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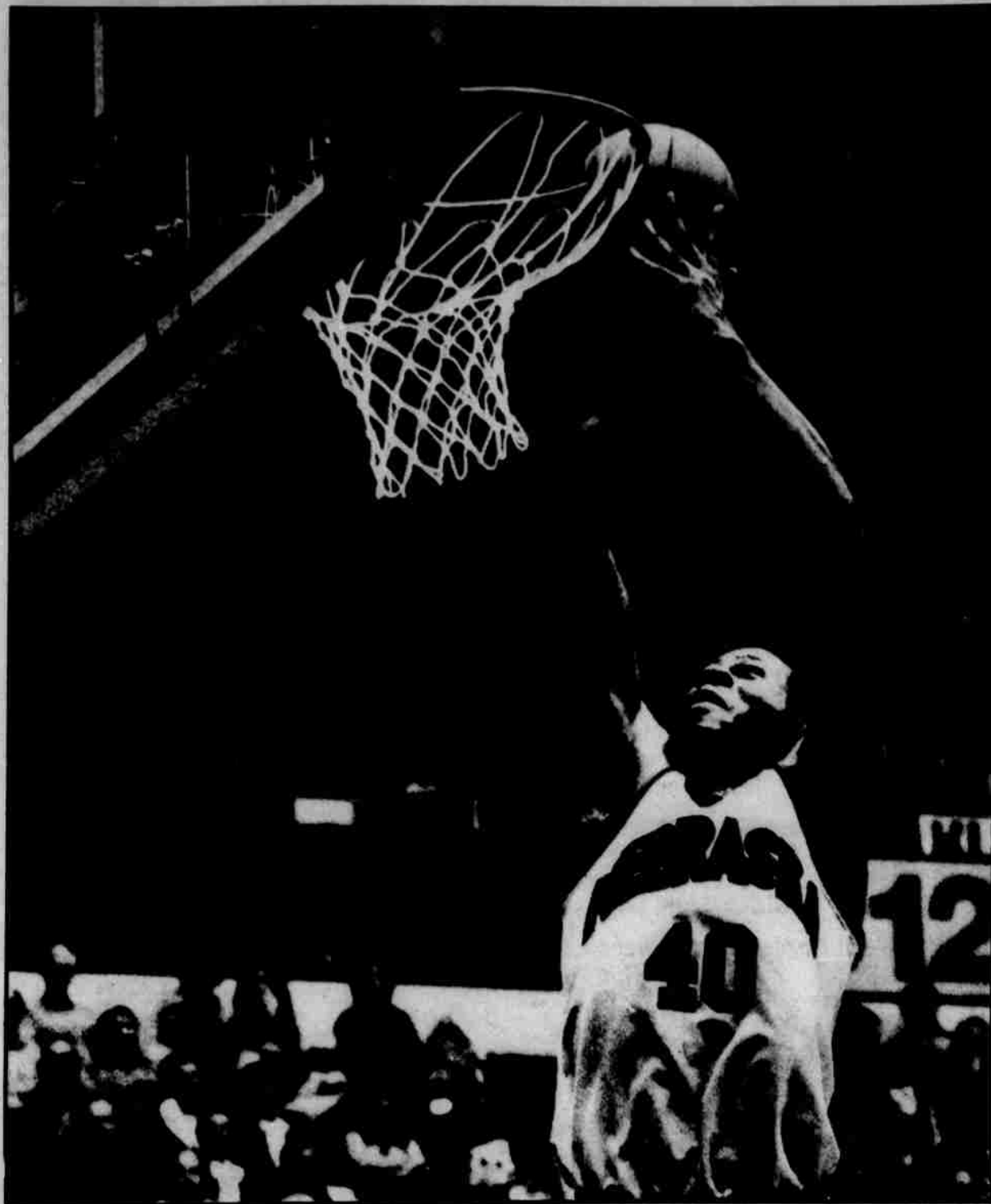


Photo by Maggie Golon

Nebraska's Andre Smith lays in two of his 34 points Monday night in the Huskers 82-68 triumph over Eastern Washington. Smith's performance broke the Bob Devaney Sports Center scoring record.

