

Opener

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pointer. The two teams then traded baskets until Nebraska led 74-72 with 2:20 left. The Huskers then put away the Buffaloes as Michael Hughes hit a twisting layup and Johnson hit a jumper from the free-throw line and Colorado couldn't rally for the win as Nebraska made its free throws down the stretch.

The Huskers hit 16 of 21 free throws for the game and the 76-percent performance was their best of the season.

Hughes said the road trip turned out to be a pleasant one and the team never gave up.

"I enjoyed that game," Hughes said. "We kept confidence. After someone made a mistake, the whole team was there to pump him right back up. We never got down."

Although Colorado folded under Nebraska's 10-2 run in the final minutes, Harrington was not upset with his team's effort.

"I thought we played a good basketball game for a young team," he said. "We had a chance to win the game. We just didn't score in the second half."

"That's what it came down to."

Nebraska 42 42 — 84
At Colorado 46 28 — 74

Nebraska — Owens 3-7 2-8, Piatkowski 8-15 1-2 20, Chandler 5-8 1-2 11, Johnson 3-9 0-0 7, Cresswell 1-4 0-0 3, Hughes 2-4 6-9 10, Hayes 5-11 2-2 15, Chubick 3-4 4-4 10. Totals 30-62 16-21 84.

Colorado — Hunter 5-12 0-0 12, Dean 3-6 3-4 9, Hodges 4-8 5-7 13, Law 2-7 0-0 6, Boyce 6-17 2-2 15, Robinson 6-12 0-1 12, Price 3-5 0-0 7, Pullium 0-0 0-0 0, Stephens 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-67 10-14 74.

Three-point goals — Nebraska 8-15 (Piatkowski 3-5, Johnson 1-3, Cresswell 1-3, Hayes 3-4), Colorado 6-24 (Hunter 2-7, Law 2-6, Boyce 1-7, Robinson 0-1, Price 1-3). Rebounds — Nebraska 46 (Piatkowski 13), Colorado 28 (Law 8). Assists — Nebraska 18 (Johnson 8), Colorado 23 (Boyce 8). Turnovers — Nebraska 23 (Piatkowski 8), Colorado 14 (Boyce 6). Total fouls — Nebraska 18, Colorado 20. A — 6,706.

UNL Sports Review

Over Christmas Break, while we were all digesting huge Holiday dinners and recovering from New Years Eve celebrations, Cornhusker athletic teams were hard at it, travelling across the country to compete.

In case you missed it, here's what happened in Husker athletics while we were gone.

Football
Miami 22, Nebraska 0 in the Orange Bowl. Nebraska finished the season with a 9-2-1 record and was ranked No. 15 in the final AP poll.

Women's Basketball
The Huskers took a trip to California and won four of five games, to raise their record to 10-3 entering Big Eight competition. Nebraska finished second in the Superdome Invitational, beating Bucknell in the opener 88-73 and losing to host Pepperdine 65-63 in the finals. Nebraska then beat Cal. State-Fullerton 77-47, Loyola-Marymount 85-54 and California Northridge 85-53.

Men's Swimming and Diving
Like the women's basketball team, the swimming and diving team also spent some time in California, beating Michigan State 68-47 and losing to UCLA 70-50.

Men's Basketball
The Huskers captured the title of their own Americas Classic, defeating Texas A&M 91-80 and Eastern Washington 102-87. Nebraska upped its record to 11-1 by winning three more games over Wisconsin-Green Bay 78-68, Toledo 57-52 and Eastern Illinois 81-68.

Wrestling
The Huskers improved their dual record to 2-1 with wins over Indiana 24-11 and Purdue 27-17.

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