

Sports

Huskers' pinpoint shooting ends mid-conference play

By Bob Schmitt
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Nebraska's Dave Hoppen scored 27 points to lead the Huskers to a 94-47 victory over Northeastern Illinois Saturday in the Sugar Bowl. The win completed Nebraska's 167-collegiate schedule. The Huskers are 13-4 because Tom Weiskopf, who eight coaches have named as the best player in the nation, is recovering from a knee injury.

Colorado State controlled the first half, building leads of as many as 11 points. The Rams led Nebraska 37-30 at the half. The Huskers rallied in the second half and were able to take a 91-89 lead with 1:53 left in regulation. A turnover by Brian Carr with 1:35 to play gave the Rams a chance to tie the game and send it into overtime.

Nebraska survived Colorado State misses at the end of regulation and also at the end of the first overtime period. The Huskers outscored the Rams 21-10 in the second overtime period and converted 13 of 15 free throw attempts.

The Huskers began another break on a court note with a 68-66 loss to Washington State. Nebraska entered the game with a 7-1 record, the best start for the team with Moo'iba as coach. The Cougars got 31 points from Joe Wallace including 13 of 17 shooting from the field.

Washington State outscored Nebraska 10-4 at the beginning of the second half to take a 84-32 lead. The Cougars did not trail the rest of the game.

Hoppen scored 19 points for Nebraska and Carr added 15. Harvey Marshall, who was averaging 12 points going into the game, was held scoreless.

Nebraska's record of 167 games is the longest in the history of college basketball.

The Huskers made a late rally but could not overcome the Cougars' lead.

The Huskers' 1/2 court block and scored 2 points in the final 12 seconds. The Huskers were unable to get anything out of the game.

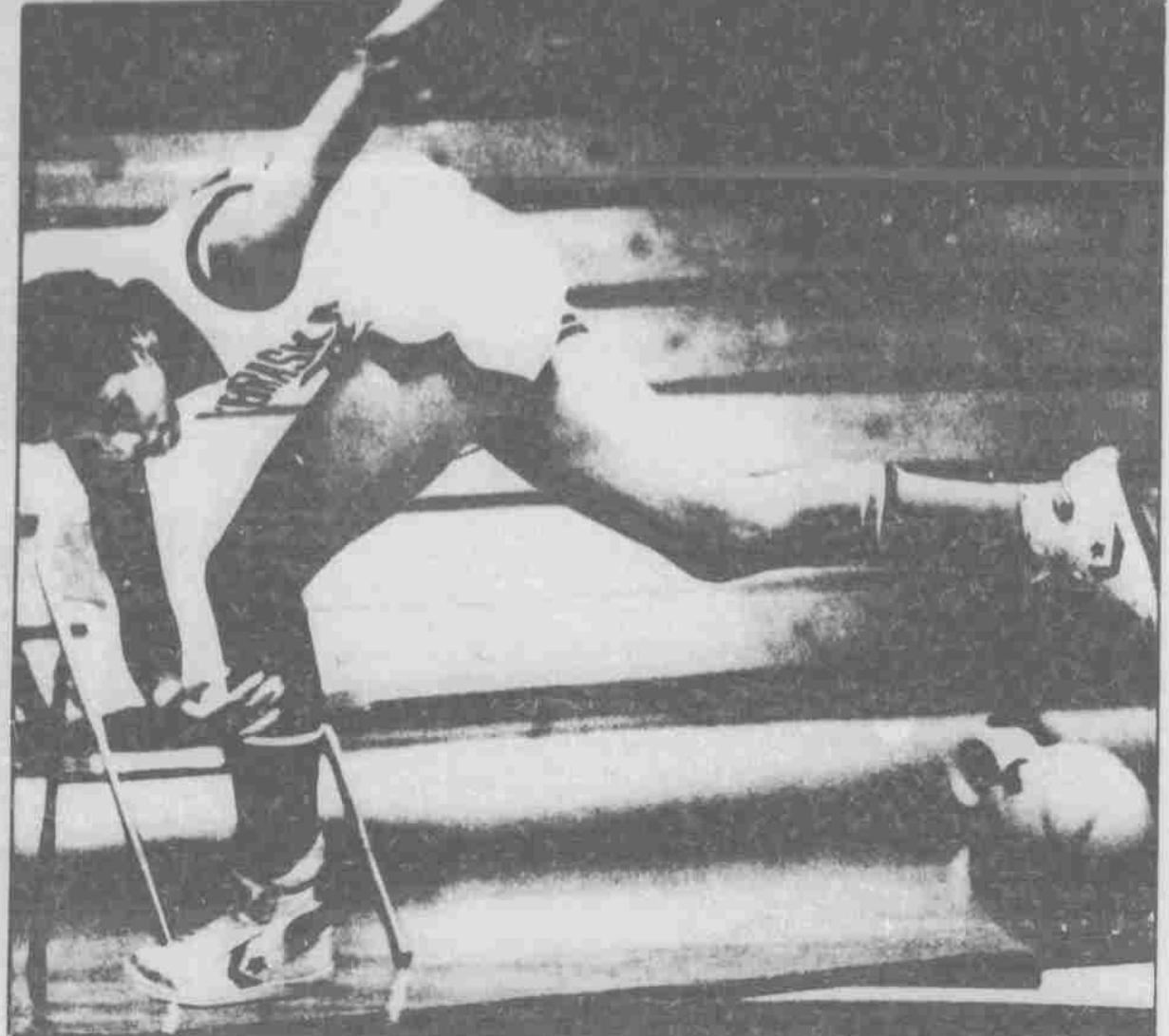
Nebraska's next game was an 80-74 loss to Evansville on Jan. 3. The Purple Aces, who have rebuilt their program after the entire team was killed in a plane crash five years ago, outscored Nebraska 15-4 in the middle of the first half to take a 32-21 lead. They led at the half 42-31.

