

NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Iowa State Wins Big 8 Opener As Nebraska Rally Falls Short

A rally by Jerry Bush's Hustling Huskers in the final minutes fell short as Iowa State took a 57-53 verdict over Nebraska in the Big Eight opener for both teams at Ames Monday night.

Trailing 38-52 with about eight minutes left in the game, the battling Huskers fought back to pull within three points at 56-53 with 1:22 remaining but that was as close as they came as the Cyclones held on to take the win.

Maxey Scores
Al Maxey started the Nebraska rally with a jump shot and a free throw. Sophomore Rex Sweet added two more jump shots before Ted Ecker hit two layins for the Cyclones to make the scoreboard read 56-43.

Maxey and Wayne Hester then added set shots, Bill Bowers hit a layin and Hester connected on another layin to pull the Huskers to within five points at 56-51. After Sweet narrowed the margin to three points, Bob Stoy of Iowa State made a free throw to end the scoring for the evening.

Nebraska gained possession of the ball and called timeout with 31 seconds remaining but couldn't pull the game out of the fire.

The Huskers also rallied late in the first half to pull within four points at half-time 31-27. With Iowa State leading 19-9 midway in the first period, Hersch Turner hit a jump shot and a free throw, Jim Kowalke scored on a jumper and Bob Harry connected on a layup.

Jump Shots
Kowalke and Turner then hit jump shots as the Huskers reduced the Cyclone margin to two points at 22-20. Vinnie Brewer, Iowa State

sophomore who was voted the outstanding player in the pre-season tourney came back with a jumper for the Cyclones.

Turner and Brewer then swapped buckets before Jan Wall made good from the charity line and Maxey scored on a tipin to make the score 26-25 in favor of Iowa State.

Jay Murrell, Cyclone sophomore from Omaha, hit three free throws and Brewer hit another jumper as the Cyclones pulled away once more. A 35-foot jump shot by Turner as the first half buzzer sounded made the half-time count 31-27.

Iowa State opened the second half by racing away to their biggest lead of the evening 52-36 before the Huskers started their last half rally.

Nebraska could find the range from the field only three times during the frigid first 10 minutes of the second period as the Big Eight tournament champions pulled away to a 16 point lead.

Kansas State is the only Big Eight team to come closer to the Cyclones than Nebraska did Monday night. The Wildcats forced Iowa State into an overtime before losing 84-83 in the opening game of the Big Eight tourney. The Cyclones had little trouble disposing of Colorado and Kansas in other tourney games.

Nebraska hosts Kansas Saturday in their next encounter and Iowa State travels to Oklahoma State Saturday.

KU Quintet To Invade Huskerland

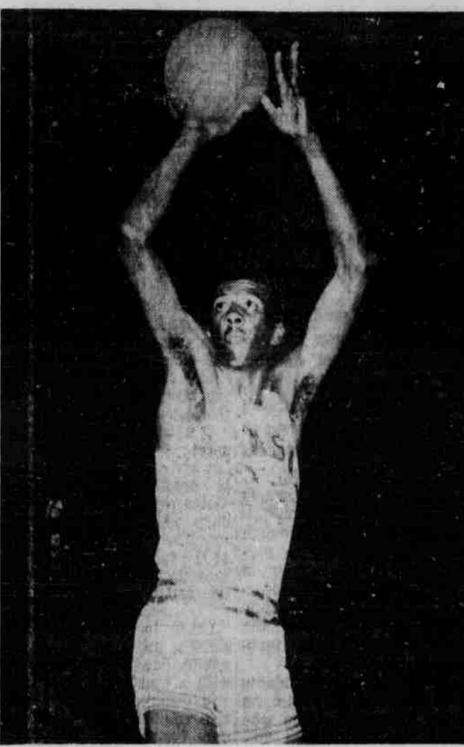
Soph Hightower Leads Jayhawks
Kansas, Big Eight tournament runners-up, will provide the opposition Saturday as Jerry Bush's quintet makes their first home appearance since Dec. 17.

The Jayhawks, in their fourth season under coach Dick Harp defeated Oklahoma State and Oklahoma before bowing to Iowa State 83-70 in the finals of the pre-season tournament.

7-4 Record
Led by sophomore Wayne Hightower, the Kansas have won seven and lost four. Included among their victims are Northwestern, North Carolina State, San Francisco and Brigham Young.

Hightower is a 6-8½ forward from Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, the same high school Wilt Chamberlain attended. He averaged 25.7 points per game and 21 rebounds as a freshman last year. Hightower was the leading scorer in the Big Eight pre-season tourney.

