

Sports

Statistics explain Husker setback

By Stu Pospisil

Nebraska basketball Coach Moe Iba walked out of the University of Colorado's Events Center with a rolled-up statistics sheet in his hand, shaking his head. The Cornhuskers had just lost a 60-57 decision Saturday night to the Buffaloes, the team's third consecutive Big Eight Conference loss.

Not since the 1980-81 season had Nebraska lost three consecutive games, and it was the first time since 1979 they lost three consecutive conference games.

A team picked to finish second in the conference race, Nebraska now finds itself alone in seventh place in the league with a 1-3 record.

Iba's stat sheet told the entire story for the Huskers: Stan Cloudy's two of 14 shooting, Dave Hoppen being fouled only once in the second half and Nebraska being called for 15 second-half fouls.

The foul situation was the most perplexing to Iba.

"Hoppen's got to get fouled in the second half at least once, don't you think?" Iba said.

Hoppen, who lead all scorers with 26 points, was sent to the line only once in the second half on a three-point play that started Nebraska's rally from nine points down.

Colorado entered the bonus situation with 11:42 left as NU committed 15 fouls to the Buffs, seven in the second half. The Huskers' only bonus

opportunity came with six seconds left as David Ponce trimmed the Colorado lead to one for the final time.

Cloudy, who shot one for seven in each half, had a chance to tie the game after Tony Pruitt had given Colorado a two-point cushion on a free throw after Hoppen's fifth foul. Cloudy's eight-footer in the lane rimmed out of the basket as Colorado center Randy Downs rebounded.

Pruitt's two free throws with four seconds left sealed Nebraska's fate. The former Creighton player said he enjoyed being in that situation.

Another ex-Bluejay who followed Buffaloes Coach Tom Apke to Boulder, forward Alex Stivrins, scored 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds.

"I know what the Nebraska papers are going to say about Alex and Tony," Apke said. "I'm happy they played such a great game."

Stivrins and Hoppen provided the first-half offense for their teams as Colorado took a 31-26 lead into the locker room.

Hoppen scored nine consecutive points in the first five minutes as to an 11-6 lead, but three Stivrins baskets gave the Buffs a 17-15 advantage. Stivrins finished the half with 13.

Eric Williams scored seven points in the last 10 minutes of the half as Hoppen went cold from the field missing his last three shots.

Nebraska trailed by nine points early in the second half, but John Matzke and

Hoppen combined for 13 points in a 17-6 spurt. Williams' basket gave the Huskers a 45-43 lead with 10:38 left.

With the score tied at 47, an alley-oop pass from Curtis Moore to Hoppen gave Nebraska its final lead.

Downs gave the Buffs the lead for good as he converted a three-point play with 8:12 remaining.

Nursing a one-point lead, Apke ordered his team into its stall game with 5:12 left, bringing scattered boos from the near-capacity crowd of 11,067, the second-largest in Colorado history.

Their disgruntlement turned into cheers as Stivrins took a pass from guard Jay Humphries and slam-dunked form a three-point Buffalo lead.

"All this week during practice, we've been working on our late-game offense,"

Apke said, "particularly our spread offense. Tonight, we didn't turn the ball over once while running it."

After a Hoppen basket, Colorado again went to the stall and ran 2:12 from the clock until Matzke fouled Stivrins with 1:55 remaining. Stivrins missed the foul shot, but the ball bounced out to Downs who made a layup.

After Colorado's Mike Ried missed two free throws following a deliberate foul by Williams, Hoppen cut the lead to one with a turnaround in traffic with 48 seconds left.

The stage was then set for Pruitt's clutch free throw shooting.

"It's hard on these kids to lose close ones like these," Iba said. "Missouri and this one were very hard on us. We just keep making silly mistakes."

Huskers stifle Lady Buffs in Hill homecoming victory

By Stu Pospisil

BOULDER, Colo. — Kelly Hill couldn't have written it any better herself.

The first-year UNL women's basketball coach returned to her old Boulder stomping grounds and accomplished a rarity — handing Colorado a home loss.

Hill's 11-4 Cornhuskers defeated the Lady Buffs 91-77 Saturday, giving Colorado consecutive home defeats for the first time since the 1977-78 season. The 8-9 Lady Buffs were 62-3 in games played in CU's Events Center, but had lost 77-65 to seventh-ranked Kansas State Wednesday.

"I think the players knew how much I was anticipating the game," Hill said, "but I don't know if it had any real effect on how they played."

Hill was doubly pleased with the game's outcome. Her younger sister, Tiffany, a freshman reserve, scored eight points and grabbed seven rebounds for Colorado in 18 minutes of play.

"Tiffany looked good in the second half," Kelly Hill said. "She did play like a freshman in the first half, however."

Nebraska never relinquished its lead after a bizarre six-point play with 3:16 left in the first half.

Trailing 29-24, Angie Miller scored on a tip in and was fouled. The freshman from Wilber missed the free throw but Debra Powell rebounded and was fouled.

After making the first toss, Powell missed the second, but Terri Parriott was there for the of-

tensive rebound. She tipped it in as she was fouled by Colorado's Julie Hoening. Parriott's ensuing free throw gave the Huskers a 30-29 lead which they enlarged to 36-31 at half.

"We got those offensive rebounds and they gave us momentum," Hill said. "Usually we're never ahead at the half."

