

Huskers fall to Missouri Tigers, Share Big 8 lead with KSU

Most basketball coaches figure a team that shoots 50 per cent from the floor, scores 74 points and plays reasonable defense should win.

However, the UNL basketball team did everything but win Saturday night, and lost to Missouri 88-74. The defeat knocks the Huskers from sole possession of the conference lead into a tie with Kansas State.

"We weren't ready to play defensively," said Husker Coach Joe Cipriano. "We've been playing well, getting good position on offense and defense. But we didn't Saturday night."

More specifically, Cipriano blamed a lack of hustle while rebounding and lax defensive play as main reasons for the Husker defeat.

Missouri out rebounded Nebraska 47-40, but the majority of those rebounds came off the offensive boards for the Tigers. Because of this, Missouri had 70 attempts from the floor compared to Nebraska's total of 58.

"First of all, we gave them too many shots," Cipriano said. "Then if they did miss, we'd stand around and let them get the rebound. If they didn't make that one, we'd foul them."

The lead changed hands 10 times before Missouri took a 25-23 lead midway in the first half.

Missouri stretched their lead to as much as 25 points during the second half, but the Huskers managed to cut it down toward the end.

"I hope it's one of those games and we've gotten it out of our system," Cipriano said. The Huskers must prepare for a crucial game with Kansas Wednesday in Lawrence. The Jayhawks lost to cross-state rival Kansas State 66-56 Saturday.

Three Huskers scored in double figures. Junior center Larry Cox led scorers with 19 points, guard Jerry Fort and Steve Willis had 15 and 14 points respectively.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Junior Center Larry Cox led the Huskers with 19 points during their 88-74 loss to Missouri Saturday. Cox is shown here in action against Oklahoma State.

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Sophomore Carol Lundeen performs on the balance beam during UNL's 67.45-49.20 win over the Emporia State women's gymnastics team Saturday.

interested should call 472-3467 for further information.

The Lincoln Park and Recreation will begin a seven-week fishing class tonight in the Lincoln High auditorium, at 7:30 p.m.

Tonight the program will feature Virgil Ward as the first of seven guest fishermen. Ward is a three-time world fishing champion.

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Entries for women's badminton doubles will be due Wednesday in the intramural office, 1740 Vine. Anyone

UNL women win, men lose in weekend sports events

Individual performances brightened an otherwise bleak weekend for UNL men's athletic teams, as all but the wrestling team posted losses.

However, the Husker women's teams were all victorious. The basketball team beat Creighton 52-27, the gymnastics team downed Emporia State 67.45 to 49.20 and the swimming team split a double dual meet at Ames, Ia., edging Missouri 67-64, but losing to Iowa State 90-41.

Junior Chuck Malito set a new Allen Field House record in Lawrence, Kan. in the 440-yard run, (:48.2), as the Husker Track team finished last behind host Kansas and Southern Illinois University in a Saturday triangular.

Came from behind

Malito won the race in the last 50 yards, advancing from fourth place. Freshman Harold Stelzer posted the harriers' only other first place finish, winning the two-mile run.

With his gymnastics team at less than full strength, Coach Francis Allen and his men lost their second straight dual, as Iowa State outscored them 215.80-210.90 Saturday.

Junior Gene Mackie scored a career best total in the all-around, winning the event with a 53.10 mark.

Freshman Larry Gerard and senior Jim Unger won the high bar and floor exercise respectively for the Huskers' other firsts.

Despite finishing first in five events, the UNL swimmers lost to Missouri 65-48 in the Coliseum pool Saturday.

Five Husker winners

Husker winners included Steve Raynor in the 200-yard freestyle, Paul Duxbury in the 50-yard freestyle, Bill Davis in the 100-yard freestyle, Jack Alexander in the 500-yard freestyle and Bryan Moss in the 200-yard breaststroke.

An unusual thing occurred Saturday when the University of Missouri forfeited the heavyweight match, and in so doing gave the UNL wrestlers a 21-16 dual win in Columbia, Mo.

The Huskers jumped out to an early lead with

Gary Harnisch (126), Tim Rimpley (134) and Tony Jennings (140) all posting wins. Missouri then won the last three events before forfeiting the last match.

Borgiagli said the Missouri coach told him their heavyweight had two bad knees and not much size (he weighed only 198 pounds) and they were afraid he might get hurt wrestling 300-pound Bruce Conger.

"Conger is getting quite a reputation," Borgiagli said.

Women beat Creighton

Leading 32-13 at halftime, the UNL women's basketball team went on to defeat Creighton and even their season mark at 6-6.

Nancy Hansen led the women cagers in scoring. She had 12 points.

Peggy Newport won the uneven parallel bars and tied with teammate Kathi Ruddick in the all-around to lead the women's gymnastics team over Emporia State. Peg Van Beck won the floor exercise as the Huskers won all but one event in the dual.

Three Husker women swimmers won events against both opponents during the double dual split in Ames, Ia. Ruth Spencer won the 50-yard breaststroke, Nikki Crosby won the 50-yard butterfly and Ginny Kincaide won the one- and three-meter diving events for the Huskers.

Schedule this week:
Men's basketball—Kansas Wednesday; Iowa State Saturday in the Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling—South Dakota Friday in the Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

Men's Gymnastics—Kansas State Saturday in Henzlik gym at 2 p.m.

Men's Swimming—Kansas Saturday in the Coliseum pool at 2 p.m.

Track—Michigan State Relays Saturday.

Women's Basketball—Midland Wednesday in the Women's Physical Education Bldg. at 7 p.m., Wayne State College Saturday.

Women's Swimming—Grinnell (Iowa) Relay meet, Saturday.

Women's Gymnastics—Kansas State in the WPE Bldg. Saturday at 2 p.m.

UNL woman combines tennis, basketball skills

According to critics, mixing golf with tennis can mess up both a backswing on the fairway and a backhand on the courts. However, there is support for combining basketball with tennis.

Kathy Hawkins, UNL sophomore who is a standout in both sports, says the two are compatible.

Hawkins came to UNL from Burke High School in Omaha on a tennis scholarship. While she was in high school she participated in tennis, golf, track and volleyball.

"Basketball wasn't organized in Nebraska high schools yet or I probably would have participated in that too," she said.

Friends encouraged Hawkins to become involved in the UNL basketball program. "I like the idea of team sport," she said, "so I decided to give it a try."

Hawkins, who is 5 ft. 6 in. tall, now excels on the women's team. She is often used on the fast break

because of her speed and accurate shooting.

"Playing basketball also helps my tennis game," she said. "The lateral type movement keeps my legs

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in shape. A lot of tennis players, if they mix sports, play basketball."

Hawkin's dual sport involvement could pose

problems this spring. The Women's State Basketball Tournament is scheduled to start Feb. 21 and tennis competition begins March 1. Should the Nebraska women qualify for the regional tournament after state competition, Hawkins may be faced with a choice.

"That's a little bit too far in the future to think about now," she said.

The combination of an athletic older brother and a good youth recreation program in Grandforks, N.D., where Hawkins lived for nine years, were the basis for her interest in sports, she said.

"Grandforks offered free recreation instruction in just about any sport imaginable," Hawkins said.

She said she likes basketball and tennis equally well.

"I like being involved in a team sport such as basketball, but I enjoy tennis too," she said.