

Non-starters help basketball Huskers win



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Nebraska's Carl Hayes (in white, left) and Eric Piatkowski (right) struggle Saturday with Bowling Green's Billy Johnson. Falcon Joe Moore looks on.

By Paul Domeier
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When Nebraska coach Danny Nee was looking for the right moves Saturday after practically losing two starters, he looked to his right, down his bench.

There he found Eric Piatkowski, Tony Farmer, Keith Moody, Bruce Chubick and Chris Cresswell. And he relied on them heavily.

With non-starters contributing 42 points, 27 rebounds and 15 assists in 97 minutes, the Cornhusker men's basketball team pulled away from Bowling Green State on Saturday for a 99-85 win and the championship of the Ameritas Classic.

"We had a lot of heroes," Nee said.

He needed heroes because his backcourt pillars were on the bench. Beau Reid, the team leader in assists, took a charge with 10:27 left in the first half, but fell like he was shot and left the game.

Reid said he bruised the bone in the small of his back and the pain extended into his left leg. Clifford Scales was almost as unavailable,

being called for his third foul with 4:50 remaining in the first half and his fourth with 2:45 left in the half. He sat from that point until only 7:24 was left in the game.

Piatkowski and Moody took over for Reid and Scales. Piatkowski scored 17 points and Moody had a career-high eight assists. Cresswell also played shooting guard and scored five points.

"If our bench doesn't play the way it did, we don't win," Nee said.

Even without the starting guards, the Huskers recorded assists on 35 of their 41 field goals. The 35 assists were one off the school record.

"Hitting the open man, that's just good basketball," Nebraska center Rich King said.

That high assist rate can be explained partly by Nebraska's trouble hitting the outside jumpers that don't usually have assists. The Huskers missed all nine attempts at three-point goals in the first half and finished four of 19.

The Huskers, particularly Carl Hayes, made up for that by running. Hayes, with a team-high 20 points Saturday and 18 Friday as Nebraska beat Tennessee Tech 113-92, was named tour-

namment most-valuable player.

"All five of their players were crashing the offensive boards," Hayes said, explaining Nebraska's ease on the break.

King, who joined Hayes, Bowling Green's Clinton Venable, Tennessee Tech's Van Usher and Alabama State's Steve Rogers on the all-tournament team, said he expected to have to run, but on defense.

"That was probably the quickest team we've faced all season," King said, then reconsidered. "Without a doubt it was."

He said that caused the Husker problems in the first half, when Nebraska fell behind 13-6, fought back only to see a 29-21 lead disappear into a tie and finished with a 45-40 advantage. Venable had 18 points in the half and finished with 28.

Nebraska calmed down and dominated the second half, extending the lead as far as 18 points. King had 16 points and followed a career-high 13 rebounds on Friday with 11 boards against Bowling Green.

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Victory follows changing of NU guards

By Cory Golden
Staff Reporter

There has been a changing of the guards on the Nebraska men's basketball team.

Keith Moody, formerly the Cornhuskers' reserve point guard, has become the starter. Chris Cresswell, who was the 10th man in a nine-man rotation, is now the back-up shooting guard.

With an injury to Beau Reid and foul trouble for Clifford Scales Saturday night against Bowling Green State, Moody and Cresswell received more playing time with more depend-

ing on them.

And they loved every minute of it. "If it was up to me, I'd love to play 40 minutes a night like at my (junior college)," said Moody, who entered the game averaging 19.7 minutes a game. "It felt good to play 26 minutes instead of 19. Those 19 minutes go by so fast."

Cresswell, who started four games last season, played seven crucial minutes midway through the second half, the first time this year he has played more than a few seconds before the game was decided.

"So far, I've just been able to get in when we're really killing someone," Cresswell said. "You don't get tested as an athlete until you get

in when your heart races."

Scales picked up his fourth foul late in the first half and sat out the first 12 minutes of the second period. Moody started the half in his place and scored five points, grabbed four rebounds and two turnovers, and made a career-high eight assists.

Reid played only eight minutes because of a bruised back. Eric Piatkowski shifted to shooting guard, and Cresswell came in to replace Piatkowski with five points, one assist and no turnovers.

Moody, Nebraska's 5-foot-11-inch No. 11,

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Cornhusker women's score in Iowa 10th lowest ever

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's basketball team was never in a better position than 0-0 Sunday afternoon against No. 15 Iowa.

