

This Week in Maverick Athletics – 1/27/2014

University of Nebraska Omaha

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Hockey

Up Next:

Fri., Jan. 31 – vs. St. Cloud State, 7:37 p.m. at CenturyLink Center (TV: NET1; Radio: 1180 Zone 2)

Sat., Feb. 1 – vs. St. Cloud State, 7:07 p.m. at CenturyLink Center (Radio: 1180 Zone 2)

Record: 9-11-2, 6-4-2-1 NCHC (4th)

Notables:

- Following a week off, their last of the season, the Mavericks return to action, hosting St. Cloud State on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1.
- Josh Archibald leads the Mavericks in scoring with 17 goals and seven assists for 24 points. His goal total leads the NCHC while he is fifth in league points.
- Ryan Walters is second in team scoring lead with 21 points while leading the team with 16 assists, putting him in a tie with Western Michigan's Shane Berschbach for third in the league. He is tied with three others for eighth in league scoring. Walters is tied with two others for third in the NCHC in powerplay points (5-7-12) and in a tie with Josh Archibald and three others for fourth in NCHC powerplay goals with five. Dominic Zombo is in seven-way tie for ninth with four powerplay goals.
- Jake Guentzel (3-12-15) is third in NCHC freshman scoring. He leads the NCHC in assists by a freshman.
- Freshman defenseman Ian Brady is tied with two others for fifth in NCHC defenseman scoring with four goals and 10 assists for 14 points. That total also puts him fourth among NCHC freshmen.
- Senior defenseman Michael Young has 13 points, all assists, putting him in a six-way tie for eighth in NCHC defenseman scoring. He is tied for the league lead among all NCHC d'men in assists and is in a four-way tie for seventh in the league among all players.
- Walters and Archibald are closing in on 50 career goals at UNO. Walters has 48 and Archibald has 46. Only five players in school history have scored 50 or more career goals led by all-time scoring leader Scott Parse (79).
- The Mavs are fourth in the NCAA and lead the NCHC averaging 35.09 shots per game. They are ninth in the NCAA and second in the NCHC, allowing just 26.77 shots per game.
- The Mavericks' penalty killing unit continued to make improvements and has not allowed a power play goal in four straight games, the longest stretch of the season. The Mavs have killed off 20 straight opponent power plays.
- Ryan Walters has played in 136 consecutive games, putting him in a three-way tie for eighth among current NCAA players.
- Walters moved into fourth in career scoring at UNO with 121 points, moving past Andrew Wong after scoring two assists at Miami on Jan. 17-18.
- Following this weekend's series with St. Cloud State, the Mavericks travel to North Dakota for games on Feb. 7-8.

- Earlier this season, the Mavericks split a two-game series with UND at home, winning 4-2 the first night before dropping a 3-2 decision in the rematch.
- Omaha trails the all-time series with North Dakota, 4-6-0. They are 2-2-0 all-time in Grand Forks.

Men's Basketball

Up Next:

Thursday, Jan. 30 – at Fort Wayne, 6 p.m. CT at Fort Wayne, Ind. (Radio: 1620 The Zone)

Saturday, Feb. 1 – at IUPUI, 1 p.m. CT at Indianapolis, Ind. (TV: ESPN3.com; Radio: 1620 The Zone)

Record: 12-8, 2-3 Summit League (T-5th)

Notables:

- The Omaha men's basketball team dropped its Thursday night contest to Denver 74-60 at the Ralston Arena before rebounding to defeat South Dakota on Saturday 77-73.
- After being down as many as 10 on Saturday including a five-point halftime deficit, the Mavs battled back to defeat South Dakota by four. Justin Simmons nailed a three from the right corner with 2:37 left to put the Mavs up for good, and Matt Hagerbaumer sealed the win for the Mavs with a dunk on a pass from Simmons with 37 seconds left.
- Junior guard CJ Carter led all scorers with 18 points, marking the third time in four games that Carter has had double digit points. Carter pitched in five assists to go along with his 18 points in 36 minutes of play.
- Junior forward Mike Rostampour narrowly missed out on recording his first double-double of the season, finishing the game with 10 points and nine rebounds. Rostampour's 10 points marks the fifth time this season he has reached double digits in the scoring column and the first since December 14th at Nevada.
- John Karhoff ranks 36th nationally among Division I players with a 88.0 percent free throw percentage while senior guard Alex Phillips is 74th with a 45.3 percent 3-point shooting percentage.
- As a team, Omaha ranks fifth with a 77.4 percent free throw percentage, 25th with 15.9 assists per game and 25th with 81.0 points per game.
- Omaha is on the road this week with Summit League games at Fort Wayne on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. CT and at IUPUI on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m. CT. Links to live stats, video and audio will be available on OMavs.com. Both games will be broadcast live on 1620 The Zone with Gary Sharp calling the action.

