

## sports



## Huskers' 'road show' back in town; Cipriano pleased with winning effort

By Jim Kay

After the UNL basketball team played five of its first seven games away from home, coach Joe Cipriano brought his road show back to Lincoln Monday night with an 88-53 victory over Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU).

Cipriano's show at the UNL Sports Complex featured the Carl McPipe act. The sophomore center from Hammond, Ind., hit a career high 25 points and grabbed ten rebounds. It also was the best single-game scoring performance by a Husker this season.

The Huskers, led by guard Brian Banks in the early going, jumped to a 6-0 lead and stretched it to 26-4 before allowing the NAIA school its first field goal with 10 minutes gone in the first half.

Cipriano said games that feature a wide point spread give the coaches a chance to play several team members.

"We had an opportunity to play a lot of kids we were sorry we couldn't play earlier," Cipriano said. "Like Skeeter Jackson, who is coming on. He played well at Washington, too."

The Huskers committed 23 fouls during the game, most of which were reaching-in fouls, Cipriano said. Cipriano added that he was pleased with the play of

guards Terry Novak and Allen Holder and the Huskers' ability to get second and third shots while outrebounding NWMSU 54-37.

The Huskers hit 39 of 80 field goal attempts and 10 of 14 free throws.

Nebraska, now 4-4 on the year, plays two more non-conference games before the Big 8 Conference Holiday Tournament in Kansas City. The Huskers play at Northwestern University Friday and return home for a game with Mankato State University next Wednesday.

The Nebraska women's basketball team also scored a home victory Monday night with a 64-61 win over the NWMSU Bearkittens. The win moved the Lady Huskers record to 10-5 on the season.

Nebraska was led by sophomore Jan Crouch, who hit 10 of 13 field goal attempts and wound up with 22 points. Marta Prichard, coming off the bench, scored 12 points, including two clutch baskets late in the contest. Kathy Hawkins also was in double figures for Nebraska with 14 points.

The Huskers hit only 29 per cent of their shots from the field but won the game at the free throw line by hitting 16 of 21 tries. NWMSU made 13 of 21 free throw attempts.

## MU carries on last year's success by gaining early season 5-1 record

Editor's note—This is the fifth in a series examining Big 8 Conference basketball teams.

By Mike McCarthy

Coach Norm Stewart's University of Missouri (MU) Tigers have picked up where they left off last year by mounting an early season 5-1 record. Last year, the Tigers won the Big 8 Championship with a 12-2 record and finished 26-5 overall.

MU returns four starters and is predicted to repeat as Big 8 champion despite losing the conference's Player

of the Year, Willie Smith. Smith averaged more than 25 points a game last year, but senior Kim Anderson and junior Jim Kennedy picked up the slack this season.

"The difference between our ball club this year and the one we had last year is that this year we will have a good club; last year we had a good club and a dominant player (Smith)," Stewart said.

Anderson and Kennedy, both forwards, hit 13 points each in Missouri's 65-63 victory over Florida State University. Sophomore center Stan Ray and senior guard Scott Sims also have provided some scoring. Both players are averaging more than 13 points a game this season.

Ray won the Big 8 Newcomer-of-the-Year award last year and Stewart said he hopes Ray proves himself to be just that.

"We feel that Stan Ray had an outstanding year as a freshman last year and hopefully he will improve and come back and really give us some inside strength," Stewart said.

Freshman guard Larry Drew has started the last couple of games for MU. He has an average of nine points per game.

"Everyone expected us to be strong this year," Stewart said, "but the play of Scott Sims and Larry Drew has been something of a pleasant bonus for us. We always knew they were capable of doing the job, but it's a matter of getting the confidence in your ability to do it."

"Their performance has helped diversify our club and keeps opposing defenses from being able to gang up to stop one or two individuals," Stewart said.

The reason for Drew's abundant playing time is senior guard Jeff Currie. Currie was released last week from MU's Medical Center after undergoing treatment for a kidney ailment. He still is receiving medication, although his condition has stabilized. It is not known when Currie will return.



Photo by Kevin Higley

Husker forward Stanley "Skeeter" Jackson in action against Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU) Monday. Jackson tallied 14 points against the Bearcats and recorded the Huskers' first dunk of the year in the Sports Complex.

## UNL student gamblers run gamut from winners to perpetual losers

Editor's note—This is the fourth in a series examining gambling in Nebraska, and especially at UNL.

By Pete Wegman

Orville, Lefty and Jeff (not their real names) are UNL students who gamble. Lefty has been a winner this season, Orville has about broken even and Jeff is what bookies call a "degenerate," a perpetual loser.

In the last 15 football weekends, Orville said, he has bet about \$8,000 and has profited under \$100. That's a return of 1.25 per cent on his "investments." Why not put such money in a savings account with less risk and earn 5 to 6 per cent?

"I enjoy it (gambling)," Orville said. "I find it a lot more interesting to watch a TV football game if I have money on it. If I don't have money on it, I probably won't watch it."

Although Orville is ahead for the season, not all his weekends have been profitable. Three weeks ago he had to go home to get money to pay his bookie. He owed \$1,222.

Lefty, who started gambling in grade school on horse races, said he has bet about \$5,000 this semester and made about \$750.

"I bet to make money," he said. "If I wasn't winning,

Orville said he doesn't want to see legalized gambling in Nebraska. "It (gambling) wouldn't be any fun if it was legalized," he said.

