

Former Huskers Open Olympic Basketball Play

A pair of former Husker basketball players opened up Olympic play on Sunday. For Ade Dagunduro and Nigeria, the nation picked up its first-ever Olympic win with a 60-56 win over Tunisia, while Aleks Maric and Australia dropped a 75-71 decision to Brazil.

Both former Huskers made their Olympic debuts on Sunday. Nebraska is one of nine NCAA men's basketball programs with multiple Olympians in London this week. It is the first time Nebraska has had an Olympian in men's basketball.

Dagunduro came off the bench to score six points and grab a rebound in nearly 17 minutes in Nigeria's win. The former Husker guard was 1-of-5 shooting from the floor, but went 4-of-6 from the charity stripe, as Nigeria built a double-digit lead and held on in the final minutes against Tunisia, which downed Nigeria last year on its way to winning the FIBA Africa Championship. Maric had four points and two rebounds, hitting both of his shots from the floor, but played just eight minutes because of foul trouble in Australia's loss to Brazil.

Pool play continues this week, as Nigeria plays Lithuania Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. (central), while Australia takes on Spain at 3:15 a.m. on Tuesday.

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