

Sports

Cornhuskers shoot Cowboys to death

From Staff Reports

Dave Hoppen scored 23 points to lead Nebraska to a 64-53 victory against Wyoming at Arena Auditorium in Laramie, Wyo., Saturday night.

The Cowboys, 2-1, had a 20-3 record against nonconference opponents since the 15,000-seat arena opened. One of those three losses had been to Nebraska in 1983.

The win is Nebraska's fourth straight against the Cowboys. Nebraska is now 13-8 overall in the series.

Wyoming took an early 4-2 lead on a steal and a stuff by Marco Fleming. But, Nebraska took the lead for good on two Bernard Day free throws that made the score 5-4.

Day scored another basket to put Nebraska up 7-4 before Wyoming scored to pull within 7-6. That was the closest Wyoming got the rest of the day.

Following the Wyoming basket, Nebraska scored eight consecutive points to increase its lead to 15-6. Nebraska

extended the lead to 20-8 at 9:35 on a basket by John Matzke.

Brian Carr hit a basket to give Nebraska a 29-16 advantage, its largest lead of the first half. Wyoming outscored Nebraska 7-2 at the close of the half to trail 31-23.

The Cowboys scored the first four points of the second half to pull within 31-27. Wyoming had a chance to pull within two points, but missed.

Hoppen then scored eight consecutive points to put Nebraska up 39-27. The closest Wyoming would get after that was 62-53.

After Hoppen scored the Cornhuskers first 10 points of the half, Day then went to work. He scored six of eight Nebraska points to put the Huskers up 49-33. Two of his baskets came from lob passes.

Hoppen's 23 points gives him 1,821 career points, tying him for ninth on the all-time Big Eight chart with Kansas' Darnell Valentine. Hoppen needs 62 points to pass Jerry Fort's Nebraska

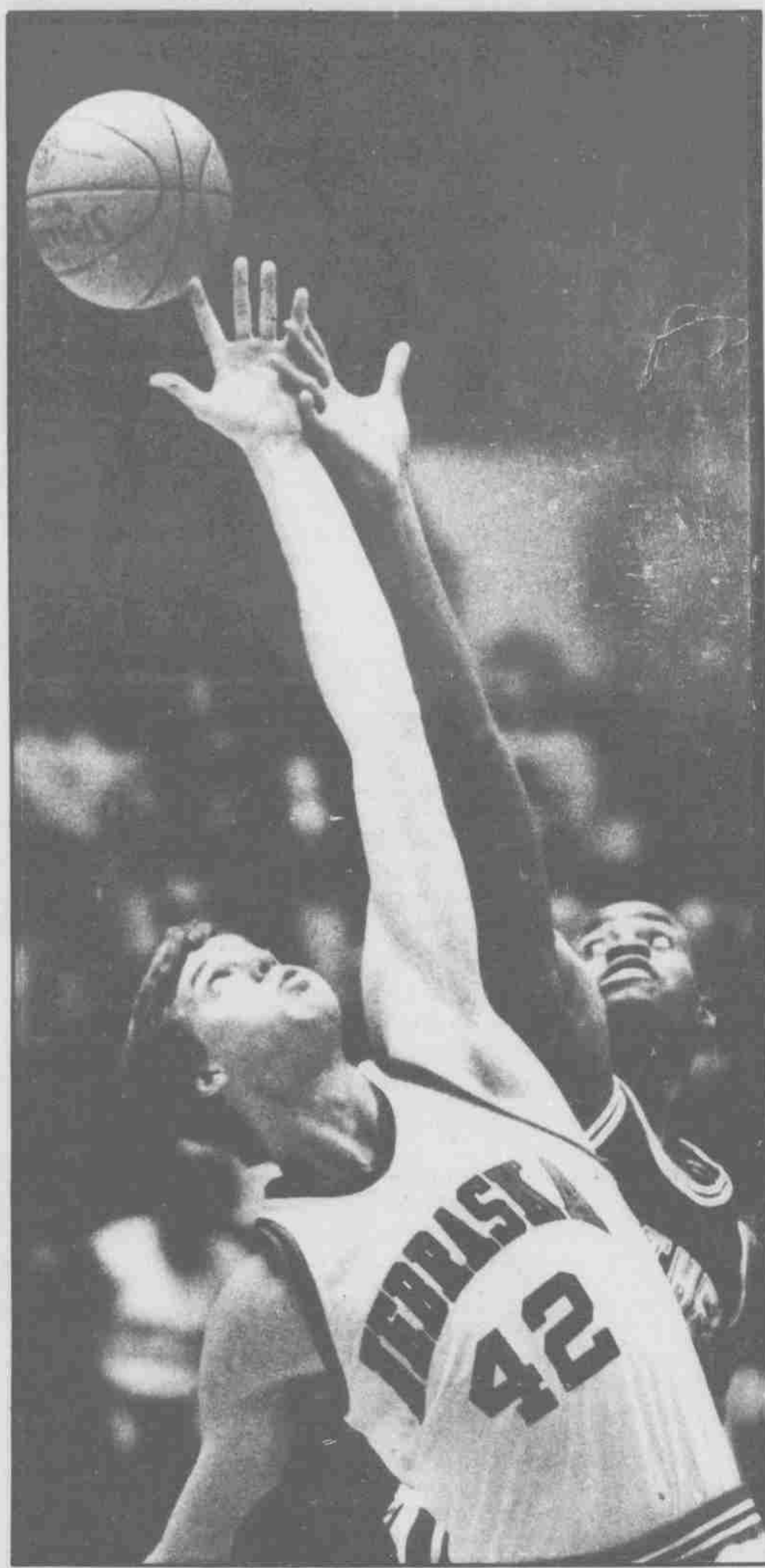
school record. Saturday also marked the 47th time in Hoppen's career that he has scored 20 or more points in a game.

