

NU beats Colorado Buffaloes 75 - 67

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Derrick Vick spoiled Scott Wilke's day. Wilke, who was honored by fans from his hometown of Panama, Iowa, scored 24 points for Colorado but Vick led Nebraska to a 75-67 victory over the Buffaloes Sunday afternoon at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Vick, who scored eight points in his last two games, helped the Cornhuskers snap a five-game losing streak by scoring 19 points.

Vick said he was frustrated by his lack of scoring in losses to Missouri and Kansas.

"I wasn't able to get a shot and I wasn't really going to force it," Vick said. "It was pretty frustrating for me not to get a shot here and there. And seeing that we weren't scoring at all, that was really frustrating."

A basket by Wilke's one minute into the second half cut Nebraska's lead to 36-32, but Vick scored six points in an 8-2 Nebraska run that gave the Huskers a 44-34 lead with 17:08 left.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said Vick's attitude and hard work paid off against the Buffaloes.

"He had two good days of practice and he's just trying to do the best he can," Nee said. "We got him the ball in some situations where he could score and do something with it."

Nee said although he was pleased with the younger players' performances against Colorado, Nebraska must rely on its seniors—Vick, Henry T. Buchanan and Jeff Rekoweg—to win.

"The three seniors have to play at a certain level," Nee said.

Vick, a senior from Chicago, agreed.

"We came to the opinion that in order for the Nebraska team as a whole to get going, we had to start it off," Vick said. "If we don't get going, it seems like no one else gets into the flow of it."

The Huskers increased their lead to 12-points, their biggest of the game, with 9:41 left. But Colorado battled back and cut Nebraska's lead to 59-55 with 6:03 remaining on a 16-foot jump shot by Brent Vaughan.

Nebraska freshman Beau Reid then hit one of two free throws. Reid missed the second shot, but center Pete Manning pulled down the rebound and passed to Reid, who hit a three-point shot to increase the Huskers' lead to 63-55.

Colorado coach Tom Miller said Reid's shot enabled Nebraska to even its record at 13-13

overall. The loss dropped the Buffaloes to 6-17.

"It's the same story," Miller said. "We didn't quit but they made some plays and hit a couple of big baskets. We missed some switches (on defense) and Manning got a layup and the missed rebound off the free throw and Reid's three pointer were the two biggest plays of the game."

Wilke said Reid's shot hurt the Buffaloes' confidence.

"The three-point shot really hurt us because we were starting to edge back into it," Wilke said. "They missed a free throw, like we wanted them to, but they got the rebound and put it back in."

With 3:36 left, Wilke hit a three-point shot to cut the Husker lead to 66-62. But Nebraska outscored the Buffaloes 9-5 to register the win.

Wilke, a senior who is averaging 21 points per game, was honored in a pregame ceremony by 300 of his hometown fans. He said he was sorry the Buffaloes couldn't have won the game since so many people had come to see him play.

"I'm sure it was disappointing for them but I did all I could do," Wilke said.

Nee said Wilke, who scored 19 points in Nebraska's 63-57 win over Colorado earlier this season in Boulder, Colo., has always given the Huskers trouble.

"I think Wilke was a factor for them because he's a dominant force around the basket," Nee said.

Miller said Wilke's been a great help for Colorado the past two seasons.

"Scott's been great for the past two years," Miller said. "He's an overachiever and he works hard at the things he needs to improve. He's our most consistent player and he's our workhorse. He does the types of things for us that Danny Manning does for Kansas."

Wilke, who hit three of nine free throw attempts, was dissatisfied with his play against the Huskers despite leading the team in scoring and rebounding.

"I could not make any free throws," Wilke said. "I've been having some problems with them."

In addition to Vick's 19 points, Reid scored 14 and Manning added 13 for the Huskers. Guard Eric Johnson led the team with nine rebounds and also added eight points.

Steve Wise added 12 points and Brian Robinson 11 for Colorado.

Nebraska's next game is on Wednesday, when the Huskers travel to Stillwater, Okla., to face Oklahoma State. Nebraska will then face Iowa State and Kansas State in Lincoln, then will end its season at Oklahoma.

Nee said this is a big week for Nebraska.



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Colorado's Brian Robinson slams home a rebound Sunday over Nebraska's Richard van Poelgeest (12) and Beau Reid. Nebraska won 75-67.

Colorado win gives women hope for Big 8 championship

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Ancient Indians of the Great Plains used to participate in buffalo hunts known as pishkuns that were preceded by ceremonial rituals.

Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck also participated in a pre-hunt ritual, and the strategy paid off as the Cornhuskers posted an 85-73 overtime victory against the Colorado Lady Buffaloes.

Nebraska forward Maurice Ivy said the ritual occurred during a pregame pep rally. She said the rally consisted of a trip to Pioneers Park to view the buffaloes.

Ivy said the strategy paid off because it brought back memories of Colorado's 84-69 victory against the

Huskers earlier this year. She said those thoughts weren't fond ones because the Lady Buffaloes rubbed the loss in Nebraska's faces by pointing fingers after the game.

