

## **This Week in Maverick Athletics – 3/24/2014**

### **University of Nebraska Omaha**

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#### **Men's Basketball**

Up Next:

*Colleg Insider.com Postseason Tournament – Round 2*

**\*\*TODAY:** Monday, March 24 – at Murray State, 7 p.m. at Murray, Ky. (Radio: 1620 The Zone)

Notables:

- The Omaha men's basketball team made history last Wednesday night, earning its program's first Division I postseason win with a 91-75 triumph over North Dakota in the first round of the Colleg Insider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).
- Omaha was led by junior forward Mike Rostampour whose third career double-double came with 16 points and a career-high 21 rebounds. Fourteen of those boards came in the first half alone.
- Rostampour's rebound total was the sixth-highest for a single game in school history, tying Terry Sodawasser (1983-84) and Al Lainio (2000). It also tied the CIT record for rebounds in a game, matching SMU's Papa Dia's mark set in 2011 against Northern Iowa.
- Four other Mavericks joined Rostampour to score in double figures for the night: senior center John Karhoff (17), junior guard CJ Carter (14), senior guard Alex Phillips (13) and sophomore guard Marcus Tyus (13).
- As a team, Omaha shot 55 percent from the field, including 61 percent in the second half.
- UNO outrebounded UND 43-30, the Mavericks' largest rebounding margin in their favor against a Division I opponent this season.
- UNO continues its run in the CIT with second-round action tonight, traveling to Murray State. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. in Murray, Ky. KOZN 1620 AM will carry the game live with Gary Sharp on the call, and free live video will be available on WatchColleg Insider.com.

#### **Baseball**

Up Next:

Tuesday, March 25 – at Kansas State, 6:30 p.m. at Manhattan, Kan.

Sunday, March 30 – vs. South Dakota (DH), Noon at the Ballpark at Boys Town (Radio: KVNO HD2)

Record: 10-9, 0-0 Summit League

Notables:

- Omaha picked up a mid-week series win over Dartmouth, winning game one 12-5, dropping game two, 10-3, before picking up a win in game three, 10-4.
- Starting pitcher Tyler Fox (3-1) picked up the win in game three after striking out four batters in six and two-thirds innings. The sophomore from Thornton, Colo. gave up two runs on four hits and one walk.
- Alex Schultz extended his on-base streak to 18 consecutive games to start the season. The Sioux Falls, S.D. native has now reached base in every game he has appeared in this season.

- Clayton Taylor went 6-for-10 at the plate in the series, including a 3-for-4 performance in the game three. The Omaha native drove in three runs over the weekend and brought his season batting average up .36 points.
- Omaha will play a midweek game at Kansas State on Tuesday, March 25 before opening up Summit League play on Sunday, March 30 with a doubleheader against South Dakota State. First pitch will be at noon from the Ballpark at Boys Town with the second game scheduled for 30 minutes after the completion of game one. A link to live stats for both games will be available at OMavs.com.

## Softball

Up Next:

Wednesday, March 26 – vs. Nebraska, 5 p.m. at Westside Field at Westbrook

Record: 19-10, 2-1 Summit League (T-2<sup>nd</sup>)

Notables:

- The Mavericks posted a 3-1 record at home last week with a win over Wichita State on Tuesday and two-of-three against South Dakota in the first Summit League series for both teams at Westside Field at Westbrook over the weekend.
- Omaha improved to 19-10 overall and 2-1 in the Summit League, good for a tie for second in the standings. The Mavericks play only one game this week, but it's a high-profile one as No. 15 Nebraska visits Westside Field at Westbrook for a 5 p.m. game on Wednesday.
- Dana Elsasser went 3-0 in three complete games last week with a 1.27 ERA. She posted a one-hitter in a 3-1 win against South Dakota on Saturday, surrendering her only hit of the game with just one out remaining. Elsasser also pitched all 8.0 innings of a 5-4 win over Wichita State on Tuesday and a complete-game four-hitter in a 3-1 win over South Dakota on Friday. Elsasser is now 16-4 on the season, ranking among the top 10 nationally in wins.
- Sophomore third baseman Sydney Hames was 7-for-13 (.538) with a home run, double and seven RBI in her four games last week. Hames exploded for a 3-for-4 game two on Friday with a career-high five RBI and her first career home run. She capped the series on Saturday by going 2-for-3 with a double and two more RBI. Hames now ranks third on the team with a .354 batting average and is tied for second with 22 RBI.
- In addition to Hames' home run, Amber Lutmer and Campbell Ditto each blasted a pair of homers on the week, and Lizzie Noble added one as well to help raise the Mavericks' league-leading homer total to 36. The Mavericks rank ninth nationally as a team with 1.24 home runs per game. Lutmer entered last week tied for the nation's lead in home runs and her two last week brings her season total to 13. Ditto is second in the Summit League with eight, and Allie Mathewson is third with seven.
- Lutmer continues to lead the squad with a .393 batting average and 37 RBI while Mathewson hits .365 with a team-high 28 runs scored. Ditto raised her season average to .333 and has 22 RBI and 27 runs scored to go with her eight dingers.

