

NU defense takes wind out of Cyclones

■ The Huskers proved poor hosts again Saturday, holding ISU to 49 points.

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Could be the gym. Could be the rims.

Whatever it is, it's working for the defense of the Nebraska men's basketball team at home.

The Cornhuskers put together another defensive gem Saturday, holding a second consecutive visiting team to fewer than 50 points. Nebraska downed Iowa State 63-49 in front of 10,565 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"Iowa State had different offenses they like to run, and we thought we checkmated them a few times with the things they wanted to do," NU Coach Danny Nee said.

After giving up a season-high 105 points to Texas last Wednesday, Nebraska (13-6 overall and 4-2 in the Big 12 Conference) seemed determined to not let history repeat itself.

NU played a two-three zone for much of the first half, pulling guard Cookie Belcher down to help defend ISU forward Marcus Fizer, the Cyclones leading scorer.

Fizer, who had been averaging

20 points per game in conference play, was stymied in the first half, scoring only two.

The rest of the Iowa State offense didn't fare much better. The Cyclones (9-10 and 2-4) shot only 32 percent from the field in the first half and scored 22 points.

Nebraska's defensive effort was keyed by stopping Fizer, Belcher said.

"It was our plan to come in and double-team Fizer," Belcher said. "We knew we had to limit his chances inside."

The Huskers jumped out to an early 23-8 lead after a layup by guard Tyronn Lue with seven minutes remaining in the first half. But the Cyclones were able to cut the deficit to 29-22 by halftime.

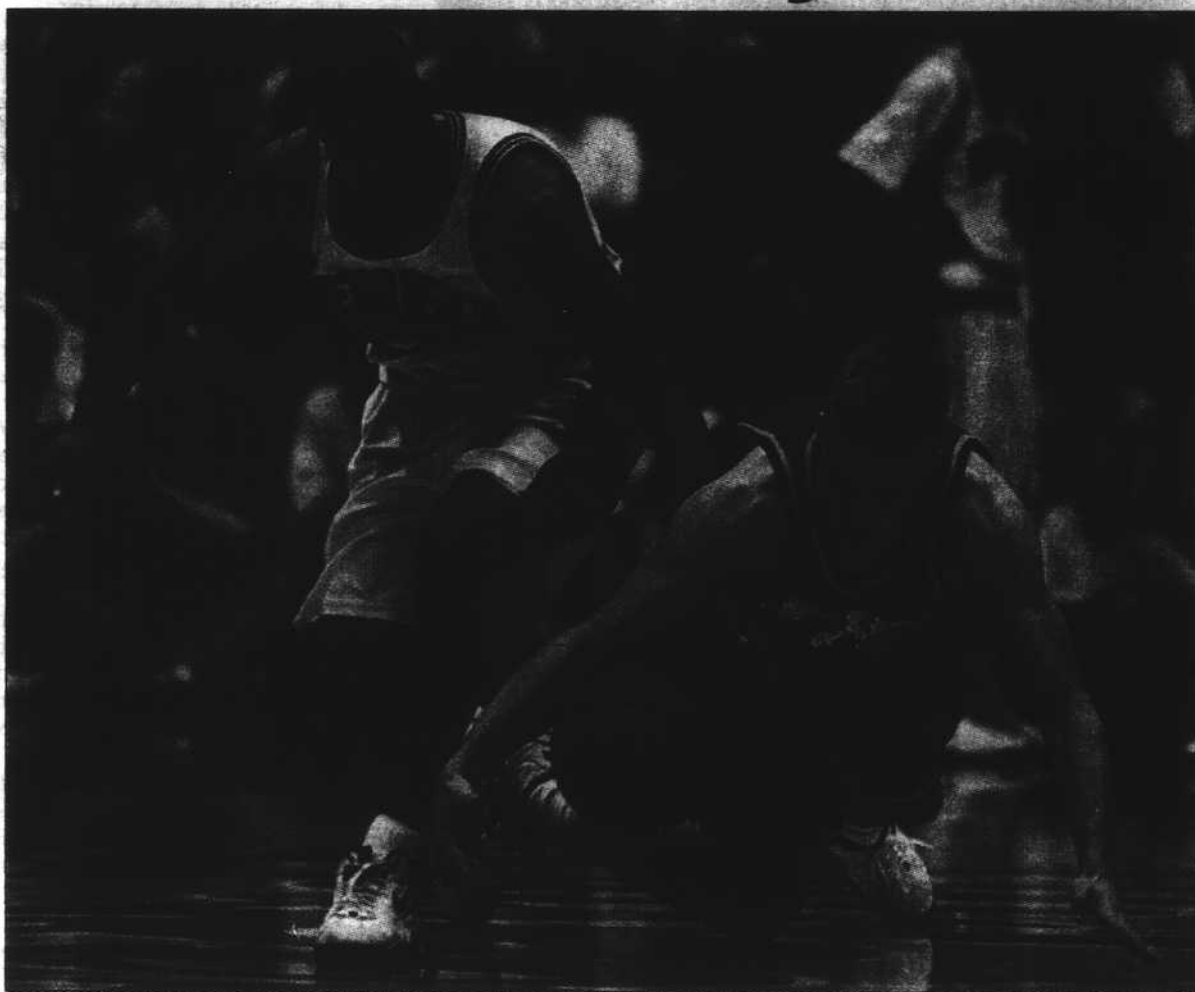
Iowa State came within five with 14:23 remaining before NU put the game away with a 13-3 run, keyed by six points from Belcher.

