

Wildcats invade Saturday in clash of Big 8 leaders No time for deep breath after Oklahoma trip

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Husker coach Joe Cipriano is not exactly the stay-at-home type of person, but he's mighty glad to be finished with one trip — his recent tour of Oklahoma.

Cipriano and his Huskers were only there for three days, and they didn't get in much sight-seeing at all. For Saturday night they did battle with the Oklahoma Sooners in a battle down to the wire, 89-83, for a sweep of the Red Earth series and a renewed outlook on the stretch run of the league battle.

Monday night the Huskers did what they failed to do last year, killing their conference crown hopes. Nebraska defeated the Oklahoma Sooners in a battle down to the wire, 89-83, for a sweep of the Red Earth series and a renewed outlook on the stretch run of the league battle.

Balanced attack

Unlike the Oklahoma State affair, in which senior stand-out Tom Baack had to carry the offensive load with 28 points while no other Nebraskan could break into double figures, the Huskers met the Sooners with a balanced attack with four of the NU starters with 17 points or more.

Soph guard Tom Scantlebury hit well from the outside to lead the parade with 23 points; Stu Lanz, after being held to just seven at Stillwater, was great offensively and defensively with 19 points and 15 rebounds; NU's all-time scoring leader Baack hit 18 and sophomore Bob Grattopp contributed 17.

"The whole team did a tremendous job," was all Cipriano could say about the two wins. He pointed out that while Baack has been his most consistent scorer, a complete team effort was needed, especially defensively, against a team like Oklahoma State and Henry Iba's slow-down type of game.

34 for Sidle

The Huskers failed to shut down OU's great Don Sidle Monday night as he poured in 34 points, but it is interesting to look at the box score. Willie Rogers, usually a top gun for the Sooners, was the only other Oklahoman in double figures, and he just barely at 10. Garfield Heard was also held below past performances at nine.

The Huskers had leads of as much as 12 points several times, but Sidle, after NU's



A TIME FOR THINKING . . . as Husker coach Joe Cipriano and a young Coliseum fan seem to ponder the intricate possibilities facing Nebraska in the wide-open Big Eight basketball race. For further thoughts on the subject, see story at left.



Dale von Seggern fouled out midway through the second half, led a Sooner rally which almost caught the Nebraskans down the stretch.

Speed helps

Only the NU speed and quick fast break broke up the momentum of the Oklahoma comeback attempts, and the Huskers were forced to play it to the buzzer when the Sooner offense wouldn't let them stop and let the air out of it.

As Cipriano proudly points out, the full court press also played a key role in the victory.

The two wins cap a five-game league victory streak for Cipriano's crew, bringing them from a discouraging 0-2 early mark to a three-way tie at the top with Iowa State and Kansas State at 5-2. And nobody's looking past Kansas yet despite the trouble the Jayhawks have had recently winning in usually-impen-

erable Allen Fieldhouse.

Ted Owens' Hawks barely fought off an Oklahoma rally in Saturday's televised Big Eight contest and just escaped dangerous Oklahoma State Monday night, 52-50.

And Cipriano and the rest of the Big Eight coaches can't keep from smiling when they

Big Eight Standings

	W.	L.
Nebraska	5	2
Iowa State	5	2
Kansas State	5	2
Kansas	4	2
Missouri	3	3
Oklahoma	3	4
Oklahoma State	1	5
Colorado	0	6

think that Kansas still has the deadly swing through Oklahoma left on its schedule.

The Wildcats also got a scare Monday night, from the team which shocked the Jayhawks at Allen Fieldhouse

earlier, Missouri. Ted Winter's cagers had to sneak through a last-minute basket to clip the Tigers at Manhattan, 69-67.

Which brings us to the fact that the Huskers feel much better about the future in the conference race and especially about their immediate future, when they meet Kansas State at the Coliseum Saturday night.

"We still have to play them one at a time," says Cipriano, "and it will be interesting to see how it effects us."

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Player	NEBRASKA (19)				
	GF	FT	REB	PF	TP
Baack	8-15	2-2	5	11	17
Grattopp	4-9	9-11	10	1	17
Lanz	5-5	0-0	7	1	8
Von Seggern	9-15	3-3	11	3	19
Scantlebury	11-28	1-1	7	4	23
Damm	2-6	0-0	3	2	4
Simmons	6-1	0-0	0	1	8
Walton	1-1	0-0	0	0	2
Candle	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	47-69	12-17	41	29	89

Player	OKLAHOMA (19)				
	GF	FT	REB	PF	TP
Rogers	3-12	0-0	4	4	10
Heard	2-3	0-0	2	1	5
Sidle	13-16	6-6	12	2	28
Holladay	4-8	0-0	1	1	8
Brown	0-2	0-1	1	0	0
Kirby	3-3	0-0	0	1	6
Clear	1-1	0-0	1	1	2
Watson	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Johnson	5-9	0-0	1	1	10
Totals	34-64	7-7	23	18	50

ARGUEments

By Harry Argue

The time has come for some more booing at home basketball games. That's right. Booing.

Effective Home Weapon

It's a simple fact of life that booing can be a most effective weapon of the home crowd. Unfortunately, it's a weapon we haven't been utilizing as much as we could.

