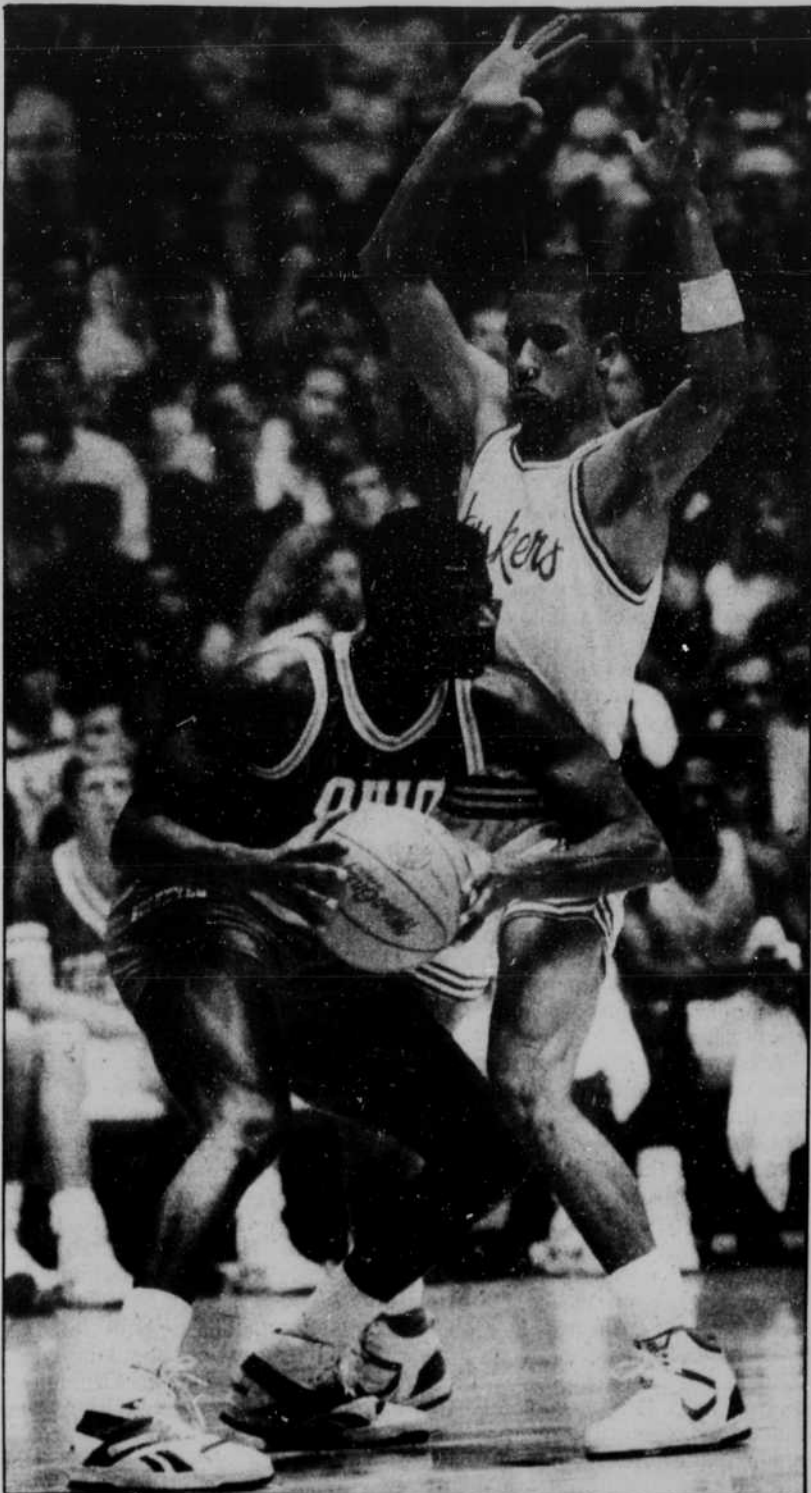


Five double-figure scorers pace NU



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Ohio State's Curtis Wilson attempts to move past Nebraska guard Clifford Scales.

