

Sports

Victory present for Mizzou coach



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Nebraska forward Stan Cloudy meets resistance in the form of Missouri forward Ron Jones as he attempts to drive to the basket. Jones and the rest of the Tigers defeated Nebraska Saturday night, 50-48.

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It was a bizarre little scene. On the sidelines of the Bob Devaney Sports Center, where he had won close and controversial games the last two years, there was Norm Stewart trying to suppress a smile. Many of the 14,378 Husker fans in attendance were waving signs saying "Stand Up, Norm" and singing "Happy Birthday" to the 49-year-old Missouri coach at the beginning of Saturday night's basketball game.

"That was a tremendous, tremendous gesture," Stewart said later. "I really appreciated it."

But Stewart showed his appreciation by coaching the Tigers to another close win on the Husker court as the Tigers beat Nebraska, 50-48. The game left each team with a 1-1 conference record.

The Huskers trailed by as many as seven points in the second half, before rallying to claim a one point lead, 40-39, with 6:32 to play. But Missouri, 12-4, scored the next seven points of the game and managed to hold on to the ball in the last two minutes to claim a win. The Tigers were fouled only twice in the final two minutes, and Greg Cavener and Ron Jones each made two free throws.

Tiger formula for victory

Stewart attributed the victory to the comeback, after the Huskers had once taken a slight lead, good defense and making the free throws at the end.

Meanwhile, Nebraska Coach Moe Iba was understandably disappointed.

"We tried to prepare them, but when you play like that we (the coaches) must have done something wrong," Iba said.

Stewart gave the Huskers early trouble by juggling his own starting lineup. Billy Roundtree, a sophomore averaging nine minutes of playing time a game, and Cecil Estes, the usual sixth man, started in place of the Tigers' season-long leading scorer and rebounder Malcolm Thomas and Blake Wortham, a 6-10 sophomore.

Despite the presence of Roundtree, Prince Bridges and Ron Jones, all guards, in the starting lineup, Stewart had 6-10 center Greg Cavener bring the ball up court when the Huskers were not pressing. That, Stewart said, was meant to bring Nebraska center Dave Hoppen out to defend Cavener.

Both changes worked well, Stewart said. Hoppen picked up an early foul on Cavener near midcourt, and Thomas, who sat for the game's first eight minutes, scored four quick points in an otherwise low-scoring first half in which both teams shot 34 percent from the field. The former junior college All-American scored the Tigers' first six points, all on shots from within six feet, of the second half. He also hit a short jumper to put Missouri back on top after Stan Cloudy's 25-foot jumper gave Nebraska its only lead.

Glimpse of Husker hope

Nebraska, which trailed 23-18 at halftime, managed its comeback behind the shooting of freshman Brian Carr. Missouri led 35-28 with 13:21 to play before Carr hit two consecutive shots. The Huskers had a chance to cut the lead to one before an Estes steal and layup made it a five-point game again. Carr then connected from the top of the key to cut it back to three.

Thomas' drive and score put Missouri up by five again before the Huskers scored the next six points, with two each from Hoppen and Carr, and then Cloudy's go ahead basket.

After Thomas scored on the next Missouri possession, Estes hit both ends of a one-and-one before Thomas scored again on a drive. He followed that with a free throw after a John Matzke foul.

Matzke and Cloudy hit 18-footers to keep Nebraska within reach at 46-44 with 1:54 left. But the Tigers passed the ball around for the next 1:14 before Hoppen picked up his fifth foul. Cavener hit the free throws, but a Cloudy basket got Nebraska back within two with 29 seconds left. Cloudy then picked up his fifth foul 22 seconds later, sending Jones to the line. After the Tiger senior hit both, Brian Carr hit a meaningless 25-footer to close the scoring.

Iba said the Husker players were told to foul only Thomas, a 59 percent free throw shooter, in the closing moments.

Thomas and Cavener finished with 19 and 17 points respectively to lead Missouri. Carr and Hoppen had 12 each to lead Nebraska, while Cloudy had 10, all in the second half. Overall, Nebraska outshot Missouri, 52 percent to 43 percent, but were out-rebounded 25-22.

The Huskers will travel to Lawrence, Kan., Wednesday to meet the Jayhawks.



