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Husker volleyball team wins championship crown in Big Eight tournament

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Nebraska's volleyball team downed Oklahoma in three sets Sunday to capture its tenth consecutive Big Eight Championship.

It took the Cornhuskers only 20 minutes to defeat the Sooners in the first game. Oklahoma jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, but the Huskers quickly tied the score. After that, they led the remainder of the game. Oklahoma mounted a comeback, but the closest they got was 9-5. The Huskers then rattled off the next 10 points to win 15-5.

Neither team took charge early in the second game. Oklahoma took a 1-0 lead, but a kill by Nebraska's Karen Dahlgren tied the score at 1-1. The Huskers then pushed their lead to 8-2 before giving up any more points. Nebraska went on to win the game, 15-4.

The third game took the longest of the three to complete. A kill by the Huskers' Kathi DeBoer put Nebraska on the scoreboard. Blocks from Annie Adamczak and Dahlgren increased Nebraska's lead to 4-0. Oklahoma countered by scoring three quick points to bring the game to within one. Nebraska then pulled away to 14-3. But then the Sooners went to work. They kept Nebraska from scoring their final point and slowly erased their deficit.

The Sooners pulled to within 14-13 before DeBoer finally had a kill to end the game and give Nebraska the title.

Adamczak and Dahlgren led Nebraska with 12 kills each. Enid Schonewise had 11. Oklahoma was led by Trenell Carter with 11. Debbie Carlson and

Kerri Mulry had 10 and nine kills, respectively.

"I thought we'd go out and play pretty loose," Oklahoma coach Miles Pabst said. "We were pretty tight to start with. We weren't playing poorly just kind of a hesitation of not wanting to go for the ball."

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit, who was named Big Eight Coach of the Year said his team played well.

"I like how we played in this tournament," he said. "We're starting to play some good volleyball now. I'm very optimistic about what kind of tournament team we'll be."

Pettit said he and his team didn't feel any pressure to repeat the championship.

"I don't think race horses feel pressure about running races," he said. "Jockeys might, but they (the players) just want to play."

Tisha Delaney, the tournament's most valuable player, agreed with Pettit.

"We never really looked at it like we have to win this," she said.

Nebraska had four players named to the all-tournament team, including DeBoer, Dahlgren, Sharon Kramer and Delaney. Other members were Iowa State's Linda Evans and Sharon Kuchan and Carlson from Oklahoma.

The Big Eight first and second teams for the regular season were also announced. Nebraska had three members: Dahlgren, Delaney and Adamczak. Adamczak was named player of the year. Others on the first team were Donna Lee and Renee Whitney from Kansas State and Missouri's Dianne Berg. DeBoer and Kramer were both named to the second team along with Oklahoma's Carter, Kuchan and Gretchen Wallhaus.



Nebraska's Karen Dahlgren (13) defends against an Oklahoma volley during the Big Eight volleyball tournament championship game Sunday, at Kansas City, Missouri.



Oklahoma's Margaret Page (9) is consoled by her mother as the Nebraska women's volleyball team is announced as the 1985 Big Eight tournament champions.

Team must work on performance, Hill says

By Kevin Warneke
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Nebraska women's basketball coach Kelly Hill said she was pleased with her team's 83-64 victory against Washburn on Saturday night in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Still, Hill said she was a little concerned with her team's performance.

Although the Cornhuskers trailed only once — when Washburn forward Bev Claycamp's basket gave the Lady Blues a 6-4 lead with 16:25 remaining in the first half — Hill said Nebraska lacked the killer instinct to put the game out of reach.

Although Nebraska built leads as large as 24 points, Hill said the Huskers kept letting Washburn stage short-lived comeback attempts.

'Shouldn't have happened'

"That was scary," said Hill, whose Huskers are now 1-0 on the season.

Hill said she also was concerned with her team's defense, which she said lacked intensity at times.

"That team shouldn't have been able to run against us," Hill said. "That shouldn't have happened."

Despite her team's first-game problems, Hill said she was satisfied with the win.

Hill said the Huskers have a team goal of keeping their opponents under 65 points. "And we did it," she said.

Nebraska's early lead let Hill clear the bench, giving her reserves playing time.

