

## sports

## Huskers upset Lions, secure long-awaited win

By Larry Sparks

Nebraska desperately needed a victory, according to Husker Basketball Coach Moe Iba. After a two and a half week wait, UNL finally got that win. The Huskers upset previously undefeated Penn State 75-50 Tuesday night in front of a crowd of 7,308 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska used its tough full-court press to force several early Penn State turnovers and jumped to a 6-0 lead less than three minutes into the game. Midway through the first half UNL had stretched its lead over the tall Nittany Lion team to 15-2.

The Lions lost some of their commanding height advantage in the early minutes of the games when 6-10 center Frank Brickowski went to the bench with three fouls. Husker center Andre Smith also spent a large portion of the game when he picked up his third foul with 4:30 left in the first half. Brickowski and Smith both fouled out with just under four minutes left in the game.

Iba said quickness was the main reason the Huskers earned the victory.

"We did an excellent job of breaking in the first half," Iba said.

"We talked about handling the ball well before the game. We needed to get a good percentage shot against Penn State," he added.

Probably the most surprising statistics was Nebraska's 31-21 edge in rebounding. Kenny Walton led the Huskers on the boards, pulling down 12 rebounds.

Iba said he was especially pleased with Walton, who was starting his first game for the team.

"Kenny played awfully well tonight," Iba said. "He was showing signs of it in

practice."

"Kenny just needs to relax and go ahead and play. After he put in a couple of shots he was O.K. He's a good athlete," Iba said.

Claude Renfro filled in for Smith and Lance Berwald at the post position throughout much of the game.

Iba said he was pleased with Renfro's play and blamed himself for not playing him at the post earlier.

Nebraska had the Lions right there where they wanted them in the closing minutes when they broke away from a 10 point lead and forced Penn State to foul.

The Huskers were paced by Jack Moore's 21 points and Walton with 20.

Penn State Coach Dick Harter had praise for the Huskers saying, "They played intelligent basketball." He hinted, though, that the Lions may have been over-rated.

"We haven't played anybody, we've never been behind so we haven't had to catch up."

Iba however said he was concerned early in the second half because Nebraska showed a lack of intensity.

"Penn State has blown everybody out," Iba said, "but we called a time out and regrouped."

"This team has played hard for three games. They should have had a win before now," he said. "We were tired of losing."

The 1-3 Huskers will be in the Utah Classic this weekend. They open Friday night at 7 p.m. against Loyola-Marymount, Utah and Oklahoma State will play the 9 p.m. game that night. The consolation and championship games will be played Saturday night.



Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

Nebraska's Kenny Walton goes up against Penn State's Mike Lang as Nebraska defeated the Lions Tuesday night 75-50.

## Husker loss evens record at 3-3 for season

By Ward Wright Triplett III

"We were still in the game until the last two minutes, but then it seemed like we were just going through the motions," said Nebraska Women's Basketball Coach Col-

leen Matsuhara after the UNL women fell to Kansas State 75-63 in a Big Eight contest last night.

The loss evens the team's record at 3-3 for the season.

Led by the sharp shooting of Amii

Beringer, Nebraska had held an eight point lead with six minutes to play in the first half, which ended in a 36-36 deadlock.

However, in the second half Tami Romstad of Kansas State hit two consecutive baskets to move the Wildcats out to a four point lead they never relinquished.

K-State's Shelly Hughes and Romstad combined for 43 points to pave the way to the Wildcats 8th victory without a loss.

"We were letting them control the tempo when we shouldn't have," Kansas State Coach Lynn Hickey said. "And I think it's a good sign that our girls kept their heads when we were down like that."

The largest Wildcat lead had only been five points before the final two minutes. Hickey attributed the victory to better second half defense.

"When they went to their press, she (Matsuhara) put in more speed that left a 5-9 girl covering one of our 6-2 girls. That's when the rebounding started to go our way also," she said.

Matsuhara was also upset with what she called prophetic free throw shooting, over

passing and the failure of the Huskers to execute good transition.

"With our height disadvantage, to be successful, we have to get the ball up and down the floor. For the first four minutes it went really well then all of a sudden..."

Nevertheless, the Wildcats only out-rebounded the Huskers 41-38.

Beringer scored 19 points and Kathy Hagerstrom added 13 to pace the Huskers, who will travel to Des Moines to face highly regarded Drake Friday.

