

Hoppen snaps record; NU wins

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Nebraska center Dave Hoppen scored 32 points in a record-setting performance to lead Nebraska to a 76-59 win against Montana State Saturday night.

Hoppen's first two points of the game made him the all-time career scorer in school history, breaking the mark set by Jerry Fort from 1973-76 of 1,882 points. With the 32 points, Hoppen now has 1,914 career points and sits in fifth place on the Big Eight career scoring chart.

The 6-11 center fueled Nebraska's first-half burst. The Huskers held a 24-point lead, 35-11, just 13 minutes into the game.

Bernard Day had all 12 of his points in the first half to help Nebraska ease to its sixth victory in seven games.

Montana State, now 2-5, never was able to close to fewer than 12 points during the second half.

The Bobcats, a Big Sky Conference team, were led by Kral Ferch with 18 points.

Nebraska will now take most of the week off before meeting Georgia at the

Bob Devaney Sports Center on Friday. Georgia has been a regular in the NCAA tournament in recent years and has played well this season despite the loss of Cedric Henderson, who is playing professional basketball in Italy.

Nebraska then will play the Pac Ten conference's Arizona State Sun Devils in Lincoln. Arizona State comes off a troubled 1984-85 season but has seemed to put that season behind it. Arizona State is coached by former UCLA player Steve Patterson.

Nebraska will travel to El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 29-30 to play in the Sun Bowl Tournament. Nebraska will face Alabama, led by Buck Johnson, in the opening round. Nebraska will face either University of Texas-El Paso or Ohio State in the closing round of the tournament.

Nebraska will have a week off before meeting Evansville at the sports center on Jan. 6. The semester break will end for the Huskers when they meet Northeast Missouri State on Jan. 11 at the sports center.

The Nebraska women's basketball

team bounced back from a Friday night loss to blast Brigham Young 104-63 in the consolation game of the Illini Invitational in Champaign, Ill.

Nebraska, now 5-1, was led by Maurice Ivy's 23 points. Angie Miller scored 12 points in the game and Tiffany Hill added 10. Twelve of Nebraska's 14 players scored.

Nebraska led 44-30 at halftime, but came out and scored 60 points in the second half. The Cornhuskers held BYU to 33 points in the second half.

Nebraska outrebounded the Cougars, 67-41. Ivy led the team with 19 rebounds.

Nebraska will play UNO Friday night in Lincoln before the men's game with Georgia.

The Huskers will play Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas on Dec. 29 and Texas A&M on Dec. 30 at College Station, Texas.

Nebraska will start the new year with a game at the sports center on Jan. 2 against Eastern Kentucky. The Huskers then will hit the road again for games at Creighton on Jan. 6, at Delta State on Jan. 9 and at Mississippi College on Jan. 10.

Illini coach predicts Michigan victory

By Jeff Apel
Staff Reporter

If Illinois offense coordinator Bob Gambold had his way, Michigan wouldn't be playing Nebraska on New Year's Day in the Fiesta Bowl.

That's because Nebraska defeated the Fighting Illini 52-25, earlier this season while Michigan tied them 3-3.

"To ask me to compare these two teams is extremely difficult because of the fact that we weren't playing very well early in the season and got beat bad by Nebraska," Gambold said. "I don't know that a fair comparison can be made."

Gambold said that he gives a slight offensive advantage to the Wolverines because of quarterback Jim Harbaugh.

Harbaugh, a senior, has thrown for nearly 2,000 yards this season while breaking three records set by former Michigan quarterbacks Steve Smith

and Rick Leach.

"Harbaugh is a very accurate thrower, he really is deceptive," Gambold said. "Michigan has excellent ball control because it uses all the spots on the field effectively."

Gambold said that Nebraska may find itself in some trouble since senior quarterback Travis Turner will be unable to play in the game because of a knee injury.

Without Turner, he said, McCathorn Clayton definitely will find himself in a new position with the Cornhuskers.

"Those two quarterbacks — Turner and Clayton — complemented each other very well when they played against us," Gambold said. "Without Turner, Clayton is going to find there isn't going to be that proven backup there that Nebraska can fall back on."

Gambold said that he gives Nebraska the clear-cut advantage when it comes to comparing the teams' running backs.

The Wolverines have running backs Jamie Morris and Gerald White, but, Gambold said, that tandem doesn't measure up to the Cornhusker backfield of Doug DuBose and Tom Rathman.

"Nebraska is so much more explosive than Michigan is with the way their quarterback (Clayton) can run and with the play of their backs," he said. "I just don't think anyone, though, can consistently run over people without effective passing."

Gambold said he expects a low-scoring, ball-control type game even though both teams have proven that they have explosive offenses.

