



UNL's women's swimming team lived up to its billing, defeating South Dakota 77-35 Friday night.

Sports shorts

Winning 12 of 14 events, the UNL women's swim team defeated South Dakota Friday night 77-35.

Mikki Crosby, top individual scorer for the Huskers, placed first in the 50-yard butterfly, 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard individual medley. With Debbie Peterson, Ruth Spencer and Ginny Kincaid she placed first in the 200 medley relay.

Peterson also placed first in two events, winning the 50-yard and 100-yard backstroke. Spencer won the 50-yard and 100-yard breaststroke. Anne Brinkman won the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle.

Missing by three points a chance for their second shut-out of the season, the UNL wrestling team defeated Big 8 foe Kansas State, 39-3, in Manhattan, Kan. Friday.

Despite the effort of freshman Bryan Moss, who set a school record in winning the

200-yard breaststroke, the UNL men's swimming team lost to Iowa State 82-31 Saturday in the Coliseum pool.

Freshman Pat Murphy also set a school record in the 100-yard freestyle, but placed second behind ISU's Tom Marantz.

The UNL women's gymnastics team recorded their first win Friday, in the sport's four-year history. The team earned top honors in a triangular at Drake University over Washburn and Drake. UNL accumulated 65.29 points compared to Washburn's 60.54 and Drake's 59.06.

Kathi Ruddick was high point scorer for UNL. She placed first on the uneven parallel bars, third in vaulting, and second in all-around performance for the meet.

On Saturday, the team finished fourth in a field of eight at a tournament in Ames, Iowa.

UNL scored 73.56 points, qualifying them for competition as a team in the regional tournament to be held this spring at Iowa State.

'Defense main key to attack'

By Larry Stunkel

Before the season started, UNL basketball coach Joe Cipriano would have said his team would be strong on defense and have good depth and rebounding in the front line, while guard Jerry Fort would lead an offense that needed to generate a consistent, high scoring attack.

A case in point was Saturday's 74-61 win over Kansas State, as the Huskers opened their Big 8 schedule displaying an aggressive defense, awesome rebounding and Jerry Fort's scoring, although the Huskers added balanced scoring to the effort.

"The key would have to be our defensive effort," Cipriano said. "We forced them out of their offense. You can't shoot outside all day, so you have to go inside. Because of the constant pressure of our defense, we were able to keep them out."

Only weeks before, at the Big 8 tournament in Kansas City, the Wildcats routed a weary Husker squad 80-63. Leading the spree was the combined 45 point scoring efforts of guards Chuckie Williams and freshman Mike Evans. The two once again combined for more than half of the K-State points Saturday, scoring 20 and 14 points respectively.

Height handicaps

"They have two good guards," Fort said. "Their offense was geared to the outside. They also fast-break well, but they're not a very tall team and our front line kept them off the boards so they couldn't run."

The Huskers out-rebounded the Wildcats

41-26, while shooting 30 of 65 (46 per cent) from the floor compared to K-State's 27 out of 60 (45 per cent).

Cipriano said the team showed signs of its 20 day lay-off, displaying cold shooting and making some mental errors in the contest's first ten minutes.

"We didn't control the tempo of the game in the first half," he said. "However, we came back in the second half."

