

# Missouri Cops 71-66 Cage Win

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Missouri's touted Tigers were all their name implies on the boards here Wednesday night as they held off a determined, underdog Nebraska for a 71-to-66 victory in a Big Seven tournament first-round match.

The Tigers broke into a five-point halftime edge (36-31) and nursed it through the final 20 minutes with tenacious rebounding which consistently limited the enemy to a single offensive cast.

After the score had been tied nine times and the lead changed hands on five other occasions in the first half, Missouri moved in front to stay at 30-29 with 2:30 left in the half on Bill Ross' jumper from the side.

Lionel Smith quickly followed with four successive free throws and high-scoring Norm Stewart hit a fielder to more than offset Jim Kubacki's two pointer and give the Tigers their halftime edge.

Rex Eckwall, who topped the game scorers with 25 points, and Kubacki kept the Cornhuskers within striking distance and led a rally which brought them to within a single point at 48-49.

Lionel Smith led Missouri's scoring with 22 points as Stewart, who carried a 26.3 average into the tournament, managed 16 points on seven goals and a pair of free throws.—G. F.

## NEBRASKA (66)

Players	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PF	TP	Rbs.
C. Smith	1	10	5	1	2	7	8
Smidt	5	13	2	3	5	12	9
Eckwall	6	10	13	14	3	25	6
Mercier	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Coufal	2	7	0	0	2	4	4
Kubacki	4	12	10	12	3	18	4
Reimers	0	2	0	2	2	0	4
Nannen	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Arwood	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Doebele	0	1	0	3	0	0	2
Team rebounds							6

Totals ..... 18 58 30 48 18 66 45

## MISSOURI (71)

Players	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	PF	TP	Rbs.
Ross	4	17	3	6	5	11	10
Reichert	3	7	2	4	4	8	2
Denny	2	9	5	6	3	9	9
Stewart	7	22	2	5	2	16	13
L. Smith	8	16	6	6	5	22	11
Stephens	0	5	3	4	5	3	7
Stehr	0	1	0	0	2	0	2
Egelhoff	1	3	0	0	3	2	2
Team rebounds							2

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Nebraska ..... 31 35-66

Missouri ..... 36 35-71