

UNL hopes to break Tigers' home court advantage

By Jim Hunt

University of Missouri's head basketball coach Norm Stewart will be happy to be back at Hearnes Center in Columbia, Mo., as the Tigers hope to get back on the winning track against the high-flying Comhuskers Saturday.

UNL, ranked 18th by United Press International and 19th in the Associated Press poll, won its seventh game in a row 63-50 against Kansas State University Wednesday night. Yet, UNL has had problems winning in Columbia.

UNL has won two of the last 11 games in Columbia, an 88-77 win in 1974 and an

80-73 win in 1967.

"Playing in Hearnes has always been tough for us and I'm sure Saturday will be no exception," UNL coach Joe Cipriano said. "We only beat Missouri by one point in our place (the Sports Complex) so Saturday's game should be a real barn-burner."

UNL beat the Tigers 56-55 three weeks ago in Lincoln.

Missouri, meanwhile, returns from a 72-53 loss to Kansas, Wednesday night.

"We got stomped bad and are down right now," Stewart said. "We've had some success against Nebraska down here lately and I hope our home court advantage holds up."

Stewart said with a 19-3 record, UNL is in the thick of the Big Eight Conference title chase, but he is not surprised by UNL's success.

"The Huskers really aren't much different than they've been the last three years," Stewart said. "They do an excellent job of playing together and getting everyone to play up to their potential."

Yet, Stewart said the Tigers have had problems playing 40 minutes of good basketball.

"We haven't had a real good solid game lately," Stewart said. "After the first few minutes, we played extremely well at Oklahoma (a 73-70 loss). Our best game to date was against Kansas State (a 65-60 win)."

The Tigers are led by senior forward Clay Johnson. Johnson has averaged 17 points and eight rebounds this season for the 10-12 Tigers.

Nebraska's center Carl McPipe, who scored 21 points Wednesday night, leads UNL in scoring, averaging 15.1 points while guard Brian Banks is averaging 14.5 points.

Tip-off is scheduled for 7:35 p.m. The game will be broadcast by KFAB, KLIN and KFOR.

UNL-Missouri Starting Line ups

Missouri (10-12)	
Clay Johnson	.6-4 Sr. F
Brad Droy	.6-7 Jr. F
Stan Ray	.6-9 Jr. C
Larry Drew	.6-1 So. G
Jeff Currie	.6-3 So. G
UNL (19-3)	
Terry Novak	.6-4 Sr. F
Curt Hedberg	.6-8 Jr. F
Carl McPipe	.6-8 Jr. C
Brian Banks	.6-0 Jr. G
Bob Moore	.6-3 Jr. G