## **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 return to action this week at the UALR/First Tee Collegiate Classic hosted by Arkansas-Little Rock.
- 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.
- Next week, the Mavericks are back down south at the Wallace Jones Tournament hosted by Louisiana Monroe on Monday and Tuesday, March 31 – April 1.

## **Women's Golf**

Up Next:

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

Notables:

- The Mavericks played the first round of the MSU Ocala Spring Invitational on Sunday, March 23 with rounds two and three scheduled for Monday and Tuesday.
- The Mavs are last in the field of 16 teams. Sophie Peters had UNO's best round-one score at 78.
- For the season, Katie Kesti leads the Mavericks with a stroke average of 80.4. Sophie Peters is second at 81.
- Following play in Florida, the Mavericks will head east to compete in the Saluki Invitational at Southern Illinois on Sunday and Monday, March 30-31.

## **Men's Tennis**

Up Next:

Monday, March 24 – at Barry, 3 p.m. CT at Miami Shores, Fla.

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Notables:

- Omaha picked up a 5-4 win on Saturday over St. Thomas University to improve its record to 5-8 overall and 1-1 in the Summit League.
- The match was contested under NAIA rules with each doubles match counting as an individual point. The Mavs picked up two of the three doubles points before splitting the singles points with STU.
- Adam Dockery and Eric McKnight picked up 8-1 win at No. 1 doubles over Juan Bravo and Grover Ordonez while Nathan Greteman and Tyler Mercier won an 8-5 decision over Nicolas Etienne and Jamie Spruill at No. 3 doubles.
- Singles play saw Mercier pick up a 7-5, 6-3 win over Etienne while James McManus won 6-3, 6-2 at No. 5 singles. Erik Anderson then secured the win for the Mavs with a 6-0, 6-2 win at No. 6 singles over Arturo Romero.

- The Mavs finish their nine-match road trip with three matches in two days. After playing Barry University (Fla.) on Monday at 3 p.m., the Mavs travel to Coral Gables, Fla. to play two matches against Miami. The first match will start at 10 a.m. with the second match scheduled for 3 p.m.

### **Women's Tennis**

Up Next:

Tuesday, March 25 – at Florida International, 10 a.m. CT at Miami, Fla.

Notables:

- The Mavericks finish a trip to Florida with a match against Florida International on Tuesday, March 25.
- Last week, Omaha fell to Nova Southeastern, 6-1, on March 21.
- Nova Southeastern won all three doubles matches before taking five of the six singles matches. Alex Tran and Hylan Miller fell to Sabrina Kierberg and Alex Kaeser 8-3 at No. 1 doubles while Molly Matricardi and Tiffany Hottman were defeated by Alex Johansson and Carlee Rizzolo, 8-3 at No. 2. No. 3 doubles action saw Linda Kornienko and Juliet Serabian defeat Kenzie Hill and Jacqueline Baude, 8-2.
- In singles play, Molly Matricardi picked up the only point for the Mavs with a No. 3 singles win over Carlee Rizzolo, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.
- Omaha will open up Summit League play on April 4 with a neutral site match against Western Illinois. The match will be played in Fort Wayne, Ind. with a start time set for 8 a.m. (CT)

### **Track & Field**

Up Next:

Friday and Saturday, April 4-5 – at Dakota Duals at Yankton, S.D.

Notables:

- The Omaha track and field team opened the 2014 outdoor season at the Tulsa Duels, setting multiple PRs.
- Sami Spenner finished runner-up in the javelin throw with a PR throw of 126' 3". Macy Woitzel also set a new PR in the event with a throw of 105' 6".
- Jessica Ripp finished seventh in the long jump with a leap of 16' 10" while Nicole Liske set a new PR in the triple jump with a leap of 33' 3 1/4".
- Karo Garcia set a new PR in the 2,000 meter steeple chase with a time of 7:42.02, finishing sixth.
- Liz Thompson finished sixth in the shot put with a new PR toss of 43' 0 1/4".
- Omaha will have a week off before resuming action at the Dakota Duals in Yankton, S.D. on April 4-5.