



Battling to the finish. . . Nebraska players Tom Bryan and Chuck Jura fight Kansas State's David Hall for a rebound in the Huskers' final game of the season Saturday night at Manhattan. The Big Eight champions handed Nebraska an 81-76 setback in overtime to drop the Huskers' season record to 14-12.

## 'Disappointing' season ends

by Gary Seacrest

The Nebraska basketball team had just finished its season on the road with its fourth straight loss—an 81-76 setback in overtime to Big Eight champion Kansas State. Despite the close loss, the Nebraska players were joking around in the locker room, obviously relieved that a long, hard season was finally over.

The season was over, but some disappointment would remain.

"I'm disappointed in the season," senior guard Al Nissen said. "We worked hard, but lost some close ones—that's the story of our season."

He repeated how the team had worked hard all season and then said, "Sometimes we got too serious instead of having fun and enjoying it."

Center Chuck Jura had similar sentiments. "I was disappointed that we didn't go to a tournament, that we didn't finish higher and that we lost our last four games," the All-Big Eight player said. "I think we got tired at the end of the season."

Despite the slump at the end of the season, Nebraska still finished with a winning season record of 14-12. The Huskers, with a 7-7 Big Eight Conference record, finished in a tie with Kansas for fourth place.

Husker Coach Joe Cipriano reflected on the season Sunday night at the Nebraska basketball awards banquet, sponsored by the Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80. "It has been an unusual year," he said. "We had some good nights and some tough nights as well."

He emphasized how hard the team had worked and attributed the late season slump to pressure and physical weariness.

One aspect of the season that pleased Cipriano was the team's shooting. "We had to use a patterned offense because we didn't have the good free-lance and one-on-one players," he said. "They shot well because they played well together."

Cipriano admitted that the pattern offense was not the most exciting brand of play, but said it was necessary for the Huskers to be effective.

The Husker coach had special praise for the four Husker seniors—Nissen, Jura, Tom Bryan and Mike Peterson. "They did an excellent job for us during their three years," he said.

## Thinclads place fifth in NCAA

Nebraska's indoor track team, undefeated in dual meet competition this year and winners of last weekend's Big Eight meet, couldn't continue their winning style last weekend in the NCAA meet in Detroit. The Huskers, who had hopes of possibly winning the NCAA championships, saw their hopes turn into a fifth place finish.

"I wasn't particularly pleased with Nebraska's performance this weekend," Nebraska Track Coach Frank Sevigne said. "We didn't look as sharp as we could have."

The Huskers, whose entries included two relay teams and four individual runners could

only compile 10 points compared to Southern California's winning performance of 20 points.

During Friday night's action, Nebraska's Garth Case was nipped from behind at the finish by Larence Jones of Northeast Missouri in the 440 finals. Both Jones and Case were clocked in identical times of 48.3 seconds.

Saturday night Nebraska picked up another second place finish in the mile relay. The Huskers were runners-up to Adelphi University even though both teams were clocked in a time of 3:15.8.

The Huskers' final two points came from the two-mile relay team which finished fourth in a time of 7:36.1.

## Female finmen enter national meet

Seven women at UNL have qualified for and will enter the National Women's Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Championships to be held March 16-18 at the University of Cincinnati.

The seven students will be representing the women's physical education department and the department of recreation and intramurals.

The event, students qualifying, and qualifying times are:

200-yard medley relay—Diane King of South Sioux City, Peg Garrison of Lincoln, Rajean Heckman of Norfolk and Connie Johnson of Burwell, 2:13.0

400-yard freestyle—Garrison, 5:15.0

200-yard individual medley—Johnson, 2:40.0

400-yard medley relay—King, Garrison, Heckman and Johnson, 5:05.0

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Nebraska's Joe George captured seventh place in the 167-pound division of the NCAA wrestling championships which were held Thursday through Saturday at the University of Maryland. George was the only UNL wrestler to advance to the semi-finals of the tournament, which was won by Iowa State. Husker wrestlers Bob Orta, Tom Lotko and Steve Ravenscroft were defeated in preliminary matches.

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