

Last Coliseum basketball game ends in defeat

By Pete Wegman

Forty-six years of Cornhusker basketball in the Coliseum came to an abrupt end Wednesday night when the Kansas Jayhawks defeated the Huskers 79-77 in two overtimes before 8,466 fans.

If plans go according to schedule, the 1975-76 basketball schedule will be played in the new \$13 million fieldhouse.

Wednesday's loss turned the Big Red a little redder while the Jayhawks came away with at least a share of the Big 8 title. Missouri defeated Kansas State (formerly 9-3 in conference play and tied with Kansas for the lead) 83-75 Wednesday night to give Kansas sole possession of the lead.

Ironically, Nebraska head coach Joe Cipriano and his charges never trailed during regulation play. Jerry Fort, the Huskers' All-Conference junior guard, scored the game's first five points before Kansas managed to score.

The Huskers built the early five point lead to a 41-22 advantage with less than four minutes remaining in the first half.

Kansas, however, scored the next eight points to trail the Huskers by 11, 41-30, at the half.

Nebraska, which shot 55 per cent from the field in the first half, cooled off in the second and the Jayhawks continued to narrow the Husker lead.

With 16 seconds remaining in regulation time, a basket by Rick Suttle, the Jayhawks' leading scorer with 29 points, knotted the score at 67-67 and forced the contest into overtime.

The Jayhawks took their first lead of the evening when Danny Knight, who scored 13 of Kansas' last 19 points, hit a field goal to give the Kansas a 75-73 edge.

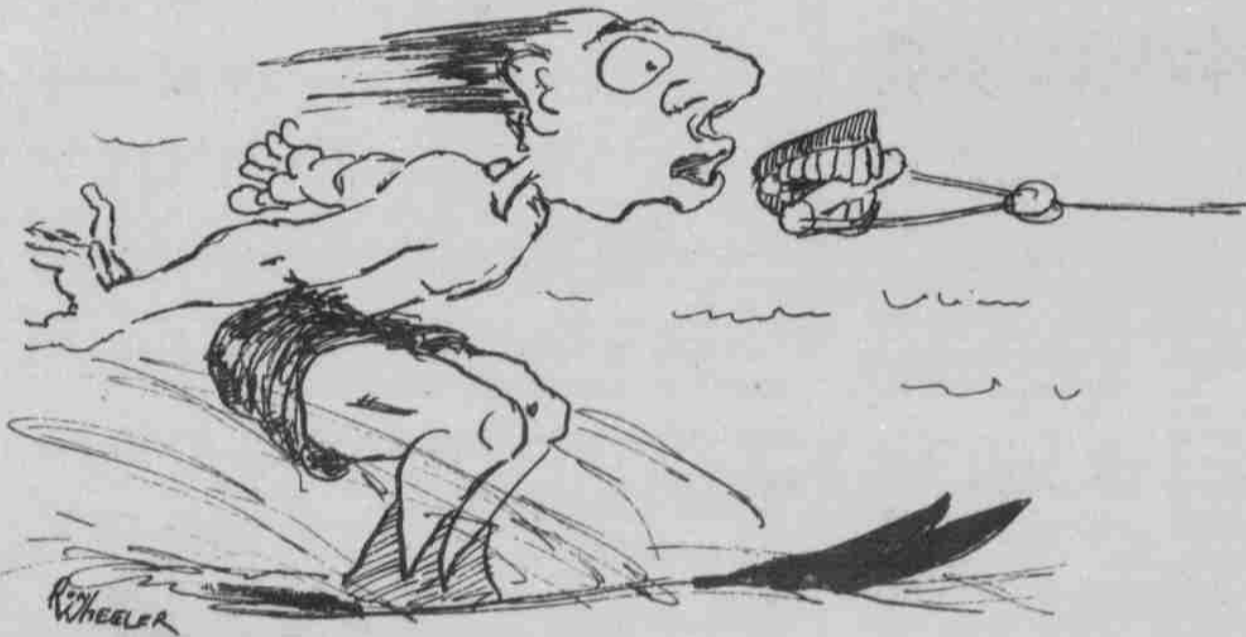
Freshman Eric Coard's jumpshot tied the game at 75-75 for the Huskers and sent the game into a second overtime.

Knight scored all four of Kansas' points in the second five-minute overtime. His final two points, a field goal with five seconds remaining, gave the Jayhawks their tenth conference victory in 13 games. Nebraska slipped to 7-6 in Big 8 competition.

