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Clutch shot gives win to Cyclones

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AMES, Iowa — Throughout his career at Iowa State, Fred Hoiberg has been expected to hit the clutch shots. Saturday afternoon in Ames, the 6-foot-4 senior guard answered the call once again.



Hoiberg

Hoiberg drilled a 24-foot jumper to tie the game at 67 with a little more than a minute to play in overtime, propelling the Cyclones to a 72-69 victory over Nebraska before a sold-out crowd of 14,189 at the Hilton Coliseum.

In the process, the Cornhuskers, whose two-game winning streak was snapped, fell to 16-7 overall and 3-5 in the Big Eight. Iowa State, winning its first game since Jan. 28, improved to 18-6 and 4-5 in conference play.

"I thought it was a great Big Eight game," Husker coach Danny Nee said. "I'm proud of the way my team played. We did everything we could possibly do, but you've got to give credit to Iowa State. They showed a lot of heart and determination."

The Cyclones, who battled back from a seven-point halftime deficit, outscored Nebraska 12-9 in overtime. Following Hoiberg's 3-pointer with 1:12 left, Nebraska guard Jaron Boone missed a jumper and Hoiberg fed Julius Michalik, whose layup gave Iowa State a 69-67 lead with 31 seconds to play.

On the ensuing possession, Husker guard Tom Wald dished to a wide-open Melvin Brooks, but the senior forward missed a layup, forcing Wald to foul after Hoiberg grabbed the rebound.

Hoiberg nailed both free throws to put Iowa State up 71-67 with 16 seconds left in overtime. Wald drove the length of the court and hit a layup, cutting the lead to two points, and Boone fouled Cyclone guard Derrick Hayes on the inbound play with nine seconds to go.

Hayes hit the second of two free throws, increasing the lead to 72-69 and Boone took the inbound pass, dribbled to the top of the key and rimmed a game-tying 3-point attempt off to the right at the buzzer.

"I was happy with the shot," said Boone, who followed up a 31-point performance Wednesday against Colorado with 21 points Saturday to lead all scorers. "I had to adjust it a little, but I think I still had enough on it to make it. And I thought I made it, but it just went

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Nebraska's Willie Hibler qualifies for the men's 55-meter hurdles final Friday night during the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Hibler had an qualifying time of 7.31 in the finals.

Huskers get 13 NCAA qualifying marks

By Vince D'Adamo
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Thirteen members of the Nebraska track and field team had NCAA qualifying marks at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational Friday and Saturday.

The two-day crowd of 7,134 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center saw the well-represented Nebraska men's and women's teams; eight men placed NCAA qualifying marks, along with five marks for the Cornhusker women's team.

Overall, coach Gary Pepin said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"It was another outstanding meet and we had a good crowd," Pepin said. "We had a lot of national qualifiers and some national leading performances. So it was a fine meet," Pepin said.

For the men, senior high jumper Petar Malesev garnered another national qualifying mark with a leap of 7-feet, 4 1/2-inches.

The men's distance medley relay team of senior Renier Henning, sophomore Jim

Garnham, senior Chad Jansen and junior Balazs Tolgyesi set a provisional NCAA qualifying mark of 9 minutes, 50.71 seconds.

In the final running of the 55-meter hurdles, junior Willie Hibler put up a mark of 7.31 seconds.

The 55-meter dash saw Byron Topps and Nebraska football player Riley Washington qualify with marks of 6.23 and 6.26.

In the mile run, Tolgyesi had a mark of 4:05.61.

Senior Marlon Jones represented the Huskers in the 800-meter run with a mark of 1:50.42.

Rounding out the meet for the men was the 400-meter relay team of Tom Fish, Mark Graham, Garnham and Jones that placed third with a time of 3:16.25.

The Husker women also did not disappoint.

In the triple jump, junior Nicola Martial finished first, setting an NCAA qualifying mark of 42-8 3/4.

In the long jump, sophomore Angee

Henry shined with a mark of 20-7 1/2, finishing second.

The Huskers' Tashika Lewis, a freshman from Des Moines, Iowa, finished third with a provisional qualifying jump of 20-7.

The shot put had two Husker women turn in qualifying marks. Junior Paulette Mitchell's mark was 51-9 3/4, while teammate Tressa Thompson's qualifying throw traveled 50-6 1/4.

The lone Husker woman to have a provisional qualifying time in a running event was senior Julie Mazzitelli in the 3,000-meter run, with a time of 9:39.54.

"We have our conference meet in two weeks," Pepin said. "Right now we've got some folks that, like a lot of track meets, fared real well and some that didn't."

