

After a tie at 18-all, Missouri moved uneasily ahead to a 23-20 lead, was caught at 23 on Smidt's screen shot, fell behind 23-25 on Ekwall's corner jump shot, then rallied on points by Stewart, Smith and Ross to lead at the half, 36-31.

After that close battling, the Tigers stayed on top the rest of the game but no deep breaths were taken by the Bengals until the final horn.

Nebraska got within three points, 38-41, early in the second half, then narrowed to two points at 41-43 as Ekwall hit a pair of free throws. Missouri survived that one and a later one which narrowed the gap to a single point, 49-48, with twelve minutes left.

The Bengals pulled away again on hits by Stewart and Smith, expanded the margin to 58-51 and held a lead of from five to seven points the rest of the way.

Smith hit twenty-two points to pace the scoring for Missouri. Stewart had sixteen, well below his average of 26.2 going into the game. He took few shots in the second half.

NEBRASKA—66				MISSOURI—71			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
C. Smith	1	5-12	2	Ross	4	3-6	5
Nannen ..	0	0-0	1	Reichert ..	3	2-4	4
Doeble ...	0	0-3	0	Egelhoff ..	1	0-0	3
Smidt ..	5	2-3	5	Denny ...	2	5-6	3
Arwood ..	0	0-0	0	Stephens ..	0	3-4	5
Ekwall ..	6	13-14	3	Stewart ..	7	2-5	2
Mercier ..	0	0-2	3	L. Smith ..	8	6-6	5
Reimers ..	0	0-2	2	Stehr	0	0-0	2
Coufal	2	0-0	2				
Kubacki....	4	10-12	3	Totals	25	21-31	29
Totals	18	30-48	18				
Nebraska					31	35—66	
Missouri					36	35—71	