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Women's Basketball

Up Next:

Thursday, Jan. 30 – vs. Fort Wayne, 7 p.m. at Sapp Fieldhouse (Radio: 1180 Zone 2)

Saturday, Feb. 1 – vs. IUPUI, 2 p.m. at Sapp Fieldhouse

Record: 9-10, 1-4 Summit League (T-6th)

Notables:

- The Omaha women's basketball team fell twice on the road in Summit League action last week and dropped to 9-10 overall and 1-4 in league play.
- On Thursday, Omaha was outdone by Denver, 73-66, at Magness Arena in Denver. The Mavs surrendered a 52-50 lead midway through the second half when the Pioneers went on a 15-4 run to take a 65-56 lead with 4:26 left.
- Ericka House matched her career high with 26 points on 9-of-21 from the field and 5-of-10 from 3-point range. Taijhe Kelly had 12 points and nine rebounds, and Mikaela Shaw had 11 points, seven rebounds and four steals.
- On Saturday, a season-high 23 turnovers hampered the Mavs' chances in a 75-51 loss to South Dakota at the DakotaDome in Vermillion. The Mavs committed 14 first-half turnovers and shot 32.0 percent from the field and 0-of-7 from long distance while falling behind 42-16 at the half. The Mavs were never able to get closer than 22 in the second half, although UNO did outscore the Coyotes in the final 20 minutes, 35-33.
- Lanese Bough had 10 points and five rebounds. Sami Pawlak had nine points, four rebounds, an assist, block and steal – all in the second half.
- House continues to rank third in the league in scoring at 17.6 points per game. Her 3.1 three-pointers made per game also lead the league. House's streak of 17 straight games in double-figure scoring came to an end on Saturday with just five points at USD.
- Taijhe Kelly leads the league with 3.2 blocked shots per game and ranks ninth in the nation. Her 60 blocks this season are 29 more than the next closest competitor in the Summit League. Kelly ranks third in rebounding with 7.1 boards per game and is second in offensive rebounding with 3.2 per game.
- The Mavs continue to lead all league teams in blocks per game (4.7), opponents' field goal percentage (36.7) and are second in opponents' 3-point percentage (27.8).
- The Mavs have just four home games remaining, and two of them arrive this week. On Thursday, Omaha hosts Fort Wayne at 7 p.m. at the Sapp Fieldhouse. Then on Saturday, the Mavs welcome IUPUI for a 2 p.m. contest.

Swimming & Diving

Up Next:

Wednesday-Saturday, Feb. 19-22 – at Summit League Championship at Indianapolis, Ind.

Notables:

- The Omaha swimming & diving team went 1-1 last weekend, falling 153-128 at Northern Iowa before defeating Nebraska-Kearney, 141-109.
- Against UNI, freshman Morgan Stepp won three races: the 1,000 freestyle (10:46.74), 500 free (5:17.35) and 200 individual medley (2:12.23).

- Sophomore Natalie Renshaw clocked a time of 59.22 for first in the 100 backstroke, then added a first-place time of 52.54 in the 100 free.
- Senior Maddie Hutt took first in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.65) and 200 breast (2:18.57).
- In the Mavericks' final home meet on Saturday with UNK, senior Hannah Alexander snagged first in the 1,000 free (11:27.50) and the 100 breast (1:08.80).
- Junior Jenna Foiles added a top finish in the 200 free (2:01.28), and freshman Hayley Duncan took first in the 100 back (1:03.68).
- The five Maverick seniors -- Hutt, Alexander, Whitney Korgan, Kari Mettenbrink and Erin Wright -- were also honored with special Senior Day festivities at the meet.
- Omaha closes the 2014 season next month at the Summit League Championships, Feb. 19-22, in Indianapolis, Ind.

