

## Jayhawks prevail in tight defensive struggle

By Dennis Onnen

Nebraska turned in its best defensive performance of the year, but Kansas University came up with an even better one to down the Huskers, 51-46, before 8,000 fans in the Coliseum Tuesday night.

The lead changed hands nine times during the game, and the 14th-ranked Jayhawks didn't take the lead for good until Danny Knight put in a missed Dale Greenlee free throw with 4:09 left. That shot put Kansas ahead 41-40 and was a signal of more bad luck for the Huskers.

Four more times before the game was over Jayhawk players went to the free throw line only to miss the shots and have the ball bounce high over Husker arms and back to Kansas players.

Husker guard Tom Novak mentioned one factor

that may have been a cause of the wild bounces.

"We put up new rims," he said, explaining that new rims are often tighter, causing the ball to bounce out farther.

Kansas took advantage of the extra opportunities to extend its lead to 45-40 on two baskets by Rick Suttle, and later to 49-44 on a rebound basket by Tommie Smith, putting the game out of reach for the Huskers.

Husker Coach Joe Cipriano credited Kansas' board work for winning the game for them. Knight was their chief inside threat, leading them in rebounding with 17 rebounds and scoring with 14 points.

"That was our most physical game of the year by far," Cipriano said. He added that the Huskers

weren't as aggressive as they should have been in the second half because of foul trouble. Larry Cox and Brendy Lee eventually fouled out for the Huskers.

"I thought we gave a great effort," Cipriano said. He pointed out that the Huskers were missing a lot of shots that normally would go down.

Their poor shooting was reflected in a field goal percentage of 32% their lowest of the year. Cold shooting also hurt the Jayhawks, as they made only 37% of their shots, also their worst performance of the year. The 51 points was also their low for the season.

The win upped Kansas' Big 8 record to 10-1 and moved it into a tie for the Big 8 lead. Nebraska's conference mark dropped to 5-6, but it still left it in fourth place.