Another highly promising Kansas sophomore is Jerry



TALL CAGER—Sophomore Wayne Hightower is the tallest member of coach Dick Harp's Kansas basketball team. Hightower stands 6-8½ and tips the scales at 192 pounds. He was the leading scorer in the Big Eight pre-season tournament.

Sports Signals

by hal brown

Since the old year has gone by the boards and the new year is here in full swing, let's take one final look at 1959 and pick out some of the high and low spots in Husker sports during the past 12 month period.

BIGGEST UPSET—There isn't much doubt about this. It has to be the football victory over Oklahoma as the Huskers ended the Sooners undefeated conference string at 74 games and to make it even more spectacular it was Nebraska's homecoming.

BIGGEST SURPRISE OVER ENTIRE SEASON—Tony Sharpe's baseball team which wasn't supposed to cause much trouble in the Big Eight. But the Husker nine finished the season in second place with an 11-4 record, second only to NCAA champion Oklahoma State. Nebraska still had a mathematical chance for the crown going into the final series with Kansas State but their hopes were washed away when the first game was rained out.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT—The Nebraska football team that at times looked like world-beaters and at other times looked terrible.

MOST EXCITING MOMENT—The final moments of the Nebraska-Oklahoma football game when with Nebraska leading and Oklahoma's Bobby Boyd trying to pass for a TD against the gallantly fighting Huskers.

MOST COLORFUL NEBRASKA COACH—Jerry Bush whose antics on the bench are worth the price of admission.

MOST UNDERRATED HUSKER ATHLETE—Jim Kowalke, Nebraska cager, whose name very seldom hits the headlines but who is one of the steadiest and most dependable men on Jerry Bush's quintet.

BIGGEST LOSS—The loss of freshman coach Warren Schmabel is a blow to the Husker recruiting program and to the coaching staff. Nebraska's freshman gridders went through two successive undefeated seasons since Schmabel took over the frosh in 1958.

GREATEST CROWD PLEASER—Al Maxey, whose constant hustling keeps the pressure on the opponents and gives the Husker fans something to cheer about.

TOP NEBRASKA ATHLETE—Nebraska has its stars in each sport, Herschell Turner in basketball, Joe Mullins in track, Jim Raschke in wrestling, etc., but Harry Tolly gets this corner's nomination as the top athlete for his participation in both baseball and football. Tolly didn't star in either sport but he was a valuable asset to both teams. He was one of Tony Sharpe's leading pitchers last spring and played an iron-man role as a quarterback on Bill Jennings' grid squad.

MOST MYSTERIOUS INCIDENT—Jim Kowalke's quitting the basketball team the day before the Big Eight pre-season tourney opened only to rejoin them the next day in time for the opening game of the tournament.

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KANSAS SOPHOMORE—Jerry Gardner, a 5-11½ guard is one of many outstanding sophomores in the Big Eight this year. He will be appearing in Lincoln Saturday as the Huskers host Kansas at 8:05 p.m.

Four Nebraska Cagers Answer to Name 'Al'

Four "Al's" on the University of Nebraska basketball team leads to confusion sometimes.

Al Maxey, Al Buck, Al Roots and Al Olsen cause coach Jerry Bush to specify last names when he calls for "Al".

Al Maxey is a 6-3 junior from Indianapolis, Indiana. Last year Maxey scored 384 points and was second only to Herschell Turner in both points and rebounds. Bush said that Maxey is one of the greatest hustlers he has ever seen.

The next Al is also from Indiana. Al Buck, 6-9 sopho-

more, is from Fort Wayne. Buck was an all-state selection in high school. Nebraska's future success depends a lot on this big center, according to Bush.

Among Al Roots' basketball qualifications are his selections as all-state in high school and Junior College All-American. Al is a junior, although it is his first year of varsity competition for the Cornhuskers. He is from Kansas City, Missouri.

Al Olsen is a 6-2 sophomore from Deer Park, New York. He was selected to the all-Long Island team in high school.

Unitas Honored

Johnny Unitas, passing star of the National Football League's champion Baltimore Colts, has been named America's outstanding athlete of 1959 by the Philadelphia Sportswriters Association.

Main Feature Clock

Stuart: "Never So Few," 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40.
Lincoln: "Operation Petticoat," 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:25.
Nebraska: "Little Abner," 1:00, 3:11, 5:12, 7:23, 9:34.
Joy: "Pillow Talk," 6:00, 8:20, "Tarzan the Ape Man," 7:50.
Varsity: "Happy Anniversary," 1:11, 3:17, 5:24, 7:31, 9:36.
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