

# Huskies sweep down Oklahoma's lane

By John Adkisson  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska beat Oklahoma, Oklahoma style.

After another slow start, the Cornhuskers ran, slammed and laughed their way through an explosive second half and routed the Sooners 105-93 in men's basketball Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

A sellout crowd of 14,568 celebrated throughout the final 10 minutes of the game after Nebraska had put Oklahoma away with a decisive 18-4 second half run keyed by the Husker bench.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee, whose team became the first in the Big Eight to sweep the season series from Oklahoma in five years, said his team gets up when playing the Sooners.

"I guess Oklahoma brings out our best," he said, smiling.

The Sooners, playing a leaky pressing defense, brought out the most proficient scoring half in Nebraska history. The Huskers posted a school-record 66 in the second half, breaking the old mark of 64 set twice.

It was the Husker reserves that triggered the landslide.

After the two teams had battled to a virtual stalemate in the first half, both came out trading baskets in the second. Oklahoma's Jeff Webster hit a 12-foot jumper to give the Sooners a 59-58 lead with 13:32 remaining.

Then the Husker bench answered, rattling off Nebraska's next 11 points to put the Huskers ahead to stay. Dapreis Owens made two free throws and Eric Piatkowski hit a three-point goal to put Nebraska up 63-59. Then little-used reserve power forward Bruce Chubick scored seven consecutive points, the final two on a 17-foot jumper, to give the Huskers a 70-63 cushion.

Nee called his bench "magnificent."

"The bench was unbelievably strong tonight," he said.

Guard Jose Ramos, who has seen little playing time lately, made two critical steals during the run to preserve momentum.

"It's just like anything else — you do your job when the time comes," Ramos said. "You try to do your best and help your team however you can."

After the bench's second-half flurry, the game turned into a track meet with the Sooners hoisting up three-point tries and Nebraska running back for an uncontested layup or a dunk.

Oklahoma did pull to within 84-79 with 4:26 remaining, but the Huskers stifled the rally when Rich King converted a three-point play and Beau Reid hit a jumper in the lane and put Nebraska back to an 89-79 advantage.

King led six Nebraska players in double figures, scoring 19 points and collecting eight rebounds. Clifford Scales added 16, 12 in the first half, and Eric Piatkowski put in 15.

Several Nebraska players also lauded the sellout crowd at the Sports Center. Fans chanted "N-I-T" in the final minutes of the game, a reference to the fact Oklahoma's 15-10 record with four games left may not earn the Sooners an NCAA tournament berth.