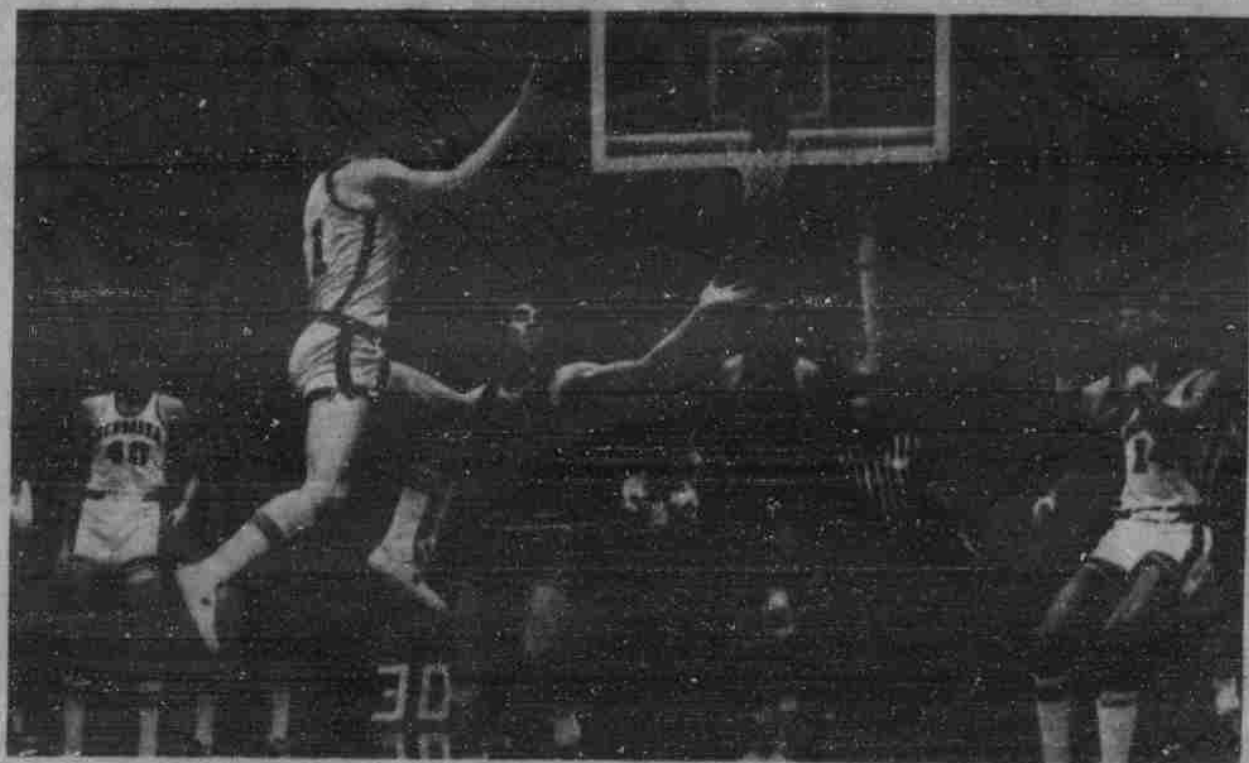


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KU guard Tom Kivisto tries too late for a Brendy Lee pass.

## Allen: OU judges biased against UNL

Returning home after last Friday's 161.85 to 157.80 loss to Oklahoma University, UNL gymnastics Coach Francis Allen wasn't about to make excuses for his team's performance.

That's not saying Allen wasn't disturbed about the meet. In fact, the Husker coach had anything but affectionate words for the Oklahoma judges.

"I'm not saying we're that much better than Oklahoma," Allen said, "but we shouldn't have lost. Down there the judges were outright biased."

"Take for example Allan Everett, who has worked hard here for four years," he said. "He's been scoring 9.1, 9.2 all year. I take him down to Oklahoma, where he hits his best routine and gets an 8.85 from the judges, and gets beat by two kids who were a full point away from him."

"We went down to Oklahoma last year and got beat by the same score, only to go to the Big 8, reverse it and beat them by

## Larry Stunkel on record

five points," Allen said. "If that happens again this year, I'm going to write their athletic director a letter."

"We're a respectable conference. This sort of thing shouldn't be going on," he said.

Despite the incident at Oklahoma, Allen seemed pleased with his team's performance this past year. "This is the best group of kids I've ever had," he said. "I think I've got the kind of gymnasts it takes to be champions."

Even though this year's gymnastics team was young, Allen said the most improved men on the team were three seniors—Barry Cross, Bob Bowden and Everett.

This year's dual season ended with a 3-2 record, including wins over Kansas University (161.8 to 158.0), Colorado University, (154-144) and Kansas State University (153-101).

## sports shorts

A committee of nine UNL employees decided at a Monday meeting to recommend the formation of a commission to study the UNL women's intercollegiate athletic

program. The committee will ask UNL Chancellor James Zumberge to appoint 10 members to the commission, including faculty, student, administration and alumni representatives.

According to Marge Phillips, chairman of the Women's Physical Education Dept. at UNL, the commission should make recommendations concerning the scope and philosophy of the program to Zumberge by June 1.

The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to Florida over the spring break. The \$153 cost per person includes an all-day excursion to Disneyworld and the Kennedy Space Center, transportation by chartered bus and three nights accommodations at the Hilton Inn. Dates are March 24-30. For more information, call the Recreation Dept., 472-3467.

## Coed fencing enters UNL arena

One of the world's oldest sports has come to the UNL Recreation Dept.

The sport is fencing, and recently a group of UNL students and faculty got together and formed a Fencing Club through the Recreation Dept.

According to Martin Taylor, faculty adviser and organizer of the club, "We've been going now for about four weeks, working in exercise fashion, gaining some proficiency."

Taylor said the purpose of the club is to teach the sport and to create additional interest in the sport among students and faculty.

"We have a number of experienced fencers," said Taylor, "but we'll take beginners and fencers of all levels. We'll do the teaching and supply the equipment."

The club is co-educational and currently has about 10 women members. "The women can compete with the men in club competition," commented Taylor.

Anne Wood, who just recently took up the sport after learning the basics in a physical education class, said, "It's a lot of fun and

keeps you in shape."

Taylor said fencing involves speed, sense of timing and psychology, but added one need only practice once or twice a week to enjoy himself.

Taylor has been fencing since high school, went on to participate on the fencing team at New York University and continued in national competition, where he is a past Southern California champion. He has been helping here with physical education courses in fencing in an advisory capacity.

Plans for the group include an exhibition with electric foils on campus within the month and maybe competition with groups from Illinois, Colorado and Kansas. Taylor also said the organization plans to file for status with The Amateur Fencers League of America (which is the governing body for fencing nationally).

Practices for the organization are twice a week at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in Women's Physical Education Bldg. 123 and at 1 Saturday afternoons in the Coliseum.

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