

Home Opener Lone NU Win Cagers Clip Texas Tech Before Falling To Michigan

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The Nebraska Cornhuskers finished up a rugged three day schedule, downing Texas Tech Friday 69-63, bowing to Michigan 77-71 Saturday, and then falling to the Wichita University Wheatshockers, 71-48, last night.

Friday night, the Huskers saw an underrated Red Raider five from Texas battle down to the wire before bowing in an overtime period. Tech took a quick seven point lead before Don Smith hit a free throw and Rex Ekwall a fielder to take the score to 7-3. After exchanging baskets Chuck Smith hit to make the score 20-19 and then added a free toss to knot the score. The count was then knotted at 28-28 and 30-30 before the Nebraskans went ahead at the half 32-30 on a pair of gift shots by Norm Coufal. Jim Reed, the Texas Tech forward, who is a member of the Helm's foundation All-American third team, scored 16 of his 72 total points in this first 30 minutes. Chuck Smith, who paced NU with 22 tallies had 12 this period.

At the outset of the second half, the Cornhuskers increased their lead to five points 38-33, before the Red Raiders went ahead 43-42 on a fielder by DuWayne Blackshear. From that point, the visitors main-

tained their lead until Bob Mercier tied it at 58-58 with 3:26 left in the contest. Blackshear then put the guests ahead 60-58 and Smith tied it 60-60 with 2:53 remaining on the clock. The hosts then played ball control until five seconds left when Coufal attempted a field goal that went astray, and the regulation time ran out with the score still reading 60-60.

In the overtime period, Norm Coufal, reserve guard, hit a two-pointer to put the Huskers on top for good. The Huskers then began mounting the score and the gun sounded bringing the scoreboard to its final resting place at 69-63 Nebraska.

The Huskers featured a well rounded scoring attack with eight out of the 10 men figuring in the scoring. Senior co-captain Chuck Smith paced the Nebraskans with 22 points. He was followed by Ekwall and Coufal with 10 apiece. Guard Jim Kubacki hit for eight and center Smith tallied seven. The Huskers hit 33.3 per cent of their shots on 24 out of 72 field goals. They had 21 for 32 at the charity stripe. Both Ekwall and Smith were terrors on the backboards, Smith nabbing 13 and Ekwall 11.

For the visitors, two men carried the brunt of the scoring at-

tion. Following the 32 point effort of Reed was Blackshear, who nailed 18. Tech hit 22 of 56 from the field and added 17 of 27 from the free throw line. It was the fourth straight loss for the Texans to Big 7 teams, having bowed to the Missouri, Kansas State and Iowa State quintets earlier.

Traveling to Ann Arbor the next night, the Husker cagers ran up against a taller and more experienced Wolverine five. Leading by a 58-55 halftime margin, the hosts had to stave off a late NU bid that brought them to within one point at 56-55 with less than 11 minutes remaining. From there on both teams exchanged baskets, and the game ended with Michigan on the long end of a 77-71 count.

It was their first win in three outings and left Nebraska with an identical 1-2 record. Chuck Smith again paced the Huskers, this time with a 24 point effort. The Bushmen had to play without the services of their second leading scorer and number one rebounder, Rex Ekwall. The 6-5 forward was bedridden with a temperature of 101. The loss of Ekwall left the Huskers without a big man to cope with their 6-5 forward, All-American football player Ron Kramer, who scored 20 points on 10 field goals and their 6-5 center who tallied 24 points.

Last night the Huskers journeyed south to meet the Wichita five at Wichita. In their only other tilt with Big 7 foes, the Shockers bowed to Kansas University 56-55.

SIDE NOTES . . . In connection with Friday night's contest, coach Jerry Bush said "it was hustle that paid off for us." He praised the work of his whole squad, singling out reserves Coufal, Mercier, and Dudley Doebble. Friday night the Huskers return home to meet UCLA. The 19th they meet Wisconsin at Madison and then return home the 21st of Dec. to play host to Vanderbilt. Against Big 7 opponents Wisconsin bowed to KU and Vanderbilt won over Oklahoma.

Rifle Club

It has been announced that there will be a Rifle Club meeting this afternoon at 5 p.m. The meeting is scheduled for the Military and Naval Science building.

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Wichita Shocks Huskers By Humiliating 71-46 Count

By BOB COOK
Sports Editor

While a Husker scoring attack faltered, a scorching Wichita quintet racked up a decisive 71-46 margin to humble the visitors from the Big Seven before a crowd of 6,200.

