

Sports

Ivy, Miller power Huskers over K-State

By Chuck Green
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Nebraska has been less than successful in women's basketball over the past few years against Kansas State. The Cornhuskers had lost 19 of the last 21 games to the Lady Wildcats. Make that 19 of the last 22. Nebraska used late-game rebounds and 50 percent shooting from the field to defeat Kansas State, 73-70, Tuesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska	73
Player	Points
Hill	4
Miller	22
Block	2
Ivy	24
Bolli	8
Stephens	13

Kansas State	70
Player	Points
Green	11
Fitzpatrick	15
Thomas	12
Leiding	4
Durham	8
Holley	20

"It was a big win for us tonight," Nebraska coach Kelly Hill said. "A win is a win at this point of the season."

Nebraska raised its conference record to 3-4 with the win and 10-10 overall this season. Kansas State, also 3-4 in the conference, fell to 12-8 this season.

Both teams traded baskets to start the game and the lead was never more than two points until midway through the first half. With 4:32 remaining before inter-

mission, Kansas State forward Amanda Holley scored to put the Lady Cats ahead 26-22. Following a Nebraska time-out, Kansas State forward Carlisa Thomas scored from the inside to increase Kansas State's lead to six points.

But, the Huskers came back behind the free throw shooting of center Angie Miller and forward Maurice Ivy. Both players made two free throws to cut the Kansas State lead to 28-26. The teams then traded baskets for the remainder of the half to make the score 35-32 at intermission.

"I felt they (Nebraska) completely controlled the tempo in the first half," Kansas State coach Matilda Mossman said. "They did everything we expected them to."

Kansas State jumped to an early five-point lead in the second half, but the Huskers once again came fighting back. Baskets by Miller and forward Shelly Block cut the Lady Cat lead to 51-50 with 11:53 remaining.

The Huskers took the lead for good 29 seconds later on a basket by Ivy. Nebraska pulled down key rebounds at the end of the game to preserve the victory.

"Kansas State could have got those rebounds, taken them down the court and scored a three-point play, but we were able to get them (the rebounds)," Hill said.

Ivy led all scorers with 24 points, shooting 11 of 24 from the field and connecting on both free throw attempts. Miller added 22 points and Amy Stephens shot six of 10 from the field to score 13 points. Ivy led the Huskers in rebounds with 13. Holley led the Lady Cats with 20 points.

Nebraska travels to Columbia, Mo., to face the Tigers Saturday while Kansas State plays Colorado the same day in Manhattan, Kan.



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Kansas State's Carlisa Thomas, 23, beats Nebraska's Tiffany Hill, 5, to the rebound.

Freshman swimmer having 'best year ever'

By Jim Ballard
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Mike Irvin didn't know what to expect when he decided to come to Nebraska and swim for the Cornhuskers.

"I didn't know what to expect coming into college," he said. "I thought if I can help, I'll help, if I can't I won't. I'll just do my best."

So far, Irvin, a freshman from Riverside, Calif., has been happy with his performance.

"I feel I'm doing really well in contrast with my past years," he said. "In fact, this is my best year I've ever had, but it's not over yet."

Irvin, a two-time high school All-American, is a distance and individual medley swimmer. This season, he has the team's best times in the 1,000-yard and 1,650-yard freestyles and the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medleys.

"I like swimming the I.M. better, but they needed a long-distance swimmer, and I just happened to do it," he said.

Despite Irvin's All-American status in high school and his 10th-place finish in Swimming World's high school championships in the 200 individual medley, Irvin didn't receive many scholarship offers.

"I wasn't approached by too many schools and none in California," he said. "I had scholarship offers from Nebraska, Las Vegas, BYU and Hawaii. I chose Nebraska because they had the best overall program and the school was better than any of the others. Everything just fit together by coming here."

For a person who has lived all his life in California, a move to Nebraska might cause some problems, but Irvin said that he's handled it well.

"I've been out here before because I have some relatives who live in Iowa, so it's not too bad," Irvin said. "But there is quite a difference from spending just a few days to almost two-thirds of the year here," he said.