"We've had some people sick and some people with injuries. So we're hoping that we can pull both teams together by the conference meet and have a run at the titles."

Cyclones triumph in overtime

By Derek Samson
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AMES, Iowa — Iowa State showed Cyclone coach Tim Floyd that his team still had a heartbeat after four consecutive losses in the Big Eight.

But it took an entire half for the Cyclones' pulse to be found in their 72-69 overtime win over Nebraska Saturday.



Floyd

Iowa State shot only 30 percent from the field in the first half and trailed Nebraska 32-25 at half in front of a near-silent Hilton Coliseum crowd of 14,189.

"What the heck did the crowd have to cheer about in the first half?" Floyd said. "That was awful. It was absolutely awful. We played like a team that had expected to lose, and they played like a team that was coming off a couple wins."

"They played very smart and very

steady. I was very impressed with their poise on the offensive end."

Nebraska jumped out to a 15-6 lead in the first six minutes of the game, which was a common sight for Floyd in the past four games.

"We started the game out like a team that had been beaten four times in a row," Floyd said, "and like a team that kind of expected to get beat again. But we really came back and played extremely hard in the second half."

Coming back stronger than anyone in the second half was Cyclone center Loren Meyer.

Meyer, who has averaged seven points a game in his last three outings, scored just four points and grabbed four rebounds in the first half.

But the 6-foot-10-inch senior scored 15 points, including eight straight for the Cyclones, and pulled down eight rebounds in the second half before fouling out with 2:02 left in the overtime.

"Loren Meyer struggled again in the first half, and to his credit, he came out and played really well in the

second half," Floyd said. "We just kind of decided we were going to ride the horse as far as it was going to take us. We tried to show him we still had confidence in him at half and he did step up."

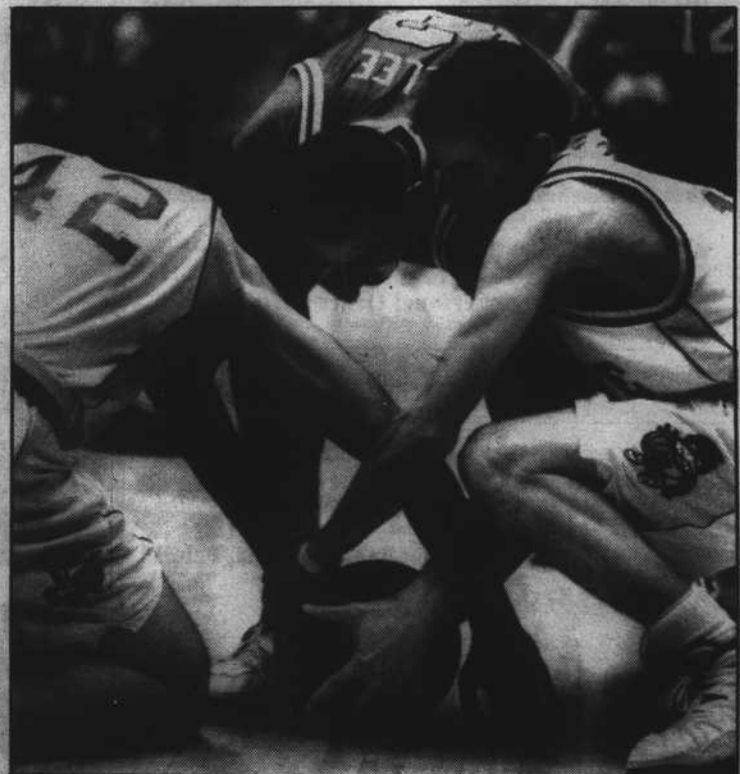
When the game was on the line, however, Iowa State turned to Fred Hoiberg.

Hoiberg, who netted his average of 20 points Saturday, hit a long 3-pointer with 1:12 remaining to tie the game at 67.

On Iowa State's next possession, Hoiberg drove the lane and passed off to a wide-open Julius Michalik to put the Cyclones up 69-67 with 32 seconds left.

"The 3-pointer is not designed to be shot from 47 feet," Floyd said. "He (Hoiberg) just backed it up and had the courage to step up and take it."

"A lot of guys do stuff for the crowd or do things to get their name in the paper and the biggest play he made was on the next possession when they doubled up on him and he gave it up to Julio (Michalik) for the back door. That shows he's all about team."



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Nebraska's Chris Sallee tries to grab a loose ball from Iowa State's Julius Michalik (left) and Jacy Holloway during the Husker's overtime loss Saturday in Ames.