"They just didn't show any respect," Ivy said. "So seeing a buffalo got us ready to play. It got us fired up."

Nebraska guard Pam Fiene said the Huskers also prepared psychologically by posting accounts of the Lady Buffaloes' post-game actions in Boulder, Colo., on the locker-room wall. She said the recollections turned the contest into a quest for revenge.

"We based this game on revenge," Fiene said. "That was our incentive."

Beck said she didn't have to emphasize revenge entering the game. She said the memories of seeing the Lady Buffaloes smack their hands in the Huskers' faces gave the team all the incentive it needed.

Beck said Nebraska also was sparked by the play of center Kim

Harris. She said Harris, who led all scorers with 23 points, came alive after a half-time screaming session in which the 6-foot-1-inch junior was told to "get with it."

"I felt she wasn't posting up on offense," Beck said. "So I let her have it."

Beck said Harris' play in the second half proved she was a "big-league player."

Ivy agreed.

"I think Harris played an excellent game," Ivy said. "She was the key."

Beck said another important aspect about the game was that the Huskers enjoyed themselves while winning. She said that element had been missing in Nebraska's recent victories.

Colorado coach Ceal Barry said Nebraska's victory against the Lady Buffaloes proved that the Huskers deserve to be in first place in the Big Eight. Nebraska, which raised its

record to 20-4 overall and 10-2 in the conference with the win, owns a one-game lead over second-place Missouri.

Barry said the Lady Buffaloes were frustrated by Nebraska's switch to a 2-3 zone in the second half. She said the zone confused Colorado, which dropped to 16-9 overall and 6-6 in the Big Eight.

"We played good defense the whole game. I thought we did a good job," Barry said. "The problem is they did a better job."

Colorado took a 31-21 lead with 2:48 remaining in the first half when guard Rehema Stephens scored on a 6-foot jump shot.

But Nebraska took a 42-40 lead with 14:29 left when guard Sabrina Brooks hit a three-point shot from the left side. The Huskers expanded their lead to 55-51 with 6:35 left, but Colorado used four points by Ford and a 7-foot jump shot by forward Tracy

Tripp to tie the score 63-63.

Colorado forward Cheryl Woodford then missed a 2-foot shot with no time remaining to send the game into overtime.

Barry said she was disappointed with Woodford's shot.

"We had the shot we wanted," Barry said. "It just didn't drop."

Nebraska won the game by outscoring Colorado 22-10 in overtime. The scoring spree was led by Amy Stephens and Brooks, who tallied eight and five points.

Ivy said the win was important because it moved Nebraska one step closer to winning its first-ever conference title. She said the Huskers are beginning to think about Big Eight championship rings although they still have games against Oklahoma State and Iowa State.

Beck said she would cherish the win against Colorado.

The question remains: "Who won the NU-Wyoming game?"

By Steve Supple
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Darkness created confusion Sunday night as to whether Nebraska completed a three-game sweep over Wyoming in this weekend's series at Buck Belzer Field.

Shortly after 6 p.m. Sunday with the sun already down, Wyoming scored four runs in the top half of the seventh inning to forge an 11-11 tie. After Nebraska freshman Doug Tegtmeier ended Wyoming's rally by striking out Todd Inglehart, the um-

pires called the game due to darkness before Nebraska could take its last at bat.

The tie apparently ended Nebraska's hopes for a series sweep. The Huskers beat Wyoming 11-1 in Sunday's first game and 9-2 on Saturday.

But Cornhusker coach John Sanders said after Sunday's second game that whatever happens, the game will not be called a tie. It will either be suspended and replayed at a later date or the game will be reverted back to

the sixth inning since that is when Nebraska batted last, he said. In that case, the Huskers would win 11-7.

Sanders said he would know more about NCAA rules on the matter after contacting Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney today.

Sanders and Wyoming coach Bill Kinneberg met after the game in a conference room of the Baumann Baseball Building to decide the game's fate. After the meeting, Sanders said Kinneberg wanted to suspend the game and play it at a later date.

Sanders said Nebraska should be

awarded the victory since their last at bat came in the bottom of the sixth inning.

"If they think it should be suspended, they ought to stay and play (today)," he said. "It's their obligation."

The Cowboys left for the University of Wyoming in Laramie after the game.

Sanders said there's a possibility the teams can finish the game in Laramie next weekend during a road trip that takes the Huskers to Ft. Collins, Colo., for a single game against

Northern Colorado and three against Colorado State. Laramie lies about 60 miles to the north of Ft. Collins.

"The players won't want to do that, but I'd rather do that than have the game in limbo," Sanders said. "If we were (in Laramie) and the same thing happened, I'd pass a collection plate and stay and play."

Nebraska put themselves in position for the series sweep when they routed the Cowboys 11-1 in Sunday's first game. The game was called after the fifth inning because of the ten-run rule.