

## **This Week in Maverick Athletics – 3/3/2014**

### ***University of Nebraska Omaha***

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#### **Hockey**

Up Next:

Friday, March 7 – at Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 p.m. at Duluth, Minn. (Radio: 1180 Zone 2)

Saturday, March 8 – at Minnesota Duluth, 7:07 p.m. at Duluth, Minn. (Radio: 1180 Zone 2)

Record: 15-15-2, 12-8-2-1 NCHC (3rd)

#### Notables:

- Omaha earned its third sweep of the season, beating Colorado College 6-0 and 2-1 in OT last week. The sweep snapped a stretch of four straight splits for the Mavericks.
- Brock Montpetit led the Mavericks in scoring with a goal and four assists for five points. Both Josh Archibald and Jake Guentzel had two goals and an assist.
- With three points last weekend, Archibald moved into first in NCHC scoring for all games with 41 points. He now has 28 goals this season, breaking a school record previously set by Bill Thomas during the 2005-06 season.
- Guentzel's three-point weekend moved him into a tie with Denver's Trevor Moore for first in freshman scoring for all games played with 28 points. He leads all NCHC freshmen with 22 assists and ranks third among all NCHC players.
- Goaltender Ryan Massa earned his and the team's first shutout of the year in Friday's win and came back to allow just one goal on Saturday. He finished the weekend with a .50 GAA and a .979 save percentage.
- Over the weekend, Massa set a new career high with his eighth and ninth wins of the season.
- Archibald is second in the NCAA in goals, trailing only Boston College's Johnny Gaudreau who has 30 in two more games played. With .88 goals scored per game, Archibald is tied with Gaudreau for first in the country.
- With his five-point weekend, Montpetit moved into a tie with Dominic Zombo and Ryan Walters for second in team scoring with 30 points each. Montpetit has reached new career highs in points and goals (12). Walters paces the team with 24 assists, ranking him second in the NCHC for all games played. He is just six from tying his career high for assists in a season.
- Guentzel's assist total puts him second all-time among UNO rookies. The school standard is 26 assists by Greg Zanon during his freshman year (1999-2000).
- Freshman Austin Ortega (9-9-18) is tied with North Dakota's Luke Johnson for eighth in NCHC freshman scoring. Ortega is fourth in rookie goals.
- Ortega set a school record for fastest goal to start a game when he scored 11 seconds into the Mavericks' 6-0 victory over Colorado College on Friday.
- Archibald is fourth all-time at UNO with 57 career goals. He is four goals from tying Jeff Hoggan for third.
- Senior Michael Young scored the game-winning goal in Saturday's game against Colorado College. It was his first goal of the season and his third career game winner.
- Young also moved into third all-time among UNO defensemen with 54 career assists. His 18 assists this season are a new career high.

- Saturday's 2-1 overtime win over Colorado College was the Mavericks' fifth overtime game this season but their first at home. They are 3-0-2 in overtime this season.
- The Mavs are sixth in the NCAA and lead the NCHC averaging 34.50 shots per game. They are seventh in the NCAA and lead the NCHC, allowing just 26.41 shots per game.
- The Mavericks' penalty killing unit stopped all seven power plays for Colorado College last weekend. The Mavs have killed off 59 of the last 61 opponent power plays over a span of 14 games (96.7 percent). They lead the NCHC in penalty killing for conference games only (90/100, 90 percent).
- Ryan Walters has played in 146 consecutive games, putting him 10th among current NCAA players.
- The Mavericks finish the regular season for the second straight year at Minnesota Duluth on Friday and Saturday, March 7-8.
- In the first meetings of the season, the Mavericks were swept by the Bulldogs at home, losing 3-2 and 3-1 in January.
- Omaha trails the all-time series with UMD, 5-10-0 and is 1-5-0 all-time in Duluth, Minn.

### **Men's Basketball**

Up Next:

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Record: 16-14, 5-9 Summit League (6<sup>th</sup>)

Notables:

- The Omaha men's basketball team picked up an 88-66 win over IUPUI Thursday night, before falling to Fort Wayne, 96-95, in overtime on Saturday.
- Omaha never trailed past the opening possession of the game against IUPUI, building up a 27-point lead with 3:16 left in the game before cruising to a 22-point win.
- Junior forward Mike Rostampour led all Maverick scorers for the game with 18 points to go along with nine rebounds.
- Four Maverick players reached double figures in the scoring column, marking the 16th time this season that Omaha has had four or more players in double figures. UNO is 12-4 this season when having four or more players reach double figures in the scoring column.
- Senior center John Karhoff finished the game with 13 points and four rebounds, marking the 20th time that he has reached double figures this season.
- Saturday's game was sent to overtime on sophomore guard Devin Patterson's 3-pointer that tied it at 82-82 with 0:04 left in regulation. The Mavericks then led most of overtime, but with UNO leading 95-94, IPFW's Steve Forbes threw up a 3-point attempt with 00.3 on the clock. Omaha was whistled for a foul, and Forbes hit 2-of-3 free throws, giving Fort Wayne the 96-95 overtime win.
- As a team, Omaha ranks eighth in the NCAA with a 76.8 free throw percentage, 17th with 8.33 steals per game, 19th with 80.2 points per game, and 26th with 15.5 assists per game.
- Omaha, which finished the regular season at 16-14, will now await its fate for postseason play. Due to their status as a reclassifying Division I program, the Mavericks are ineligible for the Summit League Tournament, the NCAA Tournament and the National Invitation Tournament