"We tried to play everyone in the first half," Hill said, "and with the comfortable lead we had, we could do that."

Although Hill said Washburn is one of the best NAIA women's basketball teams, she said she never had doubts that Nebraska wouldn't win. Nebraska did expect a good game, she said.

Strengthens program

Washburn Coach Pat Dick said the Lady Blues gained valuable experience, despite losing by 19 points.

Dick said Washburn tries to schedule a Division I school every season. It strengthens Washburn's basketball program, she said.

"I think it is a real treat when we get to play a Division I school," she said. "Just coming in here, our kids were a little in awe because our facility only

holds 4,000."

But Dick's team played mostly in front of empty seats, since most of the 7,340 people who attended the men's game with Wisconsin-Stout came after the women were finished playing.

Nebraska forward Maurice Ivy led the Huskers with 19 points on nine of 19 shooting from the field. Center Angie Miller added 18 points, while reserve guard Amy Stephens totalled 16 points.

Hill said she was especially impressed with Stephens' performance. Hill said she would wait until next week to decide whether to start Stephens against Missouri-Kansas City on Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo.

Washburn was led by Latisha Yarnell with 12 points.

Upcoming Nebraska games:

Dec. 3 at Missouri-Kansas City.

Dec. 7 Creighton — Bob Devaney Sports Center, 5:15 p.m.

Dec. 9 Grand View College —

BDSC, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 13-14 at Illinois tournament.

Dec. 20 UNO-BDSC, 5:15 p.m.

Dec. 29 at Texas Tech.

Dec. 30 at Texas A&M.



Nebraska's Maurice Ivy goes up for a shot against Washburn's Angie Suther in the Cornhuskers 83-64 win Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Nebraska is 1-0 this season, and plays Missouri-Kansas City Tuesday.

Men's basketball win lacks luster, Iba says

By Jeff Apel
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Nebraska fans may have received some consolations for the Cornhusker football team's loss to Oklahoma Saturday, when the Nebraska men's basketball team defeated Wisconsin-Stout 71-53.

Wisconsin-Stout, a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, managed to play Nebraska to a standoff midway through the first half, as the two teams were deadlocked at 16-16 with 9:39 remaining.

Cornhusker coach Moe Iba said his team's sluggish start resulted from its inability to get anything going offensively or defensively.

"I never dreamed we would go out and play

like that," Iba said. "I sure didn't think that we'd go out and not run our offense or show intensity. Our defense was very poor, too."

Two free throws by center Dave Hoppen, who led all scorers with 29 points, and a short jump shot by the Blue Devil's Mark Patterson tied the game 18-18.

Nebraska then reeled off six straight points.

A free throw by guard Harvey Marshall and two straight baskets by Hoppen offset three Blue Devil baskets to give the Huskers a 31-24 half-time lead.

Hoppen finished the half with 17 points to move into 10th place on the Big Eight's all-time scoring list with 1,764 career points.

"Hoppen had a good game," Iba said. "All we had to do was make three or four passes and we

would get him the ball, but it was mostly a nightmare all night long."

Nebraska took control of the game in the second half, as they twice opened up 20-point leads against the Blue Devils.

A free throw by forward Chris Logan at the beginning of the second half opened the scoring flood gates for the 1-0 Cornhuskers.

A technical foul on Wisconsin-Stout coach Dwain Mintz proved to be costly for the Blue Devils, as Nebraska was able to score seven straight points to take a 57-41 lead late in the game.

Guard Brian Carr accounted for five of the seven points in the scoring spurt, connecting on both ends of a one-and-one and then sinking the technical free throw.

Nebraska then took the ball out of bounds, and Carr sank a 20-foot jumper off a pass from freshman guard Darren Brown.

Brown then closed out the scoring spurt by sinking both ends of a one-and-one to give the Huskers their 18-point lead.

"That technical foul put them away," Iba said. "It was tough getting there, though, because I didn't expect them (Nebraska) to be jacked up higher than a kite, but we just stood around all night."

Mentz blamed his team's performance on the officials, who he said did a poor job.

"(The officiating) was a big homer job, are you kidding?" he said. "Take a look at the stats and see what the foul ratio was. You could see where the officials were going."