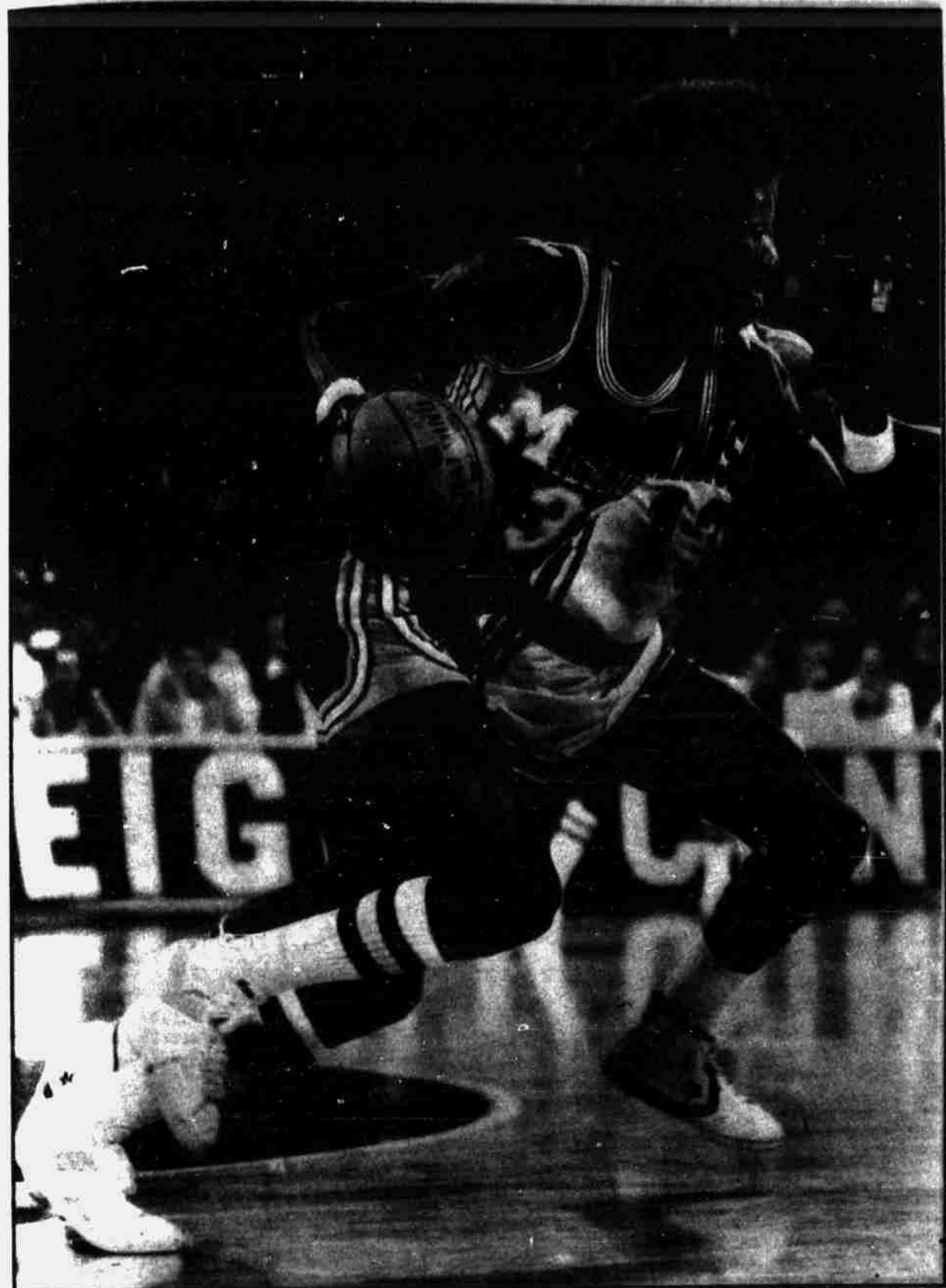


Photo by Bob Pearson

UNL senior forward Clay Johnson starts the Missouri fast break against Kansas guard John Douglas. Johnson is Missouri's leading scorer averaging 17 points a game.

NCAA not 'Hipp' on errors discovered in scoreboard ad

It was a brisk day in November when words "I.M. HIPPI ON GATEWAY REALTY" flashed across Memorial's Stadium's new electronic scoreboard.

Few of the over 76,000 fans saw the message and still fewer probably remember it. Why should they? You'd be hard-pressed to find enough fans who remember that day when UNL smashed the Kansas Jayhawks, 52-7, in the Huskers' last home game on Nov. 12.

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Gateway Realty and First Federal of Lincoln bought the scoreboard and each were given six advertising spots during the game.

But one of those spots could have caused the UNL athletic department some problems if Don Bryant, the sports information director, hadn't done some quick thinking. Bryant raced to the scoreboard booth and told the operators to stop flashing all advertising which used I-back Hipp's name.

"I spend half my time working on that stuff," Bryant said. "Someone just goofed. It was poor taste and poor judgment."

"That stuff" which Bryant refers to attempts to keep players from endorsing businesses, and businesses from using player's names to endorse businesses.

"The boy (Hipp) wasn't involved," he added. "There was no violation, per se. At the time, the I.M. Hipp jokes were going around, like I.M. Fat. There was just an I.M. rage going on."

When learning of the incident, Dick Martin, the assistant Big Eight commissioner in Kansas City, Mo., said "things like that happen. But the rule is clear: student athletes cannot endorse commercial products.

