

## Huskers romp, remain in race

by Gary Seacrest

The date was Feb. 26, 1966, and Kansas, playing at home, had just run up the score in recording a 110-73 victory over Nebraska. After the game Husker Coach Joe Cipriano told Kansas Coach Ted Owens "the day would come" when Cipriano would get revenge.

Saturday night before a capacity crowd at the Coliseum, Cipriano got his revenge as the Huskers eliminated the defending Big Eight champion from the 1972 title race with a 99-78 victory.

The Huskers, in recording a rare win against Kansas, played a near perfect game as they out-hustled, out-shot and out-rebounded the Jayhawks. Perhaps the only Husker flaw came when they tried to run up the score in the final minutes to the delight of the Coliseum crowd.

The Huskers tried frantically to hit the 100 mark, something that no Big Eight team had accomplished against Kansas. But the Jayhawks managed to avoid the embarrassment by stalling in the last two and one half minutes. Despite the rout (the Huskers led by as much as 27 in the second half), Cipriano did not clear his bench and played starters Chuck Jura and Al Nissen in the final minutes in an attempt to score 100 points.

"I'm sorry we didn't get 100," Cipriano said after the game.

Cipriano had no qualms about running up the score against the hapless Jayhawks. "It was one of my most gratifying wins. I've turned over a lot of nights since we got beat 110-73 in 1966," he said.

"Cip really wanted to stick it to them," Husker guard Al Nissen said. "Its always good to beat KU."

Saturday's romp broke a Nebraska five-game losing streak to Kansas and kept the Huskers in third place in the conference with a 7-3 record.

"It was a good comeback after getting beat by Missouri," Cipriano said. "I thought we moved the ball well offensively and got up the court well. We may have caught them a little by surprise."

The Huskers' 99-point performance was the team's largest offensive output of the season and represented the most points ever scored by a Big Eight foe against the Jayhawks.

About the only thing the Huskers couldn't do against Kansas was score 100 points. The Huskers shot 58 per cent from the field and out-rebounded the smaller Jayhawks 57-35. The Huskers' balanced attack was led by Mike Peterson's 18 points, Nissen's 20 points and Jura's 33 points and 18 rebounds.

Jura explained the reason behind the Huskers' offensive explosion against Kansas. "Kansas couldn't concentrate on any one thing," he said. "We had terrific balance in our offensive. When we're hitting from outside it opens the middle."

The 6-10 center said the Huskers, whose next game is at Colorado Saturday, are going to need more performances like the one against Kansas. "If we are going to be a title contender we're going to have to put it all together every game."

## Husker thinclads extend winning streak

The Nebraska indoor track team, which hasn't lost a dual meet since 1968, easily kept their winning streak intact Saturday as they crushed Iowa State 109-22 in their dual meet at Memorial Stadium.

"The times were really surprising considering we did strength work all week," said Nebraska's Jim Hawkins, who broke a Memorial Stadium record in the 1,000 yard run in a time of 2:13.1.

"We didn't sharpen up for this meet because we were pointing to Wisconsin next

week and the Big Eight indoor meet the week after that," Hawkins said. Next Saturday the Huskers will be at home to face Wisconsin, the defending Big Ten champ.

Besides Hawkins' stadium record, there were six other Cornhuskers who either broke or tied a meet record against the Cyclones. Meet record performances came from Dan Speck, 4:11.1 in the mile; Hopeton Gordon, 24-3/4 in the long jump; Leighton Priestly :49.7 in the 440; and Bob Unger, 9:07.6 in the two-mile.

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The Coliseum crowd yells, "Go. Go. Go." But this time the cheers are not for the Nebraska basketball team, but for Harry Burns and Art Songer, the dynamic duo who sweep the Coliseum court during the games.

For 10 years these two men have been competing for the honor of being the fastest court sweeper at Nebraska.

Who has won the most races? According to Burns, he is leading the competition. "I've won most of the contests over the past 10 years because I have longer legs than Art. But he gets lucky once in a while and beats me."

In any type of competition there is strategy involved—including sweeping. "My strategy is simple," Burns explained. "I just make my legs go faster than Art's. The only time I lose is when people get in my way. I don't mind it though, when those pretty cheerleaders get in my way. They would slow anybody down."

Songer doesn't mind being the underdog to Burns. "The crowd likes it when Harry wins," said Songer, "So I let him



The dynamic duo . . . Burns (left) and Songer.

win most of the time. But sometimes I'll let Harry get out in front of me, then I'll run up from behind him and finish ahead of him."

Most people don't appreciate the important role these two men play in the Husker's success according to Songer. "We get the crowd all excited with our race, so when Nebraska comes on the court the fans are already yelling," he noted. "It's quite exciting for us and the fans, while at the same time it helps the team."

Basketball players come and go at Nebraska. But Harry Burns and Art Songer remain to entertain and charm the Husker crowd.

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Here are this week's top "A" intramural teams:

- Fraternities**
1. Alpha Tau Omega (4-0)
  2. Alpha Gamma Rho (5-0)
  3. Pioneer House (5-0)
  4. Sigma Chi (4-1)
  5. Brown Palace (5-1)

- Dorms**
1. Schramm IV (7-1)
  2. Rogers (5-1)
  3. Gus (6-2)
  4. Glenn (5-1)
  5. Seltieck (6-2)

- Independents**
1. Torts (7-0)
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