The Cornhuskers, playing in front of 2,586 people at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa, gave up the first nine points of the game and lost 80-46 to the Hawkeyes. Nebraska's 46 points ties for the 10th lowest output by a Husker team. The team's 12 first-half points were the lowest ever.

The Hawkeyes, who led by 29 at half time and by as many as 38 in the second half, moved to 6-1. The Huskers fell to 7-3, losing for the third time in their last five games.

Carol Russell led Nebraska with 10 points. Sophomore Karen Jennings, the leading Husker scorer, didn't score any of her nine points until the second half.

The women's team started the weekend road trip with a 71-56 win at Northern Iowa on Friday night.

Nebraska capitalized on 29 Panther turnovers to knock off

Northern Iowa in front of 174 people at the UNI Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Against Northern Iowa, the Huskers were led by freshman Meggan Yedsena who scored 13 points and dished out seven assists.

Nebraska 12 34 — 46

At Iowa 41 39 — 80

Nebraska—Jennings 3-5 3-4 9, Hubert 1-1 0-0 2, Hesch 0-1 2-2 2, Dahn 3-7 0-0 7, Yedsena 0-5 0-0 0, Halsne 3-11 0-2 6, Yancey 2-5 0-1 4, R. Taylor 1-6 0-0 2, Russell 5-9 0-1 10, S. Taylor 1-2 0-0 2, Hiestand 1-10 0-2. Totals 20-53 5-10 46.

Iowa—Tunsil 2-7 0-2 4, Waugh 7-13 1-3 15, Foster 6-9 4-7 16, Aaron 5-6 5-6 16, Schueler 7-13 0-0 16, Tate 1-1 2-4 2-4 4, Marx 1-1 0-0 2, Shrigley 0-1 0-0 0, Harmon 1-3 0-0 2, Rahming 1-2 0-0 2, Dillingham 0-0 0-0 0, Bright 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 32-59 13-24 80.

3-point goals—Nebraska 1-4 (Dahn 1-1, Yedsena 0-2, R. Taylor 0-1), Iowa 3-5 (Aaron 1-1, Schueler 2-4).

Rebounds—Nebraska 31 (Hubert, Halsne 6), Iowa 39 (Waugh 10). Assists—Nebraska 14 (Yedsena, Yancey 4), Iowa 21 (Aaron 9). Turnovers—Nebraska 33 (Yedsena 6), Iowa 21 (Aaron, Schueler 5). Total fouls—Nebraska 18, Iowa 15. A—2,586.

Iowa pins Cornhusker wrestlers

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For the second straight week, the Nebraska wrestling team fell one match short of an upset.

As they did against No. 1 Oklahoma State last week, the Cornhuskers needed a win from heavyweight Sonny Manley to beat No. 3 Iowa State Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Manley lost 4-1 to Todd Kinney and the No. 5 Huskers lost 17-16.

"I wish we'd quit giving the fans their money's worth and come away with a win," said Nebraska coach Tim Neumann.

The dual was lost in the first four matches, Neumann said.

"In the lower weights, Iowa State's job was to get a tie," he said.

The Cyclones got two of them. Iowa State's Eric Akin tied John Buxton at 118 pounds and Cyclone Shaun Rustad tied Randy Street at 142.

"We needed to come out ahead 12-0 after the first four weights," Neumann said. "I think Iowa State was glad to be behind only 10-4 at that point."

Iowa State won the next three matches to go ahead 14-10, including Steve Hamilton's upset of Nebraska's Scott Chenoweth at 167 pounds.

Iowa State coach Jim Gibbons said Hamilton's win was critical since Nebraska was expected to win the last three matches. Nebraska won two of the three.

All-American Corey Olson avenged his only loss of the season by beating Matt Johnson, nearly pinning Johnson twice. Chris Nelson also avenged an earlier loss, beating Dan Troupe to put Nebraska ahead 16-14, setting the stage for the heavyweights.

Manley took a 1-0 lead over Todd Kinney into the third period but Kinney scored two escapes and a take-down to win the match 4-1, giving the Cyclones the win.

Despite the loss, Neumann was upbeat.

"When you lose two duals like this, it's easy to feel down," he said. "But to come back with two duals like this after our performance at Las Vegas,

I really feel good."

Nebraska had finished a disappointing fourth at Las Vegas, while Iowa State was second.

The Huskers next will compete at the National Dual Championships in Hampton, Va., Jan. 11 and 12.

