

Turner Wins Semester's First Star Award For Point Spree

Sophomore Connects For 20 To Lead Second Half Rally Against Iowa State

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Herschell Turner, 6'2" sophomore starter for the Scarlet basketball squad, rates this semester's first Star of the Week Award. Turner cops the award for his play against Iowa State last Saturday. Hersch led a second half Nebraska comeback with a 19 point scoring spree to finish the game with a total of 20.

Turner's feat was more impressive because the pressure was on him all the way. Nebraska was behind 42-21 at halftime and Turner had scored only one point. The second half might well have seen a continuation of the route without an inspired effort.

Turner, under heavy pressure from men taller than he by as much as six inches, provided the inspired effort. He hit seven field goals and five out of nine free throws as Nebraska whittled their foes lead by six points, outscoring them 43-37 the second period.

The basketball brochure produced by John Bentley, lists Turner as a commercial art major and Hersch combines drawing with basketball like another Big Eight negro standout, Bob Boozer of Kansas State.

The brochure also lists Turner's home town as Indianapolis and he played his prep basketball there at Shortridge High School. He also competed in track, but Hersch says of his efforts in the oval, "I just ran in the relays once or twice. I liked to high jump though."

Though the Indiana prep competition was rugged, Turner was all-state honorable mention his senior year. Shortridge was beaten out of the Indiana state championship race in the sectionals in a double overtime, sudden death, contest. Hersch recalls it as his

biggest high school thrill and adds casually that Oscar Robinson, current national scoring leader in the college ranks, played for the opposing squad.

As a college player, Turner lists his biggest thrill as the first time he started. This is a statement typical of Turner's attitude toward basketball which coach Jerry Bush says is "tremendous."

On the floor, Turner is a crowd pleaser. His main offensive weapon is a fadeaway jump shot and when he shoots it, he seems to hang in midair. Though he is short by basketball standards, he has tremendous spring and a sturdy build which has enabled him to lead the Huskers in rebounding. He is ahead of running mate Wilson Fitzpatrick, 127-116 in this department after sixteen games. Turner's rebounding could possibly improve even more if the Huskers could come up with a big man under the bucket to block off towering opponents.

The Iowa State contest was the

first time this year that Turner has been in the 20's in scoring. He has been consistently in double figures, however, and maintains a 10.6 points per game average. Turner's scoring has picked up steadily during the season, and he will be heavily relied upon next year in the scoring department as the only returning regular.

Turner is also developing into a first class ball handler. Though he played center in high school, he has shown a remarkable ability to adapt to the backcourt position. His magician-like faking often leaves opponents gaping in the wrong direction or hanging in midair as Turner drives by them.

Since Turner is just a sophomore, he will probably appear many more times under the Star of the Week flag of the Daily Nebraskan. As a matter of fact, he could break Rex Ekwall's career mark for 'Star' certificates and it is said that the Holmesville Horse had enough to paper his room at the Quad.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal
TURNER

IM Schedule

Court 1 5:00 p.m. Hitchcock-A vs. MacLean-A.
6:30 p.m. Sigma Chi-B vs. Delta Tau Delta-B.
7:30 p.m. Phi Delta Theta vs. Phi Kappa Psi-B.
8:30 p.m. Boucher vs. Benton.

Court 2 5:00 p.m. Seaton I-A vs. Seaton II-A.
6:30 p.m. Burnett vs. Fairfield.
7:30 p.m. Andrews vs. Bessey.
8:30 p.m. Avery vs. Gus I-A.

Court 3 7:30 p.m. Beta Theta Pi-A vs. Farm House-A

Kansas State Defeats KU To Take Big 8 Command

Although losing a 13-point lead in the second half, Kansas State edged Kansas, 79-75, in a double overtime affair before a capacity crowd of 17 thousand in Allen Field House Monday night.

Omahan Bob Boozer led the winning effort with 32 points while teaming with mate Jack Paar to hold high-scoring Wilt Chamberlain to 25 points; well below his 32.4 average. Paar also contributed 15 points.

Although Kansas trailed until late in the game by as much as 11 points, Chamberlain and Ronnie Loneski gradually whittled K-State's lead. Loneski pumped in two points with 2:30 left in the game to put Kansas into the lead, 60-58. Bob Boozer tied the game at 60-60 to send it into the first overtime.

In the second overtime Bob Boozer held the whip hand by hitting two field goals before fouling out. His teammates didn't relinquish the lead.

Kansas State now has a firm hold on first place in the Big Eight conference. Kansas, which was

generally conceded to have the winning combination in the Big Eight, has now suffered two losses in conference play.

Kansas had a narrow shooting advantage from the floor, hitting 30 of 65 for 46.2 per cent. Kansas State made 29 of 64 for 45.3 per cent.

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