

—NU falls to Jayhawk hex—

Kansas takes lead in Big 8 Conference



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Nebraska soph Bob Gratopp catches Kansas' Roger Bohnenstiehl momentarily off balance as he drives around the Jayhawk forward at Lawrence Saturday night. But the KU team was definitely not off balance as they knocked the Huskers out of the Big Eight lead. Gratopp wound up leading the Huskers with 16 points and Bohnenstiehl hit a personal high of 22 to pace the Hawks.

Big 8 Standings table with columns for Conf., Games, and All Games.

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Lawrence, Kan. — Spacious Allen Fieldhouse, resplendent with bright blue-and-red Jayhawk banners and filled to the brim with almost 17,000 enthusiastic Kansas basketball fans, continued its hex on Joe Cipriano's Huskers here Saturday night as KU took over the Big Eight lead with a big 71-60 victory.

Ted Owens started 6-8, 235-pound Vernon Vanoy for height and swift junior Bruce Sloan at guard, and both tactics worked.

Six-ten center Dave Nash also made his presence known right away, as Kansas time and again simply passed over the smaller Husker defenders to Nash, who just got position and laid it out for two points.

Press ignored

Kansas, with the help of Jo White and Sloan, ignored the NU press, very effective so far in the season, and moved out to a frustrating 9-2 lead, six of those points coming on easy layups.

The Huskers at this point appeared very tight and just couldn't work the ball in for a good shot, and the KU lead blossomed into a 20-7 bulge with 14 minutes left in the half.

Nebraska then picked up two straight layups by Bob Gratopp and Jim Damm to cut the lead to nine points at 20-11 and despite a cold 36 per cent effort the first half, stayed within nine until intermission, when they trailed 41-32.

The surging Jayhawks had built up a lead of as much as 13 points several times in the interval, but the Cornhuskers still staged several runs at the defending champs.

Momentum Stall

The Nebraska momentum seemed to stall to a halt within minutes every time they started to come alive, however.

After working up to 39-30, the Huskers were hit with two charging fouls in a row bringing the ball downcourt while KU failed to take advantage of the lull. When the Hus-

kers had worked up to 39-32 on two Tom Back free throws, and held the ball with one minute left in the half, KU stole the ball and Roger break the NU momentum and Bohnenstiehl converted to let the home team go to the dressing room holding a 41-32 advantage rather than a possible 39-34.

The second half started out well, putting hope back in the hearts of the 200 or so scattered fans from Lincoln in the crowd.

After White hit one of his many swishers from the backcourt, Cipriano's crew dumped in six straight points, five of them by NU's high-point man soph Bob Gratopp to cut the margin to 43-38 with 15 minutes to go in the game.

Quick layups

But the Hawks again stopped the Husker momentum with two quick layups, one on a steal and fast break, and the closest Nebraska got again was 47-40 on a layup by soph Tom Scantlebury.

The Huskers never lost their poise, however, despite the frustrating KU lead, and Stu Lantz showed KU's big boys they weren't the only ones who could take a lob feed underneath. Scantlebury hung a long pass from the outside over the basket and Stupendus Stu went high in the air to tip it in for a rare performance of the play he had used as a sophomore and junior when the dunk was still in vogue.

But with 7½ minutes to go the Jayhawks really warmed up and looked like the Big Eight champs they had been and were supposed to be, and ran off to a 68-50 margin while Allen Fieldhouse partisans roared approval with "We're Number One!, We're Number One!"

Buzzer shot

Assuming they meant in the Big Eight, they were of course right, as they settled down

and ran out the clock against Nebraska reserves the last three minutes, and only Roger Leitner's half-court desperation swisher at the final buzzer made it look a little better at an 11-point spread.

Not surprisingly, though, neither coach was willing to draw any conclusions from the outcome afterwards.

Cipriano, though disappointed after six straight conference wins, was far from conceding the crown to Owens, and the KU mentor was equally hesitant about accepting it.

"We've got six rough ones coming up," he said, "and four of them are on the road." When noted that two of those were at the Oklahoma schools and another in Lincoln, he smiled and replied, "I wish you wouldn't mention that. I'd like to favor this one just a little longer."