Men's Tennis

Up Next:

Friday, Jan. 31 – vs. Nebraska Wesleyan, 7 p.m. at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center

Notables:

- The Mavericks begin the 2014 season on Friday, Jan. 31 when they host Nebraska Wesleyan at the Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center.
- The Mavs are looking to improve upon last season's 5-16 record, including an 0-5 record in Summit League play.
- The Mavs are led by lone senior Eric McKnight who posted a 6-9 singles record playing primarily number two singles last year.
- UNO opens up Summit League conference play next weekend hosting conference newcomer Denver on Sunday, February 9th at 10 a.m.

Women's Tennis

Up Next:

Friday, Jan. 31 – vs. Nebraska Wesleyan, 7 p.m. at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center

Notables:

- The Mavericks have just one match this week, hosting Nebraska Wesleyan on Friday, Jan. 31 at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center. Last year against Nebraska Wesleyan, the Mavericks swept the Prairie Wolves, 7-0, winning all matches in straight sets.
- The Mavs went 0-3 last week, losing their home opener to Southeast Missouri State 4-3 before losing to Iowa State and Iowa on the road.
- Against Southeast Missouri, the Mavericks got wins from Alex Tran at No. 1 and Molly Matricardi at No. 2. They also picked up a doubles point with wins from Jacqueline Baude/Tran at No. 1 and Tiffany Hottman/Matricardi at No. 3.
- Following their match with Nebraska Wesleyan, the Mavs will get two weeks off before playing at Northern Iowa on Saturday, February 15th.

Track & Field

Up Next:

Friday, Jan. 31 – at Jack Jennett Invitational (multi-events), 1:30 p.m. at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Saturday, Feb. 1 – at Jack Jennett Invitational, 10 a.m. at Cedar Falls, Iowa

Notables:

- The Mavs competed last weekend in both the Prairie Wolf Indoor Invitational hosted by Nebraska Wesleyan on Friday as well as the K-State Invitational on Saturday.
- Sami Spenner finished with three first place finishes on Friday as she won the triple jump, 200 meter dash and 60 meter dash. Spenner's time of 7.53 in the 60 meter dash was just four tenths of a second from tying the school record.
- Distance runner Ashley Kildow took runner up in the mile run at the Prairie Wolf indoor invitational with a time of 5:10.35. Katarina Zarudnaya won Saturday's mile run at the K-State Invitational with a time of 4:59.67.
- Amanda Conlin set a new personal record in the shot put on Saturday with a throw of 42-01 $\frac{1}{2}$ finishing in fourth place while Spenner took eighth place with a throw of 39-06 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- Kathie-Lee Laidley finished runner in the long jump on Friday night with a leap of 18-03 while teammate Denneil Shaw took runner up honors in the same event on Saturday with a mark of 18-01 $\frac{3}{4}$.
- Lindsey Bruns set a new personal record in the 5000 meter run for the second meet in a row with a time of 18:37.43, finishing third, while also setting a new PR in the mile run on Saturday with a time of 5:28.17.
- The Mavericks return to action at the Jack Jennett Invitational at Northern Iowa on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. The meet begins with the pentathlon and heptathlon on Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Community

Notables:

- Tara Heights Elementary school brought 56 students to sing the National Anthem at the Omaha men's basketball game against Denver on Thursday, Jan 23. The kids and their families stayed and enjoyed the game.
- At the same game, Omaha Athletics hosted 50 kids from Completely Kids, a youth and family development non-profit program in Omaha.
- On Saturday, Jan 25, Omaha Athletics welcomed mentors and their little brothers and sisters from Big Brother Big Sisters to the men's basketball game against South Dakota.
- Alex Mortenson dropped off the student-athlete's donations for Operation Robin Hood - a collection the student-athletes take part in collecting soap and shampoo from the hotels they stay at. These items are then donated to shelters in Omaha. This drop off was at the Open Door Mission.