

# Sports



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Oklahoma's Wayman Tisdale and Nebraska's James Moore battle for a rebound in the first half of OU's 78-67 win Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## Hoppen gets 27, but NU short

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First, the good news. Dave Hoppen scored his season high of 27 points against the biggest overall front line in the Big Eight.

Now, the bad news. Wayman Tisdale scored 33 points, and Oklahoma won the basketball game 78-67 Wednesday night in front of 13,444 people at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Sooners scored more points on the Huskers

than any other team this year. And Tisdale, 6-9 All-American from Tulsa, Okla., was the major cause of that, Nebraska Coach Moe Iba said.

"Defensively, we broke down in the first five minutes of the second half," Iba said. "We had to front him (Tisdale), and we were on the sides of him. If you do that, he's going to hurt you."

Tisdale shot 12-16 from the floor and nine of 11 from the free throw line. Tisdale and two other Sooners, Shawn Clark and Jan Pannell, played the entire 40 minutes.

A Dave Hoppen hook opened the scoring less than 30 seconds into the game. Oklahoma scored the next six points. The Sooners kept two and four-point leads until the 10-minute mark of the half. Two Hoppen free-throws tied the game at 16.

Oklahoma's Calvin Pierce and David Johnson then split seven points. The Sooners moved to a 23-18 advantage, their biggest lead of the half.

The tide soon turned. In a two-minute span, Tisdale missed three close shots. Nebraska battled back behind Hoppen. Two Hoppen baskets in the lane gave Nebraska its first lead, 26-25 with 4:29 left in the half.

A Tisdale dunk off an alleyoop pass gave OU the lead 20 seconds later. The teams traded the lead 20 seconds later. The teams traded the lead four more times. Two free throws by Pierce gave OU a 31-30 lead at halftime.

Tisdale began the second half with an 8-footer off the glass.

Hoppen came back with a bank shot of his own. Tisdale responded with a short turnaround from the baseline. Nebraska's Stan Cloudy scored on a drive in the lane, but picked up his fourth foul on the play.

Tisdale scored again from the baseline. Clark hit a long jumper. With less than two minutes gone in the half, OU was back out on top by five, 39-34.

From there, it read like the Tisdale diet. Tisdale from six feet — Tisdale from the baseline — Tisdale on the jar — Tisdale on the block.

Oklahoma soon built the lead to 63-50, helped by Iba's first technical foul of the year.

Nebraska got no closer than nine points in the game's last seven minutes.

Oklahoma played only six players in the game. Freshman guard Tim McAllister did not play at all. He had started every game.

Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs thought his team's patience in getting the ball to Tisdale the second half was the key to the win.

"A lot of times he will miss his first two or three shots of each half, and then he gets hot," Tubbs said.

While Hoppen tied his career high score, Tisdale's 33 points were one short of the Sports Center record of 34 by Andre Smith in 1979.

## 'What's in a name?' Allen asks; finds answer in intramural leagues

Let's talk about intramural basketball, shall we? While reading the Daily Nebraskan (I'm not proud of that fact, but it does occasionally happen), a couple of things caught my attention recently.

I read with interest the article "Intramural stars led by former Huskers." (Daily Nebraskan, Feb. 8, page 9).

According to the article, Harper Seven's open league team is led by former Husker basketball stars

And I'm the first to comment that Nebraska basketball isn't of the highest quality, but Iba and the players work as hard as any team in the country.

Instead of classless, anonymous slams (at least I put my name on my comments), students should voice legitimate complaints and above all, support the team. A good crowd can make mediocre teams better.

The second thing I've noticed is some of the names for these intramural teams. Independent teams get to choose their own names, I guess, and some of you guys really used your imagination.

I remember when the Tigers or the Bulldogs used to be good names for teams.

This year there are teams called The Scum of the Earth and Yard Apes. The Yard Apes?

One group of scholarly athletes came up with Official Intermeddlers. They should have spent less time thinking up a name and more time practicing. They lost by 10 points to the Running Rebels, which is a decent name.

Then there's Old Style and Bud Boys. Any team named after beer is OK by me.

The ones that really bother me are those I can't figure out. Take Four Jerks and A Squirt, for instance. So far I've taken that seven different ways.

Or the Belostomatids. I couldn't find it in the dictionary, and frankly, I'm afraid to find out just what a Belostomatid really is. Hopefully, they just took the first letter of every team member's name and formed the team name from that.

And what about Bloto's Streak. It sounds like the name of a town in western Nebraska.

I got to the faculty and staff league and said to myself that finally I'd find some decent names that students could use as examples. After all, these people are our educators.

What I got was the Hamilton Animals, the Clowns and the Hamilton Lunatics.

Other names that stood out as weird to me were Bugtussel, Peas, porridge hot, Not Ready for BB Players, Who Knows, Cares, and Why Bother, Phi Gamma Delta, Reckdigs, Iquanas and my least favorite of all, the Living Abortions.

One team called themselves the No Names. They don't know how lucky they are.



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Claude Renfro and Lenard Johnson. According to team spokesman (now that's organization) Pat Albright, "We've been winning most of our games by 20 to 30 points and we haven't really been pushing."

There's an accomplishment to be proud of. Maybe next season those guys could play in a city youth league and beat 10- and 11-year olds by 80-90 points a game and push even less.

Now, let me get this straight, when North Carolina Coach Dean Smith's players use up their eligibility ("graduate" is a risky word in college sports) they play for Kansas City, Phoenix, or Los Angeles. When UCLA players use up their eligibility they play for Los Angeles or Portland, or they go to television (*Hill Street Blues*' Officer Bobby Hill is a former Bruin).

When Moe Iba's Nebraska players finish eligibility they go to intramural basketball. Hmmm.

Okay, guys, calm down. I was just having some fun. Personally, I'm glad to see Johnson and Renfro staying in school and trying to graduate. The pressures put on a college athlete make it difficult to do well in classes, too. And many just give up after they finish their eligibility.

Since I'm on the subject, I think the recent "Moe must goe" personals are pretty classless. Many students are upset with the seating situation, something to which Iba himself objected strenuously.