

NU Cagers Drub South Dakota

Retherford, Cox Top All Scorers

BY GEORGE MILLER

Nebraska basketballers flashed plenty of promise as they romped to a 68-37 win over a feeble South Dakota five in their first start Wednesday night at the coliseum before 7,000 fans. Coach Harry Good, beginning his first season as basketball coach at NU, sent four different combinations onto the floor against the outmanned Coyotes as the Scarlet cagers won with ease.

The Huskers' starting five gave indications of becoming a mighty potent crew in later games as it functioned smoothly for the first game of the season. Center Rodney Cox and Forward Claude Retherford led the Nebraska scoring parade with 12 points each as the Scarlet quintet roared away to an early lead and finished the first half with a 34-13 margin.

With Joe Loisel and big Don McArthur keeping the rebound situation well in hand, the first five was able to score as it wished while the Sodaks stood far out on the court and bombarded the hoop with fruitless long shots. Tom Luby, who paced the South Dakota team against Nebraska last year, was again the high scorer for the visitors. He collected eight points to lead Coach Rube Hoy's squad.

The Nebraska first team had piled up a 29 to 7 advantage when Good sent a second five consisting of Matt Keating and Bob Cerv at forwards, Waldo Winter at center and Jim Sandstedt and Ken Anderson at guards, into action with six minutes remaining in the first half.

Former Northeast ace Al Kirlin, who played a semester of basketball for the Huskers before entering the service a couple of years ago, was standout among the shock troopers who saw duty for the Huskers. Kirlin dumped in 9 points during the six minutes he played.

Others on the third combination with Kirlin were Bob Means, Bob Korte, Paul Shields, and Dale Livingston.

Loisel got the Scarlet outfit off to an early lead when he was successful on a free throw with a minute gone. He followed this up with a clean break for the hoop after a pass from Cox to hang up the first field goal of the game.

Early Lead.

After six minutes of play Nebraska held a 11-4 lead and the count mounted steadily as Retherford and Joe Brown found their basketeye. Retherford, doing most of his shooting from the left side of the court, canned five field goals in the first half to effectively quell any Sodak chances.

Rod Cox provided the crowd with a couple of thrills when he potted two baskets, one in each half, from a half-sitting position during a descent to the floor. The willowy pivot man was deadly from in close, using turn shots to good advantage.

Good's second combination was far below the first string in ball handling and shooting, but was able to keep pace with the woeful Coyotes who were unable to generate any sustained scoring punch.

Brown Come Through.

The first five started the second half, but left the contest after ten minutes, sporting a 50 to 28 lead. Joe Brown provided the field goal which put the Huskers at the half-century mark just before a new N.U. bunch entered the game.

Nine of the Huskers' next 14 points were the work of Kirlin who picked off a trio of field goals and a like number of charity tosses before leaving the game with four minutes to go. At that time the Nebraska margin had been increased to 64-33.

The fans were anxious to see the Scarlet hoopsters reach the 70-mark but Thurman Wright was the only member of the fourth unit able to dent the scoring column during a wild and woolly closing scramble and the game ended with Nebraska two points shy of the 70 total.

The Huskers will make their

next start on Saturday when the Ottumwa Navy quintet comes to Lincoln for a game on the coliseum maples.

During the halftime intermission Charlie Miller's gymnastic squad entertained the fans with an exhibition of stunts, some of which were not too different from the basketball action during parts of the game.

Box score:

South Dakota	fg	ft	pf	pts
Carlson f	0-0	0-0	0	0
Girardi f	0-2	3-3	2	2
Luby c (GC)	3-4	3-4	3	9
Roth g	0-2	2-5	0	0
Carlton g	0-2	2-4	4	0
Padnos f	1-1	0-1	2	2
Staezner f	1-1	0-1	0	2
Jensen f	1-2	2-3	3	3
Hertz c	2-1	3-0	5	5
Messeri g	1-2	1-4	4	2
Hoy g	1-0	0-1	2	2
Bathburn g	1-2	0-2	0	2
Van Arsdale g	1-1	0-2	3	2
Totals	19	9-24	22	37

