

Sports

Cyclones can't tell time as NU escapes with win

By Chuck Green
Sports Editor

What a difference a court makes. And, oh yeah! A good dose of last-second miscommunication by the other team never hurts, either.

It did nothing but help the Nebraska men's basketball team Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center as the Cornhuskers held off a late charge by Iowa State for a 66-65 win.

Nebraska's last victory against the Cyclones was last year in Lincoln. The Huskers have lost three to Iowa State since that, all on the road.

Nebraska led 66-63 with 1:20 remaining in the game when Iowa State's Sam Hill got the ball. Hill sank an 18-foot jump shot with 1:03 remaining to cut Nebraska's lead to one, 66-65. Nebraska's Brian Carr traveled with 20 seconds left to give the Cyclones a last shot and a chance to win.

Iowa State inbounded the ball with 12 seconds left after a Cyclone timeout. The Cyclones worked the ball around, trying to set a play. But the Iowa State players apparently lost track of the clock as time ran out.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said he thought the Cyclones were trying to get the ball to Jeff Grayer, who was Iowa State's leading scorer with 19 points in the game.

"They just didn't allow him (Grayer) the ball," Nee said. "I thought Derrick Vick's defense in the last 19 seconds in denying Grayer the ball was significant. (Vick) didn't let him get the ball."

Husker forward Bill Jackman agreed with his coach's thoughts on Iowa State's strategy.

"No doubt about it," Jackman said. "They were trying to get it to Grayer."

Nebraska and Iowa State traded the lead throughout the game's first 10 minutes. The Huskers took a 12-10 on a fast-break layup by Anthony Bailous with 10:03 left and did not trail for the remainder of the half.

The Huskers' biggest lead of the first half came on two free throws by Bernard Day with 1:43 left that gave Nebraska a 28-21 lead. Iowa State cut the lead to three, 30-27, on two free throws by Grayer with 25 seconds left, but a short jump shot by Carr with three seconds left gave Nebraska a 32-27 lead at halftime.

Nebraska wasted little time in the second half, outscoring the Cyclones 12-5 in the first four minutes. Iowa State, cut the Huskers' lead to one, 50-49, with 9:55 remaining on a short jumper by Grayer and then took the lead, 51-50, on a short jump shot by Elmer Robinson.

Nebraska regained the lead, 52-51, on a layup by Carr with 8:05 left, but Iowa State again took charge on two free throws by Grayer with 6:25 remaining, giving the Cyclones a 55-54 lead. Nebraska took the lead 14 seconds later and never looked back.

Iowa State tied the score, 58-58, but never managed to regain the lead. Nee said he wasn't surprised at the way Iowa State came back from a 12-point deficit and had a chance to win.

"Iowa State has a pretty good basketball team," Nee said. "You can't keep a good team like Iowa State down for 40 minutes. I'm proud that we hung in the game and found a way to win."

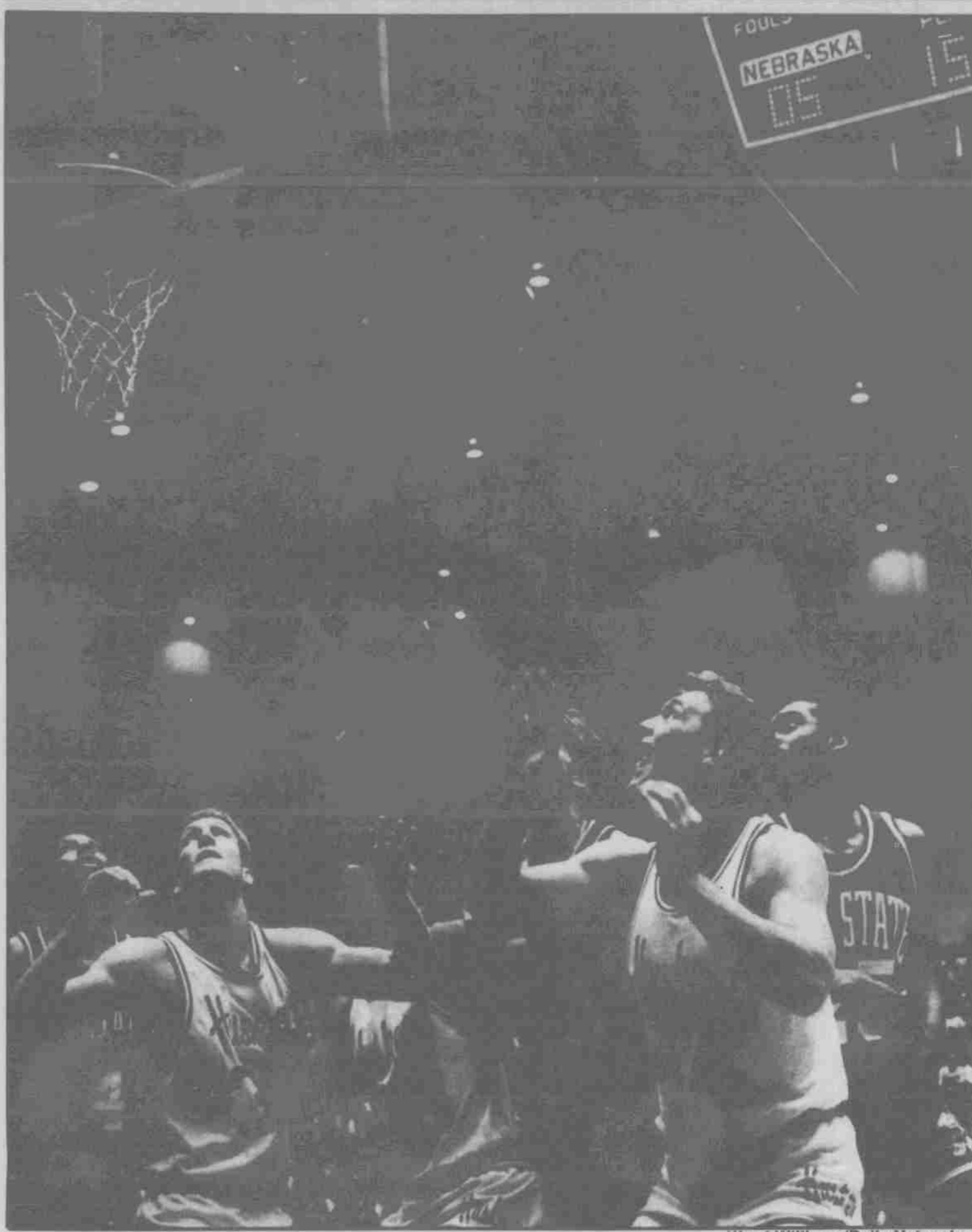
Nebraska shot 41 percent from the field in the game, connecting on 25 of 61 shots. Iowa State hit 21 of 53 shots for 39.6 percent. The Huskers made 15 of 23 free throws while the Cyclones were 22 for 25 from the line.

