

# Huskies finish fourth in Big Eight

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It's over. Nebraska's basketball team, battling back after consecutive losses to Oklahoma and Missouri, fell five points short of its goal at Lawrence, Kan., (59-54) Saturday night.

Over is the third best season in Cornhusker history (18-8). Over is a season that saw Nebraska open strong with an

8-1 non-conference record and finish second in the Big Eight Tournament.

Ah, and who could forget the 65-63 win at Boulder, Colo., which snapped an 18-year losing streak for the Huskers?

BUT THE 1970-71 campaign will also be remembered as the year the NU Coliseum failed to produce automatic Nebraska victories. It was the the cozy

Coliseum where the Cornhuskers lost second place and ended up in fourth. Oklahoma, who tied for second with Missouri, was the villain that night.

And the Cornhuskers never moved up from fourth.

There was a second place tie on the line at Kansas Saturday and perhaps an NIT bid. But perhaps not. Coach Joe Cipriano remained non-committal.

"I CAN'T SAY that we would have gone to the NIT if we would have won Saturday," said Cip. But the Cornhusker coach had indicated earlier that the NIT committee had expressed interest in Nebraska.

"I don't think we'll get a bid now," continued Cipriano. "I'm not going to say for sure that we won't, but I seriously doubt it now."

Saturday's loss to Kansas ended a night of questionable decisions for Nebraska. Marvin Stewart and Chuck Jura were each assessed with technical fouls late in the game for failure to raise their hands.

Cipriano was charged with a technical in the first half.

"I DON'T REALLY know why Marv and Chuck got technical fouls," said Cip. "I guess the official didn't think they raised their hands high enough after a foul or else they threw down their arms in disgust."

Cipriano, in a telephone conversation Sunday, looked back over the season with mixed emotions.

"I can't recall any other team in the Big Eight losing a starter with a broken foot and then still coming back for second place contention," Cipriano said referring to the six-week loss of forward Mike Peterson.

"We came back strong," continued Cip. "This was the best group of athletes I've ever been associated with."

BUT CIPRIANO WAS quick to point out the sour parts of the season.

"That was a big loss at home against Oklahoma," said the Nebraska coach. "We've gotten people so used to our winning at home that they don't think anybody can beat us at the Coliseum."

## Five grapplers qualify for NCAA

Five Nebraska wrestlers qualified for the NCAA championships at Auburn University March 25-27 by placing fifth or better in the regionals held last Saturday in Ames, Ia. Nebraska did not have an individual or consolation champion, but fifth or better is the cutoff point for qualifying for the nationals.

Husker entrants include Bobby Orta (118), Tom Lotko (142), Tom Meier (158), Joe George (167) and Jim Haug (177). Big Eight champion Oklahoma State and runnerup Iowa State will each send nine men to the nationals while third place Oklahoma qualified 10.

Consolation Finals  
118—Steve Ferguson, Kansas State, dec. Bob Orta, NU, 4-3  
142—Doug Moses, Iowa State, dec. Tom Lotko, NU, 5-4  
158—Curt Bourg, Missouri, dec. Tom Meier, NU, 2-1  
167—Mike Beaman, Drake, dec. Joe George, NU, 6-1  
177—Mike Allison, Colorado, by default over Jim Haug, NU.

## Nebraska thinclads have NCAA woes

Nebraska's best showing in the NCAA track meet at Detroit Saturday was also the most exciting of the meet.

Nebraska's Larry Cimato and Gary Ellison of Texas-El Paso matched strides in the stretch of the two-mile relay before the Texas team emerged the winner with a 7:37.4 clocking.

Cimato couldn't hold off a desperate last-second lunge by Ellison. The Huskers finished with a 7:37.5 time.

Nebraska tied for 22nd with just four points.

## Intramural teams vie in finals

The finals of the intramural basketball tournament will be played this week following which the winners of the three brackets (fraternity, dormitory, independent) will vie for the all-University championship. The championship playoff is scheduled to begin next Sunday, according to intramural director Ray Chatfield.

Kennedy emerged as the winner of the dormitory division in last week's action and is ranked No. 1 in this week's poll. The Juicers and Kappa Alpha Psi both retained their No. 1 rankings and both won their divisions in the playoff. New teams in the rankings include Cather 'Glen' in the dorm division and the Born Losers and the Wildcats in the independent division.

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#### Fraternities

No. 1 Kappa Alpha Psi

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They had an easy time with Sigma Chi, beating them 71-48 to take the championship of the winner's bracket. They now await their probable rematch with Delta Upsilon whom they beat by one point earlier in the tournament.

#### No. 2 Delta Upsilon

After slipping by Theta Xi 45-41 and then romping over Ag Men yesterday, the DU's now have to play Sigma Chi before their

rematch with Kappa Alpha Psi. To their advantage, they have been playing a lot of basketball while Kappa Alpha Psi has had a long layoff.

#### No. 3 Theta Xi

They beat Phi Delta Theta 58-50 to earn their rematch with Delta Upsilon, which they lost. Still, they were one of the strongest teams in the tournament.

#### No. 4 Beta Theta Pi

On paper, they looked like the strongest team all year and, to reiterate, their only losses have come from teams ranked above them.

#### No. 5 Sigma Chi

Sigma Chi plays Delta Upsilon, and the winner will play Kappa Alpha Psi for the fraternity championship. They were helped, though, by the luck of the pairings to advance as far as they have.

#### Dormitories

#### No. 1 Cather 'Kennedy'

With their 49-34 win over Abel 7, Kennedy has put together a nine game winning streak, with their only loss coming in their first game of the year.

#### No. 2 Abel VII

After losing to Kennedy, they now play Glen hoping for a rematch. They have probably the strongest over-all dorm floor as their B-team won the winner's bracket in the dormitory B division of the tournament.

#### No. 3 Cather 'Glen'

New to the rankings, they beat Carson 58-49 and then took Selleck yesterday.

#### No. 4 Selleck

Retaining their no. 4 ranking, Selleck beat Gus II last week, but they bow out of the tournament with their loss yesterday.

#### No. 5 Cather 'Carson'

The third Cather team in the rankings, they move down from No. 3 following their loss to Glen.

#### Independents

#### No. 1 Juicers

They've been on top all year and last week captured the independent winner's bracket championship with a 49-34 win over the Nads.

#### No. 2 Nads

They will play the winner of the Born Loser Wildcat played yesterday, the results of which were not in as of this writing.

#### No. 3 Born Losers

Born Losers return to the rankings following a 45-44 victory over last week's No. 3 team, Young Lawyers.

#### No. 4 Wildcats

This is a story of coming back. They lost their first game in the tournament to the Nads, and since have come back to win five straight including a 37-31 win over the Kerengers last week.

#### No. 5 Young Lawyers

Down two slots from last week, their loss to the Born Losers knocked them out of the tournament.

## Regents want poll on papers

The Board of Regents have directed that an opinion poll be taken this spring to determine student interest in continuing student fees to support the Daily Nebraskan and the Gateway at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

In a resolution approved without opposition, the Board said Saturday the "results of such a poll will be used among other evidence as the Board

studies the relationships of the student newspaper to the University and, therefore, would not be considered binding on either campus student bodies or the Board of Regents."

"This is not an act of the Board to vote the papers in or out," Chancellor D. B. Varner said Saturday. "This will set up the machinery to inform the Regents of student opinion of the papers and the use of

student fees."

The Regents' directive comes at a time when the Daily Nebraskan has been increasingly under fire because of its use of mandatory student fees.

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