

# Sports

## Ligament damage puts Hoppen on sidelines

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Dave Hoppen, Nebraska's all-time leading scorer, suffered ligament damage inside his left knee joint during the Colorado game Saturday, and is apparently out for the season.

"It hurt me that Dave (Hoppen) had gone this far without injury problems and then gets his knee hurt," Nebraska coach Moe Iba said. "We all hope his leg will be corrected and will become strong again."

Iba said that the loss of Hoppen will drastically change how opponents choose to defend the Huskers since Nebraska will always be the smaller team.

Iba also said Nebraska will begin using players that haven't thus far seen a lot of action this year in hopes of supplementing the loss of Hoppen.

"The team has responded very well to it (loss of Hoppen)," Iba said. "We played well Saturday without him."

Cornhusker forward Bernard Day said he didn't know what his new role would be with the loss of Hoppen.

Day played the post position after Hoppen initially injured his knee ten minutes into the game against the Buffaloes.

"I used to look forward to throwing the ball into the big fellow," Day said. "I came here to play with Hoppen."

Nebraska trainer Jack Nickolite said that when Hoppen first injured his knee, it appeared to be a minor injury.

"When Dave went down the first time," Nickolite said, "he felt strong afterwards. At halftime, the knee appeared to be stable and we didn't suspect any serious damage. But during the second half, it gave out on him."

Nickolite said that when a knee gives out like Hoppen's did, it's a sign of internal damage. He said Hoppen apparently didn't have the strength the coaches had thought when they sent him in for the second half.

Hoppen is scheduled to have his knee scoped Friday to find the extent of the damage.

Reserve center Keith Neubert said that he realizes the responsibility which will now fall on his shoulders.

Although Husker coaches are planning to start Chris Logan in place of Hoppen, Neubert said he knows he will be called upon to substitute.

"We can use all the big people we can get since Dave is gone," Neubert said. "It's going to be a new experience for me to face someone 6-7 rather than seven foot in practice."

Neubert said that the team's outlook for the rest of the season changed with the loss of Hoppen.

Whenever a team loses a player of Hoppen's caliber, Neubert said, it's going to have an effect.

"It's going to be hard, but I'm going to go in there and do the best job I can," Neubert said. "I hope to do a good job, but I also know that the coaches will probably work the rest of us in there (into the line-up)."

Scott Bullock, a redshirted freshman from Fort Collins, Colo., said he doesn't

think the Husker coaches will play him and forfeit his redshirt season.

"It's too late in the season to pull out of the redshirt year," Bullock said. "The coaches haven't given me any hints, but there's always that possibility."

Iba said he didn't think this would be the last people heard of Hoppen.

"I thought Dave had a good future, and I still do," Iba said. "I think he'll be able to come back. We'll all know a lot more about it as the week goes along."



Hoppen

Mark Davis/Daily Nebraskan

## Huskers defeat Colorado in Iba's 100th victory

From staff and wire reports

Hot shooting from the field and a record-setting free throw effort by Nebraska spelled out a 77-60 victory over Colorado Saturday at the Colorado Events/Conference Center.

The win was Iba's 100th at Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers shot 59 percent from the field and connected on 23 of 25 shots from the free-throw line. "Our kids played well today," said Nebraska coach Moe Iba.

"We stayed aggressive on offense and defense, did a good job off the boards and everyone played well."

But the performance was marred when NU center Dave Hoppen injured his left knee with 5:56 minutes remaining in the first half.

Despite playing less than half the game, Hoppen scored 12 points, shooting 3 of 3 from the field and sinking all six of his free-throw attempts.

Nebraska led 42-33 at halftime after shooting 71 percent from the field. Guards Brian Carr and Harvey Marshall contributed heavily to the Huskers' first half success with long-range shots. Carr led all scorers with a season-high 19 points. Marshall added eight points.

"We couldn't stop them," Colorado coach Tom Apke said. "That's the name of the game. They shot better than 70 percent from the field in the first half and set a Big Eight record for consecutive free throws during the game. We just couldn't stop them."

Carr took control in the second half, hitting three of four field goals and dishing out a team-high of five assists as the Huskers pulled away for the final score.

The win improved the Huskers' record to 3-3 in the Big Eight and 13-6 overall. Nebraska will play Wednesday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

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## Lady Buffs topple NU women 80-68

Nebraska's Maurtice Ivy poured in a game-high 26 points, but the Colorado Lady Buffs hit 63 percent of their shots in the second half for an 80-68 win Saturday.

Ivy, a sophomore from Omaha, was also the game's leading rebounder with 12 points. Amy Stephens scored 18 points and Angie Miller added 12 for the Cornhuskers, now 9-10 overall and 2-4 in the Big Eight Conference.

Bridget Turner's 18 points led four Lady Buffs in double figures.

Nebraska will meet Kansas State Tuesday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.

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