

Husker cagers win state, head for regional play

By Susie Reitz

"We know who wins in overtime!" yelled a Husker spectator at the UNL-Wayne State College women's basketball game Sunday night.

And, true to prediction, the Huskers did it. Rebounding from a 60-51 loss Sunday afternoon to Wayne State, the Huskers won 68-65 in overtime of the state tournament finale in the Coliseum. Earlier in the double-elimination tournament, the Huskers beat Wayne State 71-66 in overtime.

Wayne beat the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) 68-56 Saturday night for the right to meet UNL Sunday afternoon.

"I was just glad to win it," said a happy UNL Coach George Nicodemus after the final win. "I was afraid they'd give up because Wayne's won state the last three years."

Freshman Darcy Williamson led the Huskers with 25 points in Sunday night's game.

Williamson hit a corner shot with 49 seconds left in regulation time to put the Huskers ahead 48-46 but Wayne State's Pat McKay sank a basket to tie the score with 20 seconds left.

In overtime, UNL sophomore Sherry Brink hit a key

basket then added two free throws to give the Huskers the final three-point advantage.

Nicodemus praised junior guard Kathy Hawkins and freshman forward Deb Lee for their defensive play. Hawkins also had 19 points.

"Deb played her best defensive game all year in the last five minutes," Nicodemus said.

Fouls plagued both teams. The Huskers lost their tallest players when senior Jan Zink and freshman Jan Crouch fouled out while Wayne State lost their leading outside shooter, Bobbi Brockhage, to fouls.

Fouling also was a problem in the Sunday afternoon's game. UNL lost Hawkins, who was leading on steals, and Wayne State lost McKay, their tallest player and second leading scorer with 10 points. Crouch led UNL with 13 points. Brockhage led Wayne State with 13 while Kunzman and McKay each had 10.

In the first game of the tournament Friday night, UNL blasted UNO 73-59. Hawkins, Crouch and Brink each tallied 16 points while Zink added 12.

"The balanced scoring was what helped us,"

Balanced scoring also was the key in UNL's 71-66 overtime win Saturday over Wayne State. Trailing by 12 points in the first five minutes, the Huskers came back to

lead 32-30 at halftime. The lead changed hands several times in the second half, with neither team leading by more than three points.

With the score tied 57-57 with 15 seconds to go, Hawkins dumped in a layup to put the Huskers ahead 59-57 but Becky Kelley of Wayne State answered with 15-foot jump shot at the buzzer to tie the score.

In overtime, UNL fired off eight points before Wayne could score. The Huskers maintained the lead to win.

Hawkins topped UNL with 18, Lee scored a personal season high of 13 and freshman Marta Pritchard also had 13. Crouch netted 10.



Photos by Steve Boerner

Guard Kathy Hawkins (25) fires a pass to forward Sherry Brink (43), above, in the Huskers' 73-59 win over the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the state tournament Friday night. Below, guard Darcy Williamson (35) snares a rebound in the same game.

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Freshman Ellen Hollander won four events and swam on a winning relay team pacing the Huskers to a second-place finish in the Big 8 Conference swim meet Friday and Saturday at Stillwater, Okla. The University of Kansas defended its title with 489 points and UNL totaled 419½. Iowa State University and the University of Missouri followed with 391 and 362, respectively.

Hollander won the 100-yard individual medley and the 50-, 100- and 200-yard breaststrokes, the last three in Big 8 record times of :33.4, 1:12.9 and 2:37, respectively. She also placed second in the 50-yard butterfly and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.

She joined freshman Lise Magee, senior Ruth Spencer and sophomore Mikki Crosby on the 400-yard medley relay team which set the conference record of 4:23.9.

Spencer added second-place finishes in all three breaststroke events, while Magee took second in the 100-yard freestyle, fourth in the 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard freestyle, fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard backstroke.

Crosby placed second in the 200-yard butterfly and sixth in the 100-yard butterfly. Junior Deb Petersen took fifth in the 50-yard backstroke.

Freshman Kristi Wells led Husker divers with a first in the three-meter diving and a second in the one-meter diving. Freshman Lois Hayman finished fifth in both events, while senior Nancy Dykes had a sixth in the three-meter.

UNL bounced back from a nine-point halftime deficit Saturday to tie the basketball game at the end of regulation, but the Huskers faltered in overtime and lost to the University of Missouri (MU), 95-84, in Columbia.

MU remains atop the Big 8 with a 10-1 record. Kansas State University Saturday beat the University of Kansas, 69-54, for a 9-2 Big 8 record and second place. The third-place Huskers have a 7-4 league record and virtually are out of the race with three games remaining.

The Tigers shot a hot 63.6 per cent from the field and were led by guard Willie Smith's 31 points. Senior guard Jerry Fort led the Huskers with 22 points, hitting eight of 27 shots from the field. Junior Bob Siegel added 21 points and 10 rebounds.

The Husker men's swimming team dropped two duals on the road, losing to the University of Oklahoma (OU), 85-26, Friday and to Oklahoma State University (OSU), 71-42, Saturday.

Junior Pat DiBiase was the only Husker winner against OU, capturing the 200-yard breaststroke. Second-place finishes went to sophomore Bryan Moss in the 200-yard breaststroke, junior Paul Duxbury in the 50-yard freestyle and junior John Dahir in the 200-yard butterfly.

Against OSU, DiBiase had his unbeaten dual record snapped as he finished second to teammate Moss in the 200-yard breaststroke. Duxbury added a first in the 50-yard freestyle and a second in the 100-yard freestyle. Senior Dave Watermeier was the other Husker winner in the one-meter diving.

Second places went to sophomore Pat Murphy in the 1,000-yard freestyle, sophomore Mark Adamson in the 200-yard freestyle, freshman Mark Crowder in the 50-yard freestyle, senior Scott Ruser in the 200-yard individual medley and Dahir in the 200-yard butterfly.

Thunderchickens wings clipped

Last week's 41-35 victory by Top of the Tower over the previously unbeaten Thunderchickens boosted that team to second in this week's intramural Top 10.

Top of the Tower previously was ranked sixth, while the Thunderchickens, ranked second, dropped completely out of the Top 10.

Top of the Tower is a team made up predominantly of sophomore graduates of Lincoln Southeast High School. Six players on the team played at Southeast, said team member Rick Reynolds, son of former Husker football All-American Bobby Reynolds.

Sophomore Reynolds is one of the newest members after transferring to UNL from Oklahoma State University.

Most of the team was together last year, Reynolds said, but they lost three players who went out for varsity baseball this season. Last year Top of the Tower was defeated once in the regular season and once in tournament play.

- Top 10
1. 1841 5-0
 2. Top of the Tower 8-0
 3. Beta Theta Pi (A) 5-0
 4. Aces 5-0
 5. Beta Sigma Psi 5-0
 6. Brass Fall 4-0
 7. Cather 8 6-0
 8. Delta Tau Delta 4-1
 9. Abel 5 5-0
 10. Cather 13 6-0