Rec Scoreboard

(Sportsmanship ratings in parentheses)

Men's Basketball

Fraternities

Alpha Tau Omega C (4.0) 48, Phi Delta Theta (4.0) 18
Sigma Phi Epsilon C1 (3.6) 58, Triangle C (4.0) 28
Alpha Gamma Rho (3.0) 40, Sigma Phi Epsilon 2C (3.3) 19
Beta Sigma Psi C (3.3) 66, Theta Xi C (3.6) 35
Sigma Chi C (4.3) 49, Lambda Chi Alpha C (4.0) 19
Phi Gamma Delta C (4.0) 57, Delta Tau Delta C (3.5) 40
FarmHouse C (4.0) 31, Chi Phi C (3.8) 23
Phi Kappa Psi C (3.0) 50, Sigma Alpha Epsilon C (3.6) 30
Delta Upsilon (4.0) 37, Beta Theta Pi (4.0) 28
Acacia C (3.9) 45, Sigma Alpha Mu (4.3) 20
Tau Kappa Epsilon C (3.6) 46, Sigma Nu C (3.8) 22
Theta Chi C (3.3) 37, Kappa Sigma C (3.3) 20
Beta Sigma Psi B (3.6) 30, Theta Xi B (3.0) 19
Sigma Nu 2B (3.5) 28, Phi Kappa Psi B (3.3) 14
FarmHouse 2B (4.6) 47, Sigma Alpha Epsilon B (4.3) 42

Residence Halls

Cather Three B (3.6) 41, Abel Three B (3.6) 40
Cather Two B (3.3) 62, Abel Nine B (3.6) 43
Abel Four B (2.8) 56, Schramm Ten B (3.3) 26
Abel Six A (3.0) 49, Burr Two West A (3.3) 32
Cather Eight A (3.5) 39, Abel Seven A (3.3) 24
Cather Six B (4.0) 38, Abel Six B (4.0) 35
Cather Eleven C (4.0) 33, Schramm Six C (4.0) 32
Abel Nine A (4.0) 47, Schramm Four A (4.0) 16
Harper Five A (4.0) 58, Schramm Eleven A (4.3) 27
Harper Seven B (3.6) 51, Schramm Six B (3.6) 43
Abel Two C (4.0) 50, Cather Six C (4.0) 20
Abel Two B (3.0) 53, Cather Nine B (3.0) 38

Selleck 8300 B (4.3) 40, Schramm Four B (4.3) 10
Schramm Two B (3.5) 38, Cather Five B (3.0) 25
Cather Twelve B (3.5) 44, Abel Eight B (3.5) 37

Independents

Hosers A (4.3) 69, Running Rebels A (4.3) 53
Reckdigs A (3.6) 56, Mark's Marvels A (4.0) 33
Sixers A (4.0) 42, Bugtussel A (4.0) 11

Women's Basketball

Burr Three East (3.8) 29, Smith Eight (3.5) 16
Jesus is Lord! (4.0) 39, Rodeoettes (4.0) 8
Mixed Nuts (4.5) 42, Bruins (4.5) 9

Co-Rec Volleyball

Lambda Chi Alpha A (4.4) def. Acacia/Kappa Delta A (4.4) 15-7, 15-6
Scordfish A (4.0) def. Pi Phi/Sigma Nu A (4.2) 15-6, 15-5
Harper Eight B (3.3) def. Daughters of Diana B (3.3) 15-8, 15-7
Fig Mutants B (4.0) def. Dirty Diggers B (4.0) 15-9, 16-14
Legal Eagles II (4.2) def. Cather Nine/Pound Twelve (3.8) 11-15, 15-13, 15-13
Total Sound A (4.0) def. Thetas/Deltas A (4.0) 15-1, 15-4
Acacia/Chi-O A (3.7) def. TKE/Little Sisters A (4.2) 13-9, 15-3
Beginner's Luck B def. Holysmokers B by forfeit
Husker Hamm's B (4.2) def. Abel Ten B (4.0) 15-0, 15-10
Easy Knights A (4.7) def. Beta Sigs/Buckhorns A (2.7) 15-0, 15-7
Sixpack A (3.5) def. TKEs/Kappas A (3.5) 14-6, 15-2
Betas/Kappas A (3.7) def. Beta Sigs/Gamma Phis A (3.2) 15-4, 15-8
Sigma Phi Epsilon A def. Lambda Chi Alpha A by forfeit
Quotation Marks A (4.0) def. King's Kids A (4.0) 15-3, 15-10
Drillers A def. Sigma Nu A by forfeit



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Missouri Coach Norm Stewart may have been treated rudely by Nebraska fans wielding "Sit down, Norm" signs, but Stewart and the Tigers had the final laugh on Stewart's 49th birthday beating Nebraska, 50-48.