Unanswered points

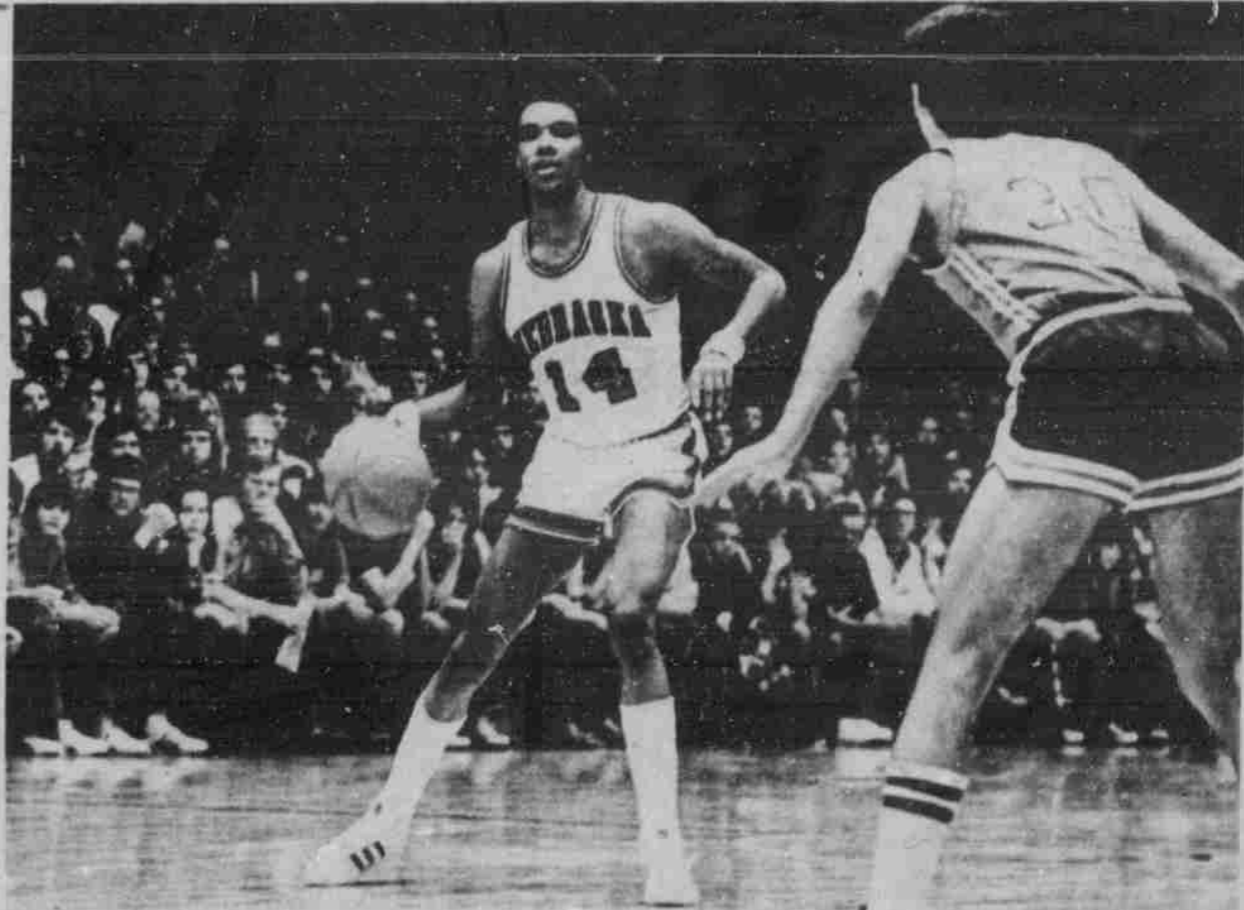
Leading 30-28 at half time the Huskers opened the game up mid-way in the second half scoring 10 unanswered points to build 63-49 lead with 7:03 left.

Junior guard Steve Willis said the scoring spree started when K-State broke down under the defensive pressure. "They just quit hustling," he said.

Sophomore forward Bob Siegel had one of his best first halves this season, Cipriano said. The 6 ft. 7 in. Fairbury native grabbed 13 rebounds and scored eight points by halftime.

"Siegel has been coming around and came to play today," Cipriano said. "He really kept us alive with his shooting, rebounding and defensive effort in the first half."

Cipriano also expressed pleasure with the effort of center Larry Cox and substitute forward Ricky Harris. Harris came off the bench in the second half to score 11 points and three rebounds. Siegel and Cox had 16 and 13 points respectively while Fort had a game high 20 points.



Husker guard Jerry Fort (14) views the situation while trying to drive on his K-State opponent during Nebraska's 74-61 win.

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