Any Colorado comeback thoughts in the second half were strangled by the defense applied to forward Diane Hiemstra by Huskers Cathy Owen, Stacy Imming and Kelli Benson.

Hiemstra was held to 12 points, six under her season average as the three Husker defenders took turns guarding her. She made one of seven shots in the first half and finished four of 16 from the field.

"We keyed on Hiemstra," Hill said. "By far this was the best defensive effort we've had all season."

After Colorado had narrowed the Husker lead to two early in the second half, Nebraska outscored the Lady Buffs 15-4, as Owen scored five points and dished out two assists.

A Hoehing three-point play brought Colorado to within six with 12:07 remaining, but a 16-7 Husker scoring spurt, culminated by Owen's basket off a pass from Powell, boosted NU's lead to 15 with 7:19 left.

"We went to the boards better tonight and got our running game going to give us some easy baskets," Hill said.

Nebraska outrebounded Colorado, 42-36. Powell's 24 points led the Huskers who had four players in

double figures. Owen scored 16, Imming added 13 and Miller 12.

"We had played two close games and lost," Hill said. "We needed to win."

The Huskers visited Laramie, Wyo., Sunday, and came away with an 82-61 victory against Wyoming. Nebraska was pressed most of the way and led only 32-30 at the half, but connected on 21 of 28 free throws during one second half stretch to win. Debra Powell scored 17 to lead Nebraska.



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Second-year law student Joel Johnson competes in the first round of the all-university backgammon championships. The finals will be Feb. 17 and 18.

Rec
Scoreboard

(Sportsmanship ratings in parentheses)

Men's Basketball
Residence Halls B

Abel Two (4.2) 50, Selleck 8200 (4.0) 45
Cather Five (3.7) 35, Cather Twelve (4.0) 33
Burr One East (3.7) 33, Schramm Four (3.5) 23
Abel Eight (2.7) 50, Harper Five (3.2) 48
Schramm Six (3.0) 41, Selleck 8200 (3.5) 40
Harper Seven (3.5) 85, Cather Six (3.5) 32
Cather Two (3.8) 59, Abel Three (3.6) 54
Cather Three (3.7) 82, Abel Four (3.2) 37
Abel Nine (4.0) 48, Schramm Ten (4.0) 35

Residence Halls

Abel Two (3.7) 85, Schramm Six (3.7) 32
Abel Eight (3.7) 48, Cather Six (4.0) 26

Independents A

Swatta Fratta Ratta (3.0) 56, Remaindermen (4.0) 33
Norgas (3.5) 67, Stings (3.5) 59
TTC (3.0) 40, Frito-Lay Express (2.0) 39

Independents B

Jammers (3.3) 63, Oscar's (3.3) 42
Skywalkers (3.3) 54, Officious Intermeddlers (3.3) 33
Soupbones (3.3) 59, Pumpkin Pushers (3.6) 38
Yard Apes (3.6) 50, BB#1 (3.3) 41
Casuals (4.0) 44, Nebr. Tech (4.0) 37
Shorter Plugs (4.0) 44, Nebr. Tech (4.0) 48
Holysmokers (3.7) 53, C.J. and Boys (4.0) 48
The Clash (4.3) 52, Scum of the Earth (4.0) 22

Dock Jocks (3.3) 62, Kool and the Gang (2.6) 34
Silver Bullets (4.5) 31, Old Dog Heads (2.8) 25
Ballers (3.5) 65, Living Abortions (3.7) 44
Blue Mooses (3.7) 39, Floor Rockers (3.7) 32
Bucks (4.0) 61, Love Brokers (4.0) 23
Renob (4.0) 69, Iba's Rejects (4.0) 55
Panthers (3.2) 77, Flex Crush (3.2) 49
Blobs (4.0) 59, LIXIXERS (3.7) 36
Tigers (3.5) 55, Ice (3.2) 25
Silver Bullets II (3.7) 40, Jets (2.7) 10

Open

Bud Boys (3.5) 55, Awesome Acacias (2.5) 24
Dunks Unlimited (4.0) 53, Bob's Boys (2.6) 39
Harper Seven (4.0) 67, Iguanas (4.0) 37
Vitale's Bar & Grill (3.3) 74, Around the Corners (3.3) 68

Co-Rec Volleyball

Scrodfish (4.4) def. Betas Kapes (4.0) 15-1, 15-5
Sixpack (3.2) def. Lambda Chi Alpha (3.2) 14-12, 6-15, 14-12
King's Kids (4.0) def. Wildlifers (4.2) 15-10, 15-3
Legal Eagles I (4.2) def. Burr Two E&W (4.2) 15-8, 15-9
Acacia/Chi-O One (4.2) def. Beta Sig/Gamma Phi (4.0) 15-5, 15-12
Thetas/Delts (4.2) def. TKE/Kappas (4.0) 15-12, 11-15, 13-15
Husker Hamm's (3.7) def. The Quotation Marks (4.0) 15-6, 15-13
Beginners Luck def. Lambda Chi Alpha by forfeit
Pi Phi/Sigma Nu (4.6) def. TKE/Little Sisters (4.6) 15-4, 15-4
Total Sound (3.8) def. Acacia/Kappa Delta (4.0) 13-10, 15-5
Fig Mutants (4.0) def. Abel Ten (4.0) 8-15, 15-14, 15-9
Holysmokers (3.3) def. Harper Eight (3.6) 15-3, 12-10