

Sports

Nebraska blown away by Cyclones

By Stu Pospisil

Moe Iba has an Army recruiter's predicament — he's looking for a few good men, five to be exact.

After Nebraska's embarrassing 69-48 loss to Iowa State Saturday, Iba said no player has a position assured for the remainder of the season.

"We're going to find five people who want to play," Iba said. "It doesn't matter to me who those players are. And I told them that after the game."

"I said we worked awfully hard to gain respectability, and to go out in front of our home fans and play that way should be embarrassing to them. I've never had a team which never tried as hard as they could. We've got to get that back in the next five games."

Iba and the 9,878 in attendance witnessed the Huskers suffer their most dreary night of a 14-9 season, shooting 31.3 percent from the field. The 21-point loss was Nebraska's worst since a 79-56 setback at Missouri during the 1982-83 season, and the worst at home since the Tigers defeated Nebraska 84-63 in the 1979-80 season.

Nebraska had hit six of its first eight shots to take a 12-6 lead with 13:59 left. Stan Cloudy scored eight of his team-leading 20 points in that span on four jumpers.

Iowa State then gave the Huskers a lesson in frustration for the next 12½ minutes as the Cyclones' sagging 2-3 zone defense collapsed around center Dave Hoppen...and collapsed Nebraska's offense.

"The big thing we did was shutting down Hoppen," Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr said. "Everything in their offense is oriented around Hoppen."

While the Huskers could muster only two Hoppen baskets spaced 7:38 apart, Iowa State seized a 27-16 lead. Terrance Allen scored eight of his 12 points in the spree, while Barry Stevens added six.

Nebraska trimmed the Cyclones' lead to nine at halftime, and it appeared as if the Huskers would rally as they had in the earlier game at Ames (64-63, Nebraska).

But Cloudy, Hoppen and David Ponce, a trio that averages 50 percent from the field, connected on only six of 22 second-half shots. And they were the only Huskers to score until reserve forward Curtis Moore drove the lane with 5:35 left.

Starters Eric Williams and John Matzke failed to score, as substitutes Moore and Brian Carr, each with four points, were the only other players in the scoring column.

Meanwhile, Stevens and Jeff Hornacek scored at will, each with 15 second-half points.

Stevens built a 17-point lead for the Cyclones midway through the half on a 15-footer, a follow shot and a short jumper.

Hornacek was perfect on all 11 free throws he attempted in the final 20 minutes. As a team, Iowa State made 18 of its last 19 from the line.

"You've got to make them (free throws) when you're going down the stretch," Orr said.

A belated Husker rally by Moore and Carr brought Nebraska to within nine with 3:18 left, but the waning moments were filled with fouls, Hornacek free throws and further frustration for Nebraska.

Moore was ejected with 1:12 left for a flagrant technical foul on the Cyclones' Tom Peterson, a call which brought debris flying from some in the dwindling crowd.

Cloudy finished with 20 points, and Hoppen added 14 on a 4-for-9 shooting, his worst performance since going 3-for-9 against Texas Tech.

By winning, Iowa State further jumbled up the Big Eight conference standings.

Six teams — ISU, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Mis-



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Iowa State's Barry Stevens rolls over the Huskers' Brian Carr enroute to a 69-48 shellacking of Nebraska. Stevens scored 23 points in Saturday night's game. The loss left the Huskers with a 4-6 conference record and their third straight loss at home.

souri, Kansas State and Colorado are tied for third through eighth with 4-6 records. The logjam will be broken when the teams pair up for Wednesday night games.

"I told our team that if we beat Nebraska, we'd be in a six-way tie for third in the Big Eight," Orr said, "because I knew those other teams would win. Now you just have to look and see who plays who."

Nebraska must travel to Oklahoma State Wednesday, where the Huskers lost a 71-63 double-overtime decision last season.

Cyclone rally falls one point short

By Scott Ahlstrand

A furious second-half rally by Iowa State fell short, as the Nebraska women's basketball team held on for a 68-67 victory Sunday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Trailing by a point, the Cyclones had the ball out of bounds underneath their own basket. They tried to lob a pass to Tonya Burns. The ball bounced off her fingers and was stolen by Husker center Angie Miller to ice the win.

The victory evened Nebraska's Big Eight record at 5-5, and moved the Huskers to 15-8 overall. The Cyclones fell to a dismal 0-10 in the conference and 4-19 overall.

"We played well enough to win, but that's about all," first-year Coach Kelly Hill said. "This is a big emotional lift for us. We needed to win a close game at home."

The first half saw the lead change hands seven times until a 12-4 surge by the Huskers gave Nebraska a 36-27 halftime lead.

Nebraska limited Burns, Iowa State's leading scorer, to five points in the first half. But the 6-1 center from Loe, Ind., keyed the Cyclones' second-half rally. Burns, who scored 42 points earlier in the season against the Huskers, burned the nets for 16 points after intermission.

"We were struggling in the second half," Hill said. "Burns came on in the second half and got hot, like she always does."

Nebraska countered Iowa State's one-two punch of Burns and Monica Missel, who finished with 20 points, with a balanced team attack.

Miller led the way with 14 points, followed by Debra Powell's 13. Cathy Owen and Stacy Imming each scored 10 points and Kelli Benson and Shelley Block each added 8.

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Wichita State team bowls over region

By Jeff Carr

Wichita State won both the men's and women's divisions in the Region XI bowling qualifying meet in the tournament at both Nebraska unions this past weekend.

In the men's competition, Wichita State, which is rated No. 1 in the nation, was led by Joey Duerr, the all-events champion, with 1807 pins. He and teammate Tim Sites, who was fifth in the all events competition, were the top tandem in the tourney.

WSU's two-day total was 8760. Nebraska finished with 8539. UNL relied on a team effort led by Terry Synovec with 1748 pins and Bob Dill with 1739.

Recreation spokesman Raleigh Hughes suggested that Nebraska's strong showing could give them a chance to qualify for the sectional meet in Denver in April.

"We got beat by 200 pins," Hughes said. "That really isn't too much in bowling. We've been pushing them (Wichita State) all year so I think we'll get an at-large berth to the sectional meet."

No Nebraska bowlers finished in the top five individually.

Wichita State won the women's competition with a strong balanced attack. Kansas edged out the Nebraska team for second place by only 12 pins. It was the best finish ever for the UNL women, and Hughes suggested that they also might have a shot at qualifying for the eight-team sectional meet in Denver.

"They take eight teams and they look at the scores so maybe they will figure they don't have enough strong teams so we might get asked," Hughes said.