

Huskers stumble by Northern Iowa

Second half splurge replaces nightmare in opening stanza

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It was the kind of game to go home, have a six pack of beer and think about. Or better yet . . . forget about.

Nebraska may have to search the backwoods of northern South Dakota to dig up another team like Northern Iowa. And Cornhusker coach Joe Cipriano hopes a first half like his team played Monday night is just as rare.

It was just that kind of night. An official warned Cip he couldn't remain standing until the Huskers scored. It's a Big Eight rule, but it's also a big tradition for Nebraska basketball.

The act set the stage for the entire first half. The Chubbyville Little Fry team provided more thrills during a halftime show than did the Huskers in the entire first half.

Incidentally, Nebraska won the nightmare, 95-71. But it wasn't until the Huskers outscored Northern Iowa 57-34 in the second half that the score became lopsided.

"I felt the kids would be ready to play a good game this time," confided Cipriano. "We didn't play well against Iowa and I just felt like we would have a good one tonight."

But it wasn't a "good one." And Cip was the first to admit it. "It's probably good for us to get this kind of thing out of our system," he said.

But in all things there comes a little good. And Cipriano was also quick to point it out. "Our offense didn't hurt us," he said. "It was just that we weren't covering them on defense."

"Our full court press had something to do with breaking the game open in the second half."

Nebraska established a 16-7 lead midway through the first half, but needed a 30-foot desperation shot by Marvin Stewart with three seconds remaining to hold a 38-37 halftime lead.

Northern Iowa used a trapping zone defense that aided in producing 10 Nebraska turnovers in the first half.

"I'll have to thank my good friend Dick Schultz at Iowa University (head basketball coach) for that defense," said Northern Iowa coach W. O. Hogeland. "We gave them some real problems with it."

It was the same type of problem Iowa gave the Huskers Saturday night. And it probably won't be the last zone Nebraska sees this year.

"We played well against a zone last year," said Cipriano, "and if teams want to zone us it's all right with me. I'm sure we'll get it down."

Although the Panthers jumped to a 43-42 lead to open the second half, Nebraska steadily pulled away to a commanding 75-56 advantage with

7:52 remaining. It was partially due to a full court press and partially due to the play of Chuck Jura.

"We concentrated more on getting the ball inside to Jura in the second half," explained Cip. "They took away our corner area and made it pretty easy to get the ball to Jura. And he did a good job when he got it."

The 6-10 product of Schuyler led the Huskers with 24 points — 15 of which came in the second half. Stewart finished the night with 18 counters.

The Huskers take a swing South this weekend to play Texas Christian on Friday and Southern Methodist Saturday night.



Oops . . . Even Harry the janitor couldn't believe what was happening in the first half.



Disgusting . . . Chuck Jura (54) and the other Huskers experienced a rather frustrating first half against Northern Iowa Monday.

Tracksters to run in Federation meet

The 1970-71 indoor track season will begin Friday for the University of Nebraska when Husker track coach Frank Sevinge sends his 32 man squad to Omaha's Civic Auditorium to compete in the 2nd annual Omaha Federation Indoor Track and Field Meet.

The Omaha meet, which drew a number of top athletes last year, is expected to have a good field again this weekend. Mel Gray of Missouri who has twice swept the Big Eight sprints is a tentative entry in the 50-yard dash. Gray has not yet decided whether he will forego his senior track season for some post season all-star football appearances.

Gray edged Southern Illinois speedster Ivory Crockett in the 50 a year ago. Crockett, who won the National AAU 100-year dash two years ago and traveled with the U.S. track team this past summer, is again entered in this year's meet.

Nebraska's Garth Case will not try to defend the 600 yard run title that he won last year. Case, who has won two Big Eight indoor 600 championships, will run only the anchor leg of Nebraska's mile relay team.

Husker long jumper Hopeton Gordon, who had a top leap of 24'-4" last year, will battle Kansas' Phil Reaves for long jump honors. Reaves won last year's Omaha meet with a jump of 24'-2½".

Other Huskers who are entered include Horace Levy, Jim Novak, and Don Dunn in the 50-yard dash, Gary Gressett in the 50-yard highs, Wes Leonard in the 600-yard run, Roger Chadwich in the half mile, and Lynn Hall in the mile.

In the field events for the Huskers, Howard Burns and Dan Brooks are entered in the

high jump, Larry Cherry is in the shot put, and Mark Cooper and Duane Sullivan will compete in the pole vault.

Nebraska's mile relay entry will consist of Bob Pierce, John Mottley, Tim Lebsack and Garth Case. The Huskers have entered Jim Hawkins, Jeff Wisemiller, Larry Cimato, and Dan Speck in the two-mile relay.

Husker freshmen avenge early loss

Nebraska's freshman team avenged their loss to Nebraska Western last Wednesday by defeating the Cougars 77-55 Monday night in the Coliseum.

The Little Red had a 21 point lead at the end of the first half and sustained the margin throughout the second half in what Freshman coach Moe Iba termed a "pleasing performance."

"The team was mentally ready to play Nebraska Western," said Iba. "They did a fine job on both offense and defense."

Ball handling was the key to victory, according to Iba. The yearlings, whose record is now 1-1, controlled the backboards most of the game and were able to get the ball out to start fast breaks.

"It's important for us to run," Iba said. "We ran the ball against Nebraska Western and were able to get the ball to our inside men."

Standouts for the Little Red were Dave Rezac, Tom Novak, and Brendy Lee. Rezac was high scorer with 23 points followed by Novak with 17 and Lee with 16. Rezac and Lee both grabbed 14 rebounds.

The freshmen's next game is scheduled against York Junior College Dec. 14 in the Coliseum.

INTRA MURALS

Wednesday, Dec. 9

University High School: 5 p.m. Nads vs. Pink Jocs; 6:30 Theta Xi-B vs. Delta Upsilon-B; 7:30 Delta Tau Delta-B vs. Farmhouse-B; 8:30 Phi Kappa Psi-B vs. Triangle-B; 9:30 Pike-B vs. Schramm VIII-B.

P.E. Court No. 1: 5 p.m. Avery-B vs. Schramm X-B; 6:30 Seileck-B vs. Gus I-B; 7:30 Sigma Nu-A vs. Chi Phi-A; 8:30 Alpha Gamma Rho-A vs. Delta Sigma Pi-A; 9:30 Brown Palace-A vs. Corn Huskers-A.

P.E. Court No. 2: 5 p.m. Alpha Gamma Sigma-A vs. Sigma Alpha Mu-A; 6:30 Delta Sigma Phi-A vs. Ag Men; 7:30 Acacia-A vs. Pi Kappa Phi-A; 8:30 Tau Kappa Epsilon-A vs. Pi Kappa Alpha-A; 9:30 Theta Chi-A vs. Pioneer-A.

Varsity court: 6:30 Beta Theta Pi-A vs. Beta Sigma Psi-A; 7:30 Alpha Tau Omega-A vs. Kappa Alpha Psi-A; 8:30 Phi Delta Theta-A vs. Kappa Sigma-A; 9:30 Delta Tau Delta-A vs. Sigma Chi-A.

Freshman court: 6:30 Abel II-A vs. Abel VI-A; 7:30 Abel VII-A vs. Abel IV-A; 8:30 Abel V-A vs. Abel III-A; 9:30 Abel VIII-A vs. Abel XII-A.