This past year, Irvin swam in the National Junior Olympics West meet and competed in the National Sports Festival.

In the Junior Olympic meet, he set a new record while winning the 200-meter I.M. and won the 400-meter I.M., placing eighth in the 800-meter freestyle. At the Sports Festival, he finished fourth in the 200 I.M. and sixth in the 400 I.M.

"The Sports Festival was the biggest thrill for me last summer," he said. "It was fun and a good experience to swim in a meet of that caliber."

"The Junior Nationals was not as impressive as that, but still everybody is there from the

Western-half of the nation, and I was really happy with how I did."

Irvin said he hopes he can place in the top 20 at NCAA Championships.

"As a team, the goal at the top of our pyramid is to score in the top 20 at the NCAA's and as a team we have the ability to do it," he said.

"My ultimate goal is to score in the championships this year, but my first goal is to make standards so that I can swim there," he added.

For his future as a Husker, Irvin also has set his goals high.

"I would really like to be a national champion in the 200 or 400 I.M. someday," Irvin said. "But I would be happy if in my junior and senior years I could just place in the top eight at Nationals to do something for the team in order to make Nebraska a stand-out program."

Husker men start new ballgame minus Hoppen; meet Wildcats tonight

Probable starters

Kansas State (13-8, 1-5)

Player	Point Average
F — Norris Coleman, 6-8	20.4
F — Ben Mitchell, 6-8	7.3
C — Ron Meyer, 6-9	4.3
G — Benny Green, 6-3	8.9
G — Joe Wright, 6-4	17.9

Nebraska (13-6, 3-3)

F — Bernard Day, 6-5	11.1
F — John Matzke, 6-7	3.8
C — Chris Logan, 6-5	4.7
G — Brian Carr, 6-1	10.8
G — Harvey Marshall, 6-3	10.5

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A new era in Nebraska men's basketball begins tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

For the first time in 3½ seasons, the Cornhuskers will play without Dave Hoppen.

The two-time all-Big Eight center and Nebraska's all-time leading scorer tore the ligaments in his left knee during the Huskers' 77-60 win over Colorado last Saturday.

"Our main problem will be on de-

fense," said Nebraska assistant coach Tom Baack. "We'll have a definite disadvantage because we won't have the height we had with him (Hoppen)."

Baack said the loss of the 6-11 senior "won't be easy," but Nebraska's players should be able to respond to the challenge.

Nebraska's main problem with the Wildcats will be to stop Norris Coleman, 6-8. The freshman forward, who came to Kansas State after spending four years with the U.S. Army, is averaging 20 points and eight rebounds a game. He earned all-Armed Forces honors while playing with the Fort Campbell team from Clarksville, Tenn.

"He's one of the best players in the league," Baack said. "He's a great shooter and he's very quick for his size. He's just a great all-around athlete."

Coleman weighs 220 pounds. The other Kansas State forward position will be filled by Ben Mitchell, a 6-9 senior. Ron Meyer, also 6-9, will be the Wildcat's center.

Nebraska likely will use Chris Logan against Meyer. Logan, a 6-5 senior, replaces Hoppen, who will undergo testing Friday to determine the extent of his knee injury.

Kansas State will start Benny Green and Joe Wright as guards. Wright, a 6-4 senior, is averaging 18 points a game.

The Huskers will go with their usual lineup other than the change at center. The forwards will be Bernard Day, 6-5, and John Matzke, 6-7. Harvey Marshall will play one guard position. Brian Carr will fill the other.

The loss of Hoppen will affect Nebraska to some extent, Baack said, but the team will not collapse.

"You can't lose a player of Dave's caliber and expect it to be easy," he said. "We'll have to do a few things differently and we'll have a smaller lineup, but we've got players who believe in themselves."

Intramurals

Women's swim meet tonight

The intramural women's swim meet will be held Wednesday at the Mabel Lee pool. Warmups for the meet will begin at 6 p.m.

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