(NIT), they are eligible for a spot in the CollegenInsider.com Tournament (CIT) and the College Basketball Invitational (CBI) for postseason competition.

## **Women's Basketball**

Record: 12-16, 4-10 Summit League (7<sup>th</sup>)

### Notables:

- The Omaha women's basketball team dropped its final two games on the road to end the season with a 12-16 overall record and 4-10 Summit League record, good for seventh place in the final standings. The Mavs are ineligible for the conference tournament until the 2015-16 season as part of their NCAA Division I transition.
- Omaha fell at IUPUI, 69-52, on Thursday before ending the season with an 89-76 loss at Fort Wayne on Saturday. Omaha struggled on the road to a 1-11 record, but the Mavs did go 2-0 in neutral-site games. Omaha was strong at home, finishing 9-5 at the Sapp Fieldhouse.
- At IUPUI, the Mavs jumped out to a 7-0 lead but succumbed to a 22-2 IUPUI run that put the Jaguars in control. Taijhe Kelly had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Mavs.
- On Saturday at Fort Wayne, the Mastodons hit 14-of-23 3-pointers (60.9 percent) to overcome an early deficit and open up a big lead. Kelly had 21 points to lead UNO again. Senior Ericka House – playing the final game of her career – had 20 points. House, the Mavs' lone senior, led the Mavs with 17.2 points per game on the season. She ranked third in the Summit League in scoring and led the conference in free throw percentage at 91.8 percent.
- Freshman Mikaela Shaw had a strong end to the season. She had 18 points and five rebounds at Fort Wayne and finished at 10.4 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game on the season. Shaw averaged 15.6 points and 7.2 rebounds per game over the final five games of the season.
- Junior center Taijhe Kelly finished the season with 9.8 points per game and 6.9 rebounds per game. She blocked a school-record 97 shots on the season for a 3.5 per game average that ranked seventh nationally and led the Summit League.
- The Mavericks – the youngest team in the league – rebounded from a 1-6 record in the first half of Summit League play to post a 3-4 mark in the second half of Summit League play. In addition to the eight underclassmen letterwinners eligible to return next season, the Mavs will benefit from the return of a healthy Brianna Bogard and Cathleen Cox. Bogard played only four games before a season-ending ACL injury, and Cox missed the whole season with a torn ACL. The Mavs will also add junior transfer Bobbi Beckwith to the mix next season.

## Baseball

Up Next:

Friday, March 7 – at Grand Canyon, 7:30 p.m. CT at Phoenix, Ariz.

Saturday, March 8 – at Grand Canyon, 2:30 p.m. CT at Phoenix, Ariz.

Sunday, March 9 – at Grand Canyon, 2:30 p.m. CT at Phoenix, Ariz.

Record: 4-4, 0-0 Summit League

Notables:

- Omaha opened up its 2014 campaign last week with a 4-4 record at the Snowbird Classic in Port Charlotte, Fla.
- After starting 0-3 to open the tournament, the Mavericks rallied to win three of their last four, including a 2-1 win over Villanova.
- Omaha also picked up wins over St. Bonaventure (6-2), Chicago State (13-10), and Western Michigan (3-1).
- For the tournament, Cole Gruber and Alex Schultz paced the Mavs offensively, as both hit .364 over eight games. Gruber scored six runs and drove in six more over the eight games while Schultz scored five runs with three RBI.
- The Mavericks carry a three-game win streak into their road series at Grand Canyon this weekend. Omaha starts the three-game series in Phoenix, Ariz., on Friday at 7:30 p.m. CT. It continues with games on Saturday and Sunday, both scheduled for 2:30 p.m. CT

## Softball

Up Next:

*CSU Spring Tournament*

Friday, March 7 – vs. Dayton, 10 a.m. CT at Fort Collins, Colo.

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Saturday, March 8 – vs. Southern Utah, 10 a.m. CT at Fort Collins, Colo.

Saturday, March 8 – vs. Dayton, 12:15 p.m. CT at Fort Collins, Colo.