Lead helped

Owens pointed out that his team getting out of the blocks fast was important to the win. "Our opening spurt set the tempo of the game and gave us a margin to work with. A team can play a lot better with a six-or seven-point lead to work on."

He also affirmed that he had planned to use his height — Nash, 6-10; Bohnenstiehl, 6-6; Vanoy, 6-8 — to simply overwhelm the smaller visitors and to keep the ball away from Stu inside.

"We had to utilize out inside strength — we needed the percentage shots against Nebraska's fine shooters."

Owens said his team worked at least three days every week on some phase of a full-court pressure. "Since Nebraska has an outstanding version of the press, we use

their defense to work against much of the time. I think it obviously paid off tonight."

Defense shift

Cipriano's shifting of defenses threw off the Jayhawk attack a little, he admitted, but "whenever they started getting back in the game, we were successful in getting the ball in to Nash for a layup."

With the win, Kansas takes over the Big Eight lead and drops the Huskers to a tie for third. Iowa State moves into second. Kansas and Iowa State still have to visit Lincoln after both have racked up wins against the Scarlet at home.

Gratopp hit 16 to lead a below-average Nebraska Offensive. Lantz and Baack both hit 11 as the only other Huskers over 10.

Bohnenstiehl led KU with 22. White hit 16 and Nash 14.

The Huskers try to get back into the swing of things to night against Oklahoma State at the Coliseum. NU beat the Cowboys at Stillwater, 63-62.

Statistical tables for Nebraska and Kansas players, including FG, FT, RB, PF, and Totals.

Husker trackmen drop meet as Buffs win indoors 61-60

NU's trackmen dropped their first meet of the three week old indoor season. Saturday night with a 61-60 loss to Colorado in Boulder. It was also their first indoor loss to the Buffs in four years.

Ron Lee won his first event of the year as he took the 600. His team-mate, Hugh McGovern who was favored in the event was forced off the track in a scramble at the curve and did not finish.

IN THE FIELD Shot put—1. Hagen (NU); 2. Brundie (CU); 3. Cherry (NU), D—55.1 (CU); 2. Long jump—1. Anschliman (CU); 2. Lamm, Burger (CU); 3. Jones (CU), D—23.25; Pole vault—1. Rogers (CU); 2. Eoley

Score at highest but gymnasts fall

The Husker gymnasts chalked up their highest score yet although falling to powerful Colorado last Saturday.

In such a balanced effort standouts were hard to determine. One had to be Pat McGill, victor in the floor exercise.

Mickey Johnson, a consistent point winner, excelled in the parallel bars and the high bar.

Colorado 175.65, Nebraska 171.65 Floor exercise—1. McGill (NU), 8.3; 2. Casey (CU), 8.25; 3. Pomeroy (CU), 8.0; Side horse—1. Ryan (CU), 8.55; 2. Edwards (CU), 8.0; 3. Lamb (NU), 8.0; Rings—1. Hofschneider (CU), 8.7; 2. Cook (NU), 8.5; 3. Fraiser (CU), 8.0; Trampoline—1. Resinger (NU), 9.15; 2. Rodriguez (CU), 8.4; 3. Casey (CU), 7.8; Long horse—1. Bica (CU), 9.8; 2. May (NU), 9.2; 3. Satterthwaite (NU), 8.7; Parallel bars—1. Johnson (NU), 9.15; 2. Bica (CU), 8.75; 3. May (NU), 8.2; High bar—1. Johnson (NU), 9.1; 2. Jones (NU), 8.5; 3. Bica (CU), 8.35; All-around—1. Johnson (NU), 47.60; 2. Bica (CU), 47.5.

NU matmen lose by one

The pinning of heavyweight Gene Libel was the final blow that brought the Husker wrestling loss to Northwestern Missouri State Saturday night 18-17.

Coach Orval Borgianni said Keith Hasselquist had his best match of the season though he lost in a decision in the 130-pound class. "He's still just a sophomore and needs experience," the coach added.

Ron Thon began the match by pinning his opponent and putting the Huskers off to a 5-0 lead. But the lead disappeared as Hasselquist dropped his match and Borgianni was forced to forfeit the 137 class.

Then Dennis Dobson lost his match by a decision and the Huskers were 13-5 in the hole.