Nee said Belcher, who had his first double-double of the year with 15 points and 10 rebounds, played his most complete game this season.

"He did a little bit of everything today," Nee said. "Cookie was there all day. He's starting to become our next star."

Nee said the Huskers played a complete game as a team. NU, which snapped a three-game home losing streak to the Cyclones, outrebounded ISU 45-31 and had only eight turnovers.

"I thought we put together two solid halves," Nee said. "The kids got over each hurdle as it



NEBRASKA GUARD Cookie Belcher fights for a loose ball with Iowa State guard Brad Johnson Saturday. The Huskers downed the Cyclones 63-49 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

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came to them."

Offensively, the Huskers were again led by Lue, who scored 24 points in 38 minutes - despite a left groin injury. Junior Venson Hamilton added 13 points to go with his 11 rebounds. Fizer led

the Cyclones with 13 points.

Lue said the groin pull is a recurring injury he's had since high school and not one that will keep him out of the lineup.

"I'm fine," Lue said. "It's no

big deal. By Monday, it'll be all right."

After running its home record to 10-0, Nebraska returns to the road again to face Kansas State Wednesday before playing Kansas at home next Sunday.

Nebraska newcomers claim honors at Open

BY ANDREW STRNAD
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The Nebraska track team introduced some new faces this weekend at the Bob Devaney Sports Center as seven newcomers claimed honors in their first meet at the Nebraska Open.

In addition to claiming more than a dozen events, five Cornhusker athletes set NCAA provisional marks during the all-day meet.

Sophomore Vincent Brown, in his second meet as a Husker, ran the third-fastest 55-meter dash time in school history, finishing second with a time of 6.18 seconds - just ahead of senior Byron Topps (6.19).

Brown, who recently came to Nebraska from Bakersfield College, said he joined the Huskers to win a national championship. So far, Brown is off to a good start, but he said he has not reached his full potential.

"I can do better. I will do better," Brown said. "I was kind of nervous out there and didn't get a good start. I said I was going to break the (school) record, but I'll have another day."

The record Brown refers to is shared by Riley Washington and Bill Trott with a time of 6.17.