Sunday, March 9 – at Colorado State, 2:30 p.m. CT at Fort Collins, Colo.

Record: 12-7, 0-0 Summit League

Notables:

- The Mavericks went 1-4 playing their toughest competition of the season to date at the Diamond 9 Citrus Classic in Kissimmee, Fla. UNO now stands at 12-7 on the season heading into this weekend's Colorado State Classic in Fort Collins, Colo. The Mavs will face Dayton twice, Colorado State twice and Southern Utah.
- UNO started the weekend well with a 4-1 win over Maryland. But from there, the Maverick bats went quiet. UNO lost 2-0 to Syracuse, 6-2 to Fordham, 3-2 to Illinois State and 5-3 to No. 23 Notre Dame.
- Although her reached base streak came to an end at an impressive 50 games on Saturday, Amber Lutmer led the Mavs at the tournament with a .462 batting average, two home runs, three runs and three RBI. Her two homers – both in the win against Maryland – moved her to 43 for her career, within one of Leslie Svoboda's school-record 44 career homers.

- Lutmer now has nine home runs and 30 RBI this season to lead the Summit League. Lutmer's .860 slugging percentage also leads the league.
- Dana Elsasser went 1-2 with a 2.41 ERA and 18 strikeouts in three complete games. Elsasser picked up the win against Maryland but suffered a walk-off loss to Illinois State in the bottom of the seventh and a loss to Notre Dame in which the Fighting Irish scored the go-ahead runs in the sixth inning. Elsasser is 9-3 on the season, the most wins among any Summit League pitcher, and her 1.71 ERA ranks second.

### **Men's Golf**

Up Next:

Monday-Tuesday, March 3-4 – at Sacramento State Invitational at Sacramento, Calif.

Notables:

- The Mavericks were idle last week.
- The Mavericks return to action on Monday and Tuesday, March 3-4 when they take part in the Sacramento State Invitational.

### **Women's Golf**

Up Next:

Monday-Tuesday, March 24-25 – at MSU Ocala Spring Tournament at Ocala, Fla.

Notables:

- The Mavericks began the spring half of their season with a 14<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the Grand Canyon Invitational in Phoenix, Ariz.
- Katie Kesti led the Mavericks in scoring with a 54-hole score of 252, good for a tie for 54<sup>th</sup>. Sophie Peters tied for 66<sup>th</sup> with a three-round score of 259.
- The Mavericks are off until they take part in the Ocala Spring Tournament in Ocala, Fla. on March 24-25.

### **Men's Tennis**

Up Next:

Saturday, March 8 – vs. Kansas Wesleyan, Noon at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center

Notables:

- Omaha will resume action this week after having matches against Oral Roberts and Doane cancelled due to potentially poor travel conditions.
- Last time out, the Mavs dropped a match at North Dakota, 5-2 on Feb. 22.
- The Mavs will host Kansas Wesleyan on Saturday, March 8 at noon before heading out for an eight match road trip.

### **Women's Tennis**

Up Next:

Friday, March 7 – vs. Portland State, 11 a.m. at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center

Saturday, March 8 – vs. Kansas Wesleyan, 11 a.m. at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center

Sunday, March 9 – vs. Hastings, 5 p.m. at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center

Notables:

- The Mavericks' only match of last week, a date with Doane on Monday, was postponed. A make-up date has not been announced yet for the match.
- The last time out, Omaha fell to North Dakota, 5-2, in Grand Forks, N.D. on Feb. 22.
- UNO hosts three matches at Hanscom Brandeis Tennis Center this weekend, starting with Portland State on Friday at 9 a.m. Omaha then hosts Kansas Wesleyan on Saturday at Noon before finishing the weekend with Hastings College on Sunday at 5 p.m.

## **Track & Field**

Up Next:

Saturday, March 22 – at Tulsa Duals at Tulsa, Okla.

Notables:

- Sami Spenner accounted for 50 of Omaha's 106 points for a third-place finish at the Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championships.
- Spenner's broke the conference record in the pentathlon with a score of 4,027 points (1), while also setting a facility record in the long jump with a leap of 20-01 (1).
- Four Maverick athletes finished in the top eight in the long jump as Spenner (20-01) (1), Denneil Shaw (18-07  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) (4), Kathie Lee-Laidley (18-07) (5), and Payton Horacek (17-09  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) (8) all picked up points for the Mavs in the event.
- Laidley added two fourth-place finishes in both the 60 meter hurdles (9.06) and high jump (5-07  $\frac{3}{4}$ )
- Katarina Zarudnaya finished fourth in the mile run (4:58.19) while Terri Armstrong finished sixth in the 400 meter dash (58.52).

## **Community**

Notables:

- More than 100 students from Wheeler Elementary School sang the National Anthem at the Omaha hockey game vs. Colorado College on Saturday, March 1.