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Bailous' last-second shot seals Oklahoma State's fate

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Anthony Bailous hoped, then he prayed, then he knew it.

Bailous, a 6-foot-3 guard from Los Angeles, hit a 20-foot turn-around jump shot at the buzzer to give the Nebraska men's basketball team a 62-61 win against Oklahoma State Wednesday night at Gallagher Hall.

"I had second thoughts, but as it got closer, I knew it," Bailous said. "That baby dropped."

"We were lucky on the play," Nebraska coach Moe Iba said. "At first we tried to throw over to Hoppen, then we set a triple-screen for Bailous. You don't practice that much."



Bailous

Bailous' heroics were needed after Melvin Gilliam had given the Cowboys a 61-60 lead with four seconds left. Gilliam's one-handed, free-throw line jumper may have given the Nebraska team a feeling of déjà vu following Saturday night's heartbreaker loss to Missouri.

"We've lost them every way we can lose them," Oklahoma State coach Paul Hansen said. "I thought that (Gilliam's) shot would win the game for us."

Hansen said Bailous' game-winning shot was another in a long line of misfortunes that his team has gone through this season.

Nebraska 62

Day	4
Matzke	2
Hoppen	26
Marshall	6
Carr	8
Brown	0
Bailous	8
Logan	8
Jackman	0

Okla. State 61

Manuel	6
Taylor	7
Bannister	5
Faggins	16
Gilliam	12
Patton	2
Young	10
Ivy	3

"The guy (Bailous) caught it, turns and throws it in," Hansen said. "He'll go work on that shot in practice tomorrow and he'll never hit it."

Bailous said he works on the shot in practice.

"We have practiced that shot in practice, but Bernard (Day) usually beats me out," Bailous said. "I usually hit it about half the time."

The game see-sawed early, with Nebraska taking a 9-6 lead with 15:41 to play on a Harvey Marshall jump shot. Oklahoma State came back to grab a 14-11 lead on Terry Faggins' 15-footer at 12:06.

Nebraska scored the next five points to lead 16-14 with 10:58 left in the first half.

But again, the Cowboys rebounded to take a 17-16 lead on an Andre Ivy free throw.

The teams then traded baskets. Neither led by more than four points the rest of the half. Eric Young's layup gave Oklahoma State a 34-30 lead at intermission.

Hoppen led Nebraska in the first half with 10 points. He hit only two-of-seven shots from the field, but converted six-of-nine from the free throw line. Faggins' 10 first-half points led the Cowboys.

Nebraska tied the game early in the second half, 34-34, on a hook shot by Hoppen.

Baskets from Gilliam and Faggins gave Oklahoma State a 38-34 lead. The Cowboys held the advantage until 12:06 when a Hoppen jumper tied it at 42.

The lead went back-and-forth from there. Neither team led by more than three points. Nebraska took a 60-57 lead when Hoppen canned a pair of free throws with 46 seconds left.

David Taylor's 15-foot jumper with 41 seconds to go pulled the Cowboys to within one, 60-59. Twice before Gilliam's shot, Nebraska had a chance to ice the game with free throws.

Chris Logan missed two foul shots with 30 seconds to play and Hoppen missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw situation with 12 seconds left.

Nebraska, now 11-5 overall and 1-2 in the Big Eight, was led by Hoppen's 26 points. Three other Nebraska players scored eight.

Faggins' 16 points led Oklahoma State. Gilliam scored 12 for the Cowboys, now 9-7 overall and 0-3 in the conference. Young added 10.

Nebraska was outrebounded by the Cowboys, 42-33. Hoppen had a game-high of 13 rebounds. Nebraska made up for the rebound margin by outshooting Oklahoma State 47 percent to 38 percent from the field.

Oklahoma State was hampered by foul trouble on 7-4 center Alan Bannister. Bannister played only 15 minutes and scored five points. He had 22 points against Kansas last week.

The Huskers will host Iowa State, 3-1 in the Big Eight, Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Tip-off is 3:08 p.m.

Ivy overcomes early foul problems; Husker women shake road blues

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STILLWATER, Okla. — The Nebraska women's basketball team shook the road-game blues Wednesday night and defeated Oklahoma State, 75-70, at Gallagher Hall.

The Cornhuskers had won only two of eight road games this season, against Missouri-Kansas City and Brigham Young. They had lost five consecutive road games.

Nebraska had also lost 12 consecutive conference road games, dating back to a 91-77 win at Colorado in 1984.

Nebraska led until 8:50 left to play, when Angela East hit a 10-foot jumper to give the Cowgirls a 61-60 lead.