In other action, freshman distance runner Amy Wiseman turned in a personal-best time of 9:54.93 in the 3,000-meter run. The Huskers top cross country runner won the race finishing nearly 35 seconds ahead of

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teammate Melinda Mohr - but shy of a NCAA provisional mark.

"I'm happy to win, but I only have five more opportunities to qualify for nationals - which is what I want to do more than anything," Wiseman said.

But Wiseman wasn't the only freshman winning for the Huskers on Saturday. Erin Wibbels won the 20-pound weight throw, setting an NCAA provisional mark with her throw of 55-10 1/2.

NU senior Doreen Heldt also set a provisional mark with her toss of 55-2 3/4.

Heldt finished third in the shot, behind freshman Brandy Trofolz and Tressa Thompson, who competed unattached.

Thompson's throw of 59-5 1/2 won the event by more than 12 feet.

Junior Charmaine Burton won two events by claiming the 55-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash.

Senior teammate La'Tisha Croom won the 400-meter dash.

On the men's side, freshman Matt Nielsen cruised to victory in the 400-

meter dash.

The men also had several other winners, including All-American junior Shane Lavy in the high jump and senior Scott Warren in the 35-pound weight throw.

Warren's heave of 67-0 3/4 broke his old school record by more than two inches.

Senior Chris Wright faced little competition in the long jump as he won the event by more than 10 inches with a jump of 24-10 1/2.

Wright won easily, despite using a 13-step approach instead of his usual 20 steps.

"I just wanted to see where I'm at and work on my mechanics of my jump, concentrating on my jump through the air," Wright said.

Other NU winners included: sophomore high jumper Carrie Branes, freshman Angie Prebly in the long jump, sophomore Stella Klassen in the 800, sophomore triple jumper Dahlia Ingram, and senior Meka Rembert in the 55-meter hurdles.

Broncos, Elway, AFC snap Super Bowl jinx

SAN DIEGO (AP) - The old dude finally did it.

John Elway and the Denver Broncos won a Super Bowl for themselves and the AFC by beating the Green Bay Packers 31-24 Sunday in one of the most exciting NFL title games ever.

It gave the 37-year-old Elway his first win in four tries and the AFC its first in 14.

Sure, he had help.

He got it from MVP Terrell Davis, who gained 157 yards in 30 carries and scored on three 1-yard runs, including the winner with 1:45 left in the game. Davis did it despite a migraine that caused him to miss most of the second quarter.

For Elway, carried off the field by his teammates, this was vindication in perhaps his last shot at a title. He rode off as the oldest quarterback ever to win a Super Bowl.

"For all the Broncos fans who never had this feeling, we finally got it done," Elway said.

"You wonder if you're going to win or if you're going to run out of years."

The victory kept Denver from becoming the first team ever to lose five - it lost one in 1978, before Elway arrived.

The win meant vindication for the AFC, which hadn't won since the Raiders, then in Los Angeles, beat Washington 38-9 in 1984, Elway's first season.

The final chance for the defend-

ing champion Packers ended when John Mobley knocked down Brett Favre's pass from the Denver 31 with 28 seconds left. That made the two-touchdown underdog Broncos the second wild-card team to win the Super Bowl.

"They disrespected us all week," Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe said.

"Everybody disrespected us. They never faced a running game like ours. They never faced a quarterback like ours. They never faced a coach who puts in a game plan like Mike Shanahan."

The Packers hurt themselves with three critical penalties late in the game. They included a holding call and a false start on rookie left tackle Ross Verba that bottled Green Bay deep, and a face mask on Darius Holland that gave the Broncos 15 key yards on their game-winning 49-yard drive.

But nonetheless, it was Elway's game.

"In kind of a strange way - John Elway, I've always enjoyed him," Packers Coach Mike Holmgren said.

"I just wished he hadn't done it against me."

Elway scrambled 8 yards to set up a touchdown, and scored on a 1-yard run - a lot like the young Elway. He finished 12-of-22 for 122 yards and threw one end-zone interception.