 26 points, 12 above his season's average.



The Cornhuskers' defensive emphasis shifts to a primary target (Garfield Heard) Monday night in a crucial game in the scramble for the second place finish behind Big 8 leader Kansas State.

Nebraska must find a solution to Heard, a problem Iowa State was unable to solve Saturday at Ames' boisterous Armory.

Robisch, Cain pacing charts

Kansas junior Dave Robisch and Iowa State senior Bill Cain lead the scoring and rebounding categories in the Big Eight Conference.

Top scorers include—1. Robisch, KU, 15.2; 2. Cliff Meely, CU, 20.7; 3. Garfield Heard, OU, 17.5; 4. Cain, ISU, 17.0; 5. Aaron Jenkins, ISU, 15.1; 6. Pierre Russell, KU, 15.0; 7. Tom Scantlebury, NU, 14.8; 8. Gordon Tope, CU, 14.1; 9. Don Tomlinson, MU, 13.9; 10. Henry Smith, MU, 13.8; 11. Rick Cooper, OSU, 13.5; 12. Jerry Venable, KSU, 13.1; 13. Bob Zender, KSU, 13.0; 14. Bob Buck, OSU, 12.6; 15. Mike Coleman, CU, 11.4.

Top rebounders include—1. Cain, ISU, 15.2; 2. Robisch, KU, 13.0; 3. Meely, CU, 12.7; 4. Heard, OU, 10.5; 5. Leroy Chalk, NU, 10.3; 6. Clifford Ray, OU, 8.4; 7. Russell, KU, 8.4; 8. Jenkins, ISU, 8.3; 9. David Hall, KSU, 8.3; 10. Jim Creighton, CU, 8.0; 11. Smith, MU, 7.8.

Heard produced 30 points against the Cyclones in one of their rare home-court losses. He's third in conference scoring with an 18.8 per game average.

Although Heard presents the major headache, Oklahoma is not without other front-line strength, an area in which Husker sophomore Chuck Jura and senior Bob Gratopp have been inconsistent in defending.

Sophomore Mike Petersen, who gained his first starting assignment at Kansas State, may help ease the front-line defensive woes. He was most responsible for holding K-State's Bob Zender to three points Saturday.

Clifford Ray, a 6-9 rugged rebounder and 6-5 Bobby Jack, who scored 19 points against Iowa State Saturday, add to the rapidly-improving Sooners inside strength.

Oklahoma (16-6 overall) boosted its conference mark to 5-5 with its latest win while Nebraska's setback gave the Huskers a 4-5 league record.

Scot Martin and Steve Ayers will be matched against Nebraska's Tom Scantlebury and Sam Martin in the backcourt.

Big Eight Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Kansas St.	9 2	18 5
Missouri	6 5	14 9
Oklahoma	5 5	16 6
Nebraska	4 5	13 7
Kansas	5 5	14 8
Colorado	5 6	12 11
Iowa St.	5 7	12 12
Oklahoma St.	4 7	13 10

Saturday's Results

Kansas St. 69, Nebraska 62
Oklahoma 75, Iowa St. 73
Missouri 72, Oklahoma St. 61
Colorado 81, Kansas 73

Monday's Games

Oklahoma at Nebraska
Missouri at Kansas

Thursday's Game

Colorado at Kansas St.

Saturday's Games

Nebraska at Missouri
Kansas St. at Oklahoma

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