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Aggressive defense presents Cip with win 200

By Rob Barney

It wasn't artistic or easy, but no one said number 200 was supposed to be.

Coach Joe Cipriano notched his 200th win as a UNL coach Friday night at the Sports Complex as UNL downed Missouri Southern State 61-54, in the season opener.

"Thank God for the defense," Cipriano said. "When you play your first game of the year, you're not going to tear them up."

UNL shot only 37 percent from the field for the game.

"We had the shots. They were there," junior guard Brian Banks said. "They just weren't dropping."

Banks hit only four of 15 from the field but hit all eight of his freethrows to lead UNL in scoring with 16 points.

"Considering it was our first game we didn't play real bad," Banks said. "We played aggressive and mixed-up our defenses."

Missouri Southern mixed-up their defenses, playing different zone defenses to hamper the UNL offense.

"We couldn't break the zone," UNL center Carl McPipe, said. "They started off in a man-to-man, then they went to a zone. We weren't ready for it."

However, McPipe, a 6-foot-8 junior from Hammond, Ind. warned, "We'll be ready next week. Creighton will probably zone, but we'll be ready. It's a rival game."

The Creighton Bluejays come to Lincoln Friday night for UNL's next game.

McPipe followed Banks in scoring with 11 points. He pulled down seven rebounds to lead the Huskers.

"It was tough underneath," McPipe said. "They were as tough as any team in the Big 8."

