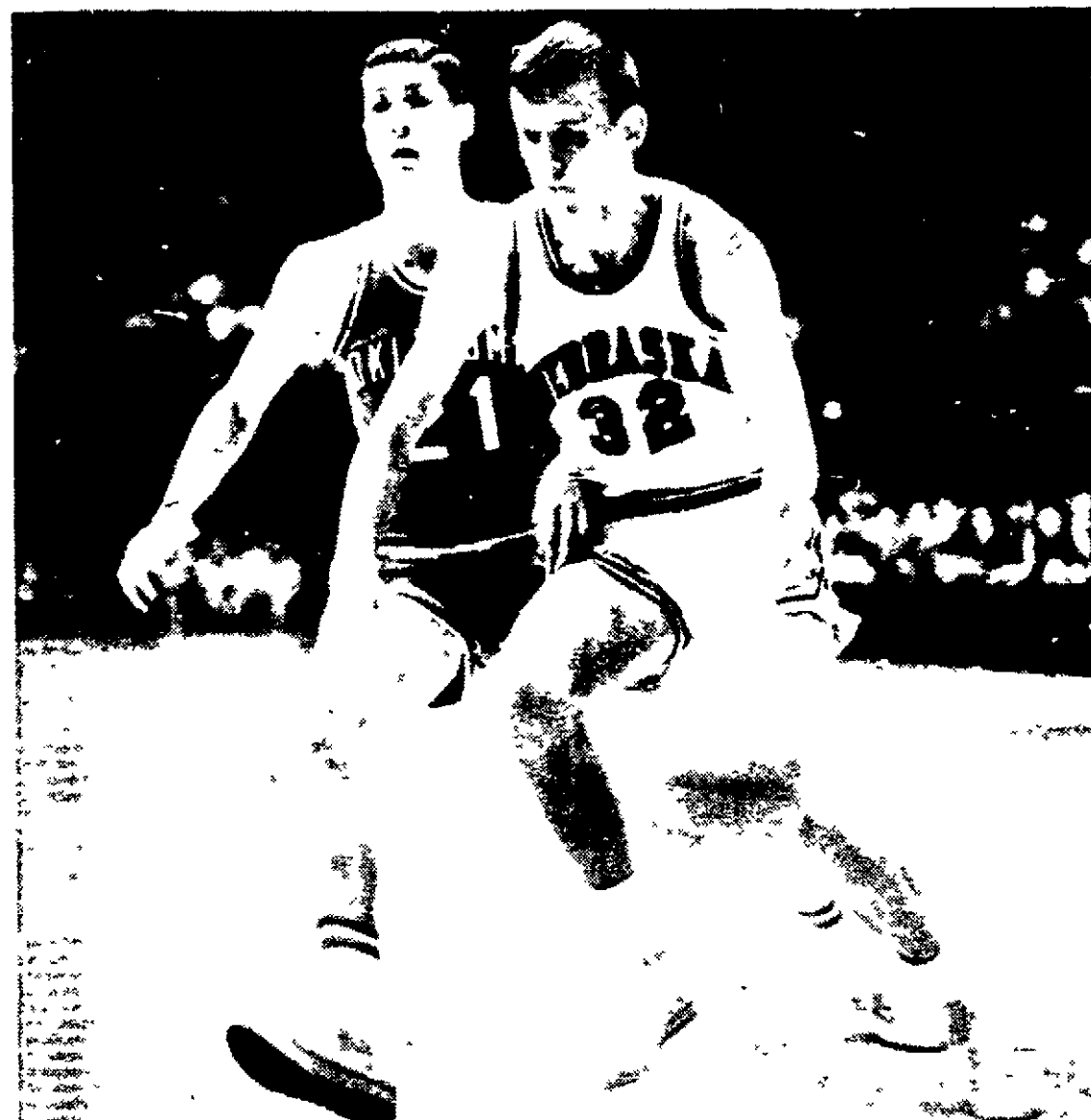


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# Tourney Finals For Nebraska

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**HERE COMES TWO! . . . Nebraska's Tom Baack dribbles around Alan Axley of Oklahoma en route to another two points for the Huskers.**

# Poland, Plainsmen Gain Tourney Wins

... MEET FOR TITLE TONIGHT

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The Polish Olympic basketball team will meet Host school Nebraska Wesleyan tonight in the finals of the four-team Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Poles easily handled Northwestern College of Iowa, 91-66, in Wednesday night's first round action, while the Plainsmen get a helping hand from guard Bob Vasatka to rip Culver-Stockton of Missouri, 91-77.

It took a few minutes before the Olympians fast-breaking offense could out-run Northwestern's Red Raiders, but 18 first half points by Mieczyslaw Lopatka opened up a 42-34 halftime advan-

Lopatka didn't return to the court after the intermission, but it didn't matter. His replacement, Bohdan Likszo, who didn't get into the first half action at all, came on strong to net 17 points.

Poland's coach, Witold Zagorski, reasoned that he likes to rotate his players (sometimes starting two entirely different quintets in as many games) so that they all get to play. "They come, they play basketball, and they're happy," Zagorski explained.

Zagorski, interviewed while scouting the Wesleyan-Culver-Stockton contest, observes that it is "difficult to use any tactics" during his team's tour of the United States, "because all teams are new to us". Zagorski confided that

until Wednesday night he hadn't had the opportunity to watch any of his opponents in action prior to playing them.

Midway through the second half, the Olympians had built up close to a 30-point lead, substituting freely throughout. But some hot shooting by Northwestern's Rich Vander Berg kept the margin from becoming any larger.

Vander Berg finished as high scorer in the game, totaling 20 points, 18 in the second half.

Wesleyan went into the intermission leading by only two points, 43-41, but a second half explosion by little Bob Vasatka nailed Culver-Stockton to the wall.

Vasatka, who had only one field goal and a free throw in the first 20 minutes of play, added 19 in the last half to lead the Plainsmen, totaling 22 for the night.

The Plainsmen built up a 15-point lead midway through the second half, but saw it dwindle before Culver-Stockton's own eruption in the person of Gary Rottman. Rottman scored 14 second-half points, bringing the Missourians back to within four points, but coach Irv Peterson's Wesleyan crew battled back to a 14-point advantage at the final gun.

Vasatka had plenty of help, Dwight Tietjen adding 20 points, and Bill Nasi dumping in 16 more. Skip Peterson was also in the double figures for the Plainsmen, getting 10.

Tonight Northwestern and

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Culver-Stockton will have it out in the consolation round at 7 p m with Wesleyan trying to outscrap the taller Poles for the championship at 9 p m.

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Pstrzinski	1	0 0 2	Kooman	4 1 2
Malec	1	0 0 2	DeVries	3 2 2
Lopatica	7	4 5 18	Groenhout	3 1 2
Grazyna	1	3 4	VanDerBerg	6 8 9
Dragser	2	2 3	Prins	3 3 4
Piskun	2	0 2	VanDrMde	0 0 0
Frkiewicz	2	1 1	Klees	0 1 2
Likszo	4	9 11 17	Mellema	1 0 0
Langewicz	4	0 0 8	Herder	1 4 4
Oleńczak	1	2 2	Smidt	0 1 0
Cejlski	2	2 2	Garrison	2 0 0
			VanRoekel	1 0 0