

# Sports

## Missed free throws doom Huskers

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Nebraska's inability to sink free throws during last night's game against Missouri eventually sank the Cornhuskers' chances at victory.

Nebraska shot only three of 17 free throws in their 87-71 loss to the Tigers before 11,902 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. It was Nebraska's first loss at home this season.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said Nebraska's poor performance from the line was the deciding factor in the game.

"I thought the team gave a good effort," Nee said. "We played hard in the game and the effort was there, but the fundamentals weren't. We played well, but we didn't play well enough to win."

Nebraska guard Brian Carr echoed his coach's assessment of the game.

"With the exception of our free-throw shooting, I thought we played pretty well," Carr said.

Carr led the Huskers with 16 points and tied Jack Moore's school record for career steals with 128, stealing the ball twice in the game. Carr moved into second place on the Big Eight Conference's all-time career assist list with 13 assists on the night. Carr now trails former Iowa State player Jeff Hornacek by 55 assists.

Derrick Chievous led the Tigers with 26 points and Lynn Hardy scored 21 for Missouri. Lee Coward added 14.

Missouri jumped to a 10-1 lead to start the game but Nebraska cut the Tigers' lead to 10-6 on a jump shot by Henry Buchanan with 15:00 left in the first half. Seconds later, Nebraska's Derrick Vick tipped a Chievous pass, which was stolen by Anthony Bailous, who cut Missouri's lead to two, 10-8, on a jump shot.

Nebraska tied the game at 10-10

with 12:57 left in the first half on a Bailous jumper. Missouri answered with a 22-foot, three-point shot by Lynn Hardy five seconds later to put the Tigers back ahead.

Missouri led by 10 on three occasions before Nebraska cut their lead to two, 28-26, on a jump shot by Vick. Vick's shot capped a 6-0 run by the Huskers.

Nebraska tied the game 30-30 with 2:46 left in the first half on a layup by Carr, but Missouri regained the lead. A three-point jump shot by Buchanan with four seconds left cut the Tigers' lead to 37-35 at halftime.

Missouri began the second half by outscoring the Huskers 6-2 in the first three minutes. Missouri build its lead

throughout the final half until Nebraska cut their advantage to four, 58-54, on a Vick bank shot with 7:05 remaining in the game. That was as close as the Huskers would come for the rest of the night.

Missouri, 4-1 in Big Eight Conference play and 14-7 overall, shot 54 percent from the field on the night compared to Nebraska's 47 percent. Missouri hit 37 of 45 free throws on the night.

The loss dropped Nebraska to 1-4 in conference play and 11-7 overall. Missouri improved its record 4-1 in the Big Eight and 14-7 overall. Nebraska hosts Oklahoma State Sunday afternoon while Missouri plays Kansas State in Columbia Sunday.

## NU women cage Tigers

By Rich Cooper  
Staff Reporter

Maurice Ivy scored 34 points to lead the Nebraska women's basketball team to a 88-78 win in front of 1,245 fans Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Cornhuskers' victory over Missouri moved them into a three-way tie for first place in the Big Eight conference with Kansas State and Oklahoma State. The Huskers, now 11-8 overall and 4-2 in the conference, will play Oklahoma State Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said her team played excellent defense and shot the ball well against the Tigers. The Huskers held Big Eight player-of-the-year Renee Kelly to nine points in the first half. She finished with 23 points.

"The key to the whole game was our packing zone defense," Beck said. "They are a very predictable team and so we

used a lot of combination defenses to throw them off."

In the first seven minutes of the game, the teams traded baskets. The Huskers' largest lead was four points. Ivy hit a six-foot jumper with 7:13 left in the half to raise the lead to 28-22.

After Missouri called a timeout, the Huskers continued to open the lead on jumpers by Ivy, Pam Fiene and Stacy Inming to extend the lead to 36-28 with 4:46 left in the half. Nebraska led by as many as 10 points in the first half as the Huskers shot 63 percent from the field and 100 percent from the free-throw line. Ivy had 19 points to give the Huskers a 47-40 halftime lead.

