

Nebraska Wins Big Eight Opener

Fight Spices Action As Tigers Fall, 62-48

By Hal Brown

Basketball coach Jerry Bush had to turn to his bench Saturday night as the Huskers pulled out a 62-48 win over Missouri at the Coliseum.

The largest Coliseum crowd of the season, 6,000, saw more than basketball as some first-half fisticuffs and a lengthy rhubarb brought the fans to their feet.

A balanced scoring attack, one of Nebraska's trademarks, was the key factor in the Husker romp. Al Roots and Tom Russell led the Nebraska scoring with 12 points apiece. Jan Wall and Bill Bowers contributed nine each to the attack, and Rex Swett added eight.

The Huskers played the entire second half without two of their top three scorers in Jim Kowalke and Swett. Swett was ejected for fighting with 1:12 remaining in the first half, and Kowalke did not suit up because of an ankle injury.

Kowalke is the leading scorer with a 12.9 average and Swett was third going into Saturday's contest with a 10.6 mark.

Kowalke May Play
Head trainer Paul Schneider said Sunday a fternoon that Kowalke may be able to play Monday night if he is needed. He will not be in the starting lineup.

The fight started when Ken Doughty, Missouri guard, shoved Swett as the Husker sparkplug was in the air on a lay up attempt. Swett landed out of bounds and came up swinging. Both benches emptied and more than five minutes elapsed before the two teams resumed basketball action.

Both Doughty and Swett were ejected and a technical foul was levied against each. The Nebraska bench also drew a technical for protesting the disqualification of Swett.

The Huskers trailed, 29-28, when the fight occurred and after the air had cleared and free throws had been awarded the Huskers still trailed by one at 31-30.

A long jumper by Wall with 53 seconds remaining in the opening stanza gave Nebraska a 32-31 halftime lead. The lead changed hands seven times during the first half.

After Charles Henke opened the evening's scoring with a jump shot and a free throw to put Missouri ahead, 3-0, the Huskers fought back to take a 9-3 lead with Swett and Roots leading the way.

1,000 Points
Missouri came back to knot the count at 12-12 and 14-14 before taking the lead, 16-14, on a jump shot by Henke. Henke increased the margin to four points at 20-16 with his 1,000th point as a Tiger.

He finished the night with 25 points to bring his career total to 1,016. The 6-7 senior is well on his way to becoming the highest scoring cager in Missouri history. Topping his total are Bob Reiter's 1,188, and Norm Stewart's 1,112.

Nebraska came out in the second half to score 30 points while holding Sparky Stalcup's Tigers to only 17 tallies.

"Our boys were really fired up in that second half," Bush said, "I am really proud of them."

"How about that Huge? He did a good job for us the second half," commented Bush. "Roots did a tremendous job on (Joe) Scott. He (Roots) was dead tired when the game was over."

Scott, Missouri's number two scorer behind Henke all season, was limited to only eight points.

Give-and-Go
Nebraska roared to a 51-36 lead midway in the second period and then began waiting for the good shots. The Huskers, using their give-and-go offense, broke players loose for easy layins numerous times in the final ten minutes.

Bowers led the Nebraska rebounding with 13 as the Huskers out rebounded Missouri, 46-38. Wall pulled down eight rebounds for Nebraska. Henke was the top man off the boards for the Tigers with seven.

Nebraska hit almost as well from the field as from the charity stripe. The Huskers connected on 23 of 48 from the field for a .479 percentage and 16 of 32 from the free throw line for a .500 mark.

The box score:

