

Gopher Cagers Nip Nebraskans In Overtime Tilt

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26—Minnesota's Gophers defeated Nebraska, 55-54, in an overtime basketball game that won't be topped in suspense for a long time.

Minnesota led, 21-20, at the half and Nebraska's Jim Strahan scored six straight points as the regulation time ran out.

Bob Hahn, Cornhusker forward, scored a goal and Clarence Hermensen, Gopher center, tied it on a long heave. Bob Costello's foul put Nebraska ahead momentarily, then Buzzy Lehrman sank two free throws for Minnesota. With seconds left, Costello blew a foul shot that would have tied the game. Hermensen was high for the night with 27 points.

Kansas U. got off to a fine start in Big Six competition with a 63-40 victory over Kansas State. Coach Phog Allen's Jayhawkers were paced by Moffett, who netted 25 points. It was a rough game, K. U. committing 22 fouls, K. S. 19.

Set shots that hit their mark in the second half gave Great Lakes a 60-47 basketball victory over Purdue here. Luke Majorki and Dick McGuire hit the net from all angles to stifle a Boilermaker threat midway in the second half. Paul Hoffman of Purdue was the outstanding performer on the court.

In New York, DePaul's veteran »Blue Devils« defeated Long Island University, 74-47, racking up the season's highest basketball score at Madison Square Garden.

In the first game of the double-header, St. John's of Brooklyn downed Puerto Rico University, 41-35.

The Blackbirds held George Mikan, DePaul's six-foot, seven-inch center, to 14 pcints, his lowest total of the season, but the rest of the Illinois team took up the scoring slack.

Iowa's flashy scoring machine snapped Notre Dame's winning streak and made it five triumphs in a row by whipping the Irish, 63-46. Vince Boryla, Irish ace, led the scorers with 26 points.

Walter Kell scored 21 points to pace Michigan's Wolverines to a 38-33 victory over Wyoming for their seventh straight victory.