

Iba hopes Nebraska can cure poor play on Wednesday nights as Huskers challenge Cowboys

Probable Starters

Nebraska (14-7, 4-4)

F - Bernard Day 6-5 Jr.
F - Chris Logan 6-5 Jr.
C - John Matzke 6-7 Sr.
G - Harvey Marshall 6-3 Sr.
G - Brian Carr 6-1 Jr.

Oklahoma State (12-9, 3-5)

F - Andre Ivy 6-4 Jr.
F - Jason Manuel 6-7 So.
C - Alan Bannister 7-4 Fr.
G - Terry Faggins 6-5 Sr.
G - Marvin Gilliam 6-1 Fr.

Tip off: 7:35 p.m. Bob Devaney Sports Center.

By Jeff Apel
Senior Reporter

A pair of disappointing streaks will be on the line when the Nebraska men's basketball team faces Oklahoma State Wednesday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Cornhuskers must overcome their Wednesday-night conference defeats if they are to be serious contenders in this season's conference race, said Coach Moe Iba.

In four Wednesday-night conference games this season, the Huskers have lost three, won one. In three of those contests, Nebraska averaged just more than 36 percent shooting.

"I really have no reason at all for the way we have been playing on Wednesday nights," Iba said. "It just seems we play better on the road."

Iba said that trying to snap that Wednesday night skid won't be easy against the Cowboys, since they have excellent athletes.

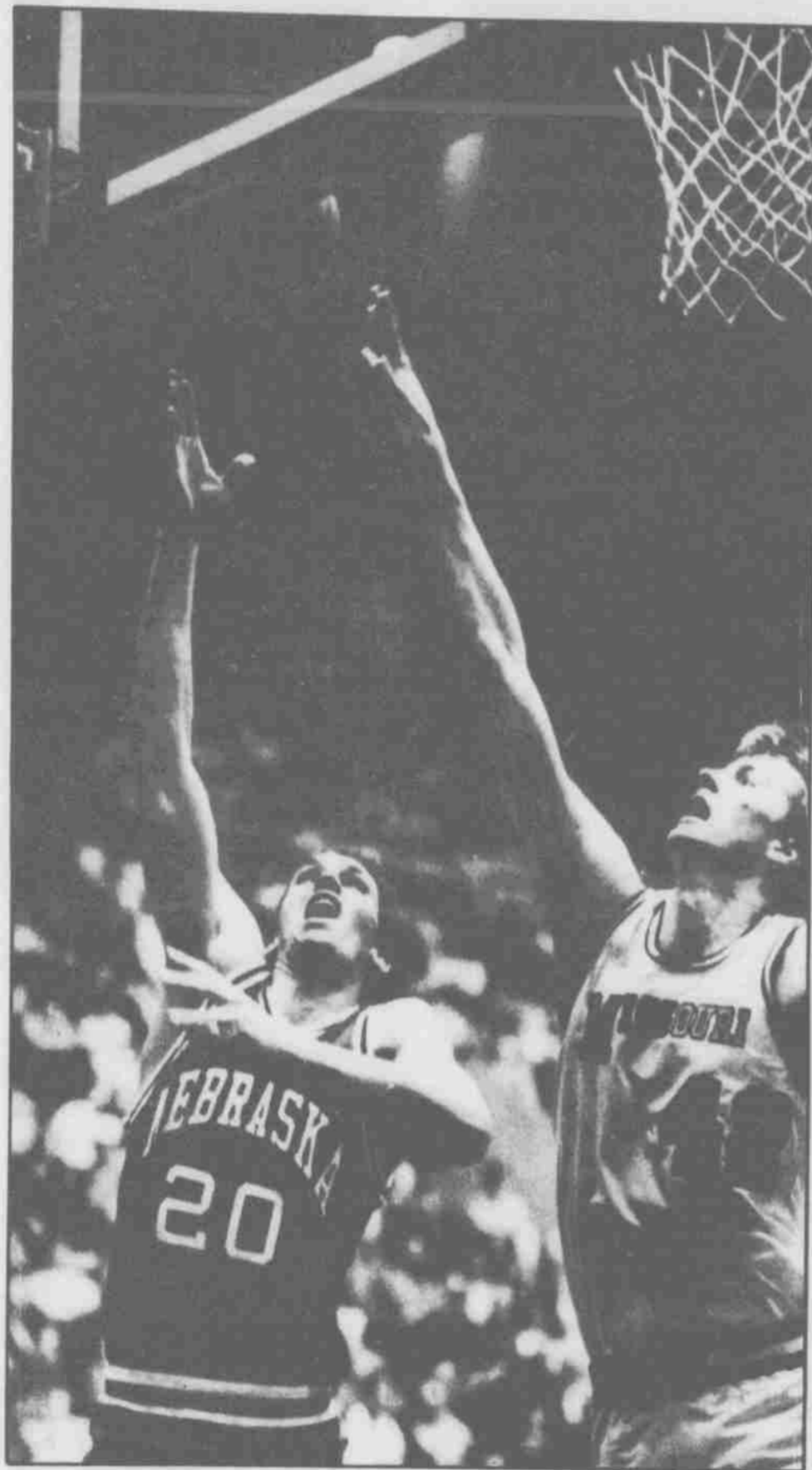
"They're going to have a definite height advantage with (7-4 center Alan) Bannister," Iba said. "He's not the one you have to worry about, though. It's the rest of the people who have been doing the scoring for them."

Despite the absence of all-Big Eight center Dave Hoppen, Iba said that he has no special plans to try and stop Bannister.

Nebraska must just try and stop Oklahoma State from lobbing the ball inside to Bannister, he said.

"We got into a little trouble against Missouri when we got too high on (Tiger center) Dan Bingenheimer," he said. "He was just catching the ball and getting the easy basket. Fortunately, we were able to make an adjustment at halftime and take care of the problem."

Oklahoma State assistant coach Weldon Drew said that the Cowboys,



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Nebraska guard Brian Carr goes up for a shot against Missouri's Mike Sandbothe Saturday at the Hearnes Activities Center in Columbia, Mo.

now 12-9 overall and 3-5 in the conference, haven't forgotten what happened earlier this season when the Huskers rallied for a 62-61 win against the Cowboys.

Nebraska trailed 61-60 with only three seconds left, but the Huskers' Anthony Bailous hit a spinning jump shot at the buzzer to give Nebraska the victory.

"We gave that game away," Drew said. "We always tell our players it isn't over until it's over, and that was a defi-

nite example."

Drew said the Cowboys won't change their defensive strategy now that Hoppen is out for the season with a knee injury.

The Cowboys still have a lot of respect for the Huskers, he said.

"Nebraska has got two excellent athletes in Bernard Day and Harvey Marshall," he said. "We're expecting a very tough game because it's going to be a contest between two teams who both have great athletes."

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