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'David 2, Goliath 1'

UNL knocks off Creighton

By Ron Powell

There was a rematch of David and Goliath at the Devaney Sports Center Saturday night. And David won again.

Although Nebraska was out-sized at every position, Creighton came out on the short end of a 64-55 decision in front of 13,461 enthusiastic fans and a state television audience.

While the Bluejays used their size advantage to outrebound the Huskers 32-23, Creighton also had nine more turnovers, 18-9.

"That makes it an even game," said Husker Coach Moe Iba. "They have to come back and take care of our turnovers because we are so small."

In the first half, it appeared that Goliath would win. With the help of 12 points and six rebounds by 6-9 junior center Jim Honz, Creighton went in at intermission ahead 26-24. In the first two minutes of the second half, Creighton's 6-7 Kevin McKenna hit two straight outside shots to give the Bluejays a 30-24 lead.

Creighton Coach Tom Apke said, however, that the dependency on Honz in the first half hurt the team later on.

"We didn't get any movement out of our other people in the first half," Apke said. "We had too many people standing around, watching Jim (Honz) do all the work."

THE HUSKER defense held Honz to only four points and two rebounds in the second half.

"We had Andre Smith playing more to the front of him (Honz) than to the side," Iba said. "They lobbed in a lot on us in the first half and Honz hurt us. But we moved Andre to the side of him in the second half, and Andre did an excellent job."

Although Andre had only eight points, 16 below his season average, he led the Huskers in rebounds (eight) and steals (four).

While Smith took care of business inside, junior guard Mike Naderer and junior forward Tim West handled the scoring chores. West finished with a game-leading 20 points and Naderer had 16. Twenty-six of their combined 36 points came in the second half.

West and Naderer scored all 20 Husker points in an 11 minute span of the second half. In that span, the Huskers went from a 36-34 deficit with 14:18 remaining to a 54-44 lead with 3:14 left in the game.

APKE SAID he wasn't surprised at the Huskers' outburst.

"But we didn't play with poise when Nebraska got hot," Apke said. "When they got hot and the crowd got behind them, we couldn't get the easy shots to control the tempo of the game."

West said the Husker guards did an "excellent job" of penetrating and them "kicking" the ball out to the open man. He added he was used to shooting over taller opponents.

"When I was in junior college (State Fair Junior College in Sedalia, Mo.), I played against a couple of 6-9 guys that Missouri recruited and they were good leapers," West said.

"When I get inside, I put a little more arch on the ball."

West was matched up against Creighton's leading scorer and rebounder coming into the game, 6-7 forward George Morrow, West said he had played against Morrow in junior college.

West held Morrow to eight points, seven below his season average.

"I THOUGHT TIM would do the job on Morrow, because he's so strong and quick," Iba said.

West admitted he may have been a little nervous before the game since the crowd was "twice as big" as any he'd ever played in front of.

"They told me all year that they would fill this place," West said. "During the announcing of the starting lineups, I just stood there and looked around a while and they were plumb up to the rafters. It kind of scared me."

"But when I heard that the majority of them were rooting for us, it helped."

Naderer hit three consecutive shots from the left corner in a 1½ minute span to give the Huskers a 48-40 lead with 6:28 left.

"It's easy to shoot a 15 footer when you're wide open," Naderer said. "Jack (Moore) penetrated well and just kicked the ball out to the open man. It's just a matter of taking advantage of the opportunity, whether it be me or someone else."

