



Photo By Mike Hayman

WIDE OPEN . . . Nebraska's Sam Martin (44) eyes the basket during Friday's 98-67 Varsity win over the Husker freshman, while Cliff Moller (4) and Richard Kronebusch (52) stare upward.

# Red Hot Varsity Defeats Freshmen Cagers, 98-67

By MARK GORDON  
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After watching his varsity basketball squad breeze to an easy 98-67 victory Friday night over the Nebraska freshmen, Husker cage coach Joe Cipriano was more than pleased with the yearlings performance.

"They are the best freshman team we've played," he said.

"They pressured us out of our offense and made us go to a couple of other options."

Although the frosh played the varsity on even terms until the score was tied at seven all, the varsity's experience and team work quickly took its toll on the youngsters.

With sophomore Tom Scantlebury hitting 15 points and old reliable Stuart Lantz, a senior forward

who displayed his last season's quickness, pushing in 18 points, Cipriano's team held a 43-26 halftime mark and coasted to victory in the second 20 minute stanza.

"They (the frosh) will be a fine team in a couple of months," Cipriano said. "They have good speed and quickness and they have some good rebounders."

Although the frosh held a two inch average height advantage over the elders, the varsity grabbed 53 rebounds while Glenn Potter's crew snared 34.

But the game's story can be summarized by one statistic — the varsity shot a red hot 50 per cent (40 of 80) while the freshmen hit 27 of 81 for 33 per cent.

"We'd like to keep that kind of shooting up," the Nebraska cage boss said,

"but it will be tough to do so with the teams we play."

Cipriano praised veterans Lantz, who led all scorers with 25 points, Tom Baack, who found the scoring range in the second half and finished with 15 points, and Scantlebury, who made several steals and quickly turned them into two-pointers en route to a 23 point evening.

The varsity's defense pressured the inexperienced yearlings into committing 25 turnovers, while the ball was giving the varsity 19 times.

Cipriano said this year's Scarlet and Cream "have more depth and we're using more players than last year."

Twelve Huskers saw action Friday and all but one scored.

While Cipriano was satisfied with the overall performance in the annual pre-season affair, he felt the varsity should have taken better advantage of fast-break situations.

While only two freshmen hit double figures, the youngsters showed rebounding strength and quickness.

Leroy Chalk, a 6'7" 218

pound center, grabbed 11 rebounds.

### BOX SCORE

Varsity	fg	ft	rbs	tp	Frosh	fg	ft	rbs	tp
Baack	7	12	25	1	Moller	6	11	13	1
Grappo	1	3	5	0	Kronebusch	5	0	4	10
Yost	0	1	2	1	Chalk	3	21	8	0
Scantlebury	11	14	23	1	Brown	3	3	7	0
Lantz	10	5	23	0	Wagner	3	3	7	0
Wagner	1	2	4	0	Hare	0	1	0	1
Hare	3	0	11	0	Martin	1	0	4	0
Martin	1	2	0	0	Cable	0	0	0	0
Cable	0	0	0	0	Simmons	0	0	0	0
Simmons	0	0	0	0	Damm	2	0	3	0
Damm	2	0	3	0	Letner	4	1	0	0
Letner	4	1	0	0	Trudwell	1	0	1	0

### FINAL BIG EIGHT FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Conference	Points	Overall
Oklahoma	201 59	9-1-0
Colorado	137 72	8-2-0
Kansas	116 77	5-5-0
Missouri	83 87	7-3-0
NEBRASKA	74 76	6-4-0
Oklahoma St.	116 115	4-5-1
Iowa St.	66 177	2-8-0
Kansas St.	63 213	1-9-0

## Frosh Open Season As . . . McCook Invades Coliseum Today

By CHARLES DAVIES  
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Glenn Potter's freshmen basketball team opens its season at 5:15 p.m., Monday preceding the Varsity game against the McCook Junior College Indians at the Coliseum.

After a 98-67 loss to Nebraska's Varsity, an improvement from last year's 96-48 defeat, Potter said he was pleased with his team although they were not in excellent physical condition for the opening game.

"The defense was good until we got tired," he said.

Potter was pleased with the freshmen rebounding, led by 6'7" center Leroy Chalk with 11 grabs, and said the team moved the ball well on fast breaks.

### MISTAKES

"We made a lot of mistakes though," he said, "and our passing needs improvement."

Potter also said that center Bernard Brown, the team's tallest player at 6'10", and Cliff Moller, a 6'1" guard, did a good job.

Brown had nine points and Moller was the team's leading scorer with 13 points. "We tired because we haven't spent a lot of time in practice using the full court," he explained. "Our workouts have been primarily on half court patterns."

### MCCOOK STRONG

"Thanksgiving vacation also bothered us" Potter said. "Some of the boys were not around to practice."

Potter said he scouted McCook in a recent junior college tournament at Norfolk which the Indians won.

"Rebounding is their strong point," he said. "They have some adequate shooters too."