Beck said she was happy with the inside play of junior forward Stephanie Bolli, who guarded Kelly.

"I don't think (Bolli) realized she was playing against an All-American," Beck said. "We were trying to get shots in the inside to get them in foul trouble and they were in foul trouble all night long."

Beck said that in the second half the key factor was when the Huskers got into the bonus situation with 16:41 left in the game.

The Tigers cut the deficit to five when Tonya Jorgenson scored on a layup to make the score 56-52.

But the Huskers, behind the shooting of Ivy and Stephens, continued to hold the lead.

Sharon Bax hit a 11-foot jumpshot with 12:51 left to tie the score at 58-58. The Tigers took the lead on the next play when Monique Lucas took a pass from Jorgenson to make the score 60-58. But that was the last time the Tigers would lead as the Nebraska outscored them 18-7 to pull ahead, 76-67 with 6:41 left.

"This was a big win for us," Beck said. "If we can win Saturday's ballgame we will be in good shape going into the second half of the season."

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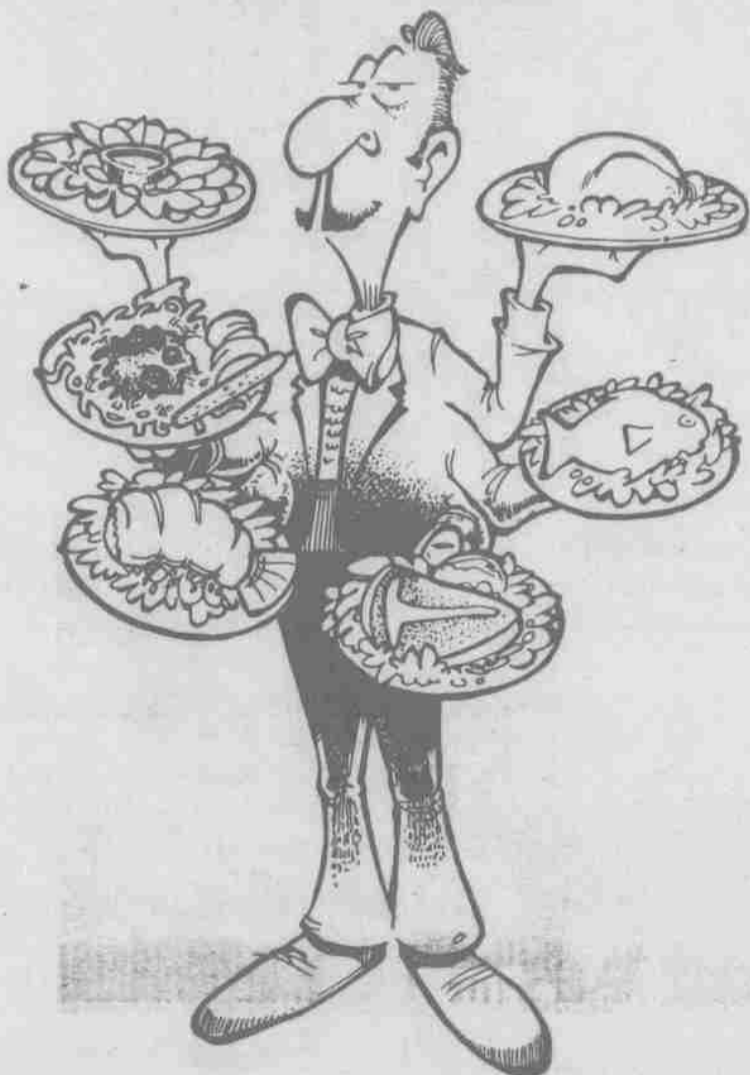


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Nebraska's Brian Carr, right, takes on Missouri's Mike Sandbothe as he drives toward the hoop, during action in Wednesday night's game. The Huskers fell to defeat against their Big Eight rival 87-71.

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