

**Sports Opinion**



## Shannon Heffelfinger Frost ends rocky career as a winner

MIAMI — Asked before the Orange Bowl whether a win over Tennessee would cement his legacy with Nebraska fans, Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost said:

"I think my legacy will be stronger if we win this game, but I don't think it will be defined by whether or not we win."

How will fans remember Frost?

It's not a simple question. He's been the subject of too much controversy in his two seasons with the Cornhuskers to be praised for years to come like former NU quarterback Lammie Frazier.

And he's been a little too outspoken — almost arrogant — to be remembered as likable.

Several events define Frost. His admitted mistake of leaving Nebraska in 1995 to accept a scholarship from Stanford.

His weird involvement with the Lawrence Phillips-Kate McElroy situation.

The image of a confident Frost after Nebraska ended CU's game regular season winning streak as he was hammered and flattened into three sacks and three safeties at Arizona State in 1996.

The screams of the fans directed at Frost during the critical Florida game Sept. 15.

Frost rebounding from it all to lead the Huskers to a 27-14 victory at then-No. 5 Washington, and later, a perfect 13-0 season.

In 1997, Frost became the first Husker and just the 10th player in NCAA Division I history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 1,000 yards. His 2,332 yards of total offense were one yard short of the school record.

But more than his statistical success or anything that happened before it, his plea to voters after the No. 2 Huskers' 42-17 victory over the Volunteers is the one thing that may have cemented his legacy with NU fans.

"My plea is to the coaches," Frost said. "If your job depended on playing either Michigan or Nebraska, who would you rather play?"

"How can anyone say with a clear conscience Nebraska, and that great man Tom Osborne, doesn't deserve a national championship, at least a share?"

It was a revealing moment from the maligned quarterback — a leader now who's best asset upon entering the NFL draft may be his mental toughness.

So now that it's all over, is that what he will be remembered for?

With Frost, it was never a simple question.

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# Fast start helps NU stomp Buffs

**Men's Basketball**  
Nebraska 87  
Colorado 72

**Lue's 30 points lead the way as all five NU starters score in double figures.**

By SAM MCKEWIN  
Senior Reporter

Victories aren't always pretty, and the Nebraska men's basketball team's win over Colorado Sunday was hardly a work of art.

But the Cornhuskers used a 21-0 spurt in the opening 7:15 of the contest to defeat the Buffaloes 87-72 in a game that saw both teams combine for 50 fouls and 42 turnovers in front of 8,807 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"It was an ugly game," NU Coach Danny Nee said. "I think we've got a lot of miles to go with this team."

NU, which had spent 35 days and seven straight games on the road, looked comfortable in its return home, shooting 58 percent from the field in the first half compared to CU's 26 percent. The Huskers also outrebounded Colorado 26-15 in the first 20 minutes and 54-36 for the game.

Nebraska, (11-5 overall and 2-1 in the Big 12 Conference) took a 38-20 lead — its largest of the half — on a Tyrann Lue lay-up with 4:01 remaining and hung on for a 42-27 halftime lead. The junior point guard led all scorers with 30 points.

Nebraska's quick start helped hold the Buffaloes at bay the rest of the game. Nee said CU forwards 67 and 68 never got closer than 14 points in the second half.

