

Nebraska tames Nevada Wolfpack

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Nebraska's dingy Coliseum took on a new air of elegance Monday night. The Cornhuskers shelled the University of Nevada at Reno, 116-71.

Big Chuck Jura was passing the ball behind his back. "It just came naturally," he said.

Marvin Stewart found a home in the corner and dropped in 16 field goals for a new Nebraska single game field goal record. "And to think I was worried about being rusty," smiled Marv.

Junior guard Al Nissen, in his first starting assignment this year, was credited with 15 assists. But he gave the credit to Stewart. "Marvin is a great shooter," he said, "and anytime you give the ball to

him it's almost a sure assist."

As a team, the Huskers rewrote the record book with 51 team field goals and 116 points. It was the biggest margin of victory a Nebraska team has enjoyed since 1913 when Jumbo Stiehm's squad blasted Corner College, 56-11.

"I'd rather play 25 like that instead of those close ones," grinned Husker coach Joe Cipriano. "We really came off the Texas road trip loose and I'm glad to see us play a good second half."

But it was more than a second half effort against the Wolfpack. The Huskers demonstrated their superiority early by taking a 42-21 lead with 5:17 remaining in the half. Nebraska held a 52-31 halftime advantage.

It was a new starting lineup

that turned the Huskers loose on a running game. Cipriano sacrificed height for speed and it worked.

"We're going to be more of a running team this year," Cipriano said before the season started. And Monday night the Huskers did just that.

"This is the lineup we talked about at the first of the year," related Cipriano after the game. "We had to sacrifice some board play to establish this brand of game, but that's what we did tonight."

Nebraska's lineup consisted of Stewart and Nissen at guards, Tony Riehl and Mike Peterson at forwards and Jura at the post. "We felt we had some juggling to do because some individuals just haven't been playing as well as they should be," Cipriano said.

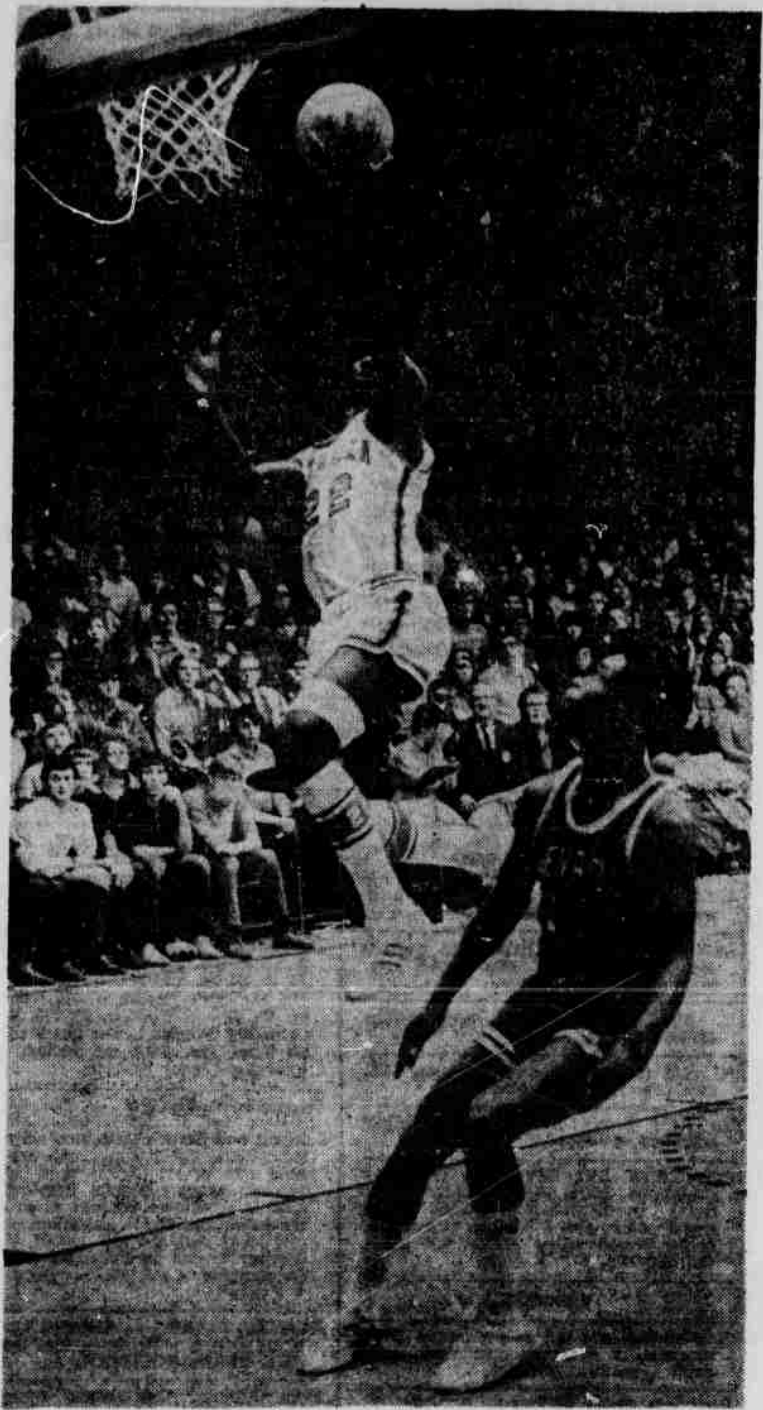
Jura handled the scoring duties at the beginning of the game as he scored the first six NU points for a 6-3 Nebraska lead. But as the Wolfpack defense tightened their grips on Jura, Stewart started to hit from the corners.

