

Sports

Pro hopes few for women cagers

By Scott Ahlstrand

Waymon Tisdale, Jay Humphries and Barry Stevens are Big Eight basketball players who seem certain to turn their basketball talent into professional careers. For Lisa Van Goor, the outlook isn't as bright.

Van Goor, an All-Big Eight center for the Colorado Buffaloes, will have few options for continuing her basketball career when she finishes her eligibility in 1985.

"It's frustrating," Van Goor said of the disparity. "You work so hard all through junior high, high school and college and then there's nothing."

For many women basketball players the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow will come in Europe. Van Goor said she will probably play in Europe after she leaves Colorado.

"I've been interested in playing in Europe for a while," Van Goor said.

American players in Europe have to deal with varying degrees of culture shock. Lynette Woodard, a former All-American for Kansas and a current assistant coach for the Jayhawks, spent the 1981-82 season playing basketball in northern Italy.

"I played in Schio, Italy and I was the only person in the whole town that spoke English," Woodard said. "You can only have one American per team in Europe, so culture shock plays a big factor in deciding whether or not you want to stay."

Although there is no professional women's basketball league in the United States, Van Goor said she has heard talk of a new league starting in the next year or two. The league will be backed by the sponsors of the now-defunct Women's Basketball League. The WBL began in 1979 but folded at the end of the 1980-81 season.

"Hopefully they learned their lesson from the last time," Van Goor said. "I know a lot of girls lost their salaries



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when the old league folded."

Holly Warlick, an assistant coach for Nebraska, was one of the players that went unpaid. Warlick played guard for the 1981-82 WBL champion Nebraska Wranglers, and like her

teammates, went unpaid for three months.

"We wanted to play and the team couldn't meet their payroll, so we went without getting paid for awhile," Warlick said. "But sooner or later you had to pay your bills."

Warlick said the difficulties the WBL faced were mainly because of mismanagement.

"There were some great players and great teams in that league," Warlick said. "There just wasn't any promotion or television package."

While Van Goor said she would definitely consider playing for the new league if it started, the veteran Warlick said she would be hesitant.

"I took my chance and I got burned," Warlick said. "The only way I'd play in a league again was if they had all the money up front."

One advantage the new league may have over its predecessor is the enthusiasm women's basketball could draw because of Olympic exposure. Woodard, who started for the United States team in the Pan American games last summer, said the Olympic Games in Los Angeles will help the future of women's basketball.

"The more visible it becomes, the more popular it will get," Woodard said.

Woodard's optimism is shared by many. Mavis Washington, an assistant coach at Nebraska, said women's basketball has made great progress in the last decade.

"It's going to take some time, but people will catch on," Washington said. "So much has changed already, that I can't help but see a promising future."

Washington said the lack of opportunities available to women basketball players could be a benefit to them.

"In a way it's good that women athletes don't have all the opportunities that the men do, because it forces the woman athlete to concentrate and get her degree. They don't have visions of playing in the pros," Washington said.

"A lot of guys end up in trouble because of those visions. Only a few players made it to the pros."

New lineup may spur gymnasts

By Jeff Goodwin

Rick Walton, UNL women's gymnastics coach, is serious about tonight's dual meet with Penn State. So serious, in fact, that Nebraska passed up the last night of the Red-White Classic in Tuscaloosa, Ala., this past weekend so his team could return to Lincoln to work out for an extra day.

Walton was candid about the effort the Huskers would need to upset Penn State.

"We still haven't hit this year," he said. "Against Penn State we'll have to hit. It will have to be the best meet we've had all year."

Walton said the Huskers would have a slightly different lineup for this meet.

Freshman Terri Hall, from Emmaus, Penn., will see her first competition of the year.

Walton said Hall has been battling a weight problem all season but it is under control now.

"She's definitely an excellent gymnast," Walton said. "We expect her to perform well."

Walton said Hall would compete in the vault, floor exercise, and possibly the balance beam events.

The Huskers finished fifth in the Red-White Classic, beating Maryland, but Walton said the quality of the six teams in the invitational was high.

"It was a very good field," Walton said. "Those three top teams (Georgia, Alabama and Ohio State) will probably be at nationals."

Penn State is also a strong contender for national honors, Walton said.

"They're very strong," he said. "Penn State and Ohio State are probably the top teams in that region."

Walton said the Huskers' main problem this year has been inconsistency on the balance beam.

"That's where we've been falling off," Walton said. "We've got to improve there. Our floor performances have been as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar." Walton said he expects his team to be ready for the meet.

"We'll have a lot of incentive," he said. "Being from Pennsylvania, Terri will have a lot of incentive. Plus, we lost a close meet back there last year. And we're

also at home."

