

Cagers untrack Wildcats, 58-54

Manhattan, Kan.—UNL played the spoiler role Saturday in Manhattan, Kan., by edging nationally ranked Big 8 leader Kansas State University, 58-54. The Wildcats were held to their lowest point total of the season.

Despite shrill pleas of 11,700 partisans in Ahearn Fieldhouse, the Wildcat offense never could get untracked.

The first half was a tight struggle. The biggest lead either team could manage was four points. Lon Kruger's basket with 45 seconds left gave the Wildcats a 30-28 lead at intermission.

In the second half the Cornhuskers shot almost 50% while holding the KSU offense to only 24 points.

Though UNL consistently led by five to nine points, there was a general feeling the Wildcats would find some way to escape what would be a very untimely loss. They almost did.

After narrowing the margin to two, KSU forced a jump ball at midcourt with 11 seconds to go.

UNL sent Rickey Harris in for the jump, but the Wildcats won the tip and the ball was passed promptly to their bread and butter man, Lon Kruger. The swift guard raced toward the basket and his driving layup attempt looked for a second as if it would go in. But it trickled off and Ricky Marsh won the battle for the rebound, then drew an intentional

foul with two seconds left.

Marsh sank both free throws and when the buzzer sounded, the Huskers erupted in a jubilant victory celebration.

After the game, KSU Coach Jack Hartman told a group of Kansas sportswriters that the Wildcats had not played badly.

"It was a heck of a ball game," he said. "Nebraska (UNL) just did everything you have to do to win."

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They played fine defense and they made most of their outside shots."

Besides his dramatic free throws, Marsh sank all four of his field goal attempts. He was the picture of poise in the face of a screaming crowd.

Marsh ended the game with 10 points. Jerry Fort led all Husker scorers with 20. Kruger had 20 for the losers.

The Husker win snapped the Wildcats 21-game home conference winning streak. KSU's four seniors

ended their home careers on a sad note. The UNL game was the first conference contest they had lost in Ahearn Fieldhouse.

The UNL team bus made an unexpected stop on the ride home from Manhattan Saturday night. Husker Coach Joe Cipriano spotted two elderly ladies stranded by their overheated car. After assistant Coach Moe Iba warned the players about salty language, the two women boarded the bus and were taken directly to their doorstep in Beatrice.

If last weekend is any indication, KSU students and fans have a genuine dislike for Nebraskans. Sporting a Nebraska T-shirt I encountered a feeling of vague hostility as I strolled around the KSU campus.

Though it's cozy looking on the inside, the KSU basketball building is even more of an eyesore on the outside than UNL's Coliseum.

The KSU basketball program is in good shape. Besides a lot of returning talent, it has tremendous fan support. Nearly every restaurant and motel in Manhattan offers some sort of inspiration on their marquees for the team. They support their basketball team the way Nebraskans back their football team. Of course, look at KSU's football team.

3rd try no charm for Husker track team

UNL's track team lost its bid Saturday for a third consecutive Big 8 indoor championship, but the Huskers did manage to come up with the meet's outstanding performer.

Roger Chadwick gained that honor by winning both the 600- and 880-yard runs, only the second time that double has been accomplished in the meet's history. His times were 1:12.6 and 1:53.7, respectively, for the two events. He repeated as 880 champion.

Picking up 12 points for his two victories, Chadwick accounted for more than half of the Huskers' 22 team points. That total put them in fourth place behind Kansas State University (55), the University of Missouri (48) and the University of Colorado (38).

Bob Unger was the other Husker winner as he took the 2-mile run, defeating Colorado standouts Ted Castaneda and Mike Peterson. His time of 8:53.2 was more than seven seconds faster than Castaneda's, who finished second.

UNL took fifth in the mile relay with a time of 3:21.1, two seconds behind winner KSU. Freshman Keith Whitaker picked up a point for his fifth-place finish in the 1,000-yard run.

The Huskers' only points in the field events came when freshman Steve Millard placed fourth in the shot put.

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UNL finished sixth in the Big 8 wrestling championships Saturday, but two Huskers qualified for the NCAA championships in Ames, Iowa, March 14 through 16.

Freshman Bill Hoffman and

sophomore Bob Johnson advanced to the nationals by virtue of their third place finishes in the 177-pound and 190-pound classes, respectively. The top four in each weight class qualified.

The Huskers were hurt when seven of eight wrestlers were beaten in the Friday quarterfinals.

The UNL women's gymnastics team finished third with 47.3 points in a triangular meet in Des Moines Saturday.

Grand View College won the meet with 97.2 points, followed by Drake University with 67.6.

There will be an organizational meeting for the women's intercollegiate tennis team at 4:30 p.m. today in Women's Physical Education Bldg. 313. Anyone interested but who cannot attend should contact Gail Whitaker, 472-2561.



Brandy Lee, here putting up a layup against Oklahoma State University in a previous home contest, and Tom Novak, close out their home careers for the Huskers in Tuesday's game with the University of Colorado at 7:35 p.m.

Women swimmers are victors

The UNL women's swimming team dethroned defending champion Kearney State College Saturday in the state college championships, 133-92½, capturing the crown for the first time. Both teams easily outdistanced Concordia College and Creighton University in the Women's Physical Education Bldg. pool. Those two teams finished with 4 and 2½ points, respectively.

The UNL Wonder Women, as they call themselves, were led by Ruth Spencer, who captured three individual

championships and swam on both winning relays. She won the 50-yard breaststroke in 35.9, beating her nearest opponent by more than three seconds and qualifying for the national championships March 14 through 16.

Her other victories came in the 100-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke, in which she defeated her closest rival by almost 10 seconds.

Double winners for UNL were Ginny Kincade in the 1- and 3-meter diving, and

Debbie Petersen, in the 50- and 100-yard backstrokes. Kincade qualified for the national championships in both diving events.

Liz Gross picked up valuable points for UNL, winning the 50-yard butterfly and adding two second-place finishes. Phyllis Thagard was the other UNL winner, capturing the 400-yard freestyle. She also added a second place in the 200-yard freestyle.

Anne Brinkman and Kathy Anderson each finished second twice for additional UNL points.

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