

## sports

## Michigan puts end to Huskers' basketball season

By Ron Powell

Although Nebraska's Andre Smith won the scoring battle against Michigan's Mike McGee, it was the Wolverines that won the more important battle, the first round game of the National Invitational Tournament, 76-69 Thursday night in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Smith had 30 points to 25 for the Omaha native McGee. But it was McGee who got a little more support from his teammates. Guard Johnny Johnson added 19, center Paul Heurman poured in 16 and reserve guard Keith Smith chipped in 11 points at crucial times to lead the Wol-

vermes.

Guard Jack Moore had 16 points while Ray Collins added 14 to round out the Huskers' double figure scoring.

After leading 34-31 at halftime, the Wolverines appeared to be on the verge of blowing the Huskers out, opening a 50-37 lead in the first six minutes of the second half. Michigan scored 10 of their 16 points after offensive rebounds, something that concerned Acting Husker Head Coach Moe Iba.

"When we've lost on the boards, it has been because we haven't screened out," Iba said in a postgame radio interview. "Although we give up some height, we shouldn't have given up that many offen-

sive boards."

But the Huskers came roaring back. The Huskers outscored Michigan 10-2 in the next five minutes and trailed by only three, 52-49 with nine minutes left.

After Keith Smith scored Michigan's next five points to hike their lead to six, the Huskers again cut it to three with 5:50 left on a Collin's basket. The turning point of the game occurred with five minutes left.

McGee drove the lane, scored, and in a controversial call, a blocking foul was called on Andre Smith, instead of a charge on McGee. McGee connected on the free throw and Michigan had a six point lead and the game. The closest the Huskers got

after that was four.

"Down the stretch, we came back real well, but we just couldn't get the break we needed," Iba said. "The turning point was McGee's three-point play. I thought Andre (Smith) had good position on the play."

Iba praised the Huskers' effort and Michigan.

"I am very proud of how we played," Iba said. "Michigan's got a fine basketball team. They're tough to beat at home. They've beaten Ohio State and some other ranked teams at home. They're a typical Big Ten team."

The Huskers end the season with an 18-13 mark.



Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

Arkansas's U.S. Reed (24) grabs a rebound over Kansas State's Ed Nealy (45) in an NCAA first round game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Thursday night. The Wildcats won, 71-53.

## Wildcats defeat Arkansas, 71-53

By Tad Stryker

Razorback center Scott Hastings' battered face and teammate Brad Friess' surprised look were just two examples of the frustration Arkansas experienced at the hands of Kansas State last night in an NCAA first-round game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Wildcats gave Arkansas their worst beating in six years, winning 71-53.

Hastings got in the way of Wildcat Tyrone Adams' right elbow and ended up sprawled on the floor for over a minute. Later in the game, Friess drove to the basket for a dunk shot, only to miss it badly.

But what caused the Razorbacks the most grief was Kansas State's aggressive 3-2 zone defense.

"Our defense was the basic foundation of the game," said Wildcat Head Coach Jack Hartman. "I thought we played extremely well defensively throughout. Our offense played real well at times too, especially when we the transition game going."

Senior guard Glenn Marshall set the tone early for K-State, getting four quick steals near the outset of the game, which were converted into field goals.

"Coach Hartman told us to try to play the passing lanes," Marshall said. "I was anticipating everything."

## Gym team hopes to escape injuries

The UNL women's gymnastics team goes into Sunday's meet at Oklahoma State hoping that it will escape further injury before regional competition next weekend.

Injuries have been too common this season for the gymnasts, who have a 7-2 record in dual competition after losing to LSU last Sunday.

"It'll be tough to beat Oklahoma State this weekend without some of our top people," Coach Judy Schalk said. "We only beat them by two points in the Big Eight meet, when we had everyone relatively healthy."

An ankle injury is keeping senior Patty Carmichael-Gerard out of action. Carmichael-Gerard got a cast taken off her ankle yesterday, but "it'll be tough for her to get

ready for regionals," Schalk said.

Freshman Sue Litrenta also is having foot trouble. "She'll have to have an operation after the season's over," Schalk said. "In the meantime, she'll still compete."

Schalk said she is concerned as the regional meet at the University of Minnesota draws near.

"I'm really just trying to bide my time," she said of her injured gymnasts. "We've got to save them for the regionals."

With their victory, KSU earns the right to play fourth-ranked Louisville Saturday. The Cardinals, led by All-American guard Darrell Griffith, defeated K-State 85-73 earlier last January, but Hartman thinks the Wildcats will be ready this time.

"The first game was at Freedom Hall, and it was jam-packed," he said, referring to a sell-out crowd of 16,613 partisan Cardinal fans. "Our kids were awed," he said.

Saturday's game will be different, said senior forward Jari Wills. "We're going to go out and play free and easy—not apprehensively like last time," he said.

## Nationals next for Frost's team

It's still early in the 1980 track and field season and the Nebraska women's team has already stockpiled a list of Nebraska firsts. But another first could come this weekend, according to Coach Carol Frost, when the Huskers travel to Columbia, Mo. for the AIAW National Indoor Track and Field meet at the University of Missouri.

A Nebraska women's team has never won a national title, although several teams have competed in national tournaments over the years.

"We feel we could win it if we win or place in the following events—the 60, 300 and 600 meter races, the high jump, the pentathlon and the 880 and mile relays," Frost said.

This is the first year for an AIAW Indoor Championship. In the past, Missouri has hosted the National Invitational Indoor meet. NU's Sharon Burrill is the defending high jump champion in that meet, and she has a good chance of keeping her title. Last Friday at the National AAU meet at Madison Square Garden, Burrill went 6'3" to tie with Louise Ritter of Texas Women's University for

a new meet record. Burrill finished second, however, with more misses than Ritter.

Also competing at the AAUs last weekend was Husker sensation Merlene Ottey. Ottey had an amazing performance in the 220-yard dash, an event she has never run for Nebraska. During the preliminaries, the freshman from Hanover, Jamaica, won her heat with a time of :23.63, slashing the old world's best ever time of :23.94 held by Chanda Cheeseborough, the 1979 meet champion in that event, and meet record holder. In the finals, Ottey slipped on the banked curve of the track. Ottey finished third with a time of :24.01. The winning and second place times were :24.00—not even close to Ottey's preliminary time.

Nebraska's Jennie Gorham also had a bit of bad luck after being placed in the fastest heat of the quarter mile. Gorham was second with a time of :55.0, but did not qualify for the finals because there were five heats and only the winner of each heat could qualify.

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