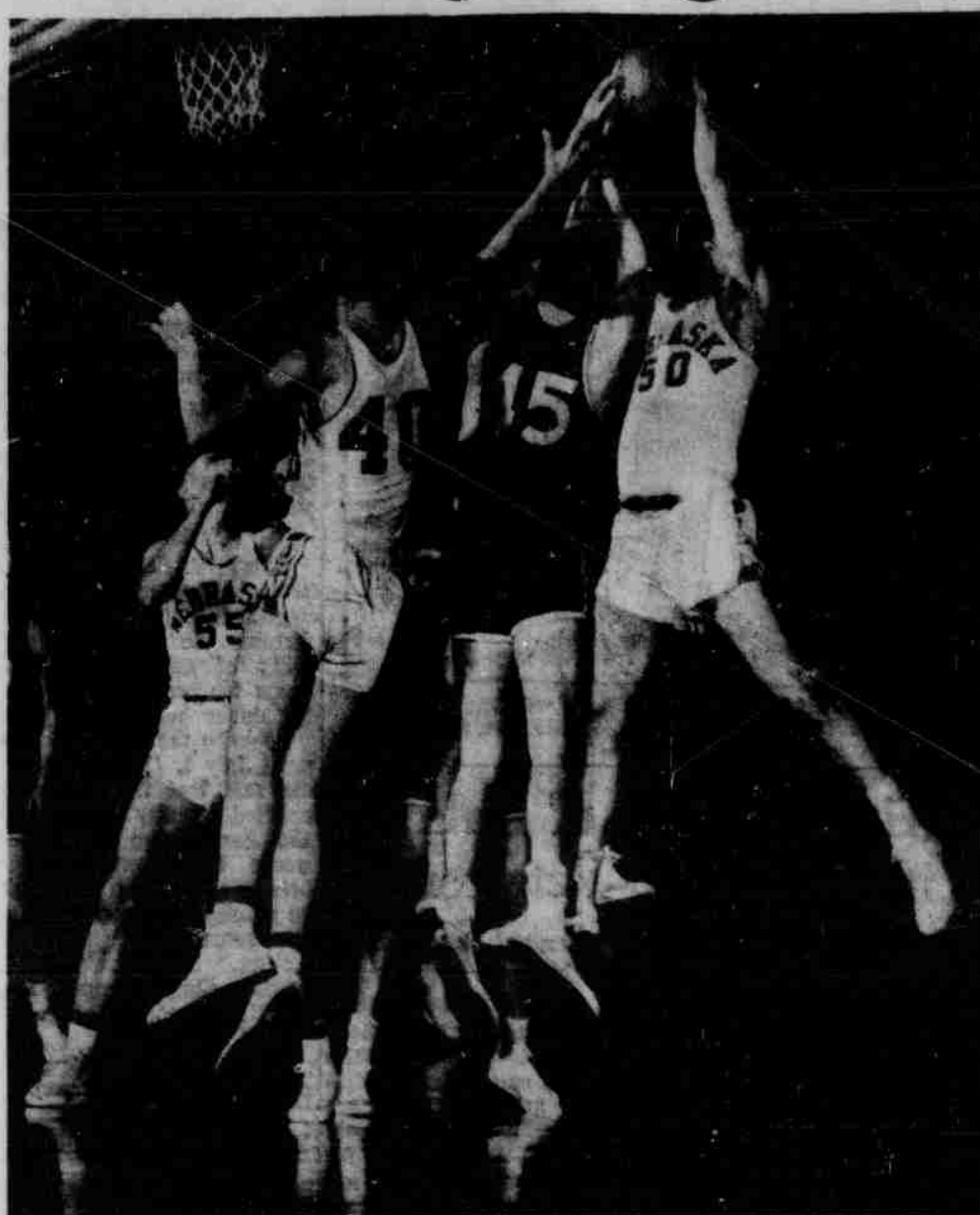
MISSOURI (48)		NEBRASKA (62)	
G	F	G	F
Grebing	0-0-0	Russell	3-6-12
Cox	2-3-6	Wall	4-14-9
Henke	3-7-25	Bowers	4-13-9
Scott	2-2-8	Swett	4-8-8
Doughty	0-1-1	Roots	4-6-8
Turlington	0-0-0	Bueck	4-6-12
Sarver	0-0-0	Grube	0-0-0
Lockett	0-0-0	Slag	2-2-6
Wiscoot	0-0-0	Wain	0-0-0
Dinsdale	0-0-0		
Houston	3-0-6		
Garrett	1-0-2		
Totals	18-32-68	Totals	23-48-62

Technical fouls: Swett, Nebraska; Doughty, Missouri; Nebraska bench. Swett and Doughty disqualified for fighting.

Halftime score: Nebraska 32, Missouri 21.

NU Freshman Fails To Return To School

Nebraska freshman basketball star John Nared did not return to school after the Christmas holidays, according to coach Jerry Bush. The Omaha Central grad was having scholastic difficulties prior to the vacation period.



GRUPE GRABS REBOUND

Nebraska's Ivan Grube (50) grabs a rebound away from Missouri's Lyle Houston (45) during Saturday night's cage action. Ready to give a helping hand to Grube are Huskers Al Bueck (40), and Tom Russell (55). Missouri's Ronald Cox is to the left of Russell. Nebraska won the Big Eight opener for both schools by a 62-48 count. (Photo by Dave Hillman).

Red Cagers Topple Whites

By Norm Beatty
The talent-loaded frosh Red basketball squad outclassed their counterpart White rivals Saturday night to take a lopsided 69-44 win.

Height, speed and depth proved to be too much for Coach Don Smidt's White team in the preliminary game to the Nebraska-Missouri tilt. Besides the advantage in total points, the Reds took the majority of the rebounds and free ball attempts.

Coach Tony Sharpe's charges exhibited a balanced scoring punch throughout the contest and never trailed in the wide open game.