"They gave me the corner and I didn't mind it a bit," said Marv. "We ran more tonight. And I'm more of a running player."

Stewart finished the night with 32 points while Jura dumped in 25.

"I had something to prove tonight," said Jura. "My brother from Seattle came down to watch us play. He wanted me to go to school in Seattle, but I convinced him that we had good basketball at Nebraska. Tonight I had a chance to prove it. I think he's satisfied."

There were more people than Chuck Jura's brother who left the Coliseum satisfied.



Up and in . . . Nebraska's Marv Stewart drives for two of his 33 points scored against Nevada Monday.

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Title by default

Nebraska has played national championship caliber football this season. But as New Years Day approaches, the only way the Cornhuskers can win a mythical national title is by default.

Number one rated Texas must fall to Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl and No. 2 rated Ohio State must lose to Stanford in the Rose Bowl. Either situation is possible, but both are not probable.

The United Press International ratings do not change after the regular season and the Huskers placed third nationally behind the Longhorns and Ohio State. But AP, which has the same top three, comes out with its final rating after the post-season action.

Another situation which cannot be overlooked for Nebraska's national title hopes is that the Huskers must also post a victory. "It doesn't make any difference what the other teams do if we don't win," says Husker coach Bob Devaney.

So the picture is clear. If the Huskers are to win the mythical AP title, they must beat Louisiana State and Texas and Ohio State must both lose.

It's doubtful that even a narrow win by either of the top two teams and a convincing win by Nebraska would change the voters' minds.

Sun Bowl . . . Dec. 19

GEORGIA TECH, 24, Texas Tech 10 . . . This Georgia outfit will bring some Sun pride back into the state.

Peach Bowl . . . Dec. 30

ARIZONA STATE 28, North Carolina 7 . . . The Sun Devils have an outclassed foe in this one.

Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl . . . Dec. 31

OKLAHOMA 35, Alabama 17 . . . Texans will be seeing the second best Wishbone-T offensive team in the nation.

Orange Bowl . . . Jan. 1

NEBRASKA 24, Louisiana State 7 . . . The Cornhuskers' offensive balance will keep that stingy Tiger defense under Big Red power.

Rose Bowl . . . Jan. 1

STANFORD 21, Ohio State 17 . . . Upset number one. Jim Plunkett wants to prove his worth to the entire nation.

Cotton Bowl . . . Jan. 1

TEXAS 28, Notre Dame 17 . . . The Longhorns reign as No. 1. The Irish will find this a tougher test than they're taking this week in school.

Sugar Bowl . . . Jan. 1

TENNESSEE 35, Air Force 17 . . . The Sugar Bowl settled for a second-rate team. And the Falcons will play like it.

Gator Bowl . . . Jan. 2

AUBURN 35, Mississippi 24 . . . A healthy Archie Manning might make it closer. But he won't make the difference in the winner.

Husker Classic features three All-American candidates

Three teams each boasting their own All-American candidate and a young squad that features a seven-foot center will battle for the first Husker Classic title at the NU Coliseum Friday and Saturday.

Nebraska's Cornhuskers, behind the run-and-gun shooting of Marvin Stewart, entertain Miami of Florida in the opener Friday at 7 p.m. The Hurricanes feature an All-American candidate Willie Allen.

Oklahoma City, with seven sophomores and only one senior, meets powerful Colorado State in the other first round game. The Rams from CSU could be the team to watch.

Colorado State presently owns a 4-0 season record and is considered by some the best in the Rocky Mountain area. Mike Childress, a big, rough player under the boards, headlines a list of CSU jumping jacks.

Childress shattered the Western Athletic Conference rebounding record last year as he pulled down 392 rebounds and averaged 17 points per game. He's 6-9 and weighs 210

pounds. Oklahoma City's hopes are riding high on seven-foot sophomore Norman Russell. He averaged 28.1 points per game and 13.4 rebounds as a freshman, but he's about all the Chiefs have going for them.

Nebraska is the other favorite to meet in the championship game Saturday night.

The Cornhuskers are off a blistering 116-71 win over Nevada and own a 5-1 season mark. But before title hopes become too bright, the Huskers will have to deal with Willie Allen.

Miami coach Ron Godfrey claims "Allen is one of the best rebounders in the country for his size." He's 6-6 and weighs 230 pounds.

Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano, pleased with the running attack displayed Monday against Nevada, will probably stick with the same brand of basketball Friday night.

But should the Huskers meet Colorado State in the finals, it will probably be back to the board game for Cipriano's squad. "Colorado State is tall and

they're all a bunch of jumpers," notes Cipriano. "But we'll have to see them play before we decide on what brand of game to play."

"But who's talking about Colorado State? We have a big one Friday to get ready for first."

Tipoff time at the Coliseum is 7 p.m.

INTRAMURALS

Wednesday, December 16, 1970

University High School: 5 p.m. Rogers-B vs Glenn-B; 6:30 Thoreau-B vs Kennedy-B; 7:30 Carson-B vs Governors-B; 8:30 Abel XIII-B vs Abel V-B; 9:30 Abel VI-B vs Abel III-B.
P.E. Court No. 1: 5 p.m. Abel IV-B vs Abel II-B; 6:30 Abel VII-B vs Abel XII-B; 7:30 Abel XIII-B vs Abel IX-B; 8:30 Abel X-B vs Abel VII-B; 9:30 Beta Theta Pi-C vs Kappa Sigma-C.
P.E. Court No. 2: 5 p.m. Phi Delta Theta-C vs Alpha Tau Omega-C; 6:30 Sigma Chi-C vs Farmhouse-C; 7:30 Sigma Nu vs Delta Sigma Pi-C; 8:30 Triangle-C vs Ag Men-C.

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