Tonight's basketball game to match Nebraska rivals

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Probable Starters

Nebraska (4-3)	
Jeff Rekoweg	F
Derrick Vick	F
Pete Manning	C
Eric Johnson	G
Henry T. Buchanan	G

Creighton (2-2)	
Chris Rodgers	F
Bob Harstad	F
Chad Gallagher	C
James Farr	G
Rod Mason	G

Creighton basketball coach Tony Barone said Tuesday that although a rivalry has developed between Nebraska and the Bluejays, tonight's game is just another contest for his team.

Nebraska faces Creighton at 8:05 p.m. at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. The game will be televised by KPTM, channel 42.

"We point to Missouri Valley Conference games just like Nebraska points to their Big Eight Conference games," Barone said.

Barone said he realizes that the Nebraska-Creighton game is a big one for the fans because of the rivalry that has developed over the years.

"Any time you have two college basketball teams that are that close in terms of distance you are going to have a rivalry," he said. "There will be a lot of enthusiasm on the part of the fans and the players."

Nebraska holds a 12-7 edge over Creighton. The Cornhuskers lost to Creighton 78-66 last season in Omaha, but came back to defeat the Bluejays 70-65 in overtime later that season in Lincoln.

Nebraska is 4-3 this season after

defeating Detroit 63-58 Monday night. Nebraska coach Danny Nee was unavailable for comment.

Derrick Vick, a senior forward from Chicago, leads the Huskers in scoring, averaging 13.3 points per game. Guards Eric Johnson and Henry T. Buchanan have averaged 9.1 and nine points a game. Forward Jeff Rekoweg has scored 8.6 points per game.

Because starting center Richard van Poelgeest re-injured his foot he broke last season, it's questionable whether he will play in tonight's game. Pete Manning, a transfer from Seminole (Okla.) Junior College, will start if van Poelgeest is unable to play.

Barone said Nebraska's inside players concern him, especially 7-foot-2 freshman center Rich King. He said it will be important for Creighton to keep the ball out of King's hands.

"I think you can't allow the ball to get into those inside guys," Barone said.

Creighton starts three freshman: center Chad Gallagher and forwards Bob Harstad and Chris Rodgers. Senior Rod Mason and junior-college transfer James Farr start at the guard positions.

Mason leads the 2-2 Bluejays in scoring with an average of 21.3 points per game. Mason is the only returning starter from last season's 9-19 team, and Barone said the team's inexperience has shown.

The freshmen are "playing just like freshmen — inconsistent," he said.

Barone said he would like to see the team show improvement against Nebraska, especially in getting rebounds. And, he said, he doesn't want Creighton to get in a running game with the Huskers.

"We have to play control basketball, but we will run when we have the chance," he said.

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needed to get a run, I think our transition game was the biggest part of it. We finally started to hit some of our buckets and we tried to open it up a little bit. That's how I think we got back into it."

Rasmussen said Nebraska is a better team than what it showed.

"They are a very, very good offensive ballclub right now," Rasmussen said. "I know Nebraska has played better than that and we've played better than that. I've seen Nebraska sharper. It just happened that neither team was playing well and so the score was close at half."

Nebraska committed seven turnovers in the game's first six minutes,

while Creighton built an 11-6 lead. A three-point play by senior Maurice Ivy two minutes later gave the Huskers their first lead, 13-11.

Nebraska increased its lead to 25-19 on a jump shot by junior Amy Stephens with three minutes left in the half. Creighton scored 10 of the last 12 points of the half, though, and took a 29-27 lead at halftime on a follow shot by Gradoville.

Creighton continued its sloppy play in the second half, committing 14 more turnovers while shooting 36 percent from the field. Nebraska committed seven turnovers and shot 45 percent.

Beck said she was pleased with the way her team came back in the second half.

"I guess we deserved to win this game because in the second half, when we had to come back, we did," Beck said.

