

# Huskers split two on Texas tour

It was anything but Southern hospitality for Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano and his Cornhuskers over the weekend.

The Huskers split a pair with Texas teams — dumping Texas Christian 69-64 Friday and bowing to Southern Methodist 80-75 Saturday night.

Saturday's loss dashed hopes of the best Nebraska start since 1919 when the Big Red rattled off six straight wins. Nebraska now stands 4-1 on the year.

The Huskers would have been trying for win No. six tonight

when Nevada invades the Coliseum if it hadn't been for what Cipriano called "the longest five seconds I've ever been associated with in basketball."

Those five seconds were the finale of the Southern Methodist game when the Mustangs were awarded six shots from the free throw line — making three.

Nebraska, which had led 26-12 early in the game, trailed 77-75 with five seconds remaining when Tony Riehl's corner shot fell short. Chuck Jura snagged the rebound but the ball was knocked out of bounds and awarded to SMU.

A free-for-all fight, which emptied both benches and included about 200 members of the SMU cheering section and the cheerleaders, ensued on the in-bounds pass by the Mustangs.

After about a five minute delay, Riehl was charged with an intentional foul giving SMU's Larry Delzell two shots. He missed the first, but converged the second for a 78-75 lead.

Still with five seconds left, Nebraska was given the ball out of bounds. But Cipriano was then charged with a double technical foul.

Cip's complaint? "I questioned SMU's right to call a time out after we had possession of the ball," he said. "Al Nissen had thrown the ball half-court, we caught it and then SMU was issued a time out. They can't do that when we have the ball in play."

According to the official, SMU had called the time out before Nebraska had the ball in play.

The two-shot technical sent Gene Phillips to the line who connected on one shot. Then Nebraska's Randy Watts was

charged with a two-shot personal foul on the next in-bounds play and SMU scored its 80th and final point.

Although Cipriano admitted the game could have been won in the final five seconds, he was quick to add that "all these things had no bearing on the final outcome. We played great the first 12 minutes and had our chances to win the game, but we just got tired."

Nebraska did have a good first half. "It was perhaps the

best half of basketball we've played this year," said Cip. "And we played well against Texas Christian, too. We showed confidence in our shooting and proved that we can get a great team effort."

Tonight the Huskers host an experienced outfit from Nevada. Wolf Pack coach Jack Spencer has seven returning lettermen and two junior college transfers from which to build his squad.

Nebraska plays a free-lance

offense which is usually tough to defend.

And the Huskers will have an additional problem. They're coming off a very disappointing loss and could be tired from having to play three games in four days.

"We'll be tired," admitted Cip, "but the kids know they're a good ball club and I think they want to prove it in front of the home folks."

Game time at the Coliseum is 7:35 p.m.

## NU gymnastic team places fifth of fourteen

The Nebraska gymnastics team placed fifth in a field of 14 teams at the Iowa Open gymnastics meet in Iowa City Saturday.

Husker coach Francis Allen's squad scored 138 points and trailed winner Iowa St. 165, Iowa 156, Oklahoma 151, and Kansas 150.

Hoppy Batten, the only Nebraska performer to gain the finals, placed fifth on the horizontal bars. He also placed 13th in floor exercise.

Other Husker finishers were Jeff Johnson, 14th, and John Kocourek, 15th, (vaulting); Johnson, 14th, (floor exercise); Larry Lococo, 10th (rings); and Rick Yates, 11th, (side horse.)

The NU gymnastics squad will not be in action again until Jan. 15 when they travel to Norman, Okla., for a meet with Oklahoma University and Memphis.



Borg's Bunnies don't quit . . . It was a long weekend for Nebraska wrestlers — losing 21-15 to South Dakota State and dropping a 25-3 decision to national champion Iowa State — but wrestling coach Orval Borgianni's Borg's Bunnies stuck it out and will continue to back the NU grapplers during the season.

## Levy, two-mile relay post wins in Omaha USTFF meet

The indoor track season got off to a blistering start Saturday during Omaha's United States Track & Field Federation (USTFF) meet as Colorado's Marcus Walker tied the world record in the 50-yard high hurdles.

Walker, a Colorado University senior, was second in last year's NCAA outdoor high hurdles and won the 1970 U.S.-Russian dual. His time of 5.8 topped runner up Jim Bciding of Oklahoma State by three-tenths of a second.

One of two Nebraska victories came in the 50-yard dash where Horace Levy sped 5.2 to edge Kansas State's Dean Williams. His time tied the meet record set by Missouri's Mel Gray.

Youth was the keynote in the other Nebraska win. The two-mile relay composed of freshmen Jeff Wisemiller, Dan Speck, Larry Cimato and sophomore Jim Hawkins led from the gun to claim a 7:48.9 victory.

NU's Hopeton Gordon finished a close second to Kansas' defending Big Eight champion Phil Reaves in the long jump.

Thirds for coach Frank Sevig's squad were picked up by Bob Pierce in the 600, Larry Cherny in the shot put, and Howard Burns with a 6'8" high jump.

In a special Masters Mile, 30 years old and up, Oscar Moore hit his predicted time of 4:25 in winning to show that he's retained much of the conditioning that won him a place on the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team.



Sophomore Jim Hawkins anchored Nebraska's two-mile relay to a 7:48.9 victory in the Omaha Federation meet. Hawkins is the oldtimer of the foursome . . . teammates Jeff Wisemiller, Dan Speck and Larry Cimato are all freshmen.

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