

This Week in Maverick Athletics – April 14, 2014

University of Nebraska Omaha

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Baseball

Up Next:

Wednesday, April 16 – at Nebraska, 6:35 p.m. at Lincoln, Neb.

Friday, April 18 – at Bradley, 6 p.m. at Peoria, Ill.

Saturday, April 19 – at Bradley, 2 p.m. at Peoria, Ill.

Sunday, April 20 – at Bradley, 1 p.m. at Peoria, Ill.

Record: 16-12, 5-3 Summit League (T-2nd)

Notables:

- Omaha earned a doubleheader sweep over North Dakota State on Saturday, shutting out the Bison, 2-0 in 10 innings and 10-0 in seven innings.
- The Mavericks pounded out 24 hits in the twinbill while holding NDSU to just five hits, including only one in game two.
- Game one saw Tyler Fox earn his league-leading fifth win of the year, throwing a career-long 9.0 innings. He struck out eight batters with no walks.
- Facing a scoreless game after nine innings, Daniel Jewett came through with a two-run single in the top of the 10th to give the Mavericks a 2-0 lead. Anthony Falcone then came in to pick up the save, his second of the year.
- In game two, Steven Schoonover threw a complete-game one-hit shutout in the 10-0 win.
- Omaha jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the first before adding one in the second, four in the fourth and one in the seventh to earn the seven-inning victory by the 10-run rule. Caleb Palensky went 2-for-4 with a run and three RBI to lead the Mavericks.
- UNO has four non-conference games on the slate this week, beginning with a mid-week tilt at Nebraska on Wednesday, April 16 at 6:35 p.m. The Mavericks then hit the road for a three-game series at Bradley.

Softball

Up Next:

Wednesday, April 16 – at Iowa State, 4 p.m. at Ames, Iowa

Friday, April 18 – at South Dakota State (DH), 2 p.m. at Brookings, S.D.

Saturday, April 19 – at South Dakota State, Noon at Brookings, S.D.

Record: 22-15, 4-5 Summit League (5th)

Notables:

- The Omaha softball team picked up its first win against a ranked opponent in the Division I era last Tuesday, knocking off No. 19 Nebraska, 3-2, in a thriller in Lincoln. The Mavericks then went on the road over the weekend and won one of three at Fort Wayne.

- Omaha is now 22-15 overall and 4-5 in the Summit League, good for fifth place. The Mavericks' nine league games have come against the top three teams in the Summit League standings. UNO's three league opponents have a combined 20-7 league record to date. UNO's next three league opponents have a combined 10-22 league record.
- In the historic win over Nebraska, Campbell Ditto's three-run home run in the third inning proved to be the difference as Dana Elsasser held the Husker bats in check, limiting them to six hits. Both runs against her came in the bottom of the seventh inning as NU attempted to rally.
- The Mavs dropped the doubleheader at IPFW, 3-0 and 3-1, on Friday. For the second straight weekend, UNO avoided a series sweep in game three, posting a 6-3 win over the Mastodons on Saturday.
- Cheyenne Baxter was the story of the weekend. The freshman pitcher – who hadn't pitched since March 21 – threw 6.0 shutout innings of relief in games one and two on Friday. Her effort earned her just her second career start on Saturday, and she went 6.1 innings and held IPFW's potent offense to three runs on seven hits to record the win and move to 2-0 this season. Baxter had allowed just one run entering the bottom of the seventh but surrendered two runs before Kat Barrow came on to earn the save.
- Ditto capped off her big week with a grand slam in the third inning of Saturday's game to put UNO up 4-0. She went 3-for-4 on the day with five RBI, adding an RBI single in the seventh to extend the lead to 6-1. For the week, Ditto hit .385 with two home runs and eight RBI.
- The top three home run hitters in the Summit League are all Mavericks. In addition to Amber Lutmer's league-best 14 homers, Ditto has 10 and Allie Mathewson has eight. The Mavs lead the league with 40 home runs this season.
- Dana Elsasser is 18-7 this season with a 2.08 ERA. Her 18 victories rank in the top 10 nationally and are tied for the Summit League lead. Elsasser has seven shutouts and an opponent batting average of .195 this season.
- Omaha steps out of conference play on Wednesday when it heads to Ames, Iowa to face Iowa State at 4 p.m. The Mavs pick up the league schedule again this weekend with a three-game set at South Dakota State (7-26, 2-10 Summit League).

Men's Golf

Up Next:

Monday-Wednesday, April 21-23 – at Summit League Championship at Keller, Texas

Notables:

- The Mavericks are coming off a fourth-place finish at the ASU Red Wolf Intercollegiate at Arkansas State last week.
- Karl Krieser led the Mavericks in scoring, tying his career-best 54-hole score with a tally of 219 to tie for ninth in the 21-team tournament. Alex Overfelt and Alex Holtan tied for second in team scoring and tied for 13th overall with total scores of 220.
- The Mavericks' three-round team score of 882 was the best in school history for the Division I era.
- For the season, Krieser leads the Mavericks with a stroke average of 76 just ahead of Overfelt at 76.3. Mitch Ryan (77.5) and Holtan (77.8) rank third and fourth.
- Next week, the Mavericks will finish their season at the Summit League Championship in Keller, Texas on April 21-23.