Nebraska was unable to pull closer than six in the second half. Evansville was led by Bobby Mikes' 22 points and Richie Johnson's 20. Hoppen scored 22 for Nebraska and Moore added 19.

Nebraska got back on the winning track with a 69-62 victory against Wisconsin-Stevens Point Jan. 9. The Pointers trailed 30-23 at half before pulling within one late in the second half.

A dunk by Division III All-American Terry Porter with 2:41 pulled the Pointers to within 61-60. Nebraska then threw the ball out of bounds and Stevens Point had a chance to take the lead. Porter's 10-foot shot from the baseline shined out and Nebraska was able to hold on for the victory.

Porter, who made it to the final cut of the U.S. Olympic basketball trials, scored 24 points including 13 of 19 shooting from the field. He was named the 1984-85 All-American.



David Creamer/Daily Nebraskan
Freshman Maurtice Ivy tries to reel in a loose ball during Nebraska's 94-47 victory over Northeastern Illinois Saturday. Ivy had 21 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

Nebraska's pinpoint shooting squealches victory dryspell

By Ward W. Triplett III
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Nebraska's women's basketball team ended a less than spectacular Christmas break by clobbering Northeastern Illinois 94-47 Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

It was the Huskers' first round of the Domino's Pizza Wolverine Classic. Before then, the Huskers handed then 17th-ranked Texas Tech its second loss of the season.

Nebraska had few problems with 7-6 Northeastern after a slow start. Both teams scored fewer than eight points in the first five minutes.

The Nebraska press and bench strength gradually took over. Robbie Franklin, Northeastern's 6-3 center, helped Northeastern with a few rebounds and easy baskets underneath, but the faster Nebraska squad took a 21-point lead into half time and expanded that to as much as 40 in the second half.

Freshman Maurtice Ivy led Nebraska with 21 points, most of them coming from steals and layups. Senior Debra Powell followed with 13 while Annie Adamczak added 11 and Shelly Block and Angie Miller scored 10 points each.

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Offensive heroes aid Husker comeback victory



Mark Davis/Daily Nebraskan

I-Back Doug DeBose looks for running room in the Sugar Bowl victory over Louisiana State University.

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NEW ORLEANS, La. — A red-hot quarterback, a fleet-footed backup I-

back and a rejuvenated second-half defense quickly quieted a pro-Louisiana State crowd of 75,608 and gave Nebraska a 28-10 victory in the 51st annual Sugar Bowl Classic in New Orleans.

The Huskers faced some question marks when they arrived in New Orleans on Christmas Day; one concerning the level of noise in the Superdome created by the Tiger fans, who were billed as

the rowdiest in the nation by Sports Illustrated's Douglas Looney in the magazine's college and pro football preview.

But, unlike last year's Orange Bowl, when the Huskers had difficulty hearing quarterback Turner Gill's audible calls over thousands of screaming Miami fans, LSU supporters showed their southern hospitality and posed few problems for Nebraska's offense.

NU left guard Harry Grimmering said the crowd bothered the team only once the entire game.

"We didn't have any problems with the noise," Grimmering said. "They were loud a little bit in the fourth quarter, but other than that I didn't think we had any problem at all."

"For some reason, I don't think the fans were into the game like the way they were two years ago down in Miami."

The 18 point loss was the second bowl disappointment in three years for the Tiger faithful. Nebraska delt LSU a 21-20 loss in the Orange Bowl two years ago.

Senior quarterback Craig Sundberg threw three touchdown passes for Nebraska, including two to tight end Todd Frain in the fourth quarter to seal the win. Sundberg also ran for a touchdown, a nine-yard sprint in the third quarter, which gave the Huskers their first lead of the game, 14-10.

For his efforts, Sundberg was voted the winner of the Miller-Digby Memorial Trophy as the bowl's Most Valuable Player by the members of the media.

Sundberg lost his starting job to Scottsbluff walk-on Travis Turner earlier this season, but regained his posi-

tion for the bowl trip.

"It's a reflection on how he came back and showed the perseverance as a football player that he never gave up," Grimmering said.

Sundberg battled not only a blitzing Tiger defense, but a case of the flu as well. A 101 degree fever on New Year's Eve did not break until the afternoon of the game.

"I didn't think he would be able to play personally," Nebraska center Mark Traynowicz said.

Sundberg said the fact that he was playing in his last collegiate game was a motivational tool.

"This is probably my last game, ever," Sundberg said. "It was very important to me to play. I guess I probably would have pushed myself even if I wouldn't have felt good later in the day."

Another star, Doug DuBose, a sophomore from Uncasville, Conn., came in for starting I-back Jeff Smith in the second quarter and did his version of Prince's "Let's Go Crazy" in the LSU secondary. DuBose compiled 102 yards rushing and scored the Husker's first touchdown on a 31-yard screen pass from Sundberg in the second quarter.

DuBose, who finished second to Sundberg in the MVP voting, would have got Sundberg's vote.

"I think Doug DuBose had a great game," Sundberg said.

Sundberg said DuBose will be the mainstay for future Husker teams.

"Doug had a lot of good runs," Sundberg said. "He's amazing. He's got a bright future ahead of him as far as I'm concerned."

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