

This Week in Maverick Athletics – 3/17/2014

University of Nebraska Omaha

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Hockey

Final Record: 17-18-2, 13-9-2-1 NCHC (3rd)

Notables:

- Omaha's season came to an end with a loss to Denver in a best-of-three NCHC Quarterfinal series at the CenturyLink Center. After beating the Pioneers, 4-3, in the first game last Thursday, the Mavericks dropped 5-1 and 2-0 decisions to end their season with a record of 17-18-2.
- Two seniors led the Mavericks in scoring during the series with three points each. Brock Montpetit had two goals and an assist while Ryan Walters had a goal and two assists. They scored all three points in the Mavericks' win.
- Although held scoreless by Denver in the series, Josh Archibald finished the season as the Mavericks' leading scorer with a team-record 29 goals and 14 assists for 43 points. The point total ties two other players for ninth highest single-season point total in school history.
- Jake Guentzel had two assists against Denver. The second assist, earned in Friday's 5-1 loss, gave him 27 for the season, a new school record for assists in a season by a freshman. He finished the year with 34 points, the second-highest point total by a freshman in UNO history and just one behind all-time leader Scott Parse.
- Archibald is fourth all-time at UNO with 58 career goals following his 29-goal season. He is three goals from tying Jeff Hoggan for third.
- Walters finished his career as the fourth-leading scorer in Omaha history with 134 points. He scored his 50th career goal in Thursday's 4-3 win over Denver to become just the seventh player in school history to reach that milestone. He ranks fourth all-time with 84 assists, in a tie for sixth with eight game-winning goals and in a tie for 15th with 13 powerplay goals. His career plus/minus ranking of +34 is second all-time.
- Michael Young finished his career as the third-highest scoring defenseman in school history with 68 career points. His 55 career assists also rank third best and his 13 career goals tie him with Bryce Aneloski for fourth all-time.
- The Mavericks' penalty killing unit finished the season on a roll, stopping 73 of the last 78 opponent power plays over a span of the last 19 games (93.6 percent). They led the NCHC in penalty killing for conference games only (97/109, 89 percent).
- Walters played in 151 consecutive games to conclude his UNO career. After missing the second game of his freshman season, he never missed another game. With 152 career games played, he is in a tie with Jeff Hoggan and Joey Martin for 12th all-time in school history.
- Young ranks 17th all-time in games played at UNO with 148.
- Archibald led a parade of Mavericks with career highs this season with new bests in goals and points. Dominic Zombo (17 goals), Young (19 assists, 22 points), Montpetit (14 goals, 19 assists, 33 points), Tanner Lane (five goals, nine points), Jaycob Megna (10 assists, 10 points), Nick Seeler (four goals, 10 points), James Polk (3 assists, six points), Brian Cooper (two goals, seven

assists, nine points), Aaron Pearce (one goal, three assists, four points) and Ryan Massa (11 wins) also set new career bests.

- On Thursday, March 20, the NCHC will reveal the winners of its first-ever individual awards as voted on by the conference's head coaches and players. Archibald is up for Player of the Year and Forward of the Year, Guentzel is up for Rookie of the Year, head coach Dean Blais is up for Coach of the Year and Brian O'Rourke is up for Scholar-Athlete.

Men's Basketball

Up Next:

CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament

Wednesday, March 19 – vs. North Dakota, 7:07 p.m. at Ralston Arena (Radio: 1620 The Zone)

Notables:

- The Omaha men's basketball team will host North Dakota in the first round of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament this Wednesday, March 19. Tipoff is set for 7:07 p.m. at Ralston Arena.
- Wednesday marks Omaha's first Division I postseason appearance since beginning its reclassification period in 2011-12.
- All tickets are priced at \$9 and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fans may purchase tickets online at HomePrideTix.com, by phone at (402) 554-MAVS or in person at the Ralston Arena box office or UNO Ticket Office at Sapp Fieldhouse.
- The Mavericks are led by a pair of All-Summit Honorable Mention selections in junior guard CJ Carter and senior center John Karhoff. Carter paced the Mavericks with 13.9 points per game this season while Karhoff had 13.1 points per contest.
- Omaha and North Dakota last met on Feb. 23, 2013 in the ESPN BracketBusters series at Ralston Arena with UNO capturing an 83-75 win. UND leads the all-time series over Omaha, 45-33, but the Mavericks have won the last five meetings.
- Wednesday's game will be streamed live on OMavs.com while KOZN 1620 AM will carry the radio broadcast with Gary Sharp and Grant Nieland on the call.

