

Despite crowd, Lady Huskers lose to rated UCLA

By Mark Getzfred

It was an unexpected start for freshman Ami Beiriger against the 14th ranked UCLA Bruins Saturday night, but the Hastings native responded to the challenge.

Beiriger got the nod when Laura Tietjen, who was scheduled to start for the Lady Huskers, came up with the flu before Saturday's contest.

"Ami played very well," said Lady Husker Basketball Coach Lorrie Gallagher. She said Beiriger is young and made some mistakes, but played with great intensity and hustle.

The freshman guard scored six points, dished out five assists and had two steals against the Bruins as the Lady Huskers took the defending AIAW champs to the wire before falling 72-63. A crowd of 6,000, the largest in Nebraska women's basketball history, viewed the game.

Inside game hurt

Led by All-Americans Anita Ortega and Denise Curry, with 21 and 16 points, the Bruins' inside game hurt the Lady Huskers in the first half. Ortega canned 11 first half points to give UCLA a 35-27 halftime lead.

Nebraska had jumped out to a 6-2 lead early in the game on a basket by Mathaline Otis and two freethrows each by Grainne Murray and Diane DelVigna.

But Nebraska turnovers and the strong rebounding of UCLA kept NU trailing throughout the first half. After NU center Carol Garey pulled Nebraska to an 8-8 tie with 14 minutes left in the first half, cold shooting

plagued NU for the next seven minutes. The result was a 25-12 UCLA lead.

Nebraska, however, closed to within eight points, 35-27 at halftime.

Gallagher said she was proud of the job the shorter Huskers did on the boards. The Bruins out-rebounded the Lady Huskers by two in the first half and finished with a 41-32 edge.

DelVigna, the 5-9 forward from Oakland, Calif., kept the Lady Huskers in the basketball game throughout the second half as she finished with a game high 24 points.

With 12:55 left, DelVigna hit both ends of a one-and-one to close NU within seven, 50-43. Four minutes later a DelVigna tip-in had NU within five, 56-51.

Two field goals by Nebraska's Janet Smith and a steal and subsequent basket by Ami Beiriger kept the Lady Huskers within five points late in the game.

Turnovers hurt

But turnovers and fouls caused by the Nebraska press made the score look lopsided at the end, Gallagher said.

She said Nebraska's defense played well. Grainne Murray, she added, played very well against the Bruins 6-5 center, Melanie Horn.

Beiriger said the Lady Huskers tried to keep the Bruins off balance by switching defenses throughout the game.

Nebraska's full court press didn't work because they weren't getting the traps in the corners, she said.

Gallagher added she had wanted to go into the full court press with three and one half minutes left in the game. A mix-up on the court prevented it, she said.

"The girls are playing good basketball," Gallagher said. And the crowd of 6,000 helped them and may generate some interest in the game, she added.

Young and improving

"They want Nebraska's support," Gallagher said. "It helped them to come out tonight and hear someone cheering for them."

Gallagher said her team, with an 18-9 record, is young and improving. If they had beaten UCLA, they would have been rated, she added.

"I'd play UCLA every year if I could," she said. "I'd play Tennessee, Old Dominion, Wayland Baptist—every team I could with a reputation that could help you."

The Lady Huskers will again play the preliminary game Saturday at 5:15 when they host Northwest Missouri State.

Women's track team wins invitational

By Paul Huscher

The Nebraska women's track team kept most of the gold at home Saturday by capturing first place in the Husker Invitational Track and Field Meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

NU won gold medals in 12 of the meet's 16 events, including a sweep of all three relays.

The Huskers dominated the meet which included eight other schools, and finished with 171 points, 50 points ahead of second place Iowa.

The other schools competing in the meet finished in the following order: Mankato State (56), UNO (43), Wyoming (34), Central Iowa (32), Drake (26), South Dakota (11), and Wesleyan (2).

Husker head coach Carol Frost, who is in her third year at UNL, said she felt Nebraska did very well despite having some injuries.

Frost said North Platte sophomore Cindy Tatum performed superbly.

Tatum earns golds

Despite being plagued by flu and a fever, Tatum earned four gold medals. She won the 300- and 60-yard dashes and anchored the winning 880 and one mile relay teams.

Tatum, who has qualified for the AIAW nationals in three events (60-yard dash, 880 and one mile relays), said she is very optimistic about the upcoming Big Eight meet, which will be in Lincoln Feb. 17-18.

"We beat Iowa State last week and they won the Big Eight last year," Tatum said. "It's hard to say, but I think we'll do really well. I think we'll surprise a lot of people."

The crowd, which was estimated at 2,500, really picked up the team, she said.

The women's meet was held simultaneously with the men's dual with Kansas, which NU won 70-61.

NU senior Cindy Dixon also drew praise from Frost for her mile run victory.

Dixon set a new school indoor record in the mile run, taking first place with a 4:48.3 winning time, best in the Big Eight this year.

Dixon also anchored Nebraska's winning medley relay team.

Other than Dixon's record-setting mile time five other Husker records were broken.

School records broken

Sharon Burrill, a freshman from Denver, Colo., captured first place in the high jump with a 5-10 leap, erasing her mark of 5-9, which she set last week.

Karen Frazee, a junior from Summerfield, Kan., who switched from the NU women's basketball team to join the track team, set a new NU indoor record for the pentathlon.

Winning three of the five events in the pentathlon, Frazee earned 3,441 points, which was enough to qualify her for the AIAW nationals. She edged out teammate Sondra Obermeier, who finished second with 3,305 points.

Karen Woods, a freshman from Carson City, Nev., finished third in the shot put but managed to set a new NU record with a throw of 43'1 1/2". She broke the old mark of 42'8" set in 1977 by Deb Raddatz, who finished fourth in Saturday's meet.

Other first places

Betty Selman, Julie Seaton and Janet Bates combined with Cindy Tatum to set a new school record in the 880 yard relay with a time of 1:43.8.

Other first place finishes by the NU women included Julie Seaton in the 440-yard dash (57.99), Lisa Kramer in the 1,000 yard run (2:39.6), and Cheryl Zajic in the 60-yard hurdles (:08.26). Sharon Burrill and Janet Bates finished 1-2 in the long jump with jumps of 18'1" and 17'8" respectively.

The Huskers next meet will be at Wisconsin on Feb. 10.

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