

Husker tour results in two game split

By Pete Wegman

Nebraska's basketball Cornhuskers are in the midst of their first road trip of the season, a three game swing through the Southwest. The trip resulted in a two game split over the weekend with the remaining game Tuesday night at North Texas State.

The Cornhuskers participated in their second Sun Devil Classic Friday and Saturday in Tempe, Arizona. In their first appearance in the tournament in 1968, the Huskers lost both games, to Arizona State and California.

Coach Joe Cipriano's squad turned in a much more credible performance their second time around, however.

Nebraska's first round opponents were the Long Beach State 49ers, 24-2 last season and ranked in the top twenty in preseason polls this fall.

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highly favored 49ers, winning a tight defensive struggle, 67-55. The contest was the first between the two schools in Nebraska's 78-year basketball history.

Cipriano was elated with the win and said his team's defensive play was the key. Nebraska, third in the Big 8 in defense last season, allowed the 49ers only 27 points in the first half and 28 in the second.

All Big 8 guard Jerry Fort led the Husker scoring with 27 points. Cipriano said Fort has improved offensively and is a strong candidate for all-American honors this season.

The other half of the Huskers' backcourt combination, guard Steve Willis, tallied 12 points. Forward Bob Siegel added 11, while leading the squad with 13 rebounds.

Tables turned

The tables were turned Saturday night, however, when the Corn-

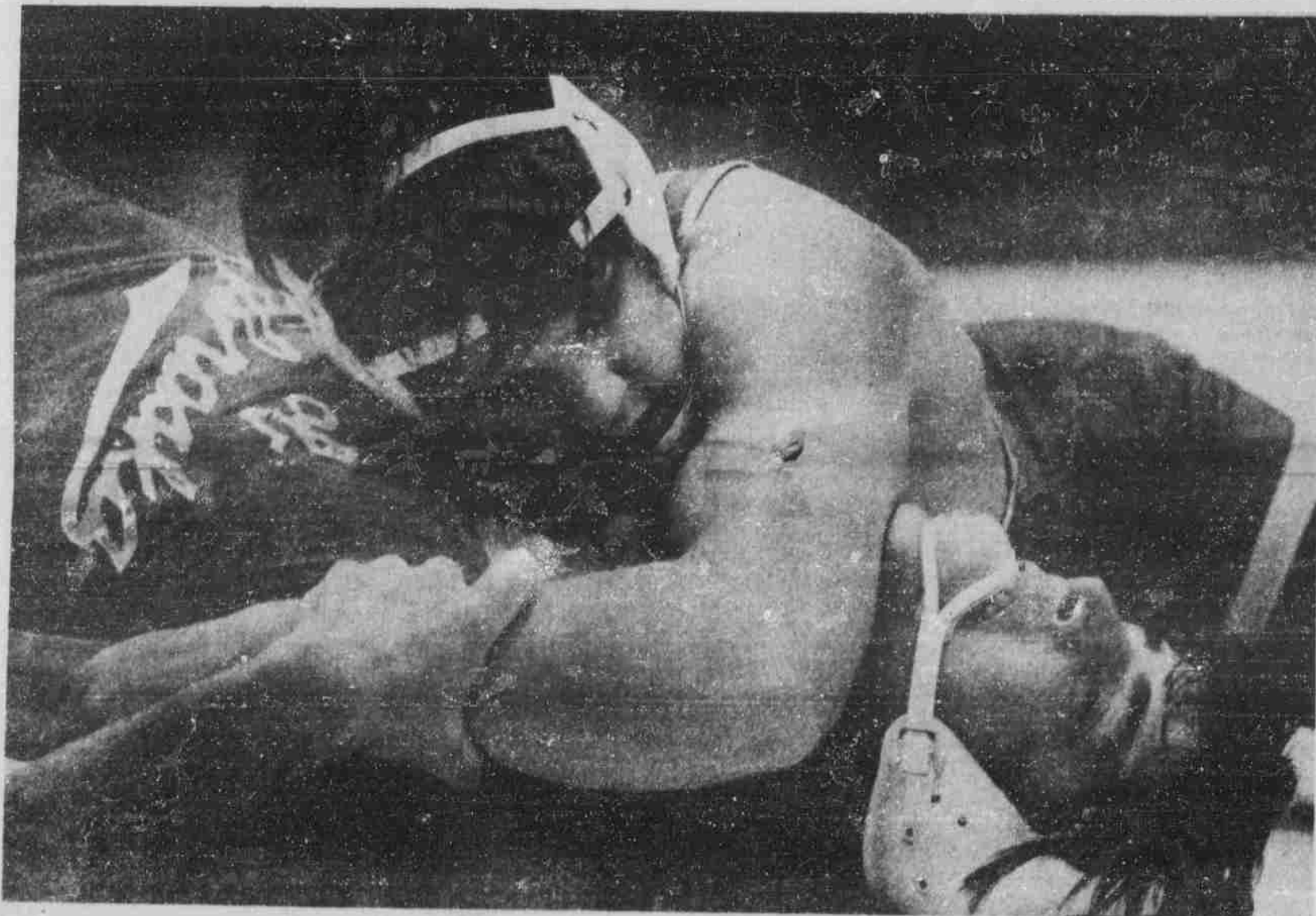
huskers faced the host team, the Arizona State Sun Devils. The Sun Devils, victors over Montana Friday night, jumped to a 37-20 halftime lead over the Scarlet and Cream and then coasted to a 83-62 win.

The Cornhuskers were out-rebounded (46 to 35), out-shot from the field (29 field goals to 21), and from the charity stripe (25 free throws to 20).

The Sun Devils led by 11 points early in the contest and the Huskers couldn't recover, never leading in the game.

Willis and Fort paced Nebraska with 13 points each. Center Larry Cox scored nine points from the line and finished with 11.

The Big 8 tournament December 26-30, looks tougher every day for the Cornhuskers. Preseason favorites Kansas and Oklahoma are rapidly establishing themselves as the class of the conference.



UNL wrestler Mark Borer is pinned by Iowa State University's Dan Peterson during Friday's dual with the Cyclones in the Coliseum. ISU won the meet

31-6. Nebraska's only decisions were won by Tony Jennings and Bruce Conger in the 142 lbs. and heavyweight classes respectively.

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