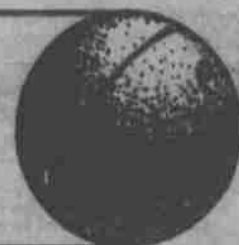


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Women roundballers shooting for national top 20

By Mike McCarthy

The UNL women's basketball team could be rated nationally if it defeats Kansas State University (KSU) Saturday in Lincoln.

At least that is what Mel Greenberg told Husker coach



Photo by Ted Kirk

Nebraska's Kathy Hawkins has a shot blocked in a game earlier this season. The women's basketball team may be rated nationally if they beat Kansas State University Saturday.

George Nicodemus when UNL returned from the Turkey Tournament in Springfield, Mo. Sunday.

Greenberg has constructed a poll for the Philadelphia Enquirer. The poller called Nicodemus and said UNL could be rated by defeating the Wildcats. Greenberg has KSU rated 17th in the nation, while the Street and Smith women's basketball poll rates them 15th.

Last year, the Wildcats won the Big 8 Conference. "We can beat anyone in the country if we play a normal game," Nicodemus said. "That means we have to shoot better than 40 per cent and keep our turnovers down between eight and 15."

Grand View game tonight

However, before facing the Wildcats, the Huskers must host Grand View College of Des Moines, Iowa, at 7:30 p.m. today in the Coliseum.

Grand View played the Wildcats Wednesday night. The results of that game were not available at publication time. Grand View was 0-4 before Wednesday's game.

Both the Grand View and Kansas State games (and all the women's home games) will be broadcast by KRNU, the campus radio station, 90.3 FM.

Nicodemus said the Huskers will have to win at least two of every three games they play if they expect to be rated. They currently have a 6-3 record. The Huskers went 2-1 at the Turkey Tournament, finishing third.

In the tournament's consolation game last Sunday, UNL hit only 27 of 91 shots, and Nicodemus said he is not sure what the problem was. UNL, however, still won 57-48 over Wichita State University.

"We were terrible," he said. "Maybe we had so many open shots that it scared them. We took good shots, but they're not arching the ball."

Inexperience hurts

Nicodemus said the biggest problem was a lack of tournament experience.

Nicodemus had problems of his own with the officials in the tournament's semi-final game with Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU). With 13 minutes left in the contest, officials ejected Nicodemus from the game.

"I objected to a foul that was called, and the officiating," Nicodemus said. "We were really getting it by their man-to-man defense."

Nicodemus said on one play, after he was ejected, a Husker player shook her arms on a rebound to ward off

defenders. She did not hit anyone with the motions, but the officials gave NWMSU the ball, he said.

The officials said swinging of a player's arms constitutes a foul, regardless of contact, Nicodemus said.

'Call deserved protest'

"If I was still in the game, I probably would have objected to that and got thrown out then," he said.

The Huskers lost the game 65-57 as NWMSU made 17 of 23 free throws. The Huskers connected on one of two free throw attempts.

Nicodemus said he has been pleased with most of the Husker's play, citing the performances of Marta Pritchard, Deb Lee and Jan Crouch. The Huskers' leading scorer last year, Darcy Williamson, has been sidelined with a knee injury for several weeks, but might return to action in January.

Grand View has always been tough, Nicodemus said. "They beat us by 12 points last year," he said. "They have a new coach this year and I don't know what exactly to expect."

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The Husker men's basketball team will play the University of Hawaii tonight at 8 p.m. Hawaiian time. However, the game won't begin until midnight Lincoln time.

The Huskers played Hawaii-Hilo Wednesday night, the results of which were not available at the time of publication.

For those basketball fans planning on being up late tonight, the Nebraska-Hawaii game will be broadcast by KLIN, beginning at midnight, at 1400 on the AM dial.

UNL students interested in going on a ski trip to Park City, Utah, sponsored by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Dept., should register today, the registration deadline. For additional information, call 475-6734.

Sometimes things don't appear to be what they really are. Below, Husker sophomore Brian Banks is guarded in a game last year by a South Carolina player who appears to have a real head for the game. Below right, Husker baseball coach Tony Sharpe may wish he had a number of players with as many legs and arms as the one (?) pictured.



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