The Shockers from Kansas shocked the Cornhuskers with a devastating last half effort, coming back from a 34-28 spread at the intermission. The Huskers hardly threatened the second canto as coach Ralph Miller flooded the Wichita lineup with reserves attempting to hold the scoring down.

Nebraska connected with only a feeble 27.5 percent from the field against the Shockers' 42.4. At the charity line the Huskers hit for 64.23 while the hosts dumped in a 27.5 percent.

Senior guard Chuck Smith was the only Nebraskan eager to impress the crowd as he paced the Huskers with 15 counters and seven rebounds while turning in a stellar floor game.

Fate seemed to be in store for NU as they jumped to a 6-1 lead on two quick fielders by Smith and then began to fade. The Huskers led 13-9 before the Shockers pulled away to a 21-13 decision before the Big Red could muster a point.

Close officiating seemed to throw the Huskers off stride. Pivotman

rebounded to lead the hosting forces. Jim Thom was pulled in the first half with three fouls and returned later to foul out collecting personals number four and five.

Shocker center Bob Hodgson proved to be the thorn in the Nebraskan side as he piled up a total of 25 markers along with 14

NEBRASKA (46)

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|---------|----|-------|----|
| Smith | 3 | 9-11 | 2 |
| Arwood | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Doebble | 1 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Smith | 1 | 2-3 | 4 |
| Thom | 2 | 0-3 | 5 |
| Kubacki | 3 | 0-0 | 1 |
| Reimers | 0 | 0-2 | 3 |
| Nannen | 0 | 0-0 | 2 |
| Mercier | 1 | 5-7 | 0 |
| Coufal | 3 | 2-2 | 2 |
| Wells | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| Total | 14 | 18-28 | 19 |

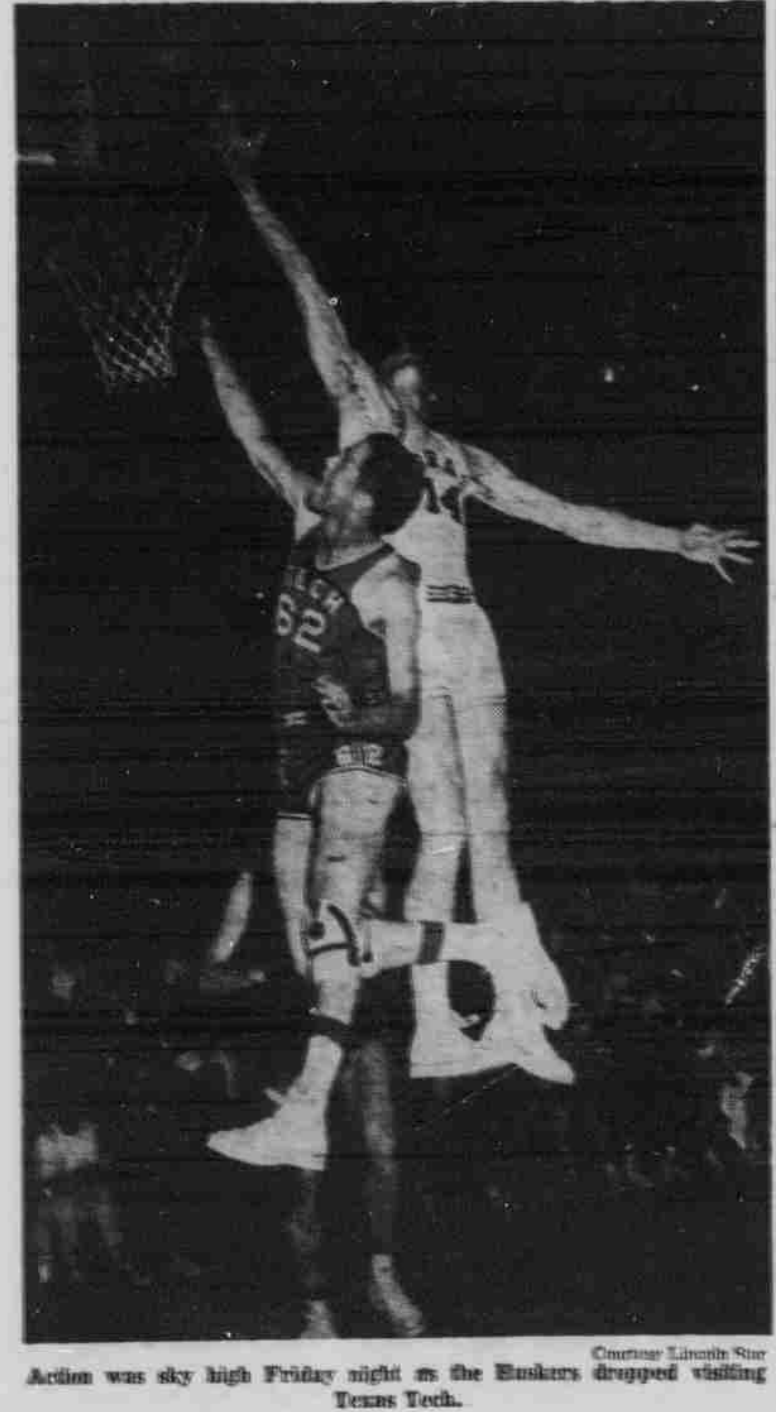
LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"BUT WHEN I SAID PLAY BALL WITH ME TONITE—I HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND."