Charlie Jones, 6-3 forward from Washington, D.C. took scoring honors of the evening with his 18 counters. Bill Vincent, the 6-8 all-stater and all-American while at Omaha South, Chuck Sladovnik from Omaha Holy Name, and Neil

Nannen, former Syracuse great, provided able assistance with 13, 15, and 12 points respectively.

The outstanding effort of the evening must go, however, to the sharp-eyed Daryl Petsch of the White team. The 6-6 Marysville, Kan., star displayed a variety of shots ranging from 25-foot set shots to drive hooks and tips to keep the Whites almost in reach of the big Red wave.

His 17 points fell only one short of Jones' tally. Although outmanned under the boards Petsch held his own of the rebounds.

Small Stay
Diminutive Denny Puelz, 5-4 hustler and all-stater from Lincoln Southeast, was the only other bright star in the Whites losing cause. He followed Petsch with 13 counters.

After trailing 30-15 at the half-way mark, Petsch, Puelz

and Jim Bartlett canned 13 quick points and were within striking distance going into the final stanza via a 37-28 count.

At this point Sharpe sent his five starters back into the fray. Jones, Sladovnik, Nannen, Vincent and Keith Sieck were quick to respond to the White challenge and outscored their opponents 29-20 in the final 20 minutes.

The final three minutes of the game saw a barrage of Red buckets when Vincent hit three of his patented hooks, and a lay up and free throw by Sieck. The Whites could manage only 3 points in this same period.

The box score:

REDS		WHITES	
G	F	G	F
Sieck	5-8-7	Petech	7-24-17
Vincent	1-3-17	Puelz	5-24-12
Sladovnik	4-14-15	Johnson	1-0-1
Nannen	2-2-12	Lemons	1-0-0
Denscia	2-0-4	Herd	0-1-1
Jones	9-0-18	Kahrhoff	0-3-3
		Bartlett	3-0-6
Totals	28-35-69	Totals	17-38-44

Bufs Invade Tonight

Probable Starters

NEBRASKA		COLORADO	
F	G	F	G
T Russell (6-7)		F Gilmore (6-5)	
J Wall (6-6)		C Charlton (6-6)	
B Bowers (6-5)		C B Voss (6-8)	
A Roots (6-3)		G W Millies (6-4)	
R Swett (6-1)		G J Beckner (5-9)	

Nebraska and Colorado each will be seeking its second conference win of the season when the two teams tangle at the Coliseum at 8:05 tonight.

A fresh man intrasquad game at 6:30 will precede the main contest.

Colorado opened the Big Eight season with a 61-60 win over Iowa State Saturday night at Ames while the Huskers were taking a 62-48 verdict over Missouri.

The Bufs own a 9-3 record on the season and the Huskers are 7-4.

Sox Walseth's Bufs rallied from an eight-point deficit at halftime in taking the win over Iowa State. Wilky Gilmore led the win with 17 points while Ken Charlton Voss added 10.

Gilmore is averaging better than 20 points per game with Voss averaging 17 and Charlton chipping in 12 points per contest. Gilmore, a 6-5 junior was the leading Buff scorer in the Big Eight tourney with 61 points, good for fourth spot in total points at the tournament.

Voss and Gilmore were ninth and tenth respectively in rebounding at Kansas City. Voss pulled down 28 and Gilmore grabbed 27.

Charlton is the only sophomore in the probable starting lineup for the Bufs. He is a 6-6 all-stater from Denver. Beckner is the lone senior in the lineup with the other three being juniors.

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Dents Seek 5th Straight Cage Win

By Chip Wood
An undefeated Dental Col team goes after its fifth win in League 7 action Tuesday against Vocational Ed, winless thus far in the season.

A win by the Dents would assure them of at least a tie for the league title with only one game remaining on their schedule.

In the other major tilt Tuesday Law College, 4-1 for the season and runner-up to the Dents in League 7, plays the Pathogens, 3-1 for the year. Only two games are slated for Monday.

Intramural schedule:
Monday:

PE Court 1
5:00—Avery A vs. Seaton IA

PE Court 2
5:00—MacLean A vs. Hitchcock A

Tuesday:

Ag College Court
6:30—Delta Upsilon A vs. Alpha Tau Omega A

PE Court 1
5:00—Vocational Ed vs. Dental College

6:30—Cliff Dwellers vs. Trotters

7:30—Tigers vs. Whit's

8:30—Play Boys vs. Renegades

PE Court 2
5:00—Benton A vs. Gus IA

6:30—Architecture vs. Navy ROTC

7:30—Phi Epsilon Kappa vs. Newman Club

8:30—Law College vs. Pathogens

IM Cage Scores

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