

the ratio of its first six games is maintained Nebraska would finish at 8-16.

There are, of course, substantial reasons for the Scarlet's slow start. For one, Thom apparently is not ready. Ekwall has been starting at center, thereby reducing N. U.'s. height considerably. Veteran Guard Whitey Buel has not played because of a broken collarbone suffered early in practice. Ekwall has missed two games because of a heavy cold. And coach Jerry Bush, now in his second season at Lincoln, is paying the price of experience by starting three sophomores.

These include Don Smidt, 6-4, Anderson, Ind. forward; and guards Jim Kubacki, a 5-10 long-range artist, and Gary Reimers, 5-11 Millard, Neb. product. Chuck Smith, a 2-let-tered senior, is handling the opposite forward.

### Smith Averaging 17.6.

He is the Huskers' brightest pre-tournament performer. His

Another known Husker asset is Norman Coufal, quite likely the league's best 2-hand set shooter last year.

All this places Nebraska in an enviable upset position against the Tigers who have been the most impressive tournament entry through the early going. Although beaten 58-75 by M. U. in last year's first round, Nebraska caused the Tigers more grief than either Oklahoma, their semifinal opponent, or Kansas State, their finals' foe. The Huskers stood off the tournament champions for a half with their easternized offense and a zone defense.

### The Finals Friday.

Kansas and Cornell vie in Wednesday's second game. Tuesday's card matches Colorado against Oklahoma at 7:30 p. m. and Iowa State vs. Kansas State in a 9:30 p. m. nightcap. Semifinals are billed Thursday; the championship and third place matches Friday night. Consolation play for first round losers will fill Thursday and Friday afternoons.

### TOP TEN TOURNAMENT CAREER SCORERS.

	G.	FG.	FT.	MFT.	TP.	TP.
Clyde Lovellette, c., Kansas, 1949-50-51.....	9	93	36	12	23	222
Lester Lane, g., Oklahoma, 1951-52-53-54..	12	64	46	28	39	174
Burdy Haldorson, c., Colorado, 1951-52-53-54	10	54	53	21	28	161
Chuck Duncan, c., Iowa State, 1952-53-54.....	9	59	36	29	23	154
Jesse Prisock, f., K-State, 1952-53-54.....	9	49	37	16	32	135
Jim Buchanan, g., Nebraska, 1949-50-51.....	9	58	18	10	15	134
Bob Reiter, c., Missouri, 1951-52-53-54.....	12	47	38	12	42	132
Dick Knostman, c., K-State, 1950-51-52.....	9	46	34	20	22	131
Bob Jeangerard, f., Colorado, 1951-52-53-54	9	40	44	13	15	124
Med Park, f., Missouri, 1951-52-53-54.....	12	28	64	21	28	120