Vick led the Huskers with 14 points while Jackman added 13. Carr, who started his 112th consecutive game at Nebraska, added nine points.

Tom Schafer scored 17 points for the Cyclones while Robinson added 14.

Nebraska now 4-5 in Big Eight Conference play 14-8 overall, will play Kansas State Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Iowa State, 3-6 in the Big Eight and 11-11 overall, will play Colorado Saturday in Boulder.

"This is a big win for us," Nee said, "because it keeps us alive for a post-season tournament and keeps us going."



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Nebraska's Bill Jackman (35), Bernard Day (30), and Keith Neubert (44); block out ISU's Jeff Grayer (44), Tom Schafer (55) and Elmer Robinson (25). Nebraska won a wild game, 66-65.



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Nebraska's Maurtice Ivy looks for an open teammate during Nebraska's 71-65 win over Iowa State Wednesday night.

Ivy breaks for 30; NU women win 71-65

By Jeff Korbek
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Maurtice Ivy and Amy Stephens combined for 33 of Nebraska's 43 second-half points to lift the Cornhusker women's basketball team to a 71-65 victory over Iowa State Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska led by as many as 11 points in the second half, but the Cyclones kept coming back. Nebraska coach Angela Beck attributed the close game to poor shooting by the Huskers. Nebraska shot 38 percent from the field overall and 30 percent in the first half. The Huskers lead the conference in shooting percentage at just over 50 percent.

Beck said the Huskers were lucky to win.

"We were flat and we didn't have that many people contribute," Beck said. "We played really tentatively, especially in the first half."

Stephens was a prime example of the Huskers' shooting woes. She hit 1 of 8 shots in the first half and had four points. Stephens shot 64.3 percent in her last three games and is the only guard in the Big Eight's top 10 field goal percentage list, hitting 56.2 percent for the season and 60.3 percent in conference play.

"Amy didn't have a great shooting night," Beck said. "She was a little out of rhythm and it's important to us to have her shooting well."

Stephens improved in the second half, scoring 17 second half points and

hitting 6 of 13 shots. Ivy added 16 of her game-high 30 points in the half.

Nebraska reached its biggest lead, 48-38, with 13:23 left in the game after Ivy hit a jump shot from the baseline. But Iowa State fought its way back into the game behind the shooting of Stephanie Smith, Vanessa Ward and Sandy Hafner. Smith scored 10 of her 16 points in the second half and Hafner and Ward contributed eight each.

Iowa State tied the score at 59 with 6:08 remaining in the game after Ward hit two free throws. Iowa State was never able to take the lead and tied the score for the last time at 61 with 3:54 left. The Huskers then outscored the Cyclones 10-4 in the final minutes, six of those points coming from the free-

throw line. Beck said she was impressed with her team's intensity in the final minutes.

"We were overaggressive in the first half because I think they wanted things so bad," Beck said. "In the second we settled down."

Nebraska's Stacy Imming added eight points and Stephanie Bolli contributed seven, all in the second half. The only other Huskers to score were Pam Fiene with two and Shelly Block with three.

Etta Burns led the Cyclones with 17 points. Ward and Hafner reached double figures with 10 points each.

The victory raised the Huskers' record to 13-10 overall and 6-4 in the Big Eight. The loss drops Iowa State to 10-12 overall and 0-10 in the conference.

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