

Huskers at Low Ebb Coming Into Tourney

CORNHUSKER SCOREBOARD.

Record to Date—51 Iowa 60; 69 Texas Tech 63; 71 Michigan 77; 46 Wichita 71; 71 U. C. L. A. 65; 52 Wisconsin 71; 48 Vanderbilt 66.

Returning Lettermen—(6) Duane Buel, g.; Norman Coufal, g.; Rex Ekwall, c-f.; Chuck Smith, f.; Billy Wells, g.; Bill Roy, f. 1955 Big Seven Finish—3rd T 6-6; all games 9-12.

Previous Tournament Finishes—1946, 6th; 1947, 4th; 1948, 7th; 1949, 7th; 1950, 4th; 1951, 8th; 1952, 6th; 1953, 4th; 1954, 8th; W 7, L 20, pct. .259.

Remaining Pre-Tournament Games—None.

First Round Opponent—Missouri, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

NEBRASKA comes into the Big Seven tournament with the drabest record of any competing team. Aside from Oklahoma, the Cornhuskers will be the only club in the 8-team field below .500. Vanderbilt dropped them to 2-5 last night with a 66-48 conquest in Lincoln. O. U.'s level is 2-4.

N. U.'s early schedule was not easy. But it was not as rugged as that of at least three other league members. Bright spots are a 71-62 victory over U. C. L. A. and a stiff assault against Iowa's defending Big Ten champions before dropping a 51-60 opener. The Huskers managed only a 69-63 victory over Texas Tech, a club that was slaughtered by Missouri, Iowa State and Kansas State. It took fearsome lacings from Wichita and Wisconsin.

Personnel Losses Few.

More was expected of a club which was the conference's surprise team last year with a third-place tie. The Huskers lost only two important hands, Willard Fagler and Gary Renzelman, who alternated at center and finished as the club's 1-3 scorers. Six lettermen return, including one of the loop's best 1955 sophomores, Rex Ekwall. A genuine big man, Jim Thom, 6-9 sophomore, has been acquired. The advance word was that N. U. would experience scant trouble improving upon last year's over-all 9-12 record. However, if

Records of Big Seven Basketball Teams.

(Key: H—Home game. V—Away game. N—Neutral court. *Overtime period.)

COLORADO.

63	Oregon State	53V
68	Oregon	49V
60	Iowa	57H
53	Brigham Young	70V
55	Brigham Young	84V

IOWA STATE.

86	North Dakota State	60H
72	Texas Tech	52H
62	Tulsa	50H
72	Colorado A. and M.	60V
62	Denver	65V

KANSAS STATE.

89	Texas Tech	70H
72	Indiana	96V
64	Drake	70V
92	Loyola (L. A.)	66H
74	Washington (Seattle)	69H
79	Houston	86V

KANSAS.

91	Northwestern	70H
56	Wichita	55V
74	Wisconsin	66V
61	Southern Methodist	81V
66	Rice	75V
62	Southern Methodist	58H

MISSOURI.

71	South Dakota	46H
53	Purdue	62V
92	Texas Tech	60H
74	Illinois	73H
78	Indiana	81H
81	Idaho	57H

NEBRASKA.

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69	Texas Tech	63H
71	Michigan	77V
46	Wichita	71V
71	U. C. L. A.	65H
52	Wisconsin	71V
48	Vanderbilt	66H

OKLAHOMA.

65	Baylor	55H
47	Rice	79H
69	Vanderbilt	78V
68	Ohio State	89V
69	Arkansas	59H

CORNELL.

(Guest Team in Big Seven Tourney.)

83	Buffalo	73H
82	Colgate	76H
59	Harvard	81H
82	Brown	63H

scoring average through the first six games is 17.6 against a seasonal mark of 9.4 last season. Smith stands only 6-1, but jumps so high he appears to be a 6-6 horse under the boards.

Ekwall is expected to be up to par by the time the Huskers' ply their give-and-go offense against Missouri in the second session of the 4-day affair. Even as a sophomore, he led the club in rebounds with an 11.4 average and finished second only to Fagler in the scoring column at 12.4. He was averaging six-tenths higher than that up to last night's face-off against Vandy.