

Sports

Huskers stampede Buffaloes

By Bob Asmussen
Sports Editor

All the Colorado men's basketball team had to lose Wednesday night was another game. For the first half of the game, it looked like the Buffaloes wouldn't lose and might actually end their 14-game losing streak.

But, in the end, reality and Nebraska's Harvey Marshall set in. The Cornhuskers defeated the hapless Buffs, 79-72, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The win boosts Nebraska's record to 17-9 overall and 7-6 in Big Eight play. Nebraska can lock up at least a fourth-place tie in the conference standings with a win Saturday against Kansas State.

Colorado's loss Wednesday puts the Buffs one game away from a perfect 0-14 conference mark. The Buffs, with a loss Saturday at home against Missouri, can accomplish something no other team in Big Eight history has been able to accomplish, lose all its games. The Buffs are now 8-18 overall and 0-13 in league play. Colorado's last win was January 6 against always fierce St. Mary's.

For awhile Wednesday it looked like Nebraska might be the Buff's first conference victim. Paced by guard Mike Reid's eight points, Colorado led Nebraska 30-29 at intermission.

Nebraska 79

Day	12
Matzke	12
Logan	10
Marshall	23
Carr	16
Bailous	6

Colorado 72

Williams	8
Bullard	13
Wilke	11
Reid	16
Lee	6
Penix	6
Kuosman	6
Downs	6

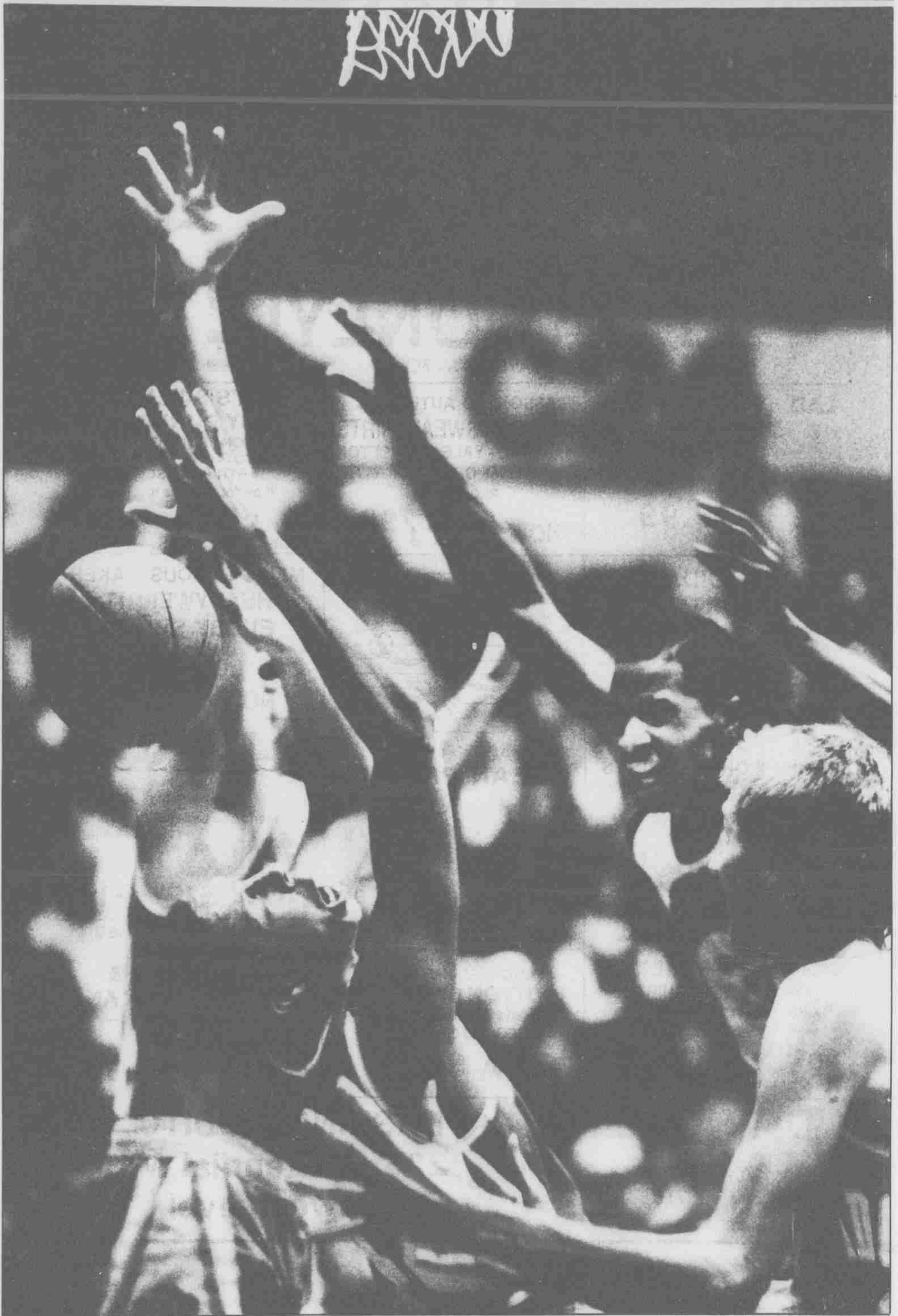
One player who didn't struggle for Nebraska was Harvey Marshall. The senior, playing in his final home game at Nebraska, scored a game-high 23 points. Marshall hit eight of 11 shots from the field and hit seven of eight free throws.

