

### Scent From The Crowd



By Ole Red  
As Told To James Pearse

This is the place where the individual fan can stand out in the crowd. Ole Red will be sniffing around each week in an attempt to dig up the opinion of the student-fan on issues involving the University of Nebraska athletic program.

During the past few weeks, Nebraska's nationally prominent basketball team has been coming under criticism from some corners. The criticism stems from recent games in which the Huskers abandoned their run and press attack after gaining a big lead, and then have had to fight for their lives to preserve victory.

Coach Joe Cipriano had an answer to such criticism after the Oklahoma game on Monday night. In a radio interview the coach said, "No matter where you are or what you read, if you win on the road, that's what counts. We are real pleased with the delay game. It won the game for us."

The coach continued with the philosophy of his coaching. "You have to be versatile to win. You have to be able to change the tempo of the game to win. We played the tempo we wanted to in order to win tonight."

And what does Student-fan think of Nebraska basketball, and Coach Cipriano's philosophy? "The national ranking is impressive," says Bill Morgan of Bellvue.

"It is good for two sports to win. It causes the university to grow," continues the junior majoring in business. Morgan, expressing his opinion of the way Nebraska has been winning, says, "Sit on the lead if you can. We've had too many close games, though. That helps the box office." In conclusion Morgan says, "As a spectator, I feel more proud when the team scores more."

Kathy Fleming, a graduate student from Antioch, California, comments, "If the team is at the top it is fun to write home about them." Miss Fleming was very succinct when it came to the way Nebraska is playing basketball. "It all depends on how pooped they get. If they can run all the time, fine. If they can't, they can't." She continued, "If they play good enough ball to win they can slack off a little, but not much." "I like Mr. Cipriano's idea of tempo," Miss Fleming concluded. "It is fine as long as the team doesn't set a pattern of changing the tempo so that the other teams can analyze it."

"I think it is a good idea to have two sports to support. It keeps the school spirit high," says John Bona, an Omaha freshman. He continues, "It is true of any team that gets ahead in a game. You relax. If we keep winning it's okay with me." Bona feels if we keep winning criticism is bound to come up, however, "It is important to change the style of the game, change the tempo. You can't go full strength for a full game. Not even the pros." Bona's conclusion, "It is an interesting game. If we get caught..."

Roy Stutheit, a graduate student in English, was very articulate in his comments. "The ratings don't mean much. They are a publicity stunt; just something for the wire services to do." As far as Cipriano's coaching goes, the Cook native says, "I'm indifferent as long as he wins. No one likes to lose. He knows more than the Monday morning quarterbacks."

Jim Johnson, a sophomore from Omaha, gets right to the crux of the matter, and wraps up all the criticism leveled at the basketball team. "Cipriano knows what he is doing. If we're ahead, we stay there."

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# Daily Nebraskan Sports

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## Win Streak Snapped In Overtime Defeat

Oklahoma City University ended Nebraska's winning streak at seven games last night with an 85-81 overtime victory.

Gary Wells netted six points of his game-leading 27 points in the overtime period to boost the Chiefs past stubborn Nebraska.

The regulation game ended in a 77-77 tie after Oklahoma City failed in a last ditch attempt to score the game winning basket.

Nebraska scored first in the overtime as Nate Branch stuffed in a layup.

With 3:28 to go in the five-minute extra period, OCU's O'Brian fouled Grant Simmons, Simmons converted the one and one situation to give the Huskers an 81-77 lead.

Then Wells took charge. He hit a basket to cut the lead to 81-79.

After Ware converted two free throws to tie the game, OCU went into a stall. With 1:30 to go in the extra period they began to deliberately work for a final shot.

Working a little too cautiously, Wells was tied up by Grant Simmons near mid-court with eleven seconds remaining.

OCU controlled the tip, but Ware was immediately tied up by Willie Campbell with eight seconds to go.

Campbell won the tip but Wells got the ball and hit his shot with only three seconds on the clock.

With the score 83-81 Nebraska had three seconds to work for a shot.

On the pass in bounds to Grant Simmons the ball was lost to OCU.

Wells took the pass on the OCU in bounds play and put his final shot home at the buzzer to seal the Chief's victory at 85-81.

Though it was a disappointing loss to the number nine ranked Huskers, Coach Joe Cipriano was pleased at the way they came back in the second half.

During a four to five minute span at the close of the first half and at the opening of the second half, OCU outscored the Huskers 16 to 0, and jumped from a three point deficit to a thirteen lead.

But led by Grant Simmons, who had fourteen of his twenty-four points in the second half, the Huskers came back.

Playing against a team that likes to run even more than Nebraska the Huskers completely reversed the course of the contest. Outscoring the Chiefs 14 to five during one three minute stretch between the nine minute mark and the six minute mark, the Huskers cut the OCU lead to 74-70.

OCU then went into a delay game. Ron Simmons fouled Charles (Big Game) Hunter who stretched the OCU margin to 75-70.

Then Grant Simmons took personal control of the basketball.

Twice in a row he stole the ball from OCU as the Chiefs came up court, and hit lay-ins after each steal to cut the Chiefs spread down to one point.