"MIKE PLAYED hard the first half, but he played smart the second half and that was the difference," Iba

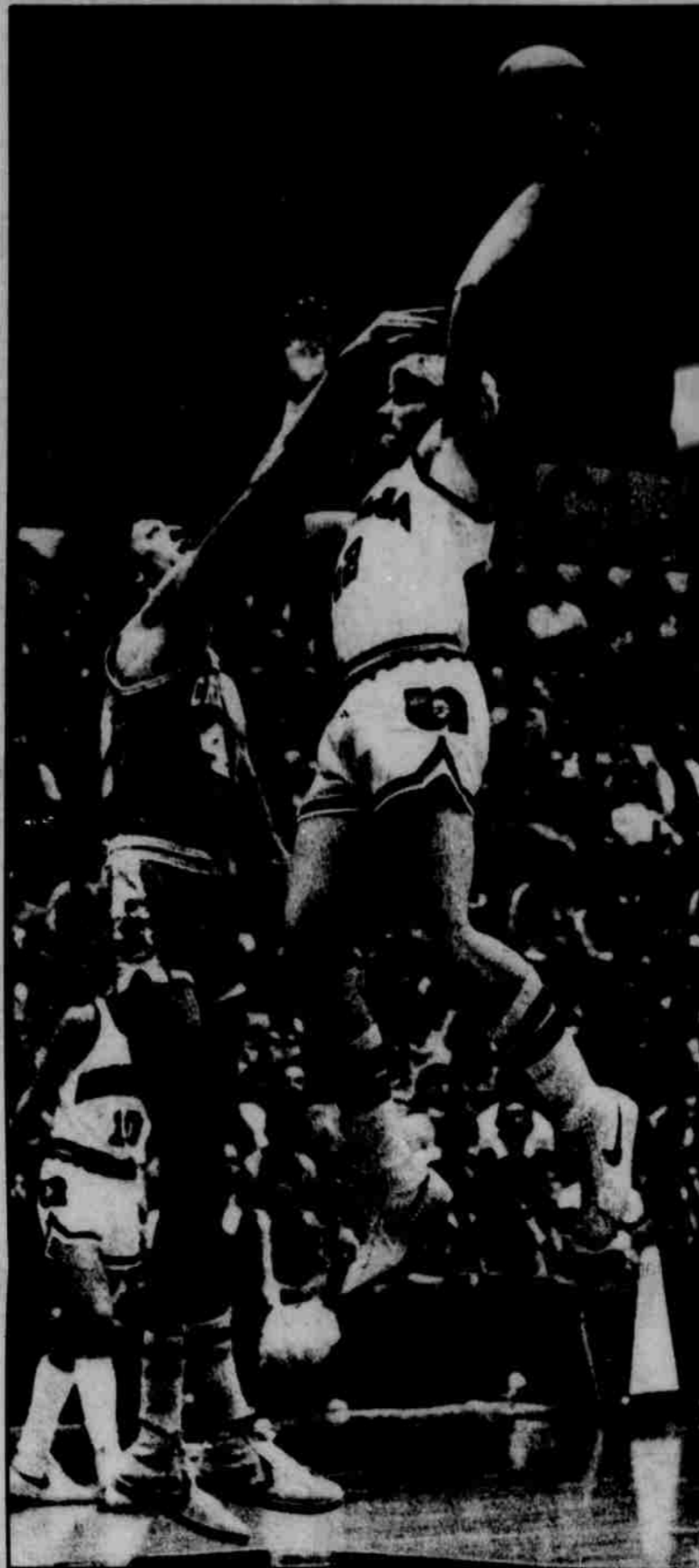


Photo by Jon Natvig

Nebraska's 6-4 forward Tim West hooks for a two-point shot over Creighton's 6-9 Jim Honz in the Huskers' battle Saturday night. West scored a season-high 20 points to aid NU over their intrastate rivals.

said. "Naderer can't force things. He's not a penetrator like Moore. He's got to slide around the defense and wait for the open shot, which is what he did the second half."

Iba also was pleased with the play of Moore. The 5-9 guard had 12 points and nine assists.

"He controlled the basketball game with his ball-handling," Iba said. "He plays with so much intensity that he gets tired by the end of the game, but he's improved a lot since a year ago."

Husker Head Coach Joe Cipriano, who is recuperating from surgery, was at the game and said he wasn't surprised at the outcome.

"We didn't play the world champions tonight," Cipriano said.

Naderer said the team would celebrate the win for a while, but not for very long.

