

## Huskers overpower MU; gain 4th place

By Dennis Onnen

UNL stormed into the first division of the Big 8 basketball race Saturday, demolishing the University of Missouri Tigers, 75-58, before 8,100 fans in the Coliseum.

The Huskers never trailed after Larry Cox put them ahead 8-6 on a rebound basket with 15:18 remaining in the first half. They extended the lead to 14 points at halftime and pulled ahead by as many as 19 points in the second half.

The win upped the Huskers' record to 10-9 and 3-4 in the conference, good enough for fourth place. It also enabled UNL to exceed last year's win total of nine.

"Our defense did the job," Husker Coach Joe Cipriano said. "We had good enthusiasm and determination."

The Tigers' 58-point total was their lowest of the year. Their high scoring trio of Gary Link, Al Eberhard and Steve Dangos was held to 35 points, compared with an average of 53 points a game.

All-Big 8 performer Eberhard managed to score 23 points, but only five came in the first half, when the outcome was in doubt. Brendy Lee was one of the Huskers who covered Eberhard in the man-to-man defense.

Offensive star for the Huskers was guard Jerry Fort, who set a record in the process of scoring 28 points, his second highest game total of the year. Fort now has 156 field goals for the year, breaking Tom Baack's sophomore record of 147.

He said he felt freer against the Missouri man-to-man defense as opposed to the zone defenses used by recent Husker opponents. It allowed him more open shots, he said.

Other Husker players who scored in double figures were Cox with 11 points and Ricky Marsh with 10. Cox and Lee led Husker rebounding with seven apiece.

Turnovers and cold shooting hurt the Tiger offense. It turned over the ball 29 times and made only 37% of its shots.

The Huskers' next game is an away contest with Colorado Tuesday night.

In Saturday's preliminary, Northeastern Nebraska Junior College defeated Nebraska's junior varsity, 68-64.