"It's an NCAA rule and a conference policy," Martin said. "I've talked to Don (Bryant) about it. It would be totally unfair for me to comment on the matter. What I've heard is just hearsay."

Martin added that Big Eight schools "are well-versed on the rules."

Martin said as a Big Eight official, he cannot say what action will be taken by his office. "I can't comment either way," he said.

The matter should be left as hearsay and after talking with Martin, one gets the impression it will remain as such.

To speak of probation because of an oversight by a scoreboard operator is ridiculous. But the NCAA office has been known to penalize athletic departments for things less minor than scoreboard violations.

"It won't happen again," Bryant insists. "They're under strict instruction to avoid that stuff. I try to screen (messages) before the game. I veto many things."

Bryant said UNL tries to present a "high class and appropriate" image when flashing messages. "We don't allow riding the opponent."

Bryant, the coaches and Athletic Director Bob Devaney should be able to sleep nights without having to worry about incident's like lightbulbs bearing a player's name.

It's a simple oversight and Bryant says he thinks the Big 8 office "views it that way."

sports shorts

Don Isherwood, who guided Valentino's softball team to a Lincoln AAA league title last year, has been named interim coach of the UNL women's softball team. Isherwood replaces Marcia Walker who resigned from her basketball and softball coaching duties January 17.

The men's and women's gymnastics teams from UNL will be on the road this weekend.

Francis Allen's men's squad, ranked in the top ten nationally, travels to Lawrence, Kan. to take on an improved Kansas University squad. The Jayhawks set a school record score of 205.45 last week.

The women's squad, coached by Judy Schalk, travels to Des Moines to compete in a meet that includes Grand View College, Southern Illinois and Drake University.

After snapping its seven-game losing streak against Tarkio College Wednesday night, the UNL women's basketball squad will travel to Fremont Saturday to play Midland College. The Huskers post an 8-16 record.

LaCrosse practice, for all interested women, will be at the east Stadium indoor track, Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

puzzle crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Sirs' counterparts
- 7 Parseghian
- 10 "Life — jest": Gay
- 13 Exhausts
- 14 Commander of a regiment
- 16 This was cinematically blue
- 18 Western jamboree
- 19 Nevada or Madre
- 20 G.I. mail drop
- 23 Architectural features
- 25 Parliament, in Japan
- 26 Sex
- 29 Boxer or husky
- 31 Use a calculator
- 32 Moving
- 33 Golfer Jones
- 35 It was blue in 1933
- 41 Truman played it
- 42 Segment of a flight
- 43 Lingerie purchase
- 45 Sgt.
- 47 Emulates Scrooge
- 47 Contrite one
- 48 Sidle
- 49 John or Jane
- 51 Thought, but not spoken
- 54 Makes one's salt
- 57 They're musically blue
- 61 Duds
- 62 Outcast
- 65 Still
- 64 Veer, as a ship in a storm

- 65 Like Oscar in "The Odd Couple"

DOWN

- 1 Kind of pie
- 2 "— was saying . . ."
- 3 Pronghorn
- 4 Concerning
- 5 "— most foul . . .": "Hamlet"
- 6 Line of a sort
- 7 German exclamation
- 8 First woman director of U.S. Mint
- 9 Jai —
- 10 Bergman
- 11 Fly off the handle

- 12 — sea (bewildered)

- 15 TV's "— Time"
- 17 Unfeeling
- 19 Actor John
- 21 Dollar, in Durango
- 22 Aware of
- 24 Santa's laundry problem
- 27 Unequal
- 28 "— saw Elba"
- 30 "Pygmalion" monogram
- 34 Kiss from a sehorita
- 36 Home on the road, maybe
- 37 Noun ending
- 38 French department

- 39 Island near Venice

- 40 Gaelic
- 43 Nobelist for peace: 1900
- 44 Getaway spot
- 45 Book in which plants are named
- 47 Out of practice
- 48 Catches one's breath
- 52 "Now — me down . . ."
- 53 Word in baby's vocabulary
- 55 Fairy fiddler
- 56 Lapse
- 58 Where Sydney is: Abbr.
- 59 Seat for a baby
- 60 Scottish