Fort led Husker scoring with 28 points. Teammate Bob Siegel, who led the Huskers with 11 rebounds, added 25.

The Jayhawks out-rebounded the Huskers 49-34, as Suttle, Norm Cook and Knight hauled down 16, 12 and 10 rebounds, respectively, for the Kansas team.

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Crew rowing in Abel pool

By Larry Stunkel

Rowing is an outdoor sport, but with ice still on the lake the UNL rowing team waits for warm weather practice by running, lifting weights and rowing in Abel pool.

Rowing in Abel pool?

After four weeks work, members of the Husker crew have constructed two simulated shells (which they call tanks) that each hold four men and attach to the side of Abel pool.

Tank for technique

Crew coach Ron Rusthoven said the tank doesn't give the oarsmen a sense of motion or balance, but the innovation helps develop technique and aids in training new members.

"We're right there so voi-

communication is easier," Rusthoven said. "When we're at the lake and somebody makes a mistake, we either have to shout across the water, or wait until they dock the shell to tell them about it."

The team has worked around the regular pool schedule so each of the 72 men and women crew members gets at least an hour a week in the tank.

"We get most of our time in during the weekend," Rusthoven said. "But we're starting some early morning workouts so team members can get an additional half-hour of time."

Oars not full size

Rusthoven said the team doesn't use full-size oars, nor does it row at full rate.

"This isn't as hard as a regular workout," Rusthoven added, "because we're working mainly to refine technique."

The tank is constructed from four barrels that were cut in half and joined by a plywood surface. It has seats, riggers and oarlocks and is painted and waterproof. The posts that attach the tank to the side of the pool are coated with rubber so they won't damage the pool.

"The buoyancy and weight in the tank balances out so there is no wear on the tank or the pool," Rusthoven said.

The team's first meet is April 5 in San Diego. Rusthoven said he hopes to be back on open water by March 14. Meanwhile, in addition to practice in the tank, the team has had daily workouts, alternating between lifting

weights and running.

"Every top crew combines strength and endurance with technique," Rusthoven said. "You need all three. Technique doesn't do much good if the oarsmen can't last the entire race."

Because of the indoor tank, Rusthoven said the team won't have trouble getting used to the shell when it resumes outdoor rowing.

Rusthoven said he is looking for someone weighing less than 125 lbs. to try out for the coxswain position. The coxswain steers the shell and directs the crew during the race.

Recreation department sponsors new clubs

By Becky Morgan

Have you ever wanted to try your luck at water skiing, but didn't have the opportunity or the know-how?

The UNL water ski club, organized through the university recreation department, is for anyone interested in water skiing as a competitive sport or hobby.

"We've had about 20 to 25 students show interest," said Kermit McMurray, recreation coordinator and assistant director of the UNL Recreation and Intramural Department. "The club is in an embryonic stage and a lot of its success will depend on student interest."

No sites yet

Robert Mayfield, who will be the beginners' instructor, proposed the formation of the club.

Ski sites have not yet been determined, McMurray said. "These things will just have to be determined and worked out as the club gets going," he said.

If it is too late in the semester to get the club on its feet, McMurray said, plans may be made for skiing during the fall semester.

Another new club forming this spring is the bike club. Students don't seem to be too interested however, McMurray said.

Boxing club popular

A popular year-old club that has generated considerable interest is the boxing club. They hold bouts in the basement of Schramm Hall. Any student interested in participating should contact Mike Wilson or the University Recreation Department.

Other recreational clubs offered by UNL are soccer, rugby, table tennis, fencing, judo, karate and weightlifting organizations.

Members of newly-organized clubs ask Fee Allocations Board for funds for their purpose, said McMurray. They hold fund raising projects and some pay dues, he added.

"I feel UNL has quite a wide range of recreational clubs," he said. "We don't have the facilities for half of those interested in starting other clubs. There just isn't enough space."

McMurray said anyone interested in any of UNL's recreational clubs should contact him at 472-3467.



Demonstrating the rowing team's new four man tank in Abel pool are (from left), senior Matt Kush, junior Wes Hubka and junior Wes Handley.

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The UNL fencing club will sponsor a tournament Saturday in Women's Physical Education Building 301. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with competition starting at 10 a.m. Final matches will be held at 2 p.m. There will be a \$1 entry fee. For more information call 432-0412 or 475-5829.

Entries are due Friday for the NBA one-on-one tourney sponsored by the UNL recreation department. For further information call the recreation office, 1740 Vine St., 472-3467.