Stuart Lantz put Nebraska on top with a bucket at the 3:30 mark.

After a time-out, Nebraska began their control game. It worked beautifully as the clock ticked away a minute and a half.

Stuart Lantz was fouled with 1:57 to go in the regulation time and hit the free toss to give Nebraska a two point lead.

But hot-handed Gray connected for OCU to tie the game and force the overtime period.

Grant Simmons led Nebraska scoring with his fine 24 point effort. Coach Cipriano called Grant's performance, "one of the finest games he's played since I've been here." Following their captain in scoring were Stuart Lantz

with 17 and Willie Campbell with 13.

Nate Branch, who did not score until there was less than eight minutes to go in the game, ended up with a meager six point production. Tom Baack was also well below his average, as he hit for only nine points.

Wells led OCU scoring with his 27 points. Behind him were Gray with 23 and Ware with 14.

Nebraska returns to Big Eight conference action Saturday night.

Iowa State University will be in Lincoln with their two sophomore sensations Don Smith and Raul Duarte.

Coach Cipriano believes his Huskers will take a day or two off to prepare for the Cyclone invasion.

## Two Join Freshman Cagers

Two mid-year high school graduates with outstanding basketball credentials have enrolled at the University of Nebraska and joined the Husker frosh team. Coach Joe Cipriano has announced.

Mike Jordan, 6-6 center, hails from Jordan High School in Los Angeles, Calif., while Tom Line, 6-3 guard or forward, is a product of Hamilton High in Los Angeles.

Jordan averaged 18 points per game as the center on the Jordan team which posted an 18-0 record and won the Los Angeles City championship. Averaging 12 rebounds per game, Mike was voted the Most Valuable Player of the city tournament which his team won, 101-100.

Line averaged 23 points per game enroute to all league honors. He was voted to the All City Tournament team as a junior last year.

## Roundballers Sweep OU

"It was a great effort after last Saturday night," Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano commented after the nationally ranked Huskers defeated Oklahoma 85-81 Monday night.

Nebraska had to stave off a late charge by the Sooners to preserve their seventh conference victory without a loss. The win also marked the

first time in history that Nebraska has swept the Oklahoma series.

It was the Nebraska press which gave the Huskers the momentum to move to as much as a fourteen point lead in the second half, after leading 48-41 at the intermission.

Sophomore Tom Baack led the Husker scoring with a 25 point effort. It was Baack who connected from his favorite corner spot to keep Nebraska out in front when it appeared Oklahoma had the momentum to catch the Huskers.

The other four starters also hit in double figures to round out a well-balanced offensive night.

Captain Grant Simmons had 18 points, Nate Branch hit for 17, and Willie Campbell and Stuart Lantz both tallied 11 points.

Leading the fast moving Sooner attack was hot-shooting junior guard Jim Johnson with 25 points.

Sophomore sensations Willie

Rogers and Don Sidle had 24 and 20 points respectively. The first half was a seesaw affair with the game being tied nine times.

Nebraska's press and run offense took hold of the Sooners in the opening minutes of the second half, and the Huskers held 73-62 lead with 7:23 to go.

Then came the Sooner charge. But Cipriano's crew, playing a deliberate offense, hung on and clinched the victory when Grant Simmons connected on four free throws in the last 38 seconds.

## Don't Joe

Nebraska's Bob Devaney has some words of wisdom for his basketball counterpart, Joe Cipriano.

"I'm going to tell Joe," he starts in Devaneyese, "that if he wins the basketball title, a should skip going to the tournament... those post-season games mean only trouble."

## Huskers Ranked

The Nebraska basketball team cracked both the UPI and the AP top ten national rankings this week. The Huskers, ninth in both polls, received 48 points in the UPI poll and 60 votes in the AP poll.

Rank	Team	Points
1	Kentucky (21) (17-0)	324
2	Duke (23) (15-1)	229
3	Loyola (Ill.) (16-1)	201
4	Providence (15-1)	190
5	Texas Western (13) (16-0)	183
6	Kansas (15-3)	151
7	Vanderbilt (16-3)	133
8	St. Joseph's (Pa.) (15-4)	109
9	Nebraska (15-2)	48
10	Michigan (12-3)	37

Rank	Team	Points
1	Kentucky (17-0)	341
2	Duke (15-1)	284
3	Loyola (Ill.) (16-1)	210
4	Texas Western (16-0)	205
5	Vanderbilt (16-3)	177
6	Providence (15-1)	176
7	Kansas (15-3)	117
8	St. Joseph's (15-4)	106
9	Nebraska (15-2)	60
10	Michigan (12-3)	33

## Select Union Bowlers

Tryouts for the Nebraska Union bowling team will be held February 12, at the Nebraska Union starting time is 9:30 a.m.

The contestants will bowl nine games on the twelfth and the high scorers will proceed to the finals, where they will bowl an additional nine games. Men selected for the

team will be determined on the basis of total pinfall for the eighteen game route.

To be eligible, participants must be undergrads carrying no less than twelve hours and have an accumulated grade point of 2.0.

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