Baseball

Up Next:

Tuesday, March 18 – vs. Dartmouth, 2 p.m. at Lawrence, Kan.

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Record: 8-8, 0-0 Summit League

Notables:

- Omaha picked up a series sweep of Air Force over the weekend, winning game one 7-3, before sweeping a Saturday doubleheader by scores of 9-3, 3-1.
- Starting pitcher Tyler Fox (2-1) picked up the win in game one after striking out a career-high seven batters, giving up three runs on four hits in six innings pitched.
- In game two, Zach Williamsen (1-1) got the win with eight strikeouts over seven innings. He allowed three runs on six hits.

- In game three, Marcus Ethen (2-1) picked up the victory with one earned run on three hits in six innings of work. He had two strikeouts.
- Alex Schultz extended his on-base streak to 15 consecutive games to start the season as the Sioux Falls, S.D. has now reached base in every game he has appeared in this season.
- Clayton Taylor went 3-for-8 on the weekend with two triples and five runs batted in.
- The Mavs earned a series sweep this weekend for the first time this season. Omaha last earned a series sweep April 12-14, 2013, earning a four-game road series sweep at Western Illinois.
- Omaha will play a three-game neutral site series against Dartmouth in Lawrence, Kan. The series will begin on Tuesday, March 18th at 2 p.m. First pitch on Wednesday and Thursday also will be at 2 p.m.

Softball

Up Next:

Tuesday, March 18 – vs. Wichita State, 5 p.m. at Westside Field at Westbrook

Friday, March 21 – vs. South Dakota (DH), 3 p.m. at Westside Field at Westbrook

Saturday, March 22 – vs. South Dakota, Noon at Westside Field at Westbrook

Record: 16-9, 0-0 Summit League

Notables:

- The Mavericks went 2-1 at the Fighting Illini Classic to move their season record to 16-9. It was the final tournament of the spring for the Mavericks as they now open their home schedule on Tuesday, March 18 against Wichita State at 5 p.m. at Westside Field at Westbrook. Of the 27 remaining games on the Mavs' schedule, 13 are set for Westside Field at Westbrook.
- The Mavericks posted a sweep on day one in Illinois, winning 8-0 (5 inn.) over Saint Louis and 5-3 over Western Michigan. UNO fell to host Illinois on Saturday in the finale, 6-1.
- Campbell Ditto's two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth broke a 3-3 tie to lift the Mavs to the 5-3 win against Western Michigan on Friday. Ditto was 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBI. In an 8-0 (5 inn.) over Saint Louis earlier on Saturday, Ditto was 2-for-4 with two runs and an RBI. Ditto hit .500 on the week (5-for-10) with four runs, three RBI, one home run and a walk.
- Amber Lutmer's solo home run in the first inning against Illinois put UNO on top 1-0. It was her 11th home run of the season and the 45th of her career, moving her alone into first place in school history past Leslie Svoboda.
- Dana Elsasser earned both wins on Friday, throwing a shutout against Saint Louis before coming on in relief for the comeback win over Western Michigan. Elsasser allowed just one hit to Saint Louis in the five-inning shutout with five strikeouts and two walks. She pitched 2.0 innings against Western Michigan with one hit, four strikeouts and two walks. Elsasser held her weekend opponents to a .163 batting average.
- Lutmer and Lizzie Noble each hit .444 on the weekend. Lia Mancuso added a .429 weekend at the plate while Sydney Hames hit .333.
- Kat Barrow started and pitched 5.0 innings against Western Michigan, allowing three hits and three unearned runs. She limited opponents to a .176 batting average.
- Lutmer leads the team with a .384 batting average this season along with 11 home runs and 34 RBI. Allie Mathewson is hitting .382 with seven home runs and 24 runs scored. Ditto is at .329 with six homers and 24 runs scored as well. Elsasser has a 13-4 record in the circle with a 1.56

ERA. She has six shutouts in her 15 starts.

