

Lue's late barrage beats Sooners

NU guard comes up big with 17 2nd half points

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Defense was the order of the day in the Nebraska-Oklahoma men's basketball game Sunday.

But it was a late offensive punch from NU point guard Tyronn Lue that sealed the game for the Cornhuskers.

Lue scored 17 points in the second half, including a 2-point layup that shot a 49-point Nebraska to a 53-43 victory over the Sooners in a 60-minute, 10-minute overtime game. Lue's 17 points are the most he has scored in a game since he scored 18 points in a game Sunday.

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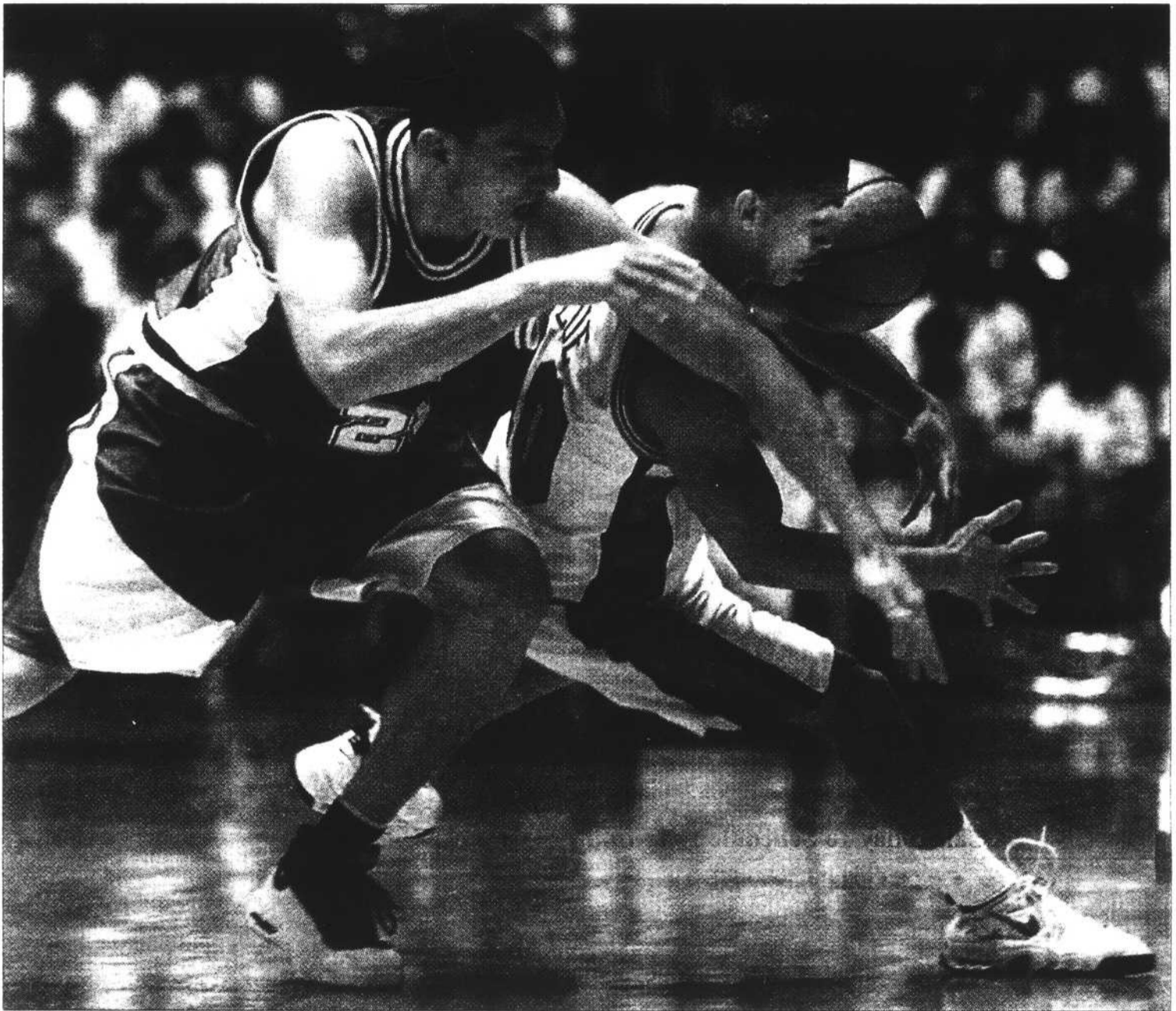
When Oklahoma countered with two 3-pointers, Lue's own team regained the lead 49-41. Lue answered the bid again with another long-range 3-pointer that put the score at 49-41, effectively putting the game out of reach.

"That's what I look forward to," Lue said of the late baskets. "That's what the team is looking for me to do out there."

OU Coach Kelvin Sampson said Lue's nonstop play proved to be the key down the stretch.

"Those 3-pointers he hit were like daggers in the back of us," Sampson said. "He stabbed us."