Nebraska quickly took the lead in the second half, going up 33-30 on a basket by Bernard Day. Colorado twice pulled to within one point, but was never able to retake the lead.

Nebraska built its lead to as many as 11 points late in the game, but was never able to completely put Colorado away.

Five Nebraska players finished in double figures, led by Marshall. Brian Carr scored 16 points, Day and John Matzke scored 12 points and Chris Logan added 10.

Reid led the hapless Buffs with 16 points. Matt Bullard scored 13 points and Scott Wilke added 11 points.



David Creamer/Daily Nebraskan

Colorado's Torin Williams bends over backwards for a first half defensive rebound from in between Colorado's Scott Wilke, background. Nebraska's Bernard Day and Colorado's Matt Bullard, foreground.

Hoppen makes final home-game appearance

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

Dave Hoppen, Nebraska's all-time leading scorer and two-time all-Big Eight center, made his second "final" home appearance last night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Hoppen's last home appearance on the playing court came in the Huskers' 75-58 win over Iowa State just one week before his college career ended by a knee injury against Colorado at Boulder on Feb. 1.

Last night, prior to Nebraska's final regular season home game 79-72 win over Colorado, Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney an-

nounced the retirement of Hoppen's jersey, No. 42.

"It's a big thrill for me," Hoppen said. "I heard that they were going to do it on Monday, and I was awfully surprised. I'm just overjoyed right now."

Hoppen, a 1982 Omaha Benson High School graduate, holds the Nebraska record for career points with 2,167. He ranks third on the all-time Big Eight scoring list and is the conference career record holder for points per game with 19.5.

Hoppen's knee injury, however, denied him of at least two other records. During his 3½ seasons at Nebraska, he pulled down 773 rebounds, just 10 short of the Nebraska record. Another near-

record was in the consecutive games as a starter category. Hoppen, who started 111 consecutive games as a Husker, needed only six more starts to become the Big Eight's new record-holder.

Despite his success in the record books, Hoppen said his greatest thrill during his career at Nebraska came during his freshman season, when Nebraska made the Final Four of the National Invitation Tournament and played DePaul in Madison Square Garden in New York.

"That would have to be the best feat of the team while I was here," Hoppen said. "But I've loved every game, and I've enjoyed every minute here."

Hoppen said that he can't take all of the credit for his success at Nebraska because his

teammates were "unselfish."

"Since I've been hurt, people have been watching the team and saying, 'wow, these guys can play,' and I think that's good. The difference is that now they're all just shooting the ball (more than before)."

Now that his basketball career at Nebraska has ended, Hoppen said he will now concentrate on strengthening his knee and getting his degree.

"I'll be in school about another year before I graduate," Hoppen said, "and in September or October, when basketball starts up again, my knee should just be coming around. Hopefully, some NBA team will give me a chance."