Men's Golf

Up Next:

Monday-Tuesday, March 24-25 – at UALR/First Tee Collegiate Classic, 9 a.m. at Little Rock, Ark.

Notables:

- The Mavericks were idle last week.
- For the season, Karl Krieser leads the Mavericks with a stroke average of 76.1 while Alex Overfelt is second at 77.1 and Mitch Ryan is third at 77.4.
- The Mavericks return to action on Monday and Tuesday, March 24-25 when they take part in the UALR/First Tee Collegiate Classic at Little Rock, Ark.

Women's Golf

Up Next:

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

Notables:

- The Mavericks were idle last week.
- For the season, Katie Kesti leads the Mavericks with a stroke average of 80.4. Sophie Peters is second at 81.
- The Mavericks return to action next week when they take part in the Ocala Spring Tournament in Ocala, Fla. on March 24-25.

Men's Tennis

Up Next:

Friday, March 21 – at St. Thomas, 2 p.m. CT at Miami Gardens, Fla.

Notables:

- Omaha went 0-5 on the weekend, losing twice on Thursday, before dropping three matches on Friday.
- The Mavs fell to Lamar Thursday morning by a score of 4-0, before being swept by nationally ranked #18 Oklahoma State, 4-0. One doubles match and two singles matches were not completed in either match due to the outcomes already being decided.
- Omaha then dropped a 6-0 decision at Oral Roberts Friday morning, falling to Arkansas in two separate matches, 5-0, 5-0 Friday night. Tyler Mercier went 0-1 at No. 1 singles on the weekend, falling to Mike Nott of Arkansas 3-6, 1-6. Mercier's other three matches went unfinished due the outcomes of the matches having already been decided.
- The Mavs continue their eight-match road trip on Tuesday, March 18 at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Fla. The match will start at 2 p.m. (CT). Omaha will then have a week off before resuming play at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

Women's Tennis

Up Next:

Friday, March 21 – at Nova Southeastern, 3 p.m. CT at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Notables:

- Omaha hasn't played since sweeping Hastings, 7-0, on March 9.
- The Mavs won all three doubles matches, before sweeping the singles matches in straight sets. Alex Tran and Hylan Miller beat Hallie Bauer and Elizabeth Harlow, 8-0 while Molly Matricardi and Tiffany Hottman defeated Whitney Bridger and Bailey Christy, 8-0. Jacqueline Baude and Kenzie Hill then completed the sweep of the doubles matches by defeating Abby Schmitz and Molly Mitchell, 8-0.
- In singles play, both Alex Tran and Hylan Miller won their respective matches at Nos. 1 and 2 6-0, 6-0, while Molly Matricardi defeated Hallie Bauer, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 singles. Lindsay Weideman beat Bailey Christy, 6-1, 6-0 before Jacqueline Baude defeated Molly Mitchell, 6-0, 6-1. Kenzie Hill closed out the match for the Mavs, defeating Marissa Avalos, 6-0, 6-0.
- Omaha finished the home portion of its 2014 schedule with a 3-2 record, winning their last two matches. The last time Omaha finished with a winning record at home was the 2009-2010 season when the Mavs went 4-3 at home.
- Omaha makes a two-match trip to Florida, playing Nova Southeastern on Friday, March 21 at 3 p.m. CT and Florida International on Tuesday, March 25th at 10 a.m. CT.

Track & Field

Up Next:

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

Notables:

- The Omaha track and field team will open its 2014 outdoor season at the Tulsa Duals in Tulsa, Okla. on Saturday, March 22nd.
- Sami Spenner was named USTFCCCA Midwest Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year following the 2013-14 indoor season. Spenner highlighted the 2013-14 indoor season with a second-place finish in the pentathlon at the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Spenner's score of 4,498 points broke the American Collegiate record and is the sixth best score all-time by a collegiate athlete.
- Spenner was also named to the pre-NCAA Indoor Championships Bowerman Award watch list, with the award being given out to the top male and female collegiate track athlete in December.
- The Mavs were picked to finish third in the Summit League preseason outdoor track and field poll. Omaha received 24 points, finishing behind multiple-time defending champion North Dakota State (35 points) and South Dakota (32 points).
- Following the meet at Tulsa, the Mavericks' next meet will be the Dakota Duals at Yankton, S.D. on Friday, April 4.