Michigan, he said, will win the game by a 21-17 score because it has proven its kicking game.


"The winner of this game will depend largely on who makes the fewer mistakes," Gambold said. "Both teams are going to score, but I think Michigan will win in what should be a fairly exciting game."

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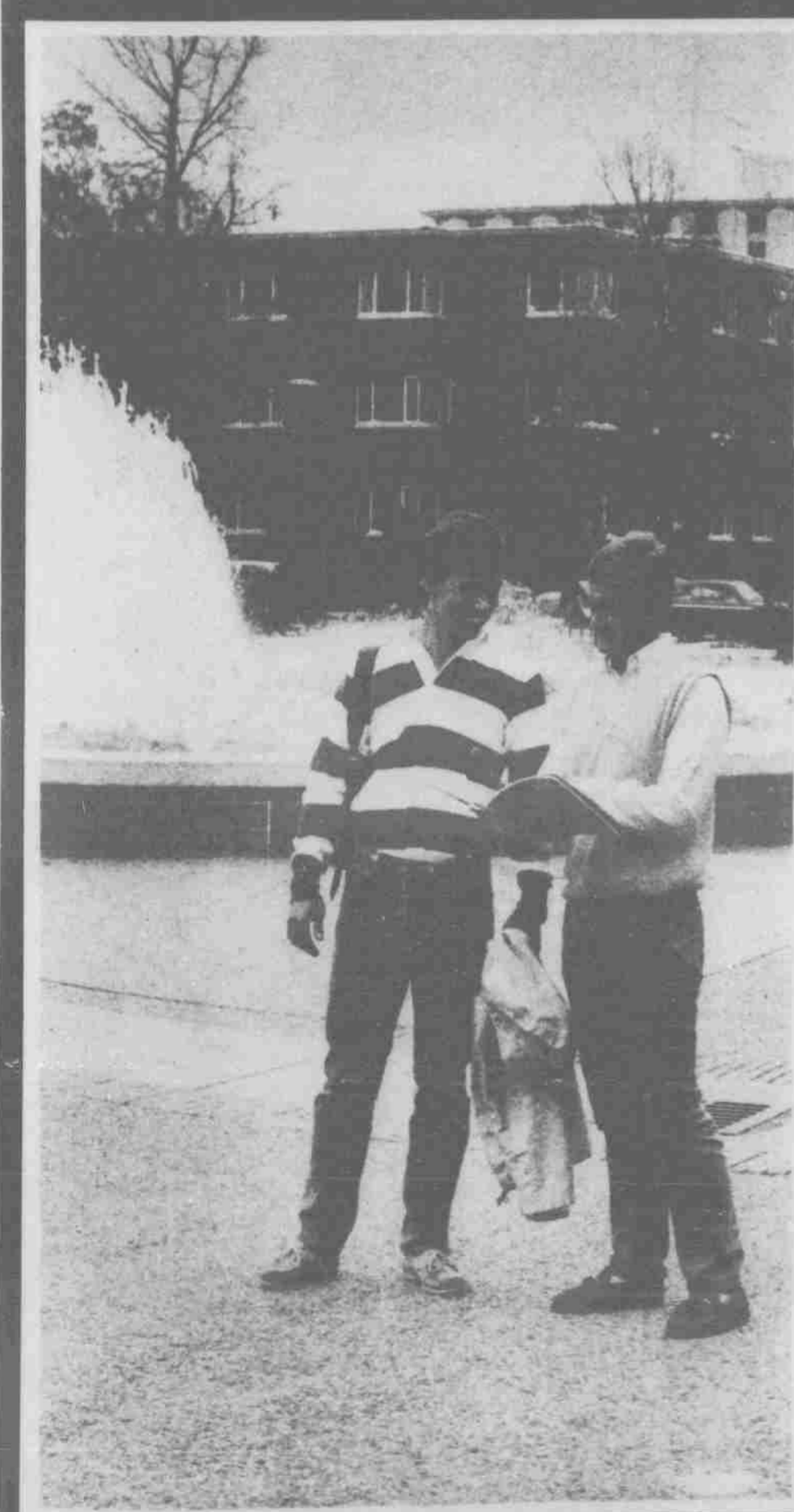
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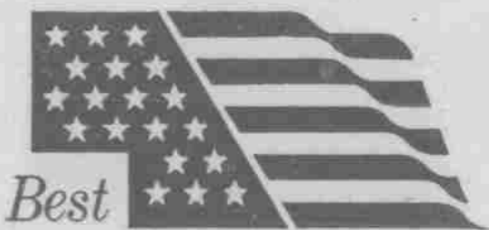
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