

That old Red 'magic' spells Tiger defeat

By Chuck Green
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Call it coincidence, call it luck, call it "Cornhusker Magic." Call it something.

Just don't call it non-existent. A jump shot and free throw by Henry T. Buchanan with five seconds remaining in the game gave Nebraska a 70-68 win against Missouri Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The win marked the seventh time since last February — and the fifth time at home — Nebraska has won a game in the last 10 seconds. Last season, the Huskers beat Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State and Marquette on last-second shots in the sports center.

Buchanan, who led all scorers with 20 points, knows about the "magic" as well as anyone.

"We have confidence here," he said. "Coach (Danny) Nee always gives us confidence. You have to be confident that good things will happen. If you get down and think things aren't going to happen, they won't."

Missouri led the Huskers 62-48 with 3:11 left in the game. With 1:55 remaining, Nebraska had cut the Tigers' lead to four, 62-58. Missouri guard Lee Coward hit both ends of a one-and-one at the free-throw line, but Nebraska answered with two free throws by Pete Manning the next trip down the court.

A three-point jump shot by Buchanan put the Huskers within one, 68-67, with 35 seconds left. Manning fouled Missouri's Derrick Chievous to put the Tiger forward at the line.

Chievous, who hit three of 10 shots from the line Saturday, missed the front end of the one-and-one, and Nebraska's Derrick Vick grabbed the rebound. Thirty seconds remained.

"Coach said to shoot the ball with about 10 seconds left and to try to draw a foul," Buchanan said. "I got both."

Buchanan was fouled by Coward and made the free throw to ensure Nebraska's first Big Eight win of the season. A desperation three-point shot by Chievous with :01 remaining bounced off the rim and fell harmlessly to the court.

"He loves pressure," Nee said of Buchanan. "He's a pressure player. Every time I took him out, he started getting mad, like a pent-up lion."

Nebraska outscored the Tigers 22-6 in the last 3:11 of the game.

Missouri coach Norm Stewart wasn't impressed with his team's performance against Nebraska.

"It was a tough loss," he said. "I really think our guys played well up to the 2 1/2-minute mark, with a few exceptions."

One of the exceptions, Stewart said, was the Tigers' free-throw shooting. Missouri connected on 18 of 30 shots from the stripe, including seven of 16 in the second half.

"You'd expect shit like that in the fifth or sixth grade," Stewart said.

Last season at the sports center, Missouri hit 37 of 45 from the line in its 87-71 win against Nebraska.

Nee, on the other hand, was offering prayers of thanks.

"God bless Henry!" Nee said. "This is unbelievable. I'm really proud of our players. They stayed in there and played hard. There wasn't a player on the team that didn't do something to contribute to the win."

Nebraska was also led by Vick, who scored 12 points, and Manning, who added 10. Freshman center Rich King, who played 18 minutes, added eight points, six rebounds and three blocked shots.

"He's been practicing well, and we wanted to give him a chance," Nee said of King. "After the game, I shook his hand and said, 'You're in the Big Eight now.'"

Missouri, 0-2 in the Big Eight and 9-4 overall, was led by Chievous, who scored 17 points, Coward and Doug Smith with 14 each and Nathan Buntin, who added 10.

Buchanan said the Tigers may have caused another problem for themselves.