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OKLAHOMA FORWARD EDUARDO NAJERA and NU point guard Tyronn Lue scramble for a loose ball in the first half of Sunday's game. Nebraska downed the Sooners 53-43. MATT MILLER/DN

NU's fast pace tames Cats

By **SHANNON HEFFELFINGER**
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MANHATTAN, Kan. — The up-tempo offensive style of the Nebraska women's basketball team collided head-on with the slow-paced game plan of Kansas State Saturday night.

When it was all over, the Wildcats felt as if they had been run over by a truck.

Kansas State (7-7 overall and 1-3 in the Big 12 Conference) crashed and burned under the full-court defensive pressure of the 20th-ranked Cornhuskers (14-5 and 3-2). NU took advantage to run away with a 78-47 victory in front of 2,836 fans at Bramlage Coliseum.

"What you saw tonight was as bad as it can get," KSU Coach Deb Patterson said. "We showed every weakness that we possess. We just could not do anything right."

In a study of what happens when everything that can go wrong does, the Wildcats committed 29 turnovers and shot 35 percent from the field under NU's full-court pres-

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sure. Kansas State's three starters fouled out of the game in the second half.

Brit Jacobson, the Wildcats' leading scorer with 13 points, played most of the contest with four fouls.

NU Coach Paul Sanderford said that Nebraska, on the other hand, played its best game in recent memory.

Four players — Anna DeForge, Charlie Rogers, Nicole Kubik and Jami Kubik — scored in double figures for the Huskers, who shot 59 percent for the game.

Nebraska shot 60 percent from behind the 3-point arc and outrebounded KSU 38-27.

"You have to score to win against Kansas State because they are a very good defensive team," Sanderford said. "They are a very physical team, but we attacked well at the offensive end."

The Huskers set the tone in the first three minutes, outscoring the Wildcats 11-4.

But KSU outscored Nebraska 18-17 to pull within six points with 3:22 remaining in the first half.

Nicole Kubik and Jami Kubik

scored on consecutive possessions to expand NU's lead to 32-22.

"We were chipping away, but we kept making mistakes," Patterson said. "With Nebraska, they don't just capitalize. They capitalize two-fold or three-fold."

Kansas State's Jenny Coalson chipped in two points for KSU to bring the Wildcats within eight, but Nicole Kubik and DeForge each scored in the final 45 seconds as Nebraska closed out the half with a 37-24 lead.

"We panicked," Patterson said. "At the three-minute mark in the first half, we were right back in it, but three of our last seven possessions were turnovers. We have the opportunity to gain control and we didn't do it."

Nebraska opened the second half with a 14-4 run, and the Wildcats never came closer than 15 points.

The win ended NU's three-game road skid and marked the first time the Huskers have notched a win away from the Bob Devaney Sports Center in nearly a year. Nebraska travels to Baylor Wednesday.

"This helps (our confidence) tremendously," said Rogers, who led both teams with 18 points and was seven of nine from the field. "We wanted this win badly. We needed it badly."

Wrestlers claim fifth place at Cliff Keen NWCA Duals

By **LISA VONNAHME**
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — With a 36-8 victory over West Virginia Sunday, the injury-plagued Nebraska wrestling team finished fifth at the Cliff Keen NWCA National Duals.

Top-seeded and second-ranked Minnesota finished first after defeating second-seeded and third-ranked Iowa 18-17.

The Hawkeyes led 17-12 entering the heavyweight match, but Minnesota's Shelton Benjamin pinned Iowa's Wes Hand to put the Golden Gophers on top.

The Cornhuskers, who finished 4-2 in the tournament, were paced by 10th-ranked freshman Brad Vering who went 6-0. NU's only losses were to Iowa and Michigan State.

"Our goal was to wrestle Minnesota in the finals," NU Coach Tim Neumann said. "Obviously, that didn't happen, but this whole thing could have blown up on us considering the injuries we had going into the tournament."

"I'm just really proud of Paul Gomez, Jeremy Welder and Ryan Tobin for wrestling with so much character and heart — considering the injuries they wrestled with."

Gomez and Tobin were hampered by knee injuries, while Welder battled a rib injury. Temoer Terry did not wrestle

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Sunday because of a shoulder injury.

Without seniors Tobin and Terry, who were sidelined with injuries, the Huskers fell to Michigan State in the consolation semifinals early on Sunday. Neumann said that the Huskers weren't emotionally ready for the match.

On Saturday, NU defeated San Francisco State 34-9 before losing to Iowa 28-16.

The Hawkeyes were led by Lee Fullhart, the defending national champion at 190 pounds. Fullhart defeated Tobin 2-0 to give Iowa a 24-16 lead and put the match out of reach.

The bout was scoreless going into the final period, but Fullhart earned one point for a technical violation and another on an escape in the last 43 seconds.

After falling to the Hawkeyes, the Huskers rebounded to defeat Michigan and upset fourth-seeded Oklahoma 32-9.