

This Week in Maverick Athletics – April 21, 2014

University of Nebraska Omaha

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Baseball

Up Next:

Tuesday, April 22 – at Creighton, 6:30 p.m. at TD Ameritrade Park (Radio: KVNO HD2)

Friday, April 25 – vs. North Dakota State, 2 p.m. at the Ballpark at Boys Town (Radio: KVNO HD2)

Sat., April 26 – vs. North Dakota State (DH), Noon at the Ballpark at Boys Town (Radio: KVNO HD2)

Sunday, April 27 – vs. North Dakota State, Noon at the Ballpark at Boys Town (Radio: KVNO HD2)

Record: 19-13, 5-3 Summit League (1st)

Notables:

- Omaha went 3-1 in non-conference play last week. The Mavericks fell 17-6 at Nebraska on Wednesday before picking up a series sweep at Bradley over the weekend. UNO defeated BU 4-2 on Friday, 7-0 on Saturday and 11-6 on Sunday.
- Saturday's shutout over the Braves gave head coach Bob Herold his 465th win, making him the winningest coach in Omaha baseball history. Herold, in his 15th season at the helm of the Maverick program, passed former coach Bob Gates, who had 464 from 1976-1999
- Tyler Fox earned his Summit League-leading sixth win on the mound on Friday, holding Bradley to two hits over 7.0 scoreless innings. The sophomore from Thornton, Colo., struck out five and issued no walks.
- Pitching again headlined the victory in game two as Steven Schoonover threw 7.0 innings of shutout ball, striking out three and walking one.
- Clayton Taylor hit .563 (9-for-16) for the week with three doubles, five RBI and three runs scored. He had three multi-hit games, including a perfect 3-for-3 effort at Nebraska. In Sunday's finale at Bradley, Taylor finished 3-for-4 with two doubles, a run scored and three more driven in.
- Omaha faces crosstown rival Creighton on Tuesday, April 22. First pitch is set for 6:30 p.m. at TD Ameritrade Park. The Mavericks then host a four-game series against Summit League foe North Dakota State, welcoming the Bison for a single game on Friday (2 p.m.), a doubleheader on Saturday (Noon) and a single game on Sunday (Noon). Links to live stats and audio will be available on OMavs.com.

Softball

Up Next:

Tuesday, April 22 – vs. North Dakota (DH), 2 p.m. at Westside Field at Westbrook

Friday, April 25 – vs. IUPUI (DH), 2 p.m. at Westside Field at Westbrook

Saturday, April 26 – vs. IUPUI, Noon at Westside Field at Westbrook

Record: 26-15, 7-5 Summit League (3rd)

Notables:

- The Omaha softball team had a perfect week on the road, going 4-0 to improve its record to 26-15 overall and 7-5 in the Summit League, good for third place. The Mavericks posted a 3-2 win at Iowa State on Wednesday before sweeping South Dakota State in Brookings: 6-0, 11-2 (6 inn.) and 12-4.
- Lizzie Noble had a breakout week to lift the Mavericks. She entered the week hitting .239 on the season and was in a 2-for-26 slump in her previous 10 games, but the true freshman broke out of it in a big way. Noble hit .529 (9-of-17) on the week with two home runs, one triple, one double, 13 RBI and five runs scored. She provided a two-run double at Iowa State to spark the Mavs and followed it up with a huge weekend at SDSU. In the series finale, Noble was 4-for-5 with three runs and six RBI, falling a double short of the cycle.
- Dana Elsasser went 3-0 with a 2.00 ERA in the circle and is now 21-7 overall with a 2.07 ERA, ranking in the top 10 nationally in victories. She struck out 20 batters to just seven walks in her 21.0 innings pitched. Elsasser's best outing was a four-hit shutout of South Dakota State on Friday.
- Cheyenne Baxter was strong again in her only outing of the week. Baxter threw game two of the SDSU series and held the Jacks to one earned run on three hits with one walk and one strikeout. She is 3-0 in her three starts this season.
- The top three home run hitters in the Summit League are all Mavericks. In addition to Amber Lutmer's league-best 14 homers, Campbell Ditto has 10 and Allie Mathewson has eight. The Mavs lead the league with 43 home runs this season, tied for seventh-most in school history.
- The Mavericks, winners of five straight, return home this week after an eight-game road stretch in which they went 6-2. UNO hosts North Dakota in a non-league doubleheader on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Westside Field at Westbrook. The Mavs return to the facility this weekend to host IUPUI in the final league home series of the season. The teams will play a doubleheader at 2 p.m. on Friday and wrap up the series Saturday at Noon. Saturday's game will be Senior Day with Dana Elsasser and Amber Lutmer being honored prior to first pitch.

Men's Golf

Up Next:

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

Notables:

- The Mavericks begin play in the Summit League Championship today at the Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club in Keller, Texas.
- The 54-hole event will run through Wednesday and will be the final event of the season for the Mavericks.

