

Huskers stampede Buffaloes

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By Jim Hunt

Execution was the key to success as UNL's basketball team romped to a 80-61 victory over the hapless Colorado University Buffaloes (CU) Saturday before 7,752 in the Coliseum.

The victory pushed the Huskers' record to 16-6 overall and 7-2 in Big 8 Conference play. The Huskers remain in a second-place conference tie with Kansas State University.

"We played better than we did against Oklahoma," said Husker head coach Joe Cipriano, referring to UNL's 65-60 loss at Norman Wednesday. "We shot the ball better and didn't make as many errors."

The Huskers took the lead in the game for good when senior guard Jerry Fort hit a shot from four feet with 16:02 remaining in the first half, making the score 8-6. Senior guard Steve Willis gave the Huskers their biggest lead of the period at 38-22 when he hit a 25-foot shot with 4 seconds left in the half.

Fort, senior center Larry Cox and Willis accounted for 32 of the Huskers' 38 first-half points. The Huskers shot almost 55 per cent in the first half, with Fort hitting 14 points, Cox 10 and Willis eight.

Fort sat out almost nine minutes after committing his third foul with 8:57 left in the half.

The Huskers jumped to their biggest lead, 50-26, with 15:24 left in the game. Junior forwards Allen Holder and Bob Siegel, Fort and Cox all hit layups in the surge at the start of the second half. The Buffaloes could come no closer than 15 points after that.

Eleven Huskers saw action in the game with four finishing in double figures. Fort led with 18 points, hitting nine of 16 shots from the field.

Cox hit six of seven shots from the field and four of five free throws for 16 points, and has made 67.6 per cent of his field goal attempts this season. Willis and Siegel had 12 points each.

CU also placed four players in double figures, led by Emmett Lewis with 13 points. Larry Vaculik, sophomore center from Omaha Ryan, had 12, Kurt Schoenhoff had 11 and Greg Mueller had 10.

Dave Logan, also a football split end, was held scoreless, primarily because of Holder's defensive efforts. Logan entered the game averaging 13.5 points a game.

"I just try to keep him from getting the ball," Holder said. "He can't score if he doesn't get the ball, and if he does get it I just have to play up on him tight."

The Huskers hit 60 per cent of their field goal attempts, compared to CU's 40 per cent. UNL outrebounded the Buffs 34-32. CU's record is now 4-17 overall and 1-8 in Big 8 play.

The Huskers will be at home again Wednesday when they meet Kansas State at 7:35 p.m. in the Coliseum.

The Wildcats stopped Oklahoma's four-game winning streak Saturday, winning 75-70 at home in Manhattan. Guards Chuckie Williams and Mike Evans hit 22 points apiece, while forward Larry Dassic had 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Missouri University also won at home Saturday, defeating Iowa State University 85-64 to remain atop the Big 8 with an 8-1 league record. In the other Big 8 game, Kansas beat Oklahoma State University 70-60 in Lawrence behind Ken Koenigs' 27 points.

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Kiffin's car stolen

Monte Kiffin, Husker football defensive coordinator, reported his car stolen Sunday. According to a Lincoln Police Dept. spokesman, the car was parked by the Clayton House motel and restaurant, 10th and O streets, and was taken sometime after 11:40 a.m. The car was a black and yellow 1975 Ford LTD owned by the Touchdown Club.

Swimmers hope to be at peak

By Susie Reitz

Peaking at the right time is important for the UNL women's swimming and diving team if the Huskers want to win the Big 8 Conference championship, said head coach Pat Sullivan.

The Big 8 tournament will be Friday and Saturday in Stillwater, Okla., and will be UNL's second meet this week. UNL hosts Kearney State College Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Women's Physical Education Bldg. pool.

"We've been looking ahead all year to the Big 8 meet," Sullivan said. "Earlier this year, I couldn't say what our chances would be, but after seeing the other (Big 8) teams, I think we have an outstanding chance to win."

UNL will depend on top finishers, Sullivan said, since with only 10 swimmers the team does not have the depth of top challengers Kansas University (KU) and Iowa State University (ISU).

The Huskers beat KU 71-60 in a dual meet earlier this month and placed second to ISU in a quadrangular in January.

"I compared scores and am sure we could beat Iowa State in a dual," Sullivan said, "but in a bigger meet it's

depth that counts—if you have several swimmers who can score it makes a difference."

UNL senior Ruth Spencer and freshman Ellen Hollander should give UNL an advantage in the breaststroke and relays, Sullivan said. Freshman Lise Magee and junior Deb Peterson are among the top three in the Big 8 in backstroke, she added.

The conference meet will be the first time the Huskers have competed in 200-yard individual events. Other meets have had 50- and 100-yard distances, she said.

Except for sophomore Mikki Crosby, Husker swimmers will compete in short and long distances in their specialties, Sullivan said. Crosby, who will not swim the shorter butterfly races, will swim the 200-yard butterfly.

The Big 8 meet will be the next to last time for UNL swimmers to make national qualifying times. None have qualified yet, Sullivan said, although several are within seconds. The 200-yard medley relay team is less than three seconds over the qualifying time.

Three Husker divers, freshmen Kristi Wells and Lois Hayman and senior Nancy Dykes, have qualified for nationals with a sufficient degree of difficulty, Sullivan said.

In the Kearney State meet, UNL divers will dive 11 times to prepare for the Big 8 meet, rather than the usual five dual-meet dives.

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