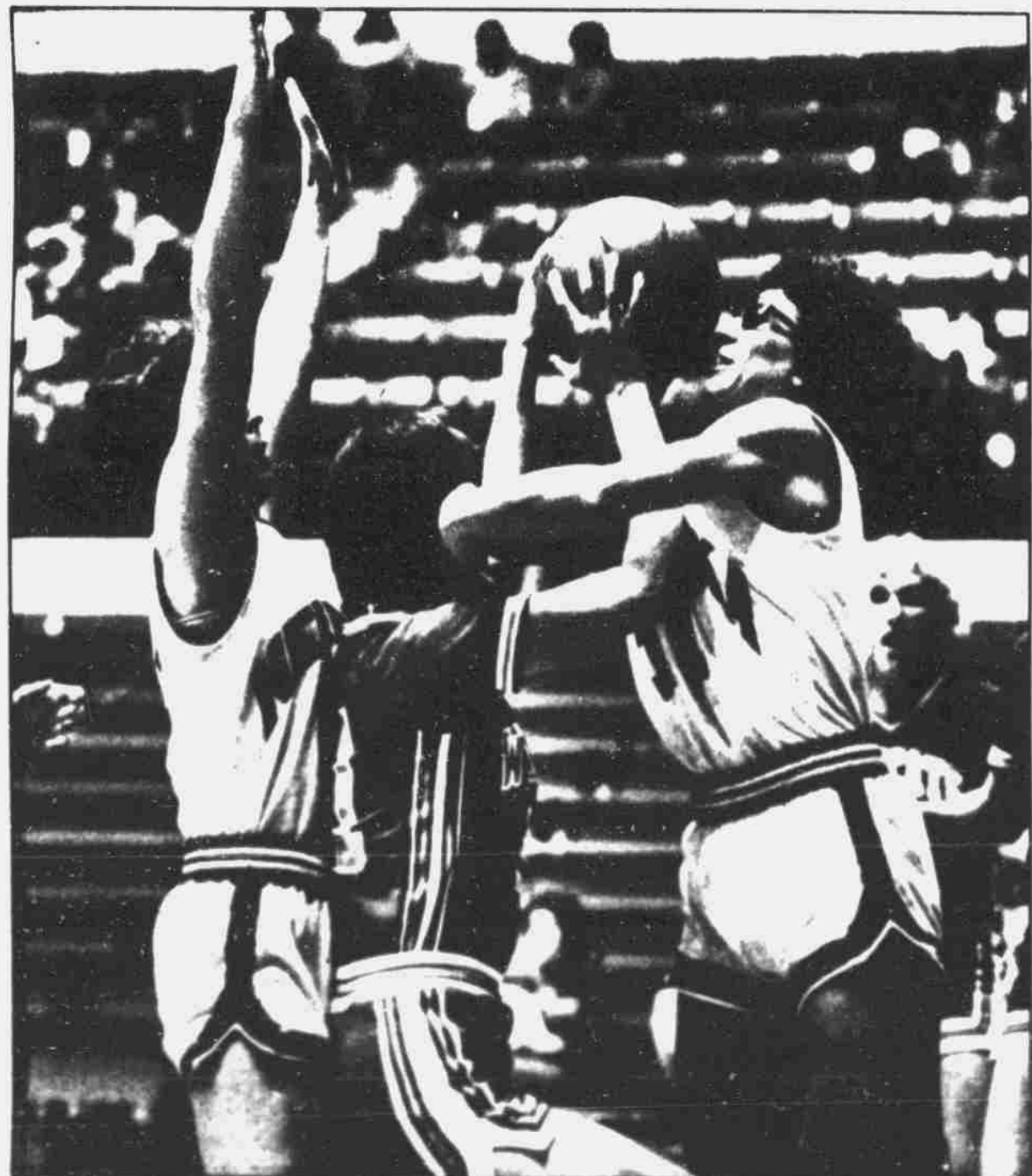


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Husker guard Carla Saveri puts the clamps on KSU guard Kim Price along with NU guard Amii Beringer. The Huskers were defeated 75-63.

### Today is the last day for students to buy tickets for Sun Bowl

Today is the final day for students to buy Sun Bowl tickets, according to the UNL Ticket Office.

The Sun Bowl reserved about 5,000 tickets for Nebraska fans, and 1,000 were allotted to UNL students. The tickets cost \$12 each and students must present a valid university ID to buy a ticket.

Students may buy their tickets for the Dec. 27 game in groups of six, but the ticket office has requested that all members of the group come to the south stadium ticket office when the block is bought.

### shorts

The UNL women's basketball team will take to the road this weekend. The Cornhuskers will play at Drake Friday night.

The men's basketball team will compete in the Utah Classic this weekend in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Huskers open the tournament at 6:05 p.m. Friday against Loyola-Marymount. The 8:05 p.m. game features Utah and Oklahoma State. The consolation and championship games will be played Saturday night.

The Nebraska wrestling team will host Indiana State this Saturday. The meet will be held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska's gymnastics team will travel to Houston, Tex., Saturday to compete in the Husky Classic. The Huskers will be attempting to bounce back from their loss to the Japan National team Sunday.