

Huskers try to tank Missouri Tigers Saturday

By Mike McCarthy

Norm Stewart's University of Missouri (MU) Tigers' high-powered offense is in full gear, but the Huskers will try to shift it down in Columbia, Mo., Saturday night.

Tiger junior college transfer, Clay Johnson, led team scoring with 39 points Wednesday in the Tigers' 90-83 win over the University of Colorado. Senior guard Scott Sims with 23 points and forward Kim Anderson with 20 points also tallied on the Tiger scoreboard.

The Huskers usually hold opponents to about 60 points a ball game, while the Tigers average 75 points a contest. But MU's offense might suffer with the loss of 6 ft. 9 in. sophomore center Stan Ray.

Ray, voted the Big 8 Conference newcomer of the year, was declared scholastically ineligible this semester and was suspended from the MU squad. Ray averaged nine points a game for the Tigers.

MU's balanced attack has four players with better scoring averages than Ray's. Sims and Anderson average 15 points a game, while Johnson adds 12 points a game.

Stewart said what pleases him more than the scoring is the transition of senior Jim Kennedy from forward to guard.

"It (the transition) really didn't make any difference to me," Kennedy said. "I thought it would help me be a better all-around player. With the people coming back, that's where I was needed."

"I felt fine with the position," Kennedy said.

"I guess after playing forward all that time it was a little more of a change than I expected."

"But, I guess if a couple of people have made the

difference this year it has been the guards, Larry (Drew) and Scott (Sims). We knew we had a strong front line."

Drew, a freshman, jumped into the Tiger line-up when MU's veteran guard, Jeff Currie, was sidelined with a kidney ailment.

Drew, Sims, Anderson, Kennedy and Johnson are probable starters for the Big 8 Conference leaders. two

other teams, Kansas and Kansas State Universities, share the lead with the Tigers at 3-1. Overall, the Tigers are 13-3.

The Huskers dropped to 2-2 in conference play, and 10-8 overall after a 65-58 loss Wednesday to the University of Oklahoma. The 7:35 p.m. tip off will be at the Tigers' Hearnes Center.

Women swimmers in dual meet

UNL's women's swim team will open second semester competition Saturday against the University of South Dakota at Vermillion (USD).

The dual meet is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at the Omaha Westside High School pool.

UNL swim coach Ray Huppert said the meet will be in Omaha because of less driving time for USD and publicity for the Huskers in Omaha.

"By having the meet in Omaha," Huppert said, "we'll get to show the Omaha people our swim team. With this exposure, we'll get them to watch us in the Sports Center."

The women's squad, 3-2 for the year in dual action, will face a USD team that is competing for the first time this year.

"They (USD) didn't run a first semester program," Huppert said, "so we know nothing about them."

"We've been working out since November, so we should be in better shape."

UNL has lost two duals on the road. Their last loss was Jan. 8 to Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

"We've been swimming exceptionally well," Huppert said, "but we're a little tired right now since the recent road trips to Louisiana and Florida."

Huppert cited sophomore Ellen Hollander for her fine performance in the breast stroke events and the individual medley.

The next home meet for the Huskers is scheduled for Feb. 5 against the Universities of Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

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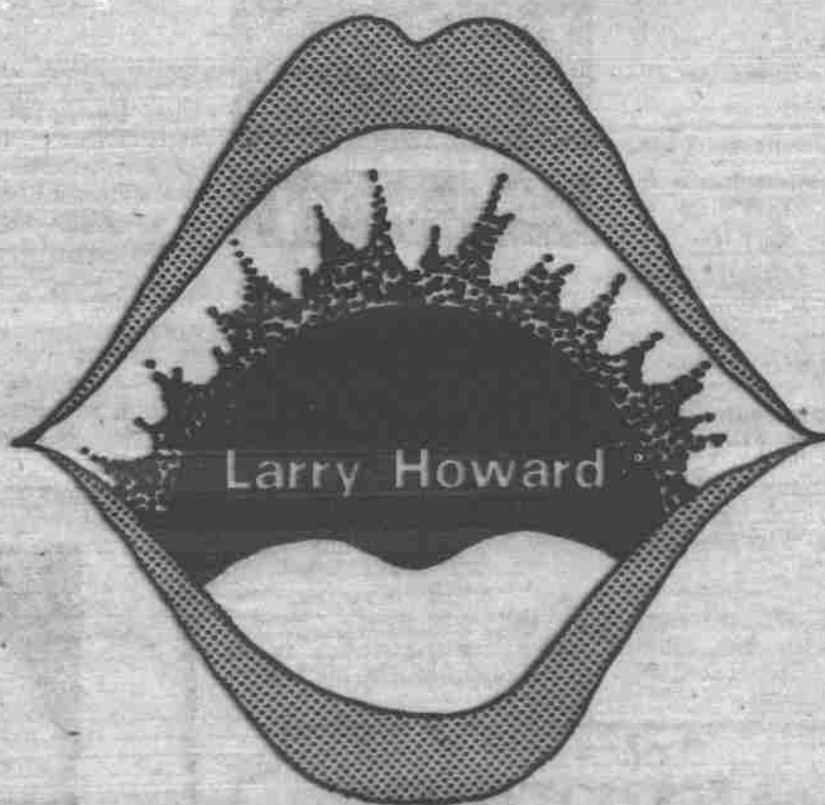
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