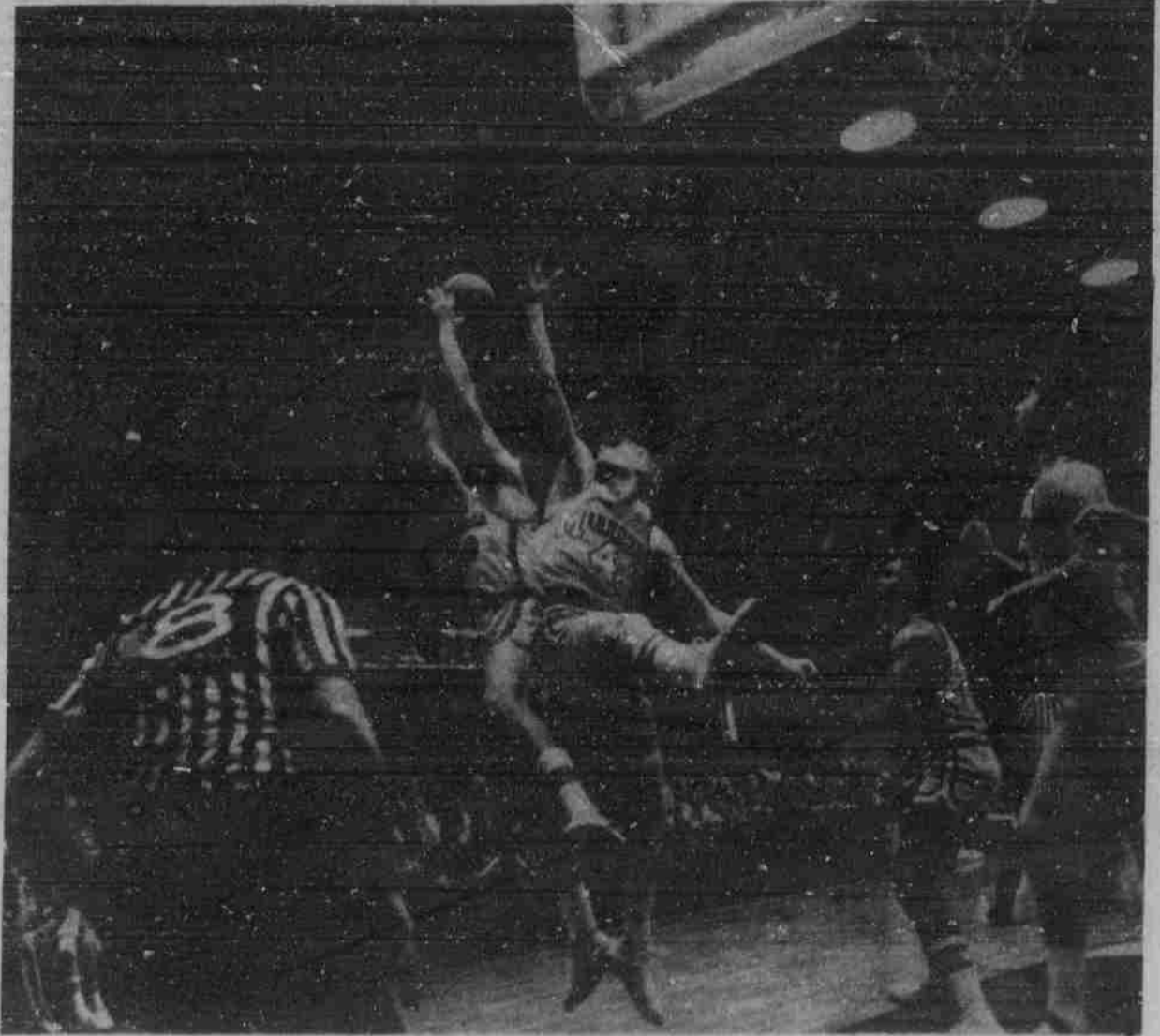


Photo by Stewart Nelsen

Larry Cox (40) outbattles Missouri's Al Eberhard for a rebound.

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The UNL women's swimming team was defeated Saturday by Kansas State University. Debbie Peterson, Ruth Spencer and Ginny Kincade were Husker winners.

weekend, raising its record to 7-5. The Huskers defeated South Dakota University, 33-13, Friday and Northwest Missouri State University 25-12, Saturday.

Husker trackmen won two events Saturday in the Michigan State University Relays. Seniors Lynn Hall, Roger Chadwick, Jeff Wisemiller and Dan Speck combined to win the 2-mile relay with a time of 7:32.1. The distance medley relay was won by Keith Whitaker, Larry Gnapp, Chuck Malito and Bob Unger in a time of 9:52.1.

Jack Alexander had the lone Husker win as Nebraska swimmers fell Saturday to defending Big 8 champion Kansas University, 93-20. Alexander won the 1,000-yard freestyle in a time of 10:23.47.

Anyone interested in joining the UNL Table Tennis Club may attend the meetings Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The club meets at Auld Recreation Center, 3140 Sumner St. For more information call the Recreation Dept., 472-3467.

The UNL wrestling team was victorious twice this

## Recruited freshman settles for anonymity

On football Saturdays last fall, Randy Garcia had one of the best seats in Memorial Stadium. But the freshman quarterback could be excused for not being totally happy about the arrangement that put him outside the chain link fence.

Garcia came to UNL probably with more press clippings than Henry Kissinger. The Los Angeles prep star was courted by so many colleges that he lost count of them. Yet with Dave Humm, Steve Runty and Earl Everett handling the quarterback reins this year, Garcia was nearly anonymous to Husker football fans.

Though he might have started playing at another school, Garcia is not bitter about his first year in Lincoln. He believes that playing regularly for the freshmen helped develop his skills more than riding the varsity bench would have.

"The freshmen who did make the varsity got to travel and all that, but they didn't get the experience I did," he said.

Garcia visited Oregon, Stanford, Michigan and Nebraska in his search for the right school.

Garcia doesn't say it was the fresh air or clean water that drew him to Nebraska. He said simply that UNL was one of the few schools offering to pay for his books.

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Because of Nebraska's weather, Garcia said he has an occasional spell of homesickness for California.

"I kind of miss Los Angeles," he said. "My friends write and say it's 75 degrees outside—nice beach weather. Here you can see the sun shining, but you can't feel it."

Garcia talks as if he barely got a chance to get acquainted with Coach Tom Osborne last season.

"He's quiet, and that's what scares me. A lot of coaches talk and talk and yell, and some you don't listen to. When Osborne talks, you had better listen."

Garcia is 6 ft. 3 in. and weighs 180 lbs. He hopes to gain weight before spring practice.

Garcia has an interesting career goal, if football doesn't interfere.

"Everyone has a dream and mine is pro football," he said. "My realistic goal is to become a bigshot on the Los Angeles police force."

Garcia has three years of college before he must worry about his career. Then, whether he is throwing footballs in the NFL or canisters of tear gas for the police, Randy Garcia has a good chance to make it big.

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