THE NEBRASKAN

SPORTS



Action was sky high Friday night as the Huskers dropped visiting Texas Tech.

Opening Meet Tough For NU Gymnasts

By BOB WIRZ
Staff Sports Writer

Coach Jake Geier's University of Nebraska gymnastics team found very keen opposition Saturday afternoon and evening as they participated in their first meet of the season, the All-College Invitational meet at Chicago.

Although the official results have not been compiled yet on account of a breakdown of some of the compiling machines the team title is figured unofficially for either Iowa, Chicago's Navy Pier Branch or Illinois.

Coach Geier was very pleased with his Nebraska boys showing, as this was their first meet of the

season and most of the other competing schools have had previous meets.

There were about 35 to 40 boys entered in each event of the tiring six hour meet.

Geier believes his top star Bruce Riley placed in about five events, and Wayne Strickler, another letter man, in two. There is an outside chance that Irving Krist and Robert MacDonald, only other Nebraskan's to make the trip, may have also placed.

According to Coach Grier, the meet had good performers and some stunts were performed that even he had never seen before in a gymnastics meet.

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From The Pressbox Coach's Selection 'Very Significant'

The offer to Pete Elliott of the head football coaching job at Nebraska is significant.

First of all, it means that the Cornhuskers are striking out into big time athletics.

Coupled with Athletic Director Bill Orwig's scheduling, which will include games in the next few years with Army, Syracuse, Texas, Washington State, Penn State and Purdue, Elliott will add the coaching link between Nebraska and big time football.

Elliott has played big time football, lived big time football and, under the valuable tutelage of Bud Wilkinson, has coached big time football. Furthermore, he's young, personable and has already succeeded in capturing the imagination of Nebraska sports fans.

a formal statement . . .

Secondly, Chancellor Eardin's formal statement last week, officially endorsing both Elliott and Orwig, means that the University administration is not only pleased with the way the athletic department is being and has been run but intends to stand fully behind the members of the coaching staff.

It is indeed unfortunate, however, that Bill Glassford and his staff did not receive this kind of official, public support.

I hope, though, that in the future, any coach, or any other faculty member for that matter, who is doing his job but is perhaps, subjected to intense outside pressures, can feel secure in the knowledge that the Chancellor and the Board of Regents will come immediately, officially and publicly to his defense.

disharmonious elements . . .

Thirdly, I think Elliott's arrival at Nebraska will, for a time at least, bring together many of the disharmonious elements of the state.

The papers will support him, probably all he starts losing. Interested fans, alumni and high school coaches and former players will work and work hard to induce young prep athletes to coming to the University.

But, most important, everyone will soon be able to see that Nebraska is trying to scramble back into the ranks of the national gridiron powers.

a mighty good game . . .

As Bill Orwig told me, "We may not be able to beat Oklahoma, but we are somebody going to give them a mighty good game."

As Chancellor Eardin said, "Anyone who looks at the games Orwig has scheduled can see what kind of football we want to play."

As I say, "Okay, that's fine with me. But let's tell people what kind of football they can expect. Let's tell them what it's going to cost to field a team which can stand up to Army, Texas and Purdue. Let's tell them we need every bit of support we can get."

Then, let's try to get together—the University, the team, the newspapers, the state—and get the job done.

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