Center breaks records

Smith splurge sparks UNL

By Paul Huscher

Andre Smith said acting Nebraska basketball coach Moe Iba had a talk with him Sunday about "just going through the motions."

Smith said the talk referred to his play Saturday night in the Huskers' 74-52 win over Portland State.

"Coach Iba told me it looked like I was walking around out there," Smith said.

Iba told the 6-7 Husker center the coach wasn't getting the full 40 minutes out of him, Smith said.

Iba still didn't get 40 minutes out of Smith in the Huskers 82-68 win Monday night over Eastern Washington. Smith played for only 30 minutes but it was long enough to score 34 points and break the Bob Devaney Sports Center scoring record.

Smith's effort erased the 33-point standard set by Minnesota's Mychal Thompson in 1976 against the Huskers. Teamwise, Smith topped Carl McPipe's 28-point binges set against California-Davis and Kansas in 1977.

Smith was red-hot from the field, hitting 14 of 17 shots for 82 percent. He also grabbed 11 rebounds to lead unbeaten Nebraska to its third consecutive win.

Smith said he wasn't tired, although it was the Husker's third game, Smith said. Iba said he took Smith out for 10 min-

utes in the first half not because the center was tired but because he had two fouls.

After Smith left the game, the Husker's 25-6 lead with just over 10 minutes left in the first half melted to an eleven point halftime lead.

"Our substitution didn't work out like it did in the first two games," Iba said. "It's hard mentally to keep sharp. That's where you lose things, not physically but mentally."

"We definitely need it (rest). We need practice time. We need to get our team back together," he said.

Iba said the Huskers started the game very well, but play got very ragged. This was evident as the Huskers committed 23 turnovers.

Junior college transfer Tim West added 16 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

West scored eight of the Huskers' first 14 points. He hit a bucket with 12:06 left in the second half to break a streak of seven unanswered Eagle points, narrowing the Huskers' lead to six points. The 48-42 lead was the smallest since the beginning of the game when Nebraska jumped ahead 6-0.

Sophomore guard Jack Moore dished off seven Husker assists while adding 13 points for the Huskers.

Nebraska's next game will be against Creighton this Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

AIAW tourney starts this week, but Huskers stay home

By Ron Powell

Despite a 41-8-3 record against some of the top competition in the country, the Nebraska women's volleyball team will be staying home when the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) National tournament begins Wednesday in Carbondale, Ill.

The Huskers lost in the finals of the Region VI championship Nov. 17 to Southwest Missouri State for an automatic berth. Last week, Husker coach Terry Pettit found out his team was denied one of the three at-large bids for the national meet.

One of the three teams that received an at-large bid was Lamar, a team that the Huskers beat twice at the Mean Green Inv-

tational in Denton, Texas this year. Pettit said he was discouraged with the decision when he first learned of it, but added that he hasn't thought much about it since then.

"It's like a judgment call at a game," Pettit said. "We don't have any grounds to argue it on. There's not much we can do about it. We feel we belong there."

Pettit said the Southwest Missouri State coach Linda Dollar told him that she would talk to the tournament directors to find out why the Huskers did not receive an at-large berth.

Although this year's team was unable to improve on last year's 17th place finish in the national meet, Pettit said that "without a question" this was his best team since

coming to UNL in 1977.

The Huskers won their fourth consecutive Big Eight crown this year as well as winning the Mean Green, Husker and Windy City invitationals, in compiling the best record ever in the school's volleyball history.

With only three seniors graduating—Nancy Grant, Ann Haberman and Lucy Axberg—Pettit said next year looks even brighter.

"It was a good season, but I think we can be better next year," Pettit said. "We're still building because we have so much room to improve. It is a team that has not reached its potential yet."