One of the reasons the visitors were

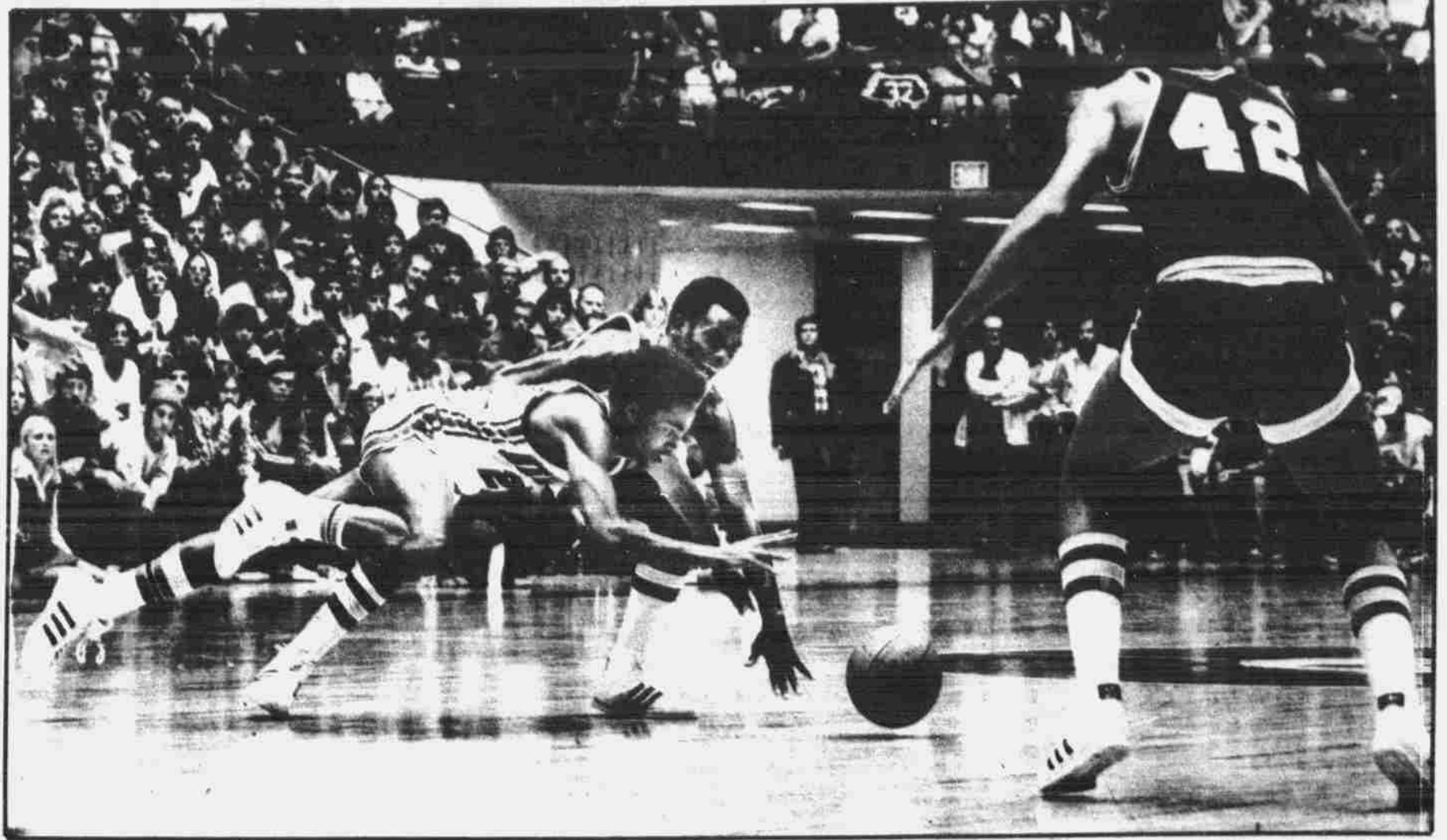


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Husker guard Brian Banks (white) in a scrabble for the ball with a Missouri Southern player. Banks led UNL scorers with 16 in their 61-54 victory over Missouri Southern Friday at the Sports Complex.

tough was the play of 6-foot-6 senior center-forward Maurice Dixon.

Dixon connected on 10 of 14 shots from the field and finished with 24 points and 15 rebounds.

"Dixon is definitely a Big 8 caliber player," Cipriano said. "He played a good game."

Cipriano said he was pleased with the play of freshmen Mike Naderer, Gerard Myrthil and Andre Smith.

"I was real pleased with our freshmen," he said. "Mike Naderer did an excellent job for us handling the ball and shooting in the clutch."

Naderer, a freshman from Scottsdale, Ariz., started in place of Bob Moore, who was suspended for one game because of disciplinary reasons. He scored 10 points against Missouri Southern.

"I found out at the pre-game meal that I was going to start," Naderer said. "It

(the meal) didn't go down easy.

"I couldn't ask for any more. They had the confidence to start me. I have a lot of work to do, especially on my defense," Naderer added.

"For a freshman, he did a good job," Banks said of Naderer. "He's going to be a good player. And you have to remember Bob's (Moore) a good outside shooter so when he comes back we should be in good shape at guard."

Gymnastics coach disputes high school philosophy

By Mary Ryan

A disagreement with high school officials over gymnastic philosophy has been a concern for Jim Gottschalk, an instructor for the Nebraska School of Gymnastics.

Gottschalk had been a coach with the School of Gymnastics from 1973 to 1975 while he was head coach at Lincoln East High School. He left Nebraska and went to Watertown, S.D. for two years after a disagreement with Lincoln East officials on how to expand the gymnastics program there.

"It was bad. I wanted to develop a program through Lincoln East and the public schools to make the program the best," Gottschalk said. "I wanted a summer program and more emphasis in the elementary schools to get the kids started before they came to junior high and high school."

"I was stymied by an administration that wouldn't work with me and took over the running of the program," Gottschalk said. "They had unqualified people teaching it. They thought if a person was a physical education

teacher, that was enough."

"It was an all-around disagreement in philosophy. I wanted to work the program to the fullest potential, they wouldn't let me, so I left."

Very frustrated

Gottschalk said it was "very frustrating" so he went to South Dakota to regroup. He started a gymnastics club there and had clinics with South Dakota State University, where he competed as an all-around gymnast when he was in college.

He said he qualified for the national meet in the parallel bars his senior year (1972), but didn't compete because he was the only member of his team to qualify so they didn't send him to the meet.

"I wanted to get back into gymnastics 100 percent. South Dakota does not have the interest now, they are behind the times," he said. "We had 40 kids in the club, and there was some potential. But it was too slow, so I came back here."

But there are problems in Nebraska, Gottschalk said. The Nebraska High School Athletic Association says that no one who competes for a high school can compete for any outside club. Sometimes the School of Gymnastics loses people it has coached to the high schools, he said.

Good prospect

An example is Kim Grabowski, who decided to compete for Lincoln Northeast. Gottschalk said she was a good prospect and he didn't know if "it was to her detriment or not" that she left the School of Gymnastics.

Husker men's gymnastic coach, Francis Allen, founder of the Nebraska School of Gymnastics, said he would like gymnasts to be able to compete for his school and high schools.

Gottschalk said a similar rule barring outside competition was defeated in the courts in Minnesota and he thinks it would also lose in Nebraska if it were to be challenged.

The School of Gymnastics has a women's team that competes in open tournaments and invitationals. This year, they have ten meets on their schedule. They won the Tri-State Invitational last month in Grand Island.

Interest risen

Gottschalk said because of the publicity given to Russian gymnast Olga Korbut in the 1972 Olympics and to Nadia Comaneci in 1976, the interest in women's gymnastics has risen. There also is more interest in the men's competition, he added.

"The men in the United States are coming to a point where they can do well internationally," he said. "Omahans Jim Hartung and Phil Cahoy have already competed internationally. It used to be a rare case where a high school gymnast had competed internationally."