Walton said a win against Penn State would definitely have an uplifting effect on his team.

"If we were to come out on top in this meet it would really give the team some incentive," he said.

After tonight's meet, the Huskers will have a brief rest before traveling to Iowa State on Saturday for a Big Eight meet.



Rec Scoreboard

(Sportsmanship ratings in parentheses)

Men's Basketball

Small Fry
The Kids (3.2) 47, Beta Theta Pi (3.2) 40
B.C. Boys (3.5) 80, Phi Gamma Delta (3.0) 48
Lambda Chi Alpha (3.2) 39, Peas, Porridge Hot (3.7) 37
Sigma Alpha Epsilon #1 (3.4) 46, Triangle (3.5) 28

Lightweight

Basketball (4.7) 48, Burr One West (5.0) 15
Four Jerks & A Squirt def. Selleck 8200 by forfeit
Hosers (4.0) 54, Harper Seven L (3.5) 23
Sigma Phi Epsilon def. Acacia by forfeit
Red I (4.0) 51, Sidetrack (4.0) 25
Who Knows, Cares & Why Bother (3.0) 55, Beta Sigma Psi (3.0) 34
Heavyweights (3.5) 64, Harper Eight (3.7) 42
Not Ready for BB Players (2.8) 50, Temporary Heroes (2.0) 49
Alpha Tau Omega (3.7) 56, Delta Upsilon (3.7) 42

Faculty and Staff

CBA One (3.7) 40, Belostomatids (4.2) 10
Animal Science (3.6) 43, Hamilton Animals (3.7) 18
Pseudo-Psych Squad (4.2) 32, Clowns (4.5) 2
Hamilton Lunatics (3.5) 35, Forestry (3.7) 23
Law College (3.2) 45, Wreck Crew (3.2) 38
Aggies (3.5) 46, CBA Two (3.2) 27

Independents A

Brass Rail (4.0) 68, No Names (2.5) 41
NROTC (3.0) 55, Board Members (3.5) 34
The Shrooms (4.0) 64, Bloto's Streak (4.2) 45
Don Ho's (3.7) 41, Math (3.7) 33
Hennig (4.2) 50, Pearl Harbor Crew (4.0) 43

Open

Dunks Unlimited (3.0) 50, The Aces (2.8) 43
Bud Boys (3.0) 55, Vitale's Bar & Grill (2.2) 40
Around the Corners (2.2) 61, Iguanas (3.0) 43
Shrooms (3.3) 56, No Names (3.3) 32

Fraternities

Beta Sigma Psi (3.5) 62, Sigma Alpha Epsilon (3.2) 46
Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.0) 52, Tau Kappa Epsilon (3.2) 43
Sigma Nu def. Chi Phi by forfeit
Theta Xi def. Kappa Sigma by forfeit

Women's Basketball

Gators (4.0) 45, Sandoz Six (4.2) 16
Abel Thirteen (3.7) 30, Sandoz Five/Risky Business (4.0) 16
Hooper Poopers (4.0) 36, Smith Seven (4.0) 27
Animals (3.2) 61, NPI Grads (3.0) 45
Smith Ten (3.2) 37, Good Buds (3.2) 17
Smith Six (4.7) 34, Hurlin' Units (4.7) 26
Abel Thirteen (4.0) 43, Pound Eight (4.0) 13

Co-Rec Volleyball

Holysmokers def. Daughters of Diana by forfeit
Abel Ten (3.2) def. Dirty Diggers (3.5) 15-10, 4-15, 15-11
Cather Three/Pound Seven (3.5) def. ATO/AZD (3.0) 15-6, 15-9
Legal Eagles I (4.0) def. Slugs/Sluggettes (2.7) 15-8, 15-5
Beta Sigs Plus (4.0) def. Furman's Palace (4.5) 15-5, 15-13
Lambda Chi Alpha def. Harper Eight by forfeit
Fig Mutants (4.5) def. The Quotation Marks (4.0) 15-7, 15-5
Nelhardt Staff (4.2) def. Guppies (4.2) 14-16, 15-12, 14-7
Odie's Revenge (4.8) def. Chemistry (4.8) 15-7, 7-15, 15-6
Beginner's Luck (3.7) def. High Five Bros. (3.5) 15-10, 15-4
Husker Hamm's (3.5) def. Wildifiers (3.2) 15-5, 15-7
AOP/Hashers (3.7) def. KAOS (4.0) 15-2, 14-10
Spiker's Six (3.7) def. Burr Two E & W (3.7) 15-4, 15-1
Leftovers (4.0) def. Wreck Crew (4.0) 15-5, 15-0

Gill signs contract

Former Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill signed a contract Monday afternoon with the Montreal Concordes of the Canadian Football League. The contract terms were not announced.