Lisa LaGuardia made two free throws to give Nebraska the lead back.

Another East basket at 6:55 gave the Cowgirls a 63-62 lead.

Nebraska scored the next five points to lead 67-63 with 5:15 remaining.

Oklahoma state scored two baskets, taking a 70-69 lead with 3:36 to play.

Neither team scored in the next 2:34 as both teams missed numerous opportunities. Oklahoma State had four tries on one possession, but Maurice Ivy eventually pulled the rebound. Ivy took the ball the length of the court and hit a layup at 1:02 to give Nebraska the lead for good, 71-70.

Nebraska's Amy Stephens hit four free throws in the final minute for Nebraska's final margin.

"This is a big win for us," Nebraska

coach Kelly Hill said. "We've never beaten Oklahoma State down here. I'm just real glad we got the win."

Nebraska played most of the last 10 minutes of the game without three starters. Angie Miller, Stephanie Bolli and Ivy had picked up four fouls each by the 10:07 mark of the second half. Ivy missed about 12 minutes of the second half.

Nebraska 75

Bolli	2
Bloch	4
Miller	17
Ivy	15
Stephens	26
Kriebel	0
Hill	0
Soulliere	1
Piene	2
Costello	6
LaGuardia	2

Okla. State 70

Siess	16
East	7
Lesnyk	14
Duncan	4
Jordan	19
Combs	6
James	4

"I thought playing most of the game without Maurice was a real compliment to the players coming off the bench," Hill said.

Nebraska, now 9-7 overall and 2-1 in the Big Eight, jumped to an early 6-2 lead. After an Oklahoma State basket, Stephens sank a 15-footer to give Nebraska a 10-4 lead.

Oklahoma State rallied back to tie the game 10-10, on two free throws by Clinette Jordan. Jordan finished the first half with 11-of-12 free throw attempts and 13 first-half points.

After the Cowgirls tied the game, Nebraska again took the lead. The Huskers built their margin to 28-19 on two Bolli free throws.

Oklahoma State again rallied, closing the margin to five, 36-31, at intermission.

Oklahoma State coach Dick Halterman blamed the loss on the Cowgirls' 24 turnovers.

"I don't know why we can't hold onto the ball when we go on the court," Halterman said. "But, if we could have stuck two in at the end of the game, we would have won."

Halterman said Nebraska deserved the win.

"Nebraska hung in there and did what they had to do to win on the road," Halterman said. "We played terribly, but we were still only two shots from winning."

Stephens led Nebraska with 26 points. Miller scored 17 and Ivy added 15. No other Nebraska player scored in double figures.

Jordan led Oklahoma State with 19 points. She was followed by Jamie Siess with 16 and Cassandra Lesnyk with 14.

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Kurt Russell (right) leads the pack enroute to his victory in the mile run in Nebraska's first indoor meet last Saturday.

Extra training, time off, pays off for NU's Russell

By Richard Cooper
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When Nebraska's Kurt Russell won the mile run in the Cornhusker's first indoor track meet this season, it was more than the beginning of a new season for him.

About one year ago, Russell was recovering from his father's death, a time when Russell found running difficult. He realized there were more important things in life, he said.

But this year Russell has turned things around. At that first meet, he ran a 4:09 in the mile, his fastest time since high school.

Russell said his fast time was a result of extra training.

Because he used up his last year of cross country eligibility in 1984, the lighter schedule gave him the chance to train for track. Because he didn't compete in cross country, Russell said, he wasn't burned out over Christmas break.

"This year when I came back from Christmas break I was really anxious to compete because I felt like I was in great shape," Russell said.

Russell, a fifth-year senior from Flint, Mich., said another reason for his success has been his closeness with others on the track team.

Russell said because this is his last year running at Nebraska, his main goal is to finish in the top five at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the steeplechase. Last year he finished the race in 8:42 and qualified for the NCAA trials. He failed to qualify for the championships.

Jay Dirksen, coach of the cross country teams and the middle and long distance runners on the track teams, said Russell has become consistent in his training, and more serious about running. He said Russell worked hard over the summer to increase his strength.

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Dirksen said Russell should qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships this year because he has a more positive attitude and wants to work.

Russell, who studies sociology, has one more year left of school. After he ends his career at UNL, Russell said he would like to coach track at the high school level. He has no plans to continue running competitively, he said.

The toughest part of ending his running career, Russell said, will be leaving all his friends on the track team.

"The people are the best thing about running," he said. "I love them and I will miss them very much, but I won't think about that until after this year."