The men's division of the schools of gymnastics is slower than the women's, Gottschalk said, but it is a good program. There are 500 girls in the school and 60 boys.

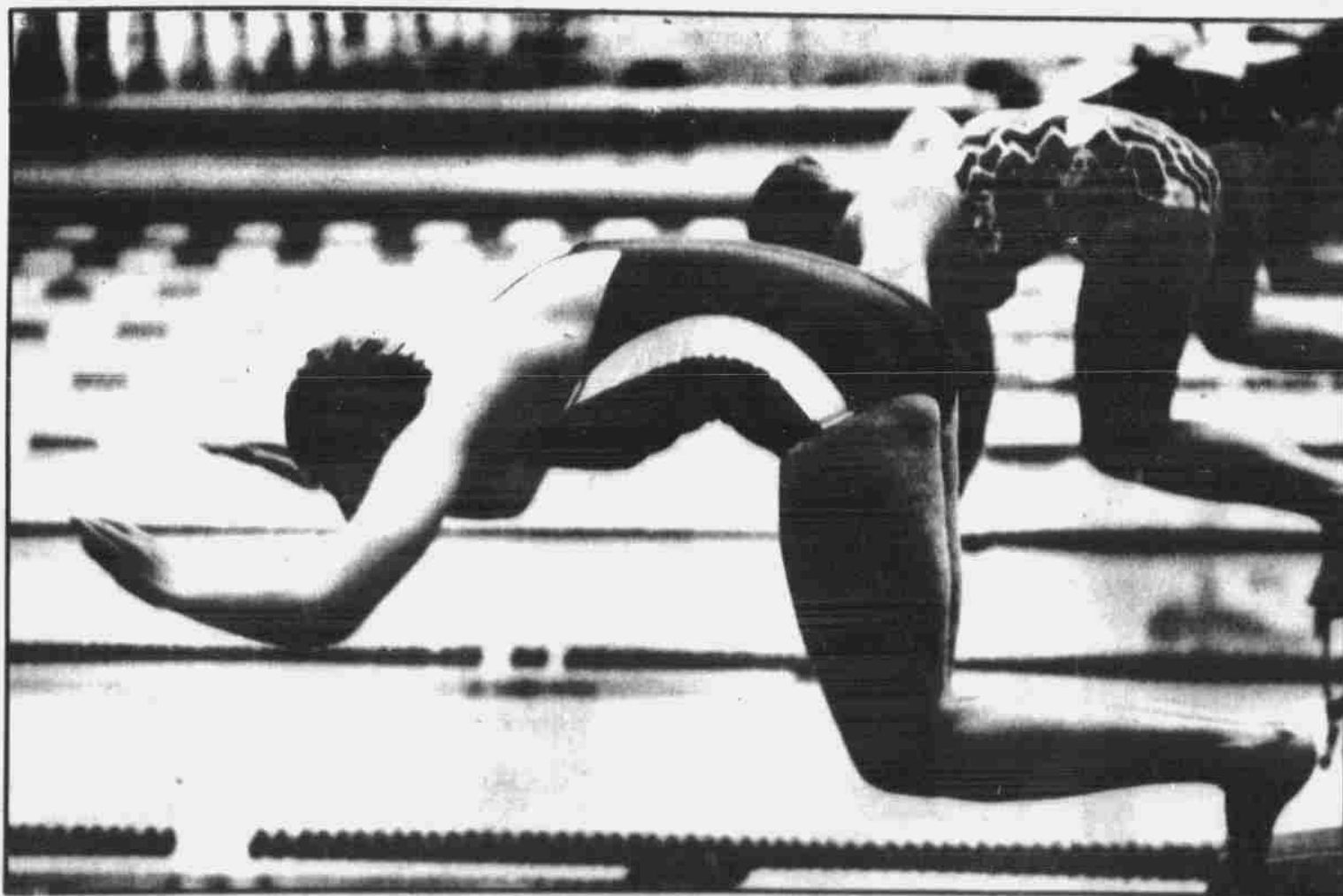


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UNL swimmer Anne Watland, in front, begins the 1,650-yard freestyle while competing in the Husker Swimming and Diving Invitational Friday and Saturday at the Sports Center's pool. UNL finished second in the quadrangular.

The Huskers scored 697 points while Kansas University won the meet with 829 and Oklahoma University was third with 529. The Jayhawks are the defending Big 8 champions.

Top performer for the Huskers was freshman JoDea Eckstrom who won the 200 and 400 meter individual medleys, placed second in the 100 butterfly and third in the 200 and 100 backstrokes.

In the 100 backstroke, Eckstrom set a school record of 1:02.41. She also was a member of the 400 freestyle relay team which set another school record of 2:13.98 while placing third behind KU and OU.

Watland, a sophomore, placed second in the 1,650, 200 and 500 yard freestyles.