Lefty said legalized gambling has its pros and cons. "The way it's handled now, it (legalized gambling) would never work," he said, "it can't compete with the bookies."

Orville estimated that about 10,000 UNL students gamble regularly and an additional several thousand gamble sporadically.

Most, according to Lefty and Orville, are losers like Jeff.

Jeff said he bet on 13 Monday night football games this season and lost every one. He added that he has yet to collect from his bookie this semester.

Thursday—in the final article in the gambling series, "Fourth and Twenty" discusses legalized gambling on collegiate sports.

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I wouldn't be doing it. If I was consistently losing, like some guys, I would quit."

Lefty said he has been successful this year because he studies football closely. Orville and Lefty both said they spend over 20 hours a week betting, watching games and studying tip sheets, scores and so forth.

He said he likes to bet football games and horse racing because his knowledge in those areas gives him an advantage over other bettors.

Lefty said his values about money have changed since he started gambling. "I used to really watch my money, but now I don't even flinch when betting \$55 on a game."

Orville said he does not think gambling is addictive. "I don't think I could quit completely, but I'm not hooked on it," he said. "Gambling is fine, as long as you're betting money you have. If you bet money you don't have, you're over the hill."

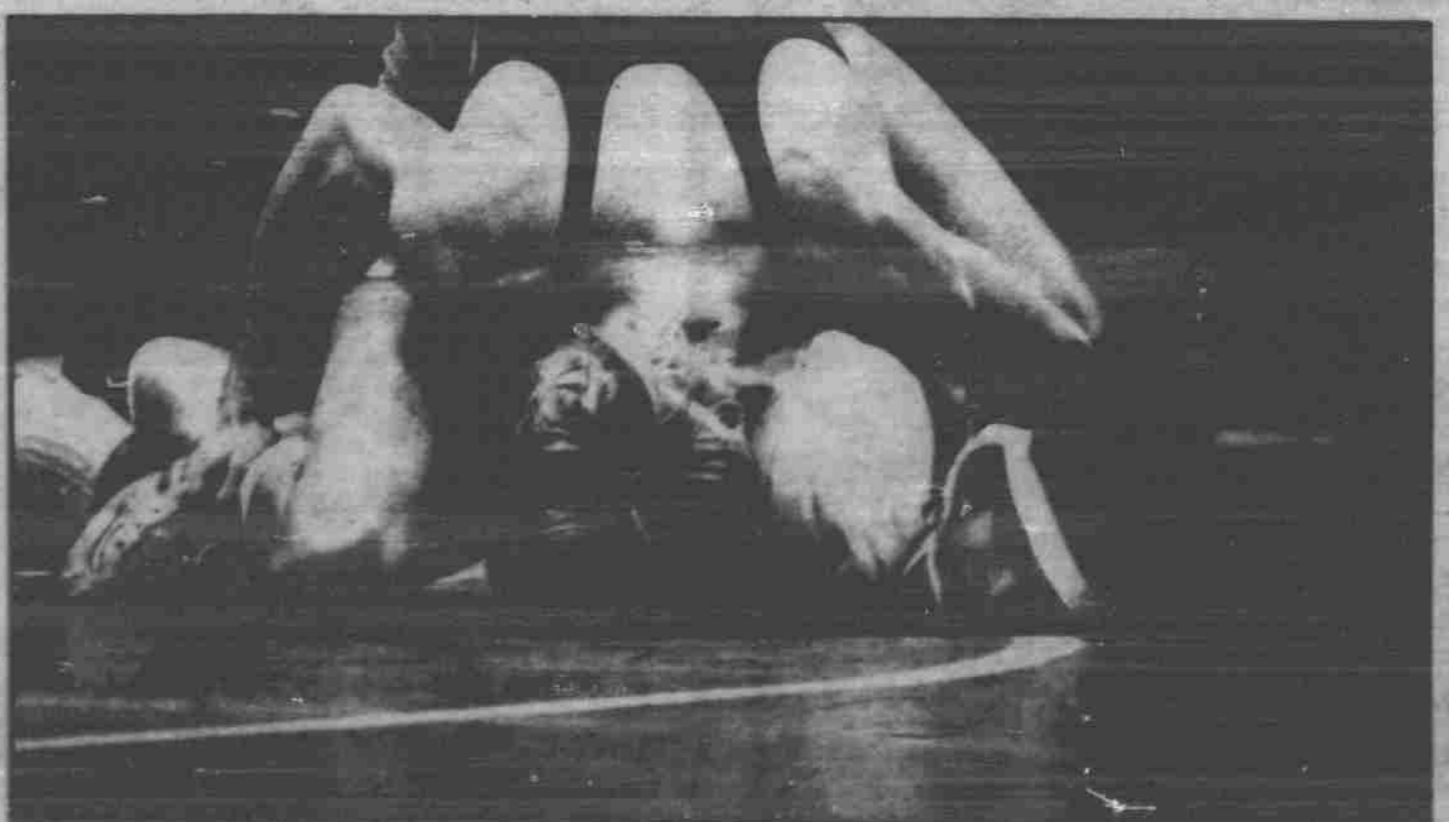


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UNL's wrestling squad will host Drake University today at 7:30 p.m. in the Sports Complex. The Huskers will be attempting to improve on their 0-2 dual mark this season. Husker dual wrestling matches with Drake traditionally have featured close finishes. See related story on page 11.