Match results:

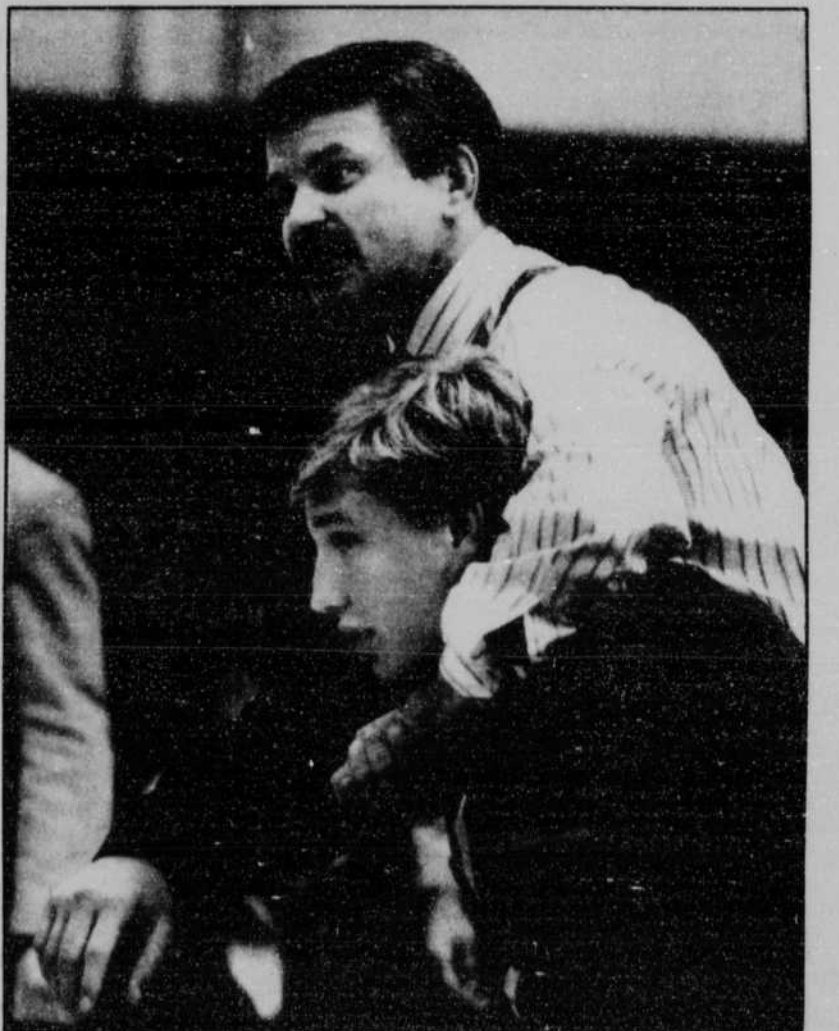
118—John Buxton (NU) drew with Eric Akin, 1-1
126—Jason Kelber (NU) dec. Dan Knight
3-1
134—Dave Droegemueller (NU) dec. Manley, 4-1

Mike Moreno, 3-1

142—Shaun Rustad (ISU) drew with Randy Street, 5-5
150—Torrae Jackson (ISU) dec. Todd Enger, 16-14

158—Rick Coltvot (ISU) dec. Jamie Penning, 14-5
167—Steve Hamilton (ISU) dec. Scott Chenoweth, 5-3

177—Corey Olson (NU) dec. Matt Johnson, 13-8
190—Chris Nelson (NU) dec. Dan Troupe, 5-2
HWT—Todd Kinney (ISU) dec. Sonny Manley, 4-1



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Nebraska's Corey Olson (bottom) gets carried away by the emotion of Cornhusker assistant coach Mark Perry Saturday.

Scrimmage shows offense ready for bowl match-up

By Chris Hopfensperger
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The Nebraska football team quizzed itself Saturday in preparation for its final exam Jan. 1 — and the offense passed.

At quarterback, where the questions began, the three juniors vying for the title of starter combined for 267 yards, two touchdowns and an interception, completing 24 of 38 attempts.

Defensively, a few blanks need to be filled before Nebraska plays Georgia Tech in the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day.

Nebraska, ranked No. 13 and No.

19, will be playing to salvage a season marred by a 27-12 loss to Colorado and a 45-10 loss to Oklahoma. Georgia Tech, at 10-0-1 and the No. 2 team in both polls, will be playing for a possible national title.

The 100-play scrimmage between the top two offenses and defenses yielded 577 yards, four touchdowns, a field goal and only one turnover.

"I'm a little surprised at how it went," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "The offense blocked really well and executed well. But defensively I don't know what to say. Hopefully, our offense played real well."

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