Duane Dobson won his match beginning the Big Red winning streak for four matches. He was followed by Richard Kerr, 160; Harold Provondra, 167 and Harry Gaylor. This put the Huskers ahead 17-13 before the final and deadly heavyweight class.

Nebraska swimmers split Kansas meetings

The Nebraska swim club came out of a busy weekend with a win over Kansas State, while losing to a strong Kansas team.

Friday, Nebraska captured the final two events, the 200-yard breaststroke and the 400-yard freestyle relay to defeat Kansas State, 59-45.

Saturday Kansas beat the Huskers 70-34 to up their record to 8-2.

Bright spots in the Husker effort were two sophomores, Jim Staziowski and Bernie Hemplman. Staziowski won the 200-yard backstroke in 2:08.6 for his fastest time of the year.

Nebraska 59, Kansas State 45 400-yd. medley relay—1. Kansas State (Rivers, Latham, Dumford, Piroette); 2. 3:47.3; 100-yd. freestyle—1. Ridenour, KSU; 2. Hemplman, NU; 3. Cook, NU; 4. 1:25.7; 200-yd. freestyle—1. Nootz, NU; 2. Piroette, KSU; 3. Jackson, KSU; 4. 2:52.2; 400-yd. freestyle—1. Kathrein, NU; 2. Gordon, NU; 3. Dumford, KSU; 4. 5:28.2; 160-yd. individual medley—1. Rivera, KSU; 2. Goetz, NU; 3. Little, NU; 4. 2:18.4; Diving—1. Sorenson, NU; 2. Duven, NU; 3. Sterling, KSU; PL 250.60.

200-yd. butterfly—1. Betton, KSU; 2. Prestina, NU; 3. Sorenson, NU; 4. 2:19.2; 100-yd. freestyle—1. Piroette, KSU; 2. Kraus, NU; 3. Jackson, KSU; 4. 2:31.2; 200-yd. backstroke—1. Rivera, KSU; 2. Brestinski, NU; 3. Staziowski, NU; 4. 2:07.1;

300-yd. freestyle—1. Ridenour, KSU; 2. Cook, NU; 2. Hemplman, NU; 3. 3:55.1; 200-yd. breaststroke—1. Goetz, NU; 2. Satterthwaite, NU; 3. Latham, KSU; 4. 2:55.0; 400-yd. freestyle relay—1. Nebraska (Gordon, Kathrein, Nootz, Little); 2. 2:23.2;

Kansas 70, Nebraska 34 1000 freestyle—1. Bernie Hemplman, Nebraska; 2. Tom Cook, Nebraska; 3. Jim Merchant, Kansas; 4. 10:11.1; 200 freestyle—1. Bob Hines, Kansas; 2. Tom Ellis, Kansas; 3. Steve Nootz, Nebraska; 4. 2:07.7;

50 freestyle—1. Roy O'Connor, Kansas; 2. Rich Gordon, Nebraska; 3. Bill Kathrein, Nebraska; 4. 1:10.4;

200 individual medley—1. Jim Kent, Kansas; 2. Steve Goetz, Nebraska; 3. Robert Livingston, Nebraska; 4. 2:04.4;

Diving—1. Jim Askins, Kansas; 2. Steve Sorenson, Nebraska; 3. Tom Petilli, Kansas; 4. 283.55;

200 butterfly—1. Dave Laney, Kansas; 2. Mark Watsinger, Kansas; 3. John Prestina, Nebraska; 4. 2:08.3;

100 freestyle—1. O'Connor, Kansas; 2. Gordon, Nebraska; 3. Nootz, Nebraska; 4. 1:48.6;

200 backstroke—1. Jim Staziowski, Nebraska; 2. Jim Couchenour, Kansas; 3. Miner, Kansas; 4. 2:08.6;

500 freestyle—1. Kent, Kansas; 2. Hemplman, Nebraska; 3. Tom Cook, Nebraska; 4. 5:04.1;

200 breaststroke—1. Griffith, Kansas; 2. Bo Darrab, Kansas; 3. Dean Satterthwaite, Nebraska; 4. 2:23.4;

400 freestyle relay—1. Kansas (O'Connor, Tom Bower, Ellis and Hines); 2. 4:16.4;

Current Movies

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