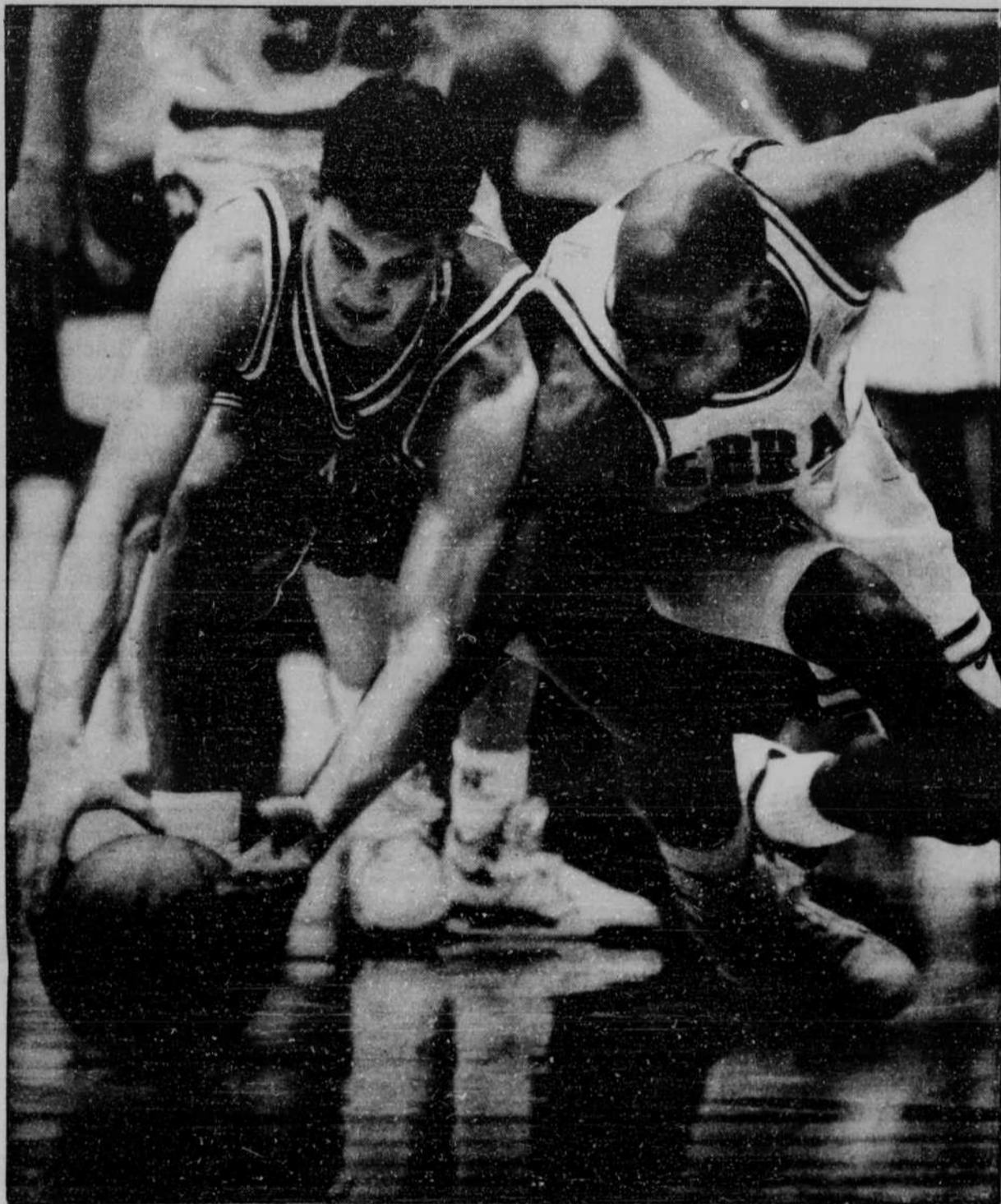
The win raised Nebraska's overall record to 21-4 and its Big Eight mark to 7-3. The Huskers are tied for second in the conference with Oklahoma State, one game behind league-leader Kansas.

Tonight, Nebraska will play its final non-conference game of the year, hosting 20-3 Northern Illinois in a 7:35 game at the Sports Center.

Nee said although the game is not a Big Eight game, it still is important regarding the Huskers' postseason hopes.

"Northern Illinois is a great bas-

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Nebraska's Clifford Scales (right) tries to steal the ball from Brent Price of Oklahoma. Scales had four steals in the game, giving him 161 for his career and breaking Brian Carr's 1984-87 school record of 159. "Passing Brian Carr puts you in some great company," Scales said. "I'm really happy with it."

## Remaining schedules for Big Eight title contenders

Kansas (19-4, 8-2)	Nebraska (21-4, 7-3)	Oklahoma St. (18-5, 7-3)
Wed. at Colorado	tonight N. Illinois	Tue. at Kansas
Sat. Oklahoma	Wed. at Missouri	St.
Feb. 26 Iowa St.	Sat. Kansas St.	Sat. Colorado
Mar. 3 at Nebraska	Feb. 27 at Oklahoma St.	Feb. 27 Nebraska
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## NU coach: 'We're back, we're bad'

By Chuck Green  
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Nebraska wrestling coach Tim Neumann once again got to experience competition with most of his regular starters Saturday against Indiana.

The seventh-ranked Cornhuskers pounded Indiana 27-12 in Nebraska's second-to-last dual of the season.

Two Husker starters — Dave Droegemueller in the 134-pound weight class and 167-pounder Scott Chenoweth — returned to the lineup and won.

The only starter injured and absent from the lineup is Corey Olson, an All-American at 177 pounds who will have knee surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"I guess we're back, and we're bad," Neumann joked.

The Hoosiers found no amusement, though, as they won two of the 10 weight classes, one by forfeit. Of the eight Nebraska wins, two were by technical falls (wins by 15 points) and two were major decisions (wins by eight or more points).