Not High School

How do I justify booing? First of all, this is not high school basketball and the purpose of the college game is not to build character. Like it or not, the purpose is to win.

Second, the other Big Eight schools are not exactly known for their hospitality to visiting teams during the game.

Not Poor Sportsmanship

I don't really consider booing during the games to be poor sportsmanship. There is a time and place for good sportsmanship — like before and after the games. As far as I'm concerned, there should be nothing but politeness and friendship between all the Big Eight schools — except during the games themselves.

During the games when we're at home, though, the situation calls for large-scale booing of the visiting team to harass and bother their concentration, thus giving the Huskers a true home court advantage.

Tip The Scales

Also, the more partisan the Husker fans are via booing, the more the officials may be pressured into giving the doubtful calls — the ones that could go either way — to Nebraska.

Count It Out

I like the idea of the yell kings counting to 10 as the Huskers press their opponents in the back court. When the count reaches "10" and the official hasn't whistled the ball over to Nebraska, he should be informed of his mistake. The counting almost certainly frustrates the visitors, even if the cheerleaders do count just a little bit fast.

But Not For NU

But I want to make one thing clear: Booing should be reserved exclusively for the visiting team. There is no room for booing the Huskers here for any reason, even if the crowd thinks they've made a bad play or think the coach made a wrong decision.

Such booing can only help the visiting team.

Husker Happenings

Thursday
Wrestling — Hays State College, Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.

Friday
Swimming — Southern Illinois University, Coliseum, 2 p.m.

Saturday
Basketball — Kansas State, Coliseum, 7:30; frosh vs. Kansas State, 5 p.m.

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Sophs aid MU indoors

Columbia, Mo. — Sophomores should lend more quality depth to Missouri's indoor track squad this year than in the past.

Though Steve Herndon, the Tigers' premier high jumper, is gone, coach Tom Botts says all other events "should be as good or better than last year."

Mizzou rallied surprisingly last year to tie the Huskers for second place in the 1967 Indoor Championships at Kansas City, with Herndon and long-jumper Gary Rainwater taking first-place medals.

Rainwater returns this year, along with Glenn Ogden, two-mile; Bill Wells, mile; Craig Endicott, Ted Nykiel and Frank Lewis, middle distances; Steve Hallibutton, 440; Paul Sims, hurdles; and Charlie Beck, pole vault.

Harriers help

Mizzou should have good depth from the 880 up, due to an outstanding cross country team.

Distance runners Elliott Evans and Dave Compton are two of Botts' best performers. Evans has run a 9:00.2 two-mile and Compton will compete in the mile. Sophs Brent Slay in the 440 and Ray Dunn in the 600 will help out there.

One of the Tigers' more heralded rookies — hurdler and 440 man Joe Simmons — has a pulled muscle which will probably keep him out of indoor competition. But Botts has a plentiful youth corps which he hopes will take up the slack.

Ogden, who has run regularly under nine minutes in conference two-mile action, will also be hampered in the indoor part of the season by a bothersome hip, but is expected to come along quickly for the outdoor portion of the year.

K-Stater Willis set sight on college far from home

Manhattan — Like lots of young men, Ray Willis wanted to attend college as far from home as possible. So he winds up in Manhattan, only a six-hour drive from Pauls Valley, Okla., where he grew up.

"Oh well, it's one state away," grins Willis, a member of Kansas State's basketball team. "Don't get me wrong, I liked it at home but I'd seen all there was to see. What's there will be there from now on."

Willis will not be at K-State from now on, much to Coach Tex Winter's regret. He's a transfer from Cameron, Okla. Junior College and classified as a senior. It's too bad Ray will not be able to plant his tightly wound 6-1, 180-pounds into a Wildcat uniform much longer because he's finally catching on to Winter's delicate offense which probably seemed as far away to him as Pauls Valley last season.

Lost at first

"I was lost," Ray confirms. "I was confused all the time about what to do on the floor." That was a year ago. Willis, although he admits the offense still seems slightly mysterious, has caught on well enough this season to be stationed at either forward or guard.

Basketball isn't exactly teeming with 6-1 forwards but he makes up for his physical deficiency with aggressiveness and the ability to jump. And Winter admires Ray's ability to shoot inside.

Playing forward probably brings back memories of the Pauls Valley football team where Willis served as a half-back and linebacker. "It's about as rough," he grins. "My lack of size hurts under the goal because the big guys shove me around. It's hard to keep position. Somebody's always pushing me out."

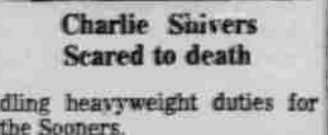
"I feel more comfortable at forward than guard, though. There's less movement at for-

'Plain Ole Charlie' shivers when heavyweights smile

is not so much interested in getting to the top as he is in staying off the bottom.

The 19-year-old sophomore, whose normal class is 177 pounds, has inherited the unenviable assignment of handling heavyweights duties for the Sooners.

Most college heavies, such as Michigan State's Jeff Smith, Michigan's Dave Porter and Oklahoma State's John Ward, range from 230 to 245 pounds.



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