Women's Golf

Up Next:

Monday-Wednesday, April 21-23 – at Summit League Championship at Keller, Texas

Notables:

- The Mavericks finished in 15th place last week at the Gary Crossley Ford Kansas City Shootout hosted by UMKC last week.
- Katie Kesti shot a career-best 54-hole score of 229 to lead the Mavericks. Her third-round score of 72 was the second best of her career and gave her the top two rounds by a Mav this season. She tied for second overall, her team-best second top-five finish of the season.
- For the season, Kesti leads the Mavericks in scoring with a stroke average of 79.7. Sophie Peters is second at 81.
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Men's Tennis

Up Next:

National Invitational Tennis Tournament at Omaha, Neb.

Saturday, April 26 – vs. Abilene Christian, 10 a.m. at Koch Family Tennis Center

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Sunday, April 27 – vs. Grand Canyon, 9 a.m. at Koch Family Tennis Center

Record: 6-15, 1-4 Summit League (5th)

Notables:

- Omaha went 0-3 last week, falling to South Dakota State 5-2 on Thursday, before falling to IUPUI and #68 Nebraska on the weekend by scores of 7-0, 7-0.
- The Mavericks dropped all three doubles matches to the Jackrabbits on Thursday before rebounding to win two of the six singles matches.
- Tyler Mercier was able to defeat Parker Lawley at No. 1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 while Adam Dockery picked up a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 decision over Andrea Boglic at No. 2. The rest of the Mavericks were unable to secure a point.
- Omaha will now have two weeks off before playing in the National Invitational Tennis Tournament April 26-27. The tournament will be held at the Koch Family Tennis Center in Omaha and will feature Omaha, Abilene Christian, Grand Canyon and NJIT. Each team will play a round robin schedule with three matches in two days.

Women's Tennis

Up Next:

Friday, April 18 – vs. Fort Wayne, 10 a.m. at Denver, Colo.

Saturday, April 19 – vs. IUPUI, 10 a.m. at Denver, Colo.

Sunday, April 20 – at Denver, 10 a.m. at Denver, Colo.

Record: 6-9, 2-1 Summit League (T-3rd)

Notables:

- Omaha went 1-1 last week, falling at home to Creighton, 5-2, before rebounding to defeat Summit League foe South Dakota, 5-2.
- UNO won all three doubles matches against South Dakota before winning four of the six singles matches for the win. Alex Tran and Tiffany Hottman took the No. 1 doubles decision 8-4, while Hylan Miller and Kenzie Hill won the No. 2 doubles match, 8-5. Jacqueline Baude and Molly Matricardi won the No. 3 match with a 9-7 (7-4) decision.
- In singles play, Tran won at No. 1 1-6, 6-1, 6-4 while Miller picked up the win at No. 2 6-3, 6-3. Lindsay Weideman defeated Yamini Reddy, 6-4, 6-4 at No. 4, while Hottman outlasted Nina Barudzic at No. 6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6).
- With the win this weekend, Omaha has now matched its Summit League win total from last year with three matches left to play. The Mavericks are currently tied for third in the conference standings after a sixth-place finish in the league last year.
- Omaha embarks on three matches in three days this weekend, taking on Fort Wayne on Friday, IUPUI on Saturday and Denver on Sunday. All three contests are set for 10 a.m. in Denver, Colo.

Track & Field

Up Next:

Thursday – Saturday, April 17-19 – at Kansas Relays, 9 a.m./8 a.m. at Lawrence, Kan.

Notables:

- The Omaha track and field team competed in both the Emporia State Combined Multis and KT Woodman Classic last week, setting multiple new PR's.
- At the Emporia State Combined Multis, both Sami Spenner and Macy Woitzel set new PR's in the javelin throw with tosses of 130' ¼" and 113' 3", respectively. Woitzel also set a new PR in the shot put (32' 9") and high jump (4' 8 ¼").
- On Friday at the KT Woodman Classic, Katarina Zarudnaya finished second in the 1,500 meters with a season best 4:35.84 while Ashley Kildow finished ninth with a time of 4:45.91.
- On Saturday, Spenner broke her own triple jump record with a wind-legal leap of 41' 10 ½", finishing second. The Columbus, Neb. native eclipsed her old mark by more than a foot which she set at the Beach Invitational last year.
- The Mavericks finished with two of the top three marks in the long jump as Kathie-Lee Laidley (19' 4") and Denneil Shaw (18' 11 ¼") finished second and third, respectively. Both Megan Adams and Liz Thompson set new PR's in the shot put with Thompson finishing third with a toss of 44' 7" while Adams (37' 5") surpassed her previous personal record by nearly two feet.
- Next up, Omaha is scheduled to compete in the Kansas Relays on Thursday – Saturday, April 17-19 in Lawrence, Kan.