Nebraska	fg	ft	pf	pts
Retherford f	5-5	2-3	3	12
Brown f (GC)	2-3	3-4	2	7
Cox c	5-5	2-3	2	12
McArthur g	2-1	1-1	5	5
Loisel g	3-4	3-4	3	9
Anderson f	1-0	0-0	2	2
Shields f	1-2	0-3	3	3
Arens g	0-0	0-1	0	0
Keating f	0-0	2-4	1	2
Winter c	0-0	0-2	0	0
Sandstedt g	0-1	1-1	1	1
Cerv g	0-1	1-0	0	0
Means f	0-0	0-1	0	0
Wright f	2-0	0-1	4	4
Kirlin c	3-3	3-3	9	9
Korte g	0-0	2-3	0	0
Walte f	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lebsack f	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lawry f	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24	20-20	21	68

Score at half: Nebraska 34, South Dakota 14.
Officials: Dick Pulliam, Grand Island; Tod Kuntzelman, Omaha.

All-University Mat Tourney Gets Underway

The intramural wrestling tournament began last night at 4 p. m. in the coliseum basement. A total of 159 men were signed up for the tourney by 4 o'clock last night in this event which is open to all men on the campus.

Only male students will be allowed to watch the matches held in the coliseum basement while the finals will be presented after the varsity basketball game on Dec. 17. A trophy will be given to the winning organization and each weight division champion.

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ROD COX—Turned in a fine performance for the Husker cagers as he netted 12 points in the 68-37 over South Dakota.

IM Handball

Thurs., Dec. 5, 1-2-3 court, Alpha Tau Omega vs. Phi Gamma Delta.

Thurs., Dec. 5, 4-5-6 court, Sigma Chi vs. Delta Upsilon.

Fri., Dec. 6, 1-2-3 court, Phi Kappa Psi vs. Beta Theta Pi.

Fri., Dec. 6, 4-5-6 court, Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Delta Sigma Pi.

will receive a medal. The names of all champions will be emblazoned permanently on the wrestling plaque in the lobby of the coliseum.

White Team Snows Reds In Prelim Tilt

The lid came off the 1946-47 basketball season Wednesday evening at the Nebraska university coliseum when Nubbins' coach Tony Sharpe sent two teams into action in an intra-squad game prior to the Nebraska-South Dakota tussle.

After getting off to a slow start the Whites bombarded the basket throughout the game to amass a total of 64 points as against the Reds' 28. Both teams played a fire-wagon brand of ball which resulted in loose, sometimes sloppy, play. However, there were moments which showed that with a little seasoning and experience the Nubbins should have a better than average ball club.

It took a little more than a quarter for the Whites to get their fast break working smoothly, but by half time they had piled up a 28-17 lead. Instrumental in leading the attack were Joe Wil-

lians and Bernie Bieterman, both of whom poured in six points during the first half.

Box score:

Whites—	fg	ft	pf	pts
Rice, f	2-0	1-2	4	4
Saler, f	2-1	4-5	5	5
Winter, c	1-0	2-5	5	2
Meginnis, g	1-2	2-2	2	2
Bauer, g	1-2	2-4	4	4
Kostelney, f	4-0	1-0	8	8
Williams, f	3-0	0-1	6	6
Dedrich, c	4-2	3-1	10	10
Van Burgh, g	4-0	2-8	8	8
Bieterman, g	5-4	2-14	14	14
Totals	27	10-19	16	64

Reds—	fg	ft	pf	pts
Simpson, f	2-2	0-0	6	4
Swanson, f	0-0	0-0	0	0
Milliken, c	2-1	3-3	3	5
Denker, g	0-1	2-0	0	0
Srb, g	0-3	3-1	3	3
Wenke, f	2-0	2-4	4	4
Dietrich, c	0-0	0-2	0	0
Schleiger, c	1-1	1-1	3	2
Robison, g	2-0	0-4	4	4
Busskol, g	1-0	2-2	2	2
Dutphey, f	0-0	1-0	0	0
Davis, c	0-1	0-1	1	0
Berquist, g	0-0	2-1	0	0
Totals	10	8-18	14	28

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