

# Improved Cagers Adapting To Style

Nebraska's basketball team is wallowing in success these days. It's not that the Huskers are leading the Big Eight, but the improvement shown since finishing last in the preseason tournament has been somewhat remarkable.

Latest of the surprising feats was a 54-53 upset over Oklahoma State, former sole leaders of the loop last Monday night before 4,200 fans at the Coliseum.

Why all the sudden success? "We feel that our players are getting more confidence in the type of game we use," says Coach Joe Cipriano, in his first year at the Cornhusker helm.

"Our offense and defense are now becoming second nature to them."

"I think this is a problem of all coaches in their first year," he says of the change in philosophy from last season.

Another reason for the good showing of the Huskers was the play of Charlie Jones, the leading NU scorer, hit totals of 23 and 14 points in the last two games.

The 6-1 hustler from Washington, D.C., also teamed with his partner at guard, Grant Simmons for several defensive plays.

Most of his shots come on left-handed jump shots from near the keyhole.



POINT-LEADER JONES — Charlie dribbles right-handed saving his left for more shots against the high-flying Buffaloes.

In regard to the poor showing early in the year, one team member puts it, "We

just weren't ready to play ball."

The Huskers began their rampage with a 55-52 win at win at Iowa State before getting belted at Kansas. The cagers moved into high gear with an overtime win against Missouri, 74-69, and a victory over highly regarded Oklahoma City.

With the pressure of final examination staring at them, the Huskers lost at Missouri, 78-60, and in overtime against Kansas State, 73-66.

"We were just starting to get an edge against Oklahoma City," says Cipriano, "but we lost it during finals week due to lack of practice."

But after finals and a 76-69 double overtime win against Oklahoma, that edge came back against the Cowboys as "we had our best night of basketball," says Cipriano.

"We didn't use the fast break too much, but our patterns worked well, and we hit the basket (the Huskers hit at a clip of 51.1 per cent). Anytime the ball is going in the basket, you're doing all right."

## Bowlers' 11-1 Mark Gives Them Lead

Nebraska's bowling team with a tremendous 11-1 performance at Wichita last Saturday has taken the lead in their bowling league.

Their record of 54½ wins against 29½ losses gives them a 3-game margin over second-place Kansas University. Rounding-out the league are Kansas State and Wichita University.

The final round of the season will take place on Mar. 14 at Kansas State with the league champion going to the national tournament at a date to be set later.

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## Two Sophomore Wrestlers Hold Hope Of Road Trip

With three point-getters sidelined, Wrestling Coach Bob Mancuso must rely almost entirely on sophomores as the squad faces Colorado and Wyoming on the road this weekend.

Ace Steve Wallenz, who last year contributed points in the NCAA and Big Eight meets, was a mid-year scholastic casualty.

Adding further to Coach

Mancuso's woes were the loss of sophomore sizzler Phil McCaffrey who suffered a broken foot after compiling a 4-1 record, and heavyweight soph Art Raschke who also was a scholastic casualty.

Husker hopes at CU Thursday and Wyoming Friday will rest on a pair of undefeated sophomores: 123-pound Rick Allgood and 157-pound Dennis Kendall, both of whom claim four victories.

Other entries include Chuck Martin, the only upperclassman on the squad, Clifford Dobson, Gary Richards, John Hallgren, Wayne Williams and either Roger Lott or Jim Brown.

## Argonaut Double-Duty What Atcheson Wanted

Many students are working their way through the University of Nebraska but Jeff Atcheson is the only one doing it with earnings from two jobs with the Toronto Argonauts—left halfback on offense and corner linebacker on defense.

The switch of being a student and professional football player after not making the grade on the Cornhusker freshman team in 1962 is something Jeff explains with ease:

"The trouble was that I wanted to play with the Argonauts so badly that I couldn't keep my mind on my freshman football work."

Jeff enrolled as an English major at the University this week to resume studies he interrupted last spring. During the interim he signed with the Argonauts and played in 21 games.

"I came out pretty well physically," he reports happily. "I just lost two front teeth and broke my nose and one little finger."

Originally Jeff came to Nebraska at the suggestion of Argonaut coaches in his native Toronto.

"If I wanted to learn more football, they told me I should go to college in the States—just like if somebody in the States wants to learn hockey, they should come to Canada," he recalls.

He chose Nebraska because of the Devaney football reputation and because Nebraska is very good scholastically, Jeff said.

The way to the professional ranks in Canada's tough, speedy football is different from the usual route in the U.S., Jeff explains.

"School football in Canada doesn't get the attention it gets here, so if you really want to play, you try out for any of a number of amateur teams associated with the professional clubs. While in high school I played with the Sarborough Rams, a suburban amateur team. My big dream has always been to play with the Argonauts."

He had a chance for an Argonaut contract when he graduated from high school but there were complications.

"I would have had to prove myself in four exhibition games and that would have made me a professional, ineligible to play collegiate ball in the States even if I failed to get an Argonaut contract," Jeff declares.

Rather than risk his avenue to college, Jeff stayed out of the exhibition games and enrolled at the University of Nebraska and then reported back to the Argonauts last



GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL—Jeff registers for second semester classes after successful grid campaign.

summer and won his contract. Now he thinks he has a good chance of making it all the way through the University.

"And I want to get a college degree," he says, convincingly. "After all you can't play pro ball forever. The day comes when you get hurt or get too old and when that day comes for me I want to be able to do something else like teach, or maybe advertising."

He has already had a taste of the latter with a Canadian agency.

"What do I do for the agency? Well, I haven't told any of the guys down here but, well, I model—you know, clothes and cars—stuff like that. It pays real well."

## Two NU Teams Travel Westward For Colorado Tilts

Fresh from a big win over Minnesota last week, Coach Jake Geir's gymnastics team will see action in the west this weekend as will Coach Dick Klaas' tankers.

The gymnasts will be at Colorado today and will meet Colorado State at Greeley tomorrow.

The swimmers, who copped three of four duals in three days last week, go against Denver and Wyoming in Denver tomorrow and against Air Force Saturday.

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