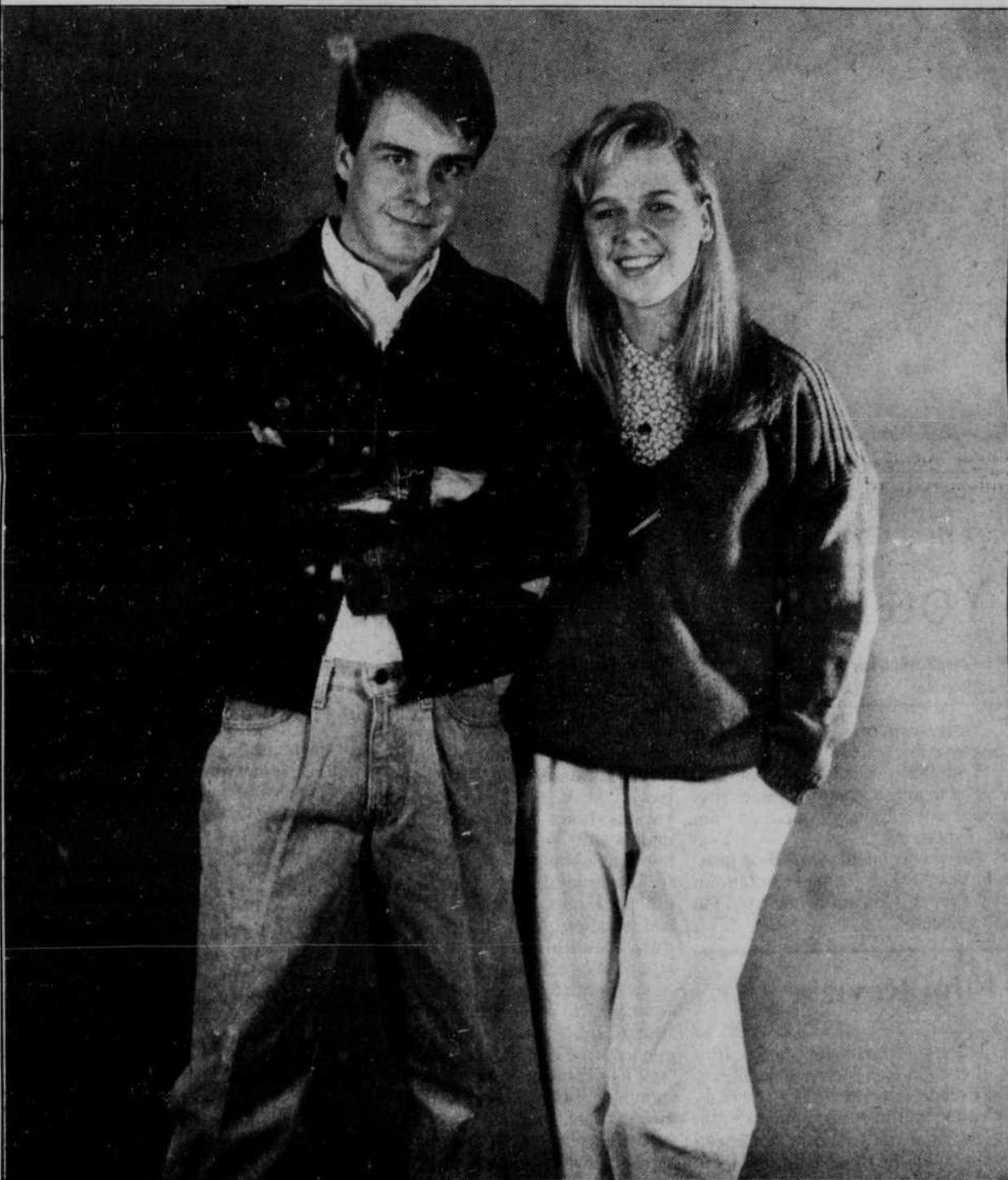
Nebraska took the lead for good with 14:48 left to play when junior Kim Harris hit a jump shot, which gave the Huskers a 38-37 lead and started the Nebraska run.

A pair of three-point field goals by junior Mary Hohl pulled the Lady Jays to within 11 points, 60-49. Nebraska scored 6-straight points to put the game out of reach.

Nebraska led by as many as 16 points in the final two minutes of the game.

Nebraska will play at No. 6-ranked Iowa Friday night and then face DePaul Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

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