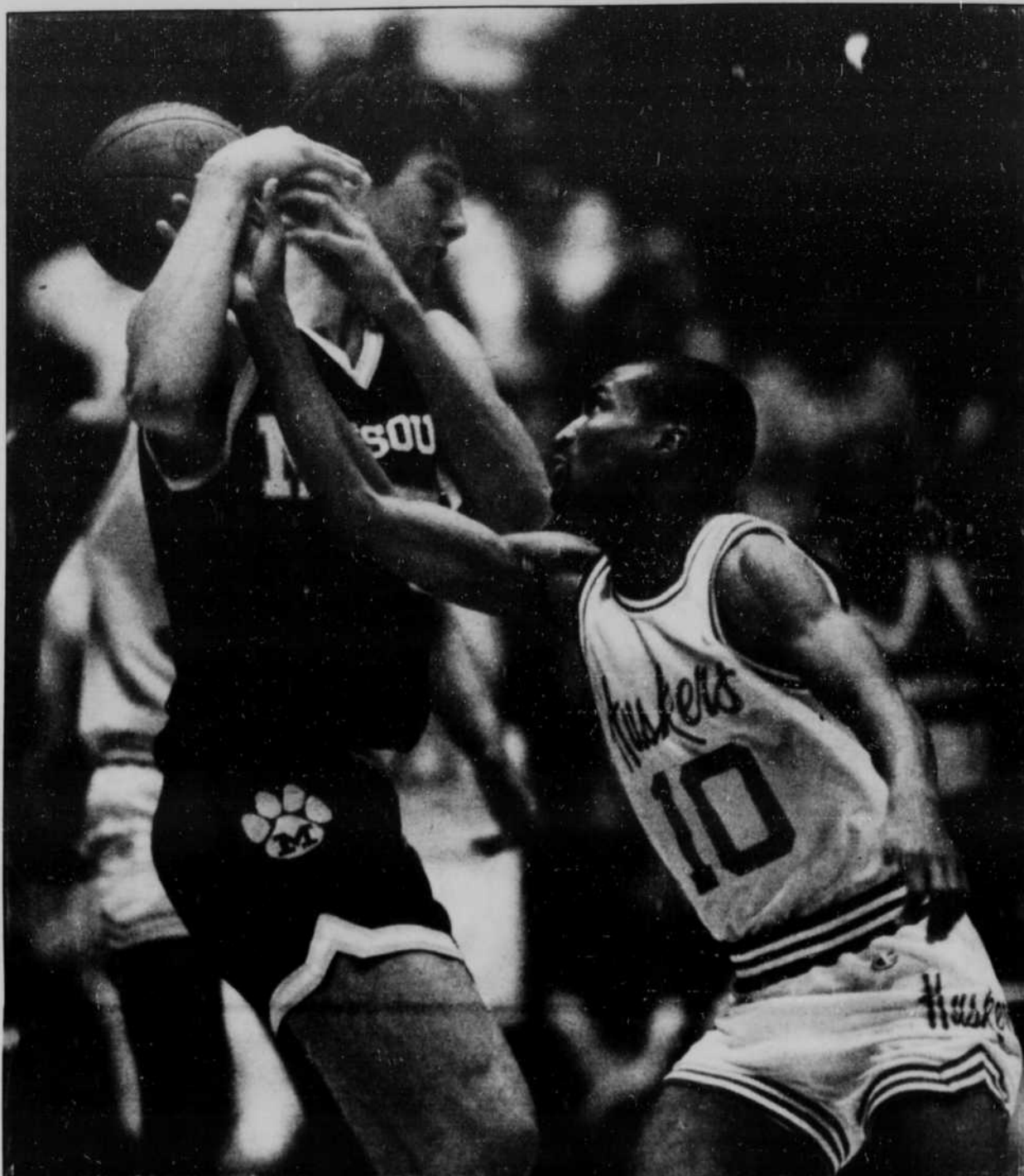
"They came in lackadaisical, thinking they were going to walk all over us, and we caught them," Buchanan said. "We figured all week that they'd be that way."

Manning agreed.

"They walked in eating popcorn and drinking sodas, like, 'Throw the ball up and let's go,'" Manning said. "They came like they just wanted to watch the game. It was a big boost, because everybody was saying Missouri would walk away with the game, but they didn't."

"They couldn't."

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Nebraska's Henry T. Buchanan attempts to strip the ball from Missouri's Gary Leonard.

Cornhusker women declaw the Tigers, Ivy ties NU career-scoring record

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An 84-79 victory over Missouri Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center left the Nebraska women's basketball team in a first-place tie in the Big Eight, but also left Cornhusker forward Maurice Ivy one point away from the Cornhusker career scoring record.

Ivy, a 5-foot-9 senior, scored 24 points against the Tigers to tie Debra Powell's career scoring record of 1,843 points. Ivy will have a chance to break the record when Nebraska faces Kansas State at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Sports Center.

Ivy said she won't spend the next three days thinking about the record. She said she would be concerned about it only if she is held scoreless against Kansas State.

"My main concern is to play basketball," Ivy said. "I don't think about scoring even though it's my job. My basic concern is to put Nebraska on the

map as a top-20 team. I think we're on the tip of it right now."

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said Ivy's accomplishment is a tribute to the high intensity level that the two-time All-Big Eight selection plays at.

Missouri coach Joann Rutherford said the Tigers weren't trying anything special to stop Ivy. She said opponents have to give Ivy 20 points each time they face her.

"She's a great player," Rutherford said, "but she's not the reason we lost."

Rutherford said Missouri, 9-6 overall and 1-1 in the Big Eight, lost because of the way the Tigers performed in the first six minutes against Nebraska. The Huskers led by as many as 13 points during the early stages of the game.

Beck said the win against Missouri was important because it kept the Huskers in a first-place tie in the Big Eight. Nebraska, which raised its record to 12-2 overall and 2-0 in the Big Eight, is tied with Oklahoma, Kansas

and Oklahoma State for the conference lead.

Nebraska guard Amy Stephens said the win was also important because of the toughness of this year's conference. She said Iowa State and Kansas State are the only teams that can be counted out in the race for the Big Eight title.

"It's going to be up for grabs," Stephens said.

Beck said she was pleased with the victory over Missouri because the Huskers survived a physical second half which "wasn't to Nebraska's advantage." She said the first and second halves of the contest were "like two different ball games."

Nebraska took a 21-8 lead when guard Pam Fiene hit a 4-foot jump shot with 14:12 remaining in the first half. The Huskers extended their lead to 32-15 on a 7-foot jump shot by Stephens, but Missouri used four points by forward Sharon Bax to cut Nebraska's lead to 46-33 at halftime.

The Tigers then outscored Nebraska 39-24 to take a 72-70 lead with 4:23 remaining, but the Huskers used eight points by Ivy — including two free throws with 1:25 remaining that tied the scoring record — to produce the five-point win.

Beck said she was concerned entering the game because the Huskers had only 1 1/2 days to recover from their conference-opening victory over Iowa State.

Nebraska defeated the Cyclones 91-87 Thursday night in Ames, Iowa. "We were tired," Beck said. "Luckily, our legs didn't go away from us."

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