Led by 6'6" Ron Acey the

Indians will have an experience edge over the Husker freshmen. "They have three sophomores in the starting lineup," Potter said, "which means a year's experience on our kids."

### ZONE DEFENSE

"McCook has also played more games than our kids," he said.

The freshman coach said the Huskers have spent considerable time practicing against a zone defense which the Indians employ against their opponents.

"We have been working against their offensive pattern too," he added.

"The outcome of the game will be a question of conditioning," Potter said, "And I think our kids will come back."

The tentative freshman lineup: Chalk at center; 6'8" Tim Allmond and 6'5" Tom Bryan at forwards; and 6'3" Richard Kronebusch and Moller at guards.

The freshmen play an intersquad match at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday before the Nebraska Varsity meets South Dakota at the Coliseum.

## Basketball Tickets Still Available

Approximately 1,500 student basketball tickets have been sold going into the final week of sales, athletic ticket manager Jim Pittenger reported over this weekend.

The tickets, costing \$5.25 apiece, will be on sale this week at the Coliseum ticket office until Friday, he said.

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## Untested Cagers Open With Titans, Coyotes

Both California State and the University of South Dakota basketball teams will be gunning for Nebraska's Huskers to grab their first victories of the young season.

The California State Titans, 0-2, will open the Husker cage season with a 7:35 p.m. Coliseum meeting Monday, while the South Dakota Coyotes will face the Huskers at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday.

The games will mark the third contest in five days for the Huskers, who defeated the Nebraska freshman 98-67 Friday night.

The Titans from Fullerton are appropriately nicknamed as they average 6'6" topped by junior center Ron Hughes who measures a towering 6'9".

By comparison, Nebraska averages 6'3" and senior forward Tom Baack is the tallest Husker at 6'5".

The Titans have been solidly pushed around by a Big Ten team and a Big Eight crew in their initial two starts.

The Titans, who finished 9-16 a year ago, were downed 80-49 by the Michigan State Spartans Friday at East Lansing, while the Kansas State Wildcats, behind seven foot giant Nick Pino trounced the westerners 103-54.

Six feet five inch Joe Ware led Titan scorers with 33 points after the two contests were played.

Titan coach Alex Omaley, who has guided all eight Fullerton basketball teams, has announced a tentative starting lineup including two junior college transfers.

Ware and 6'7" Steve Howe both transfers, are probable forward starters, Hughes is listed as the tentative center while 6'5" Stu Myers and 5'10" Jon Thompson have been named as possible guard starters.

Cal State has only two lettermen returning from last year's squad and neither of them are included in the pre-game starting lineup.

SCORING RECORD Possessing an identical 0-2 slate as Cal State, the South Dakota squad will send its probable all-time leading scorer against Nebraska in an effort to gain victory number one.

Jack Theeler a 6'4" forward, who holds the Coyote season scoring record with 608 points, needs only 127 this season to become the all-time Coyote scoring leader.

Art Gelow, a 5'10" quick-moving guard, was runner-up to Theeler last season

with a 16.5 game average.

The North Central Conference Coyotes are coached by former Kansas Jayhawk freshman coach Bob Mulcahy, who has seen his Vermillion men also drop games to a Big Ten and a Big Eight school.

### SOUNDLY DUMPED

Iowa State behind its American Don Smith dumped the South Dakotans soundly 103-54 at Ames Friday night and Minnesota's Gophers, downed them 85-52 Saturday night at Minneapolis.

Mulcahy's probable starting lineup, which averages almost 6'3" includes Theeler and 6'6" Rod Foster at forwards, 6'6" Gary Prink at center and Gelow and 6' Bill Bamer are guards.

Tuesday's South Dakota game will be the final Lincoln appearance for Cipriano's crew until Dec. 23 when the Wyoming Cowboys invade the Coliseum. The Cowboys downed Nebraska in Laramie last year 102-98.

### WESTERN SWING

The Huskers will begin a 12 day western swing Friday night when they battle the Washington State Cougars, a strong crew averaging a mammoth 6'9" in the front line at Pullman.

The Huskers will face the University of Hawaii on Dec. 11 and 13 and a U.S.

Service Team Dec. 15 in Honolulu, before meeting the Michigan State Spartans at East Lansing Dec. 20.

### NEBRASKA BOUNCES

Last year's 16-9 record was Nebraska's first back-to-back winning season in 45 years when coupled with the 20-5 record of the 1965-66 squad . . . Coach Joe Cipriano's Nebraska record is now 53-47 (53 per cent) which ranks higher than any Nebraska coach's slate since 1925 . . . Stuart Lantz broke five Husker records last season . . . He set Nebraska peaks for most points in one season and most points by a junior with a 481 production, most field goals in a season and by a junior with 190 two-pointers and highest scoring average one-season with a 19.2 average game mark . . . Tom Baack set a peak for most field goals attempted by a junior with 401 tosses.

Service Team Dec. 15 in Honolulu, before meeting the Michigan State Spartans at East Lansing Dec. 20.

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