

# Sports Thursday

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## Officially robbed: ISU nips NU

*Last second  
Kubik foul  
sinks Huskers*

By John Gaskins

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At the very least, the latest battle in the Nebraska-Iowa State women's basketball border war came to a fitting end.

It was decided by the blow of a whistle.

With the score tied 76-76 and 5,261 fans at the Devaney Center gasping for breath, Nicole Kubik found herself on the wrong end of a call twice in the last 10 seconds.

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She was called for traveling on her drive and shot to win the game with 3.7 seconds left, then whistled for a foul on ISU guard Tracy Gahan at the 2 second mark.

And in the end of an anxiety-filled game full of questionable calls and odd twists, Gahan became the unlikely hero by hitting the first of two free throws. She intentionally missed the second but NU couldn't get a shot off, so the Cyclones squeaked out of Lincoln with a 77-76 win.

Or as Nebraska Coach Paul Sanderford and Kubik all but described it, a robbery.

The call and free throw turned out to be huge in the Big 12 standings, as well, catapulting ISU (16-3 overall) into second place at 7-1 and keeping NU (11-8 overall) two games back of the Cyclones at 5-3, three games behind first place Oklahoma (8-0).

After ISU Coach Bill Fennelly and players gleefully walked away from the post-game press conferences with gleaming smiles, Sanderford graciously congratulated Fennelly with a hand-shake and took his seat at the mic. He needed not be asked what he thought about the perplexing conclusion. He just fired away.

"Boy, 8,000 people sure missed a heck of a basketball game, didn't they," Sanderford said, shaking his head.

"I guess I made a coaching error when I told our players with 17 seconds left that the players would decide the outcome of the basketball

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ABOVE: HUSKER GUARD Nicole Kubik will do anything but let ISU Center Gintara Cipriano get by her during Wednesday night's Big 12 game. ISU pulled out a one-point victory in the final seconds over the Huskers, 77-76.

RIGHT: CAUGHT UP IN THE ACTION Sara Berens, 9, cheers on the Lady Huskers and Brooke Schwartz, holding her sign upside down during the ISU game Wednesday night. The fans support wasn't enough to secure the Huskers a win against the Cyclones.

## ISU's Frese regains touch against NU

By Brandon Schulte

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Stacey Frese's shooting slump had gone on long enough.

The shooting woes had begun on a Jan. 25 game against Kansas State. And for the next four halves, the Iowa State's All-American guard went a dismal 7-22 from the field and 2-11 from three-point range.

An 0-5 start against Nebraska Wednesday night didn't help matters, either.

But her fortunes began to change.

And Frese couldn't have broken out of her slump at a better time.

Just after Nebraska captured its first lead since the opening minute of the game on a 3-

pointer by Isha Kelley with 13 seconds left in the first half, Frese took over.

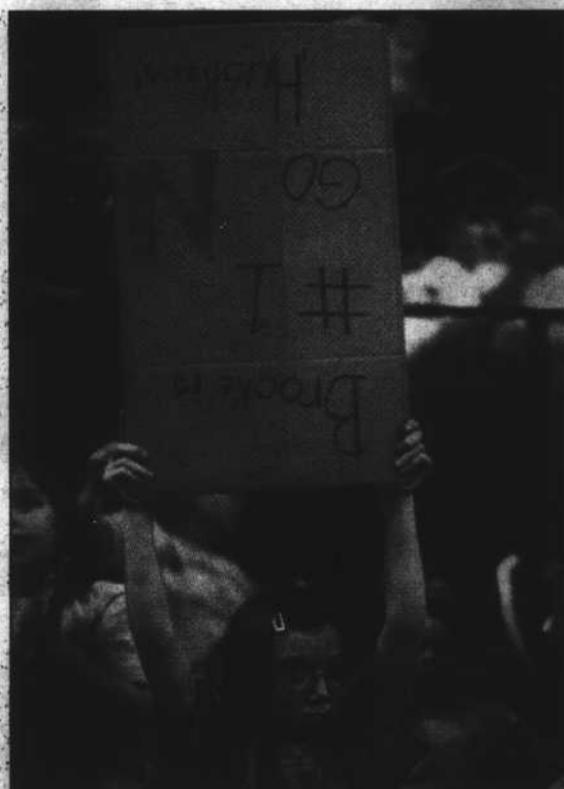
Starting with a runner down the lane as time expired, the senior shot 6-8 from the field, which included four 3-pointers in the second half, good for 17 points for the game.

Buoyed by Frese's hot second half shooting and a team effort all night long, Iowa State nipped Nebraska 77-76 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"I was hoping that I would come around," Frese said. "I haven't been shooting the ball well, for I don't know how long."

"But coach (Bill Fennelly) has a lot of confidence in me, and he just keeps telling me to

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## Nee relishes chance to take over career wins list

*"Nebraska athletics have been stable long before Danny Nee got here, and that has been one of the strengths of this school."*

Danny Nee  
NU basketball coach

By Joshua Camenzind

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On Saturday, Nebraska Basketball Coach Danny Nee will be shooting to etch his name permanently in the record book as the winningest coach in NU history.

Nee, in his 14th season at the helm, is sitting on No. 253 now, which ties him with former Husker Coach Joe Cipriano. It took Cipriano four more years to accomplish the feat back in 1980.

The Brooklyn, N.Y. native's team is 10-10 at this point in the season heading into Saturday's matchup with Missouri. Nee wants to make sure this week's focus does not stray from the basketball



Nee