The Huskers won the first three weights, including a 8-0 major decision for Droegemueller, before the Huskers had to forfeit at 142, giving the Hoosiers their first six points of

the dual.

The Hoosiers recorded wins at 158 and 167. Then Chenoweth, who was replacing Olson, beat Indiana's Steve Hiner 8-1.

Last week, Chenoweth injured his shoulder and a chest muscle and was thought to be out for the remainder of the season. Luckily, Neumann said, that wasn't the case.

"He came in Friday and told me his shoulder felt okay," Neumann said. "He said it didn't hurt him anymore and that he wanted to wrestle."

Chenoweth's opponent was 3-11 on the season, which Neumann said made for a "perfect comeback."

"Scott was wrestling a guy who wasn't that good, and he made the most of it," he said.

Chris Nelson followed with a 22-6 technical fall over Ty Baker, which gave Nebraska an insurmountable 24-12 lead.

The Huskers improved their season dual record to 10-6 while Indiana dropped to 4-7.

Nebraska's last dual is Wednesday against Drake at 7:30 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Huskers then will focus on the Big Eight championships on March 3 in Columbia, Mo., and the NCAA championships in Iowa City, Iowa, March 14-16.

Neumann said the team's intensity is right for this time of year.

"We wrestled really aggressively tonight," he said. "We're practicing intensively and I think it's showing now in our duals."

Getting back injured starters isn't hurting the team either, Neumann said.

"Everything is coming together now, with Droegemueller, Chenoweth and (Chris) Nelson back," he said. "But the hard part for them is to get in a month's worth of training in two weeks."

"They're not in very competitive shape right now, but they can be in two weeks."

### Saturday's results:

- 118 — John Buxton (NU) maj. dec. over Chris Russo, 12-2.
- 126 — Jason Kelber (NU) tech. fall over Dave Nieradka, 22-7.
- 134 — Dave Droegemueller (NU) maj. dec. over Lou Silverman, 8-0.
- 142 — Jeff Lyons (Ind.) won by forfeit.
- 150 — Layne Billings (NU) dec. Adam Caldwell 6-3.
- 158 — Casey Graham (Ind.) dec. Layne Billings, 7-4.
- 167 — Chris Yengo (Ind.) dec. Tommy Robbins, 3-2.
- 177 — Scott Chenoweth (NU) dec. Steve Hiner, 8-1.
- 190 — Chris Nelson (NU) tech. fall over Ty Baker, 22-6.
- Hwt. — Sonny Manley (NU) dec. Vito Maurici, 5-4.

## NU women rank 2nd after victory at KSU

By David Svoboda  
Special to the Daily Nebraskan

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Karen Jennings equaled her career high with 31 points Saturday as the Nebraska women's basketball team defeated Kansas State 79-69 in Bramlage Coliseum.

Jennings hit 14 of 17 field goal attempts to lead the Cornhuskers, 16-9 overall and 7-5 in the Big Eight. Diana Miller had 25 to lead the Lady Cats, 14-9 and 7-5.

Nebraska, Kansas State and Colorado are tied for second in the conference, three games behind Oklahoma State.

Kansas State coach Susan Yow said the game was one of the most physical for her team all year. The physical play benefitted Nebraska and Jennings in particular.

The game was tied 32-32 at halftime, but Jennings scored 12 of Nebraska's first 15 second-half points. By the end of her personal run, the Huskers led 47-41.

Kansas State worked back into the lead at 52-51 with 10:35 left,

but Manhattan native Carol Russell hit a pair of free throws 25 seconds later to give the Huskers the lead again. Nebraska never trailed after that and led by as many as 11 points, at 73-62.

Nebraska used 12 players to wear down the Lady Cats. Kansas State used eight players, with six seeing extensive playing time.

"I think the use of our bench really affected K-State," Beck said. Yow said her team was tired.

"We've basically been playing the same people every day, practices included, and that starts to wear you out."

Nebraska shot 48.5 percent from the floor and 82.4 percent from the free throw line, and Kansas State shot 41.5 percent and 61.8 percent.

Sue Hesch and Kristi Dahn scored 10 points apiece for the Huskers. Nebraska's Meggan Yedsena, though scoring just five points with two assists, harassed Kansas State point guard Mary Jo Miller into 10 turnovers.

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