He said the team will miss Grant, Haberman and Axberg next year, but added that All-Big Eight performers Terri

Kanouse, Lori Melcher and Reba Govier return as well as regulars Marla Lichty, Mindy Martens and Lori Zimmerman.

"Five years from now, people won't look back and say this was the best volleyball team ever here," Pettit said. "I think we're developing a program that is going to produce good teams every year."

Although the 1979 season finished just three weeks ago, Pettit said preparation for the 1980 season has already started with off-season practices to prepare the team for some open tournaments the team will start playing in January.

"We use the off-season to work on weaknesses and try some new things," Pettit said. "It also gives us a chance to play our younger players."

Dreams of national tourney loom in wrestler's mind

By Shelley Smith

Husker wrestler John Shearer knew he improved last year, but didn't know how much until he went home over Thanksgiving.

"We had a couple of days off so I went up to UNO and wrestled some of the guys that used to beat me in high school," the Omaha Northwest High School graduate said.

"This time," he said, "I beat them." Shearer, 19, won both of his 118-pound matches in Nebraska's dual meets against Central Missouri and St. Cloud State Friday. St. Cloud's 118-pounder, last year, was an All-American.

"He was a lot bigger, but my take downs really helped me. I haven't lost any of those this year," he said.

Is beating an All-American any indication of what's to come from Shearer this season?

"I hope so," he said.

"Coach (Bob) Fehrs has been really great in helping me. He's more organized, he knows what he's talking about, and he makes it so you want to win for him," he said.

Shearer is a sophomore academically, but still considered a freshman in eligibility

because he redshirted last year. He wrestled at 105 pounds in high school and said he expected to redshirt his college freshman year because 118 pounds is the lowest college weight.

"Last year the season just dragged on because I only wrestled three or four open meets," he said.

"But, I grew a couple of inches and gained some weight. And I never stopped learning. I could, as a freshman, concentrate on learning how the team worked and I didn't have to fear having to go right out and wrestle," he said.

"It was a year of maturity."

Shearer said he hopes that year of maturity pays off this season. He said the thoughts of the national tournament loom in his mind, but right now he's concentrating on one match at a time.

Saturday, the Huskers travel to Ames to face defending Big Eight Champions and second place NCAA finishers—Iowa State. Shearer said it will be a tough meet for Nebraska, but said if the Huskers can win the close matches, they should be able to beat the Cyclones.

Last year Iowa State beat Nebraska 30-6. Shearer said the Huskers didn't wrestle bad, but Iowa State won the close decisions.

"We're really preparing mentally for this one," he said.

"I got a little tired during my matches last weekend so I've been running a lot and drilling extra hard in practice this week," he said.

"We won those two last weekend and we've got some confidence and momentum. I think we can beat them," he said.

The Huskers' team attitude has improved immensely this fall, Shearer said. The wrestlers are thinking positive, they want to win, he said.

"A lot of the attitude change has been because of Coach Fehrs. He's mixed up practice so it's not boring, he's really shown us a lot of techniques, and he's made us want to win," he said.

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Phi Delta Theta fraternity defeated Harper 6, 43-27, to capture the All-University innertube basketball championship. Greg Olson and Jeff Rafferty led the Phi Deltas with 18 and 16 points respectively. John West of Harper 6 took the game scoring honors with 19 points.

The team of Sigma Tau Upsilon Delta (STUD) won the championship of the intramural Olympic weightlifting competition. The following were individual

winner: (114) Chad Couillard, Beta Sigma Psi; (132) Dave Patterson, Tau Kappa Epsilon; (148) Dan Evans, Tau Kappa Epsilon; (165) Terry Porter, STUD; (181) C.J. Johnson, Sigma Phi Epsilon; (198) Dick Seckman, Kappa Sigma; (220) Dave Shepland, STUD; (Super Heavyweight) Brad Schacht, Theta Xi.

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