

Huskers grab win in triple overtime

By Dennis Onnen

It took Nebraska three overtimes to do it, but the Huskers finally struggled past Iowa State, 91-88, Tuesday night before 4,100 fans.

With 16 seconds left, it looked as if the game might go into a fourth overtime when Cyclone Hercle Ivy hit a jumper from the corner to tie the game, 88-88. Husker Jerry Fort then brought the ball down the right side of the court and found Brendy Lee open underneath the basket.

Lee hit the layup with five seconds to go, and Iowa State threw away the inbounds pass to seal the Husker win.

Offensive star for the Huskers was Bob Siegel, who made 12 of 14 shots from the field and scored 26 points.

He appeared to be completely healthy after bronchitis caused him to miss the last three games. The freshman reserve played most of the game and admitted he was surprised he was able to hold up.

"When I was warming up, I was feeling a little weakness," he said. His arching jumper from the top of the key tied the game, 83-83, with one second to go in the second overtime and sent the crowd into a roar of ecstasy.

"He's been working very hard on his shooting," Coach Joe Cipriano said of Siegel. He also praised the rebounding of Larry Cox, who led the Huskers with 15 rebounds.

"Our kids really hung in there," Cipriano said. "They rose to the occasion." But he also expressed disappointment that the Huskers didn't win the game at the end of regulation time.

Nebraska came back from a 14-point deficit early in the second half to take a 65-60 lead with 2:09 to go. The Cyclones then made a comeback of their own to tie the game on a jump shot by Robert Wilson with 10 seconds left.

Weather, labor delay fieldhouse completion

Much has been written about the need for the new Fieldhouse on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, and about the inadequacy of the Coliseum.

The coaches of UNL teams that will use the Fieldhouse talk about how it will increase spectator interest, improve the quality of schedules and provide better conditions for practice and competition.

However, according to Miles Tommeraaen, UNL vice-chancellor of business and finance, rumors that the structure won't be ready for the 1975 Big 8 basketball season (as originally planned) may be true.

Tommeraaen said completion of the \$12 million building by January 1975 is very unlikely. "Hopefully we'll have it ready by March 1975," he said, "but after that it's academic. We hope to have it done at least in time for the 1975 State Fair in August."

Larry Stunkel on record

Harley Schrader, UNL physical plant administrator, explained that increased construction in Lincoln, plus an unemployment rate far below the national level, have caused a shortage of skilled labor.

Schrader also said a wet summer, which made it difficult to move heavy machinery, and the cold spell in late December and early January, which restricted use of welding equipment, has slowed construction.

According to Tommeraaen construction is three months behind schedule.

The Legislature also has done its part to slow things down.

One measure, LB510, made provisions to increase the size of the structure so that more seating could be added to the basketball arena if needed. The bill delayed contract bids three months.

Supported by local swimming enthusiasts, Legislative Resolution 85 proposed a major change in the size of the Fieldhouse swimming pool. The Legislature agreed to see that the enlargement would be made if these groups could raise the money to finance the expansion within 90 days. They didn't raise the funds, and things were set back another month.

It would be grossly unfair to start blaming any one person or group for the delays. The factors that have contributed most to this delay are things that really couldn't be helped.

This leaves the UNL athletic teams and fans to bear with the current facilities and wait for January, 1975, when the structure may be completed, or else March, or August, or maybe even....

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