### Dynamic Duo's mission only half accomplished after beating Missouri

By John Adkisson Staff Reporter

OMAHA - For the Dynamic Duo.

the mission is only half accomplished. Creighton's Bob Harstad and Chad Gallagher, two of the most prolific scorers in that school's history, com-pleted only part of a "Big Double" over Big Eight schools by leading the Bluejays to a win over Missouri Tuesday night.

Now comes Nebraska.

Creighton will face the Cornhuskers in an 8:08 p.m game tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, and Harstad said the Bluejays can't spent too much time celebrating their win over Missouri.

"It was a big win for us, but we've just got to take it, put it behind us, and take care of business down at Nebraska," Harstad said.

Both Harstad and Gallagher have started since their freshmen seasons, and finished 1-2 respectively in last season's Missouri Valley player of the year voting. Harstad, a 6-foot, 6-inch forward,

scored 16 points in the win over Missouri. That was after a careerhigh performance on Nov. 30 in which he posted scored 38 points in a 93-47 win against Texas San-Antonio. Coming into this season, Harstad needed only 337 points to break the

school career scoring record.

Gallagher, a 6-10 center, isn't far behind. He scored 16 points against the Tigers, and ranks 11th on

Creighton's all-time scoring list. Gallagher said playing the Husk-

"It's a game you always look for-ward to," Gallagher said. "When you play against Nebraska, no matter what the record, it's one of the great games of the year.

Harstad said he's anticipating a

tight game tonight.

"Playing in the Bob Devaney Center, in front of a great crowd, always makes you ready to go," Harstad said. "I'm sure it's going to be a tremendous basketball game,"

If Creighton is to beat Nebraska, the Dynamic Duo will have to put the clamps on 7-2 Husker center Rich King, who is averaging 13 points and seven rebounds per game. Both Harstad and Gallagher played against King in a summer league in Omaha, and both complimented the play of the Nebraska center.

"He may only be 7-2, but I personally think the guy plays about 7-6," Harstad said. "His height is of course an advantage, but he's also got a soft touch. He's adefinite NBA prospect."

Gallagher said he was equally impressed with King.

"He's a great player, and we're going to have to work hard on trying to stop him," Gallagher said.
One advantage Harstad and Gallagher

will have over King is having already played against a top-notch center in Missouri All-American Doug Smith. Creighton held Smith to a 4 for 16 shooting performance Tuesday night.

'For us to beat them (Missouri), it came down to having to stop Doug Smith," Harstad said. "We did that, Gallagher said playing the Husk- and I think playing against King will ers in Lincoln is always special for be just as tough."

## Cornhusker anxious to play in Final Four

By John Adkisson Staff Reporter

Linda Barsness has missed two too many Final Fours.

Barsness, a fifth-year senior volleyball player, was only a spec-tator when Nebraska advanced to the national finals in 1986 and 1989.

Now, in Barsness her final season as a Cornhusker outside hitter, Barsness said she is ready to go back to the Final Four, only this time in uniform

'It's the dream of any collegiate volleyball player to play in the Final Four," Barsness said. "Not everybody has the opportunity to

As a redshirt in 1986, Barsness watched as her teammates advanced to the championship match before

losing to Pacific. Although she didn't make the trip to Stockton, Calif., she said being a part of the volley-ball team's first Final Four was

bail team's first Final Four was still memorable.

"I was still overwhelmed by the program back then," Barsness said.
"It was more of a 'go there and celebrate' type of thing."

Three years later, Nebraska again played in the championship garra

played in the championship game, this time losing to Long Beach State in Honolulu. Barsness made the trip, but was sidelined with a knee injury that had ended her season.

"Last year I was jealous of my teammates," Barsness said. "I wanted to get out there and play no matter what."

This year, Barsness and her Nebraska teammates are only two steps away from returning to this year's Final Four in College Park, Md. If the Huskers defeat Pittsburgh at home Friday and beat the winner of the Penn State-Wisconsin game Saturday night, they will return to their third Final Four in

That would be fine with Barsness.
"The goal this whole season has been to win the national championship," Barsness said. "We've had a great season, but if we don't win a national championship we won't be satisfied.'

On a personal basis, Barsness said, a national title would make all of last year's rehabilitation pay

"If we win it, all the ups and downs I've had will seem really worthwhile," Barsness said.

After starting her sophomore season, Barsness has taken on a substitute role behind Nebraska's starting trio of Cris Hall, Janet Kruse and Eileen Shannon.

She said that although she's backup, her experience may help the Huskers in this weekend's Mideast Regional.

"I think the experience will be very helpful to the team," Barsness said. "(Husker setter) Val (Novak) is comfortable setting me, and I've been in some pressure situations

#### King

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And preventing passes to Gallagher means stopping the main man who feeds him, forward Bob Harstad.

I'm thinking about Gallagher and Harstad," King said. "I'll be guarding either one of them. The key to the game will be rebounding, they're a good rebounding team."

Harstad, who is listed a 6-7, led the Blue Jays in rebounding last year by averaging nine a game.

"He's such a tough player," King said. "If the guy was 7-foot, he'd be all-world. He plays like he's 7-foot and he's a questionable 6-7. It's a good thing he's not any taller, or he'd be incredible."

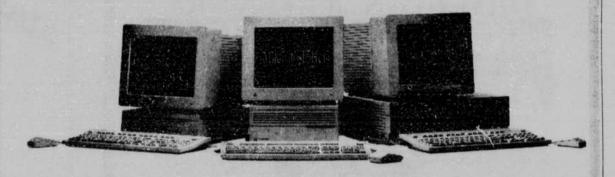
Harstad was the guy who ruined Nebraska's last second hopes a year ago when he stripped the ball from King with 21 seconds left and Creighton up 84-83. Creighton's Duan Cole sealed the win with two free throws in the closing seconds.

We controlled the game for 38 minutes and then the last two minutes, gave it up," King said. "That's the worst way to lose."

King said the mistakes that led to such comebacks are in the past.

"That team's long gone," he said.
"That's the old Nebraska."

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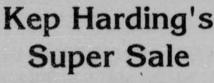
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