

# Sports

## Huskies lose to Tech

By Kevin Warneke and Jim Rasmussen



Nebraska's Dave Hoppen (42) is pressured by Texas Tech defenders Tuesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The Huskers were snowed under by the Red Raiders 69-45.

Staff photo by Craig Anderson

After setting a Bob Devaney Sports Center scoring record Saturday, the Nebraska men's basketball team found the points much harder to come by Tuesday night as it dropped a 59-45 decision to invading Texas Tech.

Nebraska could only manage 34 percent shooting from the floor while the Red Raiders shot a blistering 58 percent.

The Huskers got on the scoreboard first on Eric Williams' jumper from the right baseline 28 seconds into the game.

Texas Tech answered with Quentin Anderson's layup 19 seconds later. The teams then traded baskets until Anderson put Texas Tech in front 12-10 on a jumpshot from the top of the key with 12:34 remaining in the half.

The Red Raiders maintained a two to four point lead until Nebraska tied the score at 18 each with David Ponce's tip-in off a Nebraska miscue.

Ponce, whose status was questionable prior to tip-off because of a lower back injury, was a Nebraska bright spot in the first half, tallying eight points. But Nebraska trailed 28-25 at halftime.

A tough Red Raider defense and some cold shooting by Nebraska contributed to the Huskers' first half problems. Nebraska center Dave Hoppen was held to five first half points by Texas Tech big men Ray Irvin and Anderson.

"They did a good job on me," Hoppen said. "There was always two or three on me when I got the ball, and the shots didn't fall."

The Huskers seemed to leave their offense in the locker room at halftime as they shot only 20 percent from the floor during the second half.

After a Hoppen free throw 16 seconds into the half Nebraska's shooting turned ice cold as the Huskers went 4-19 without a basket.

Hoppen broke the ice with a layup to make the score 28-34 with 15:26 remaining in the game.

The Huskers immediately went into another scoring drought, going 5-44 before scoring another point. By then Texas Tech had mounted a 40-29 lead and never looked back.

"It seemed like we had no organization," Nebraska coach Moe Iba said. "That's my fault. We tried to run something and we couldn't get our people in the right spots."

Once Texas Tech mounted a lead in the second half, the Red Raiders used a slow-down offense that kept Nebraska on defense much of the time.

"They really hurt us," Iba said. "They did a nice job handling the ball and we did a poor job defensively."

Nebraska staged a mild comeback in the final minutes of the game, coming within six, 49-43 with 1:50 remaining.

But, the Huskers were forced to foul and Texas Tech hit eight of eight from the free throw line to preserve the win.

Anderson, a 6-9 junior, led the Red Raiders with 16 points after going zero for four in a 54-45 loss to Washington Saturday.

"I was real nervous the first game," Anderson said. "Tonight I was more relaxed, and I was able to play my game. I hit my first shot, and that makes it easy."

"This is the best road game we've played in a long time," Texas Tech coach Gerald Meyers said. "This is such a big win for us. We proved tonight we could control the tempo of a game with our defense."

Texas Tech will host San Diego Saturday, while Nebraska will host 2-0 Creighton at 7:30 p.m.

## Orange Bowl tickets still available

By Scott Ahlstrand

For those who want to leave the chilling climate in Nebraska for the sun-soaked beaches of Miami, good news — Orange Bowl tickets are still on sale.

Athletic Department Ticket Manager Helen Ruth Wagner said that both students and the general

public can still order tickets for the Jan. 2 clash between Nebraska and Miami.

The ticket office was allotted 12,500 tickets by the Orange Bowl committee, Wagner said, 10,000 for the general public and 2,500 for the students.

Ticket sales for students began Monday, and were

scheduled to end Wednesday. But, because of Monday's inclement weather, they will run until Thursday.

Wagner said while one staff member was able to make it to the ticket office Monday, she wasn't able to handle all of the phone calls.

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## Crushers

It was a tough day at times for quarterbacks at the Nebraska-Oklahoma clash Saturday in Norman, Okla. At left, Nebraska signal-caller Turner Gill gets a pass off just before Oklahoma safety Don Hall and fellow nemesis Bob Slater lower the boom. At right, Oklahoma quarterback Danny Bradley gets buried by Bill Weber on a sack in the fourth quarter. Linebackers Mark Dunn and Mike Knox make sure the Oklahoma junior stays down.