Day was the only other Husker in double figures; he scored 16 points on six-for-nine shooting from the field and four-for-four at the free throw line.

Wyoming was led by Eric Leckner's 14 points. Les Bolden scored 13 points and Fleming added 11. The Cowboys were slowed by an injury to Fennis Dembo, one of Wyoming's leading scorers who suffered an ankle injury earlier in the season. Dembo played 23 minutes and was held to two points.

Nebraska out-rebounded Wyoming 42-23, led by Day's 10 and Hoppen's nine. Leckner was Wyoming's leading rebounder with five.

Nebraska, now 3-0, will host California-Irvine tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The Anteaters opened their regular season with a 88-76 loss at New Orleans Saturday afternoon.



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Nebraska center Dave Hoppen jumps for the opening tip in Nebraska's victory against Southern Illinois last Tuesday. Hoppen scored 23 points against Wyoming Saturday to tie Darnell Valentine for ninth on the all-time Big Eight scoring chart. Hoppen needs 62 points to become the all-time leading career point scorer at Nebraska. The Cornhuskers host California-Irvine tonight at 7:35 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

UCI's Rogers will have NU 'Hoppen'

From Staff Reports

When most Nebraska football fans hear the name Johnny Rogers, they think of the Heisman Trophy-winning wingback who led the Cornhuskers to the national championship.

But when the name Johnny Rogers is mentioned to University of California-Irvine basketball fans, they have a different image. They think about the 6-10 center who led the Anteaters in scoring

last year.

Rogers, a senior, will face Nebraska center Dave Hoppen and the Cornhuskers tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Tip-off is at 7:35 p.m.

Besides his scoring ability, Rogers can also rebound; he averaged 7.4 a game last year. He was named to the Pacific Coast Athletic Association's second team.

Rogers isn't the Anteaters' only scor-

ing threat. Forward Tod Murphy, also a senior, averaged 17 points and 8.9 rebounds a game last year. Murphy, who stands 6-9, was named first team all-PCAA and was an honorable mention Associated Press All-American. He has started 59 consecutive games for the Anteaters.

Murphy scored 33 points in California-Irvine's 100-86 exhibition win against Club Bosnia of Yugoslavia on Nov. 12. Rogers had 15 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

Joining Murphy and Rogers on the Anteater's front line is senior Troy Carmon. Carmon was the team's third-leading scorer and rebounder last year.

California-Irvine's starting backcourt includes a pair of transfer players. Scott Brooks transferred from San Joaquin Delta junior college, where he averaged 14 points a game.

Brooks' running mate is Joe Buchanan, who redshirted last year after transferring from Notre Dame. Buchanan averaged 3.1 points a game as a starter for the Fighting Irish.

The Anteaters lost their first regular season game Saturday to the University of New Orleans 88-76. They finished sixth in the PCAA last year with an 8-10 conference record. They were 13-17 overall.

Huskers to host PSU in NCAA playoff match

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska volleyball team ended its regular season Saturday by winning the Illinois State Invitational at Normal, Ill.

Nebraska, ranked No. 6 in the country, defeated 12th-ranked Arizona 15-7, 15-13 and 15-10 in the tournament final. It was the second time in nine tries Nebraska has defeated a team ranked in the top 20.

Nebraska advanced to the championship match with a three-set victory against Kentucky Friday. The win against Arizona moved Nebras-

ka's record to 26-2 on the season. It was the Cornhuskers 19th straight win. The team's only two losses this season were against Stanford and San Jose State.

The Huskers will host Penn State in a first round NCAA Tournament playoff match Saturday at 2 p.m. at the UNL Coliseum. Penn State is ranked 20th and will be bringing its 30-3 record to the playoff game.

This will be the second time the Huskers have played Penn State in the first round. The last time was in 1982 when Nebraska won in three games.

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