"It's a big win, but we've got to take each game one at a time and not look back," Naderer said. "Now, we've got to get ready to play Purdue Tuesday and go out and get another one."

Rutgvist leads tankers to win

Anders Rutqvist of UNL won two events, the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley, to pace the Nebraska men's swimmers to a 63-50 dual meet victory over Colorado State Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Colorado State women, however, took a 66-65 squeaker over the Husker women's swimmers.

Freestyle Dave Leander had a big day for UNL. He won the 100-yard freestyle in a varsity record 9:49.744 and added a second place in the 500 free.

Other winners for the UNL men include Will Douglass in the 200-yard backstroke, 2:05.348; Guy Foster in the 200-yard butterfly, 1:58.649; and Mike Hayhurst 50-yard freestyler, 21.9.

In one-meter diving, UNL took the top two places, with Lance Green winning and Steve Elliott taking

Women win close game

By Rick Huls

About the only thing that pleased Nebraska Women's basketball coach Lorrie Gallagher Saturday night was the fact that her team had enough poise to win a close game.

Otherwise, the Huskers 65-62 win over Colorado wasn't a very artistic effort.

"We won but that was the worst we've played all year," Gallagher said after watching the Huskers commit 31 turnovers.

Nebraska, now 5-6, trailed at halftime 38-29 and for much of the second half before overtaking the Buffs, whose record dropped to 3-2.

Gallagher said Nebraska's tough road schedule helped in the clutch against Colorado.

"Against our tougher competition (nationally rated Tennessee Tech and Long Beach State) we've had second half problems," Gallagher added. "We've worked hard on our second half play and tonight we had the ability to stay with it at the end of the game."

Diane DelVigna, the Huskers leading scorer with nearly 20 points a game, led NU with 23. She shot 11 of 24 from the field but according to Gallagher, "had one of her worst nights in history."

Gallagher said freshman Kathy Hagerstrom (21 points, 11 rebounds) was about the only Husker who played well offensively.

"Carol Garey (11 rebounds) played a good defensive game but not very well on offense. She also made a lot of turnovers," Gallagher added.

The fact that her guards didn't produce many points also disappointed Gallagher.

"I'm not overly happy with our guard play. We weren't getting the good passes," she said. And guards are supposed to score more points off of steals."

Gallagher said the Buffs tight man-to-man defense bothered the Huskers, but she was pleased with the press her own team put on in the second half.

The Huskers tossed a 1-2-1-1 full court zone press at Colorado in the second half and the pressure resulted in some critical turnovers for the Buffs.

Colorado also was short-changed on free throws. The Buffs had only five chances and hit four, while the Huskers connected on 13 of 20 at the line.

However, CU outscored Nebraska from the field by six points and shot 45 percent to the Huskers 41 percent.

"It was just one of those nights," Gallagher said. "Our passes were atrocious."

Nebraska next travels to South Dakota for a contest Wednesday night.

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Nebraska's Jim Hartung finished in a tie for ninth in the all-around competition of the 20th World Gymnastics Championships Friday at Fort Worth, Texas.

Hartung's scores in Friday night's competition were a 9.75 in the floor exercise and the pommel horse, a 9.70 on the rings, a 9.9 in vaulting, a 9.45 on the parallel bars and a 9.8 on the high bar.

Lincolnite and former Husker Larry Gerard was unable to compete in the final 36 of the all-around competition because each country is allowed only three competitors. Gerard ranked 31st.

second.

For the women, Sherri Hayward and Rene Sullivan each took first in three events.

Hayward won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:00.793, the 200 backstroke in 2:10.614 and the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:36.380.

Sullivan took the 100 freestyle in 54.515, the 50 freestyle in 25.206, and the 200 freestyle in 1:56.9.

Carol Berger and Stacey Porter split first and second places in the two diving events. Berger took first in the one-meter diving, with Porter finishing second, but the order was reversed in the three meter event.

Mary Freathy won the 100-yard butterfly for UNL. Friday night, the UNL swimmers swept Colorado. The women won, 76-54, and the men took a 64-49 victory.