- For the season, Karl Krieser leads the Mavericks with a stroke average of 76 just ahead of Alex Overfelt at 76.3. Mitch Ryan (77.5) and Alex Holtan (77.8) rank third and fourth.
- Live scoring is available at OMavs.com.

Women's Golf

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- For the season, Katie Kesti leads the Mavericks in scoring with a stroke average of 79.7. Sophie Peters is second at 81.
- Live scoring is available at OMavs.com.

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

Saturday, April 26 – vs. NJIT, 3 p.m. at Koch Family Tennis Center

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

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

Notables:

- The Omaha men's tennis team was off last week.
- Omaha finished fifth in the final Summit League standings after being picked preseason sixth. With three matches left to play this year, the Mavericks have already eclipsed last year's win total of five.
- The Mavericks will host 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. All are reclassifying schools and therefore ineligible for conference and NCAA championship play.

Women's Tennis

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National Invitational Tennis Tournament at Omaha, Neb.

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

Saturday, April 26 – vs. Grand Canyon, 3 p.m. at Koch Family Tennis Center

Record: 7-11, 3-3 Summit League (4th)

Notables:

- Omaha went 1-2 last week, falling to Fort Wayne (6-1) and Denver (7-0) while defeating IUPUI, 4-3.
- Against IUPUI, the Mavericks won all three doubles matches to secure the doubles point, before splitting singles matches with the Jaguars for the 4-3 win. At No. 1, Alex Tran and Tiffany Hottman defeated Julie Brockman and Abbey Neff, 8-5 while Hylan Miller and Kenzie Hill picked up a No. 2 win over Rachael Bridegroom and Rachel Swartwood, 8-4. The No. 3 match saw Molly Matricardi and Jacqueline Baude defeat Vanessa Whyte and Bobbi Modesto, 8-6.
- In singles play, Tran defeated Whyte at No. 1, 6-0, 6-1 while Miller picked up a 6-1, 6-2 over Bridegroom at No. 2. Omaha's other win came at the No. 6 singles spot where Baude defeated Brockman, 6-2, 6-4.
- The Mavericks finished fourth in the regular-season Summit League standings after being picked sixth in the preseason poll. Omaha completed conference play with a 3-3 record, improving upon last season's 2-5 mark.
- Omaha will host the National Invitational Tennis Tournament, April 26-27 at Koch Family Tennis Center. The women's tournament will feature Division I reclassifying programs Omaha, Abilene Christian and Grand Canyon. Each team will play a round robin schedule with two matches over the two days.

Track & Field

Up Next:

Wednesday – Saturday, April 23-26 – at Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa

Thursday and Friday, April 24-25 – at Simpson Invitational at Indianola, Iowa

Notables:

- The Omaha track and field team competed in both the Mt. SAC Relays and Doane Relays last week, setting three school records and multiple new PR's.
- Sami Spenner led the Mavericks, setting new school records in the 100 meter hurdles (14.00), 200 meters (23.54) and heptathlon (6,003). Spenner finished third overall in the heptathlon at the Mt. SAC Relays with a score of 6,003 points, becoming only the second person this season to break the 6,000 point barrier. She is now the third-ranked American in the event.
- On Friday at the Doane Relays, the Mavericks' 4x800 meter relay team consisting of Ashley Kildow, Lauren Psota, Alyssa Thavenet and Katarina Zarudnaya won with a time of 9:20.58.
- Kristin Rogers (39:14.82) and MiKayla Peck (41:18.64) finished second and third, respectively, in the 10,000 meter run.

- Kathie-Lee Laidley picked up two wins for the Mavericks on Saturday at the Doane Relays, finishing first in the 100 meter hurdles (14.46) and long jump (19-05 ¼). Laidley also competed in the 200 meters finishing second with a time of 25.77 to set a new personal record.
- Nicole Liske finished second in the 100 meter dash (12.54), and Zarudnaya finished second in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:42.95. Kildow finished third in the 1,500 meters (4:47.85) while Liz Thompson took fourth in the shot put with a throw of 43-09 ¼.
- The Mavericks will compete in two meets in Iowa this week. They'll travel to Des Moines for the prestigious Drake Relays which run from Wednesday through Saturday, April 23-26. They'll also be in Indianola for the Simpson College Invitational on Thursday and Friday, April 24-25.

Community

Notables:

- Omaha Athletics will host two other events this week.
- On Saturday, April 26, the Mavericks host the Claussen-Leahy Run & Walk beginning at 8 a.m. at Stinson Park in Aksarben Village. It features 10K and 5K runs and a 2K walk along with a Kids' Race and mini sports clinics with UNO student-athletes. Registration is at OMavs.com.
- On Sunday, April 27, Omaha Athletics hosts the Maverick Awards Banquet, its annual year-end recognition of its senior student-athletes and their teammates. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Embassy Suites LaVista. More than 500 athletes and guests are expected.