

Spears Paces Victory— Huskers Topple Buffs

By James Pierce
Sports Staff Writer

With Nebraska's ranks filled once more, student manager Jim Sullivan had not given a thought to sweating over the possibility of playing as he did last Tuesday at Kansas State when he was suddenly called on to be the first Husker to deal with the rugged Colorado Buffaloes Saturday night.

During a warm-up drill, an over-zealous Buff bent the rim of the basket beyond repair, and sent Sullivan into his impressive action.

Nearly 7,000 patrons who had come primarily to watch a basketball game, watched Sullivan swiftly and smoothly handle Colorado's rough play by deftly bringing in a new hoop.

This catalytic performance pointed to the type of hustling game the scarlet and cream were to show the visitors from Boulder all evening.

Seemingly taking a page from Bob Devaney's platoon football system, Coach Cipriano used masterful manipulation of his players to control the game.

From the outset it was surprise starter Jerry Spears who led the way. His offensive board work was clearly outstanding.

Less apparent, but perhaps more influential on the outcome of the game was his excellent job in teaming with Coley Webb. The pair kept prolific scorer Chuck Gardner from receiving the ball in his favorite pivot position. To complement the successful toiling of the big men, were ever-improving Willie Campbell, and increasingly



Jerry Spears . . . In action here against Kansas. His rebounding and defense led Nebraska to victory Saturday against Colorado.

consistent performers Nate Branch and Grant Simmons.

Timely and effective execution of the Campbell-led pressing defense during the early stages caused ten Colorado turnovers that aided the mounting Husker advantage.

The defense having disorganized Coach Walseth's squad, Coach Cipriano switched to offensive emphasis bringing Fred Hare and hobbling Brice Pearson into the game mid-way through the first half. Hare quickly collected seven points while Simmons, who provided early scoring impetus, filled in the gaps of the insurmountable 41-27 intermission bulge.

Colorado's first half frustration was displayed in their 36 percent field percentage in the first half, and in Pat Frink's flare of temper as he was shadowed by harrassing Gary Niebauer near the close of the initial period.

Cipriano's 'defense' aggregate began the second half but gave way within five minutes to the 'offensive' team. Hare replaced Spears with the Big Red ahead 49-35. At this point Nebraska's spread offense, slowly working for a good shot, lulled itself to sleep and never fully awakened, scoring only five field goals the second half.

But by staying intently with the game down to the last (blow, whistle, hack, whack), Nebraska was able to topple Colorado as the Buffs had dumped the Huskers a week before—at the foul line.

Nebraska's 24-17 margin at the stripe equalled the 7 point overall margin, 66-59.

Delta Sigma Pi Names Rose Queen Finalists

Five University coeds have been selected as finalists to compete for the title of Delta Sigma Pi Rose Queen.

The finalists are Candy Wheeler, Delta Gamma; Martha Hedge, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Diana Focht, Pi Beta Phi; Pat Dewey, Women's Residence Halls; and Pam Oswald, Zeta Tau Alpha.

The winner will be announced at the annual spring Rose Formal on May 1.

Interviews Tomorrow For Education Board

Interviews for the Association For Childhood Education (ACE) Board will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

Applications may be picked up in 213, Teachers College.

Missouri '5' Meet Husker Crew Tonight

The upset minded Cornhusker basketball team meets another Big Eight upstart in the Missouri Tigers at Memorial Coliseum tonight.

The Tigers, sporting an 8-9 record have been somewhat of a spoiler of conference title contenders' chances throughout the season. Unable to put together a winning season, they still have managed to polish off every Big Eight Team they have faced at least once.

This is the Huskers' first encounter with Missouri and they can look for a well balanced team anchored by their all around court man Ned Monsees.

Monsees is a 6 foot 4 inch, 215 pound senior who came up from the intramural ranks last year to become a part time starter. This year he has developed into both a good rebounder and shooter, ranking high in the Big Eight statistics charts in both categories.

Highest scorer on the Tiger team is their outstanding 5-11 senior guard, Gary Garner. Playmaker Garner is an excellent driver and sports an accurate outside shot to the tune of a 15.1 points per game average and a seventh place rating in the Big Eight scoring race.

Tops for the Bengals in rebounding is George Flamank. Flamank, the tallest Tiger at 6-5, has been a starter for the past two years, and will be a tough man to stop off the boards.

Rounding out the Mizzou starting lineup are two able underclassmen. Charles Rudd, a junior, is an exceptional jumper who can play at either guard or forward, and sophomore Ronnie Coleman is a 6-1½" scrambling guard.

The Varsity game starts at 7:35. The preliminary game sees the Nebraska freshmen meeting Clarinda (Iowa) Junior College at 5:30. The yearlings record for the year stands at 2-3.

Thinclads Post Victory; Crook Burns Up Track

By Peggy Speece
"I felt good."

That was the terse comment of junior Dave Crook after he ran the fastest 440 ever clocked on the Memorial Stadium track last Saturday. Crook's time of :49.1 shattered a 24-year-old record.

The sensational Bellevue product's record was part of a 74-48 lashing the Husker track squad handed to Colorado.

The old 440 mark of :49.3 was set back in 1941 by Gene Littler. Crook's time also goes down as a new varsity mark.

Nebraska turned in a one-two finish in the high hurdles as Preston Love and Ray Harvey both defeated Colorado's ace hurdler, Jim Miller. Miller has dominated the barrier events in the Big Eight for two years and was last year's winner of both the highs and lows at the conference indoor meet.

Love turned in a time of :07.4 in the high hurdles. However, Miller came roaring back to take the low hurdles in :07.0. Nebraska's Harvey was second and Love was third.

Two meet records were broken in the field events. Jack Cramer, improving steadily, went 6-5¼ in the high jump. Colorado's Barry King heaved the shot 55-10¼. Nebraska's Jim Beltzer tossed the shot 53-11¼ for second place.

Sprinter Charlie Greene couldn't quite match last week's (:06.1) clocking in the 60-yard dash but looked improved.

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pressive while winning in :06.2 nonetheless. Lynn Headley placed second for the Huskers.

The distance corps felt the loss of Peter Scott who met with scholastic difficulty and is ineligible. The Huskers called on two-miler Larry Toothaker and sophomore Lowell Stratton to run the mile but neither could match the Buffaloes' Dave Wighton who won in 4:29.6.

850-yard runs, respectively. Lillis ran 2:20.6 and Wendt's time was 1:58.

In the 600-yard run, Husker Dick Strand beat teammate Jim Ryan in a time of 1:12.1.

Nebraskan Earl True broad jumped 21-2 for second place and Ron Fecht tied for second in the pole vault at 13-6.

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