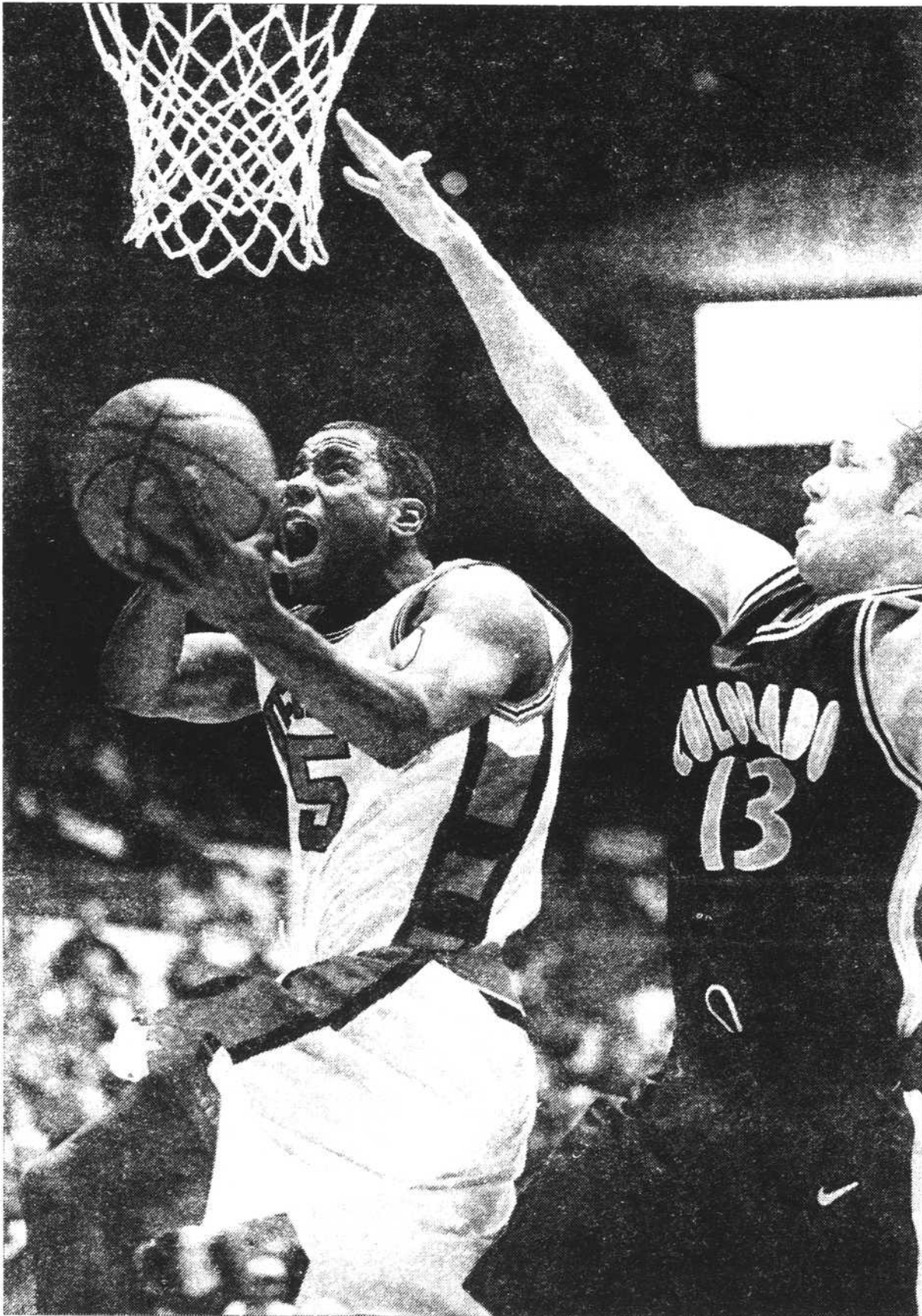
"We were really tough in the first 10 or 15 minutes we didn't have any turnovers," Nee said.

In the final 32 minutes of the game, however, both teams became bogged down by mistakes and fouls. The Huskers committed 13 turnovers in the first half and 24 in the game, tying a season high. CU committed 18 turnovers.

Another major theme of the game were the fouls. Two Huskers, center Venson Hamilton and forward Larry Florence, fouled out of the game as NU and CU combined for 60 free throw attempts.

After the game, Nee expressed his

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**NU FORWARD Larry Florence** drives under the swatting hand of Colorado center Charlie Melvin. Florence, who scored 12 points, was one of five Huskers to score in double digits.

RYAN SODERLINTON

## KU handles NU's D NU at critical point after loss to Jayhawks

**Women's Basketball**  
Nebraska 74  
Kansas 83

By MIKE KLUCK  
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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Nebraska Women's Basketball Coach Paul Sanderford needed to look at just one statistic to realize how well Kansas played against the Cornhuskers: turnovers.

The Jayhawks, who were coming off two Big 12 Conference road losses, committed just 10 turnovers against the No. 16 Huskers Saturday at Allen Fieldhouse helping Kansas to a 83-74 win.

The loss dropped Nebraska to 12-5 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12. Kansas improved its record to 9-3 and 1-2.

The Huskers opened league play

with a 80-58 victory over Kansas State on Jan. 4, but lost to Colorado 84-76 in Boulder Wednesday.

"Anytime a team plays against us and makes 10 turnovers, they have done a pretty good job," Sanderford said.

KU, which had been averaging 20.5 turnovers per game entering Saturday's contest, bettered its previous low of 18 turnovers. Kansas Coach Marian Washington said she felt the Jayhawks played their best game of the season.

In the first half, Kansas forced 12 NU turnovers and jumped out to a 15-point lead. By halftime KU led 39-28.

"I just thought we played with a lot more intensity," Washington said. "Our defense gave us some opportunities, and I'm just really pleased with our team's performance."

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## Green announces plans to enter NFL draft early

By SAM MCKEWIN  
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After three years and two national titles, Nebraska junior I-back Ahman Green decided to forego his last season of college football eligibility and try his fortunes in the NFL draft in April.

Green, whose 3,880 yards rank second on NU's all-time rushing charts behind Mike Rozier's 4,780 yards, announced his decision Wednesday. He is the fourth NU running back to leave early for the NFL, following Derek Brown (1993), Calvin Jones (1994), and Lawrence Phillips (1996).

"I have to make my own decisions in life and my own career in life," Green said. "It basically

came down to if I have the physical ability to make it in the NFL and if I can prepare myself mentally for it. I think I will do a very good job up there."

Green said he had signed with sports agent Leigh Steinberg to handle contract negotiations. Steinberg currently handles the contracts of NFL quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Young.

Concerning his draft status, Green said he was told by NFL representatives that he had been projected as a late first-round or early second-round selection.

NFL draft analyst Mel Kiper, Jr. projected Green as a second-round pick.

"He's a straight-line type

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