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Not all Sooner fans pick their Big Red

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As one might expect, Oklahoma is the fan's choice in Norman to win Saturday's NU-OU shootout, but there is some doubt.

The Daily Nebraskan randomly contacted 18 Norman residents Monday and four said they felt the Huskers would win the game. However, 12 stuck with their Sooners and two were undecided.

H.J. Gamble, an Oklahoma university employee at OU, said he was "afraid" Nebraska was going to win because of how close the OU-Missouri game was last Saturday.

"If I were a betting man, I'd put my money on Nebraska, but it will be a close game. I am going to hope for the best (an Oklahoma victory) but expect the worst."

Jerry Hancock, a real estate salesman, said the majority of the people in his office think Nebraska will win.

"I am not an avid fan of Sooner football, I am just a realistic fan," Hancock said. "Nebraska will win."

Another person that thought the Huskers would win is Bob Carrell, Dean of OU's School of Journalism.

"I am afraid that you guys (Nebraska) have the horses this time and I think the difference will be the defense," Carrell said.

Linda Capello, homemaker, said, "I don't know who will win, but my husband (Ken) seems to think that Nebraska will win because they have a better team than Oklahoma this year."

An Oklahoma's player's wife said she thought the Sooners would win. Lori Taton, wife of OU starting

defensive end Bruce Taton said, "I think we're going to win. I want to go to the Orange Bowl. Our defense is very powerful and it will be enough to hold Nebraska's offense."

Taton, a receptionist, said the players think they're going to win. "I don't think it will be by a wide margin though."

Ava Johnson and Fred Morton also believe the Sooners will win, but that it will be a close game.

"I think OU will win, but only by a five or six point spread," said Johnson, who is a student at OU.

"It will be a close game, but I think OU will pull it out by three points, provided they don't screw up and make a lot of mistakes," said Morton, a 1977 OU graduate who works for KOMA radio in Oklahoma City. Morton added that if the Sooners do lose, he hopes they play Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

The owners of the Boardwalk Cafe, a campus night-spot, also predicted a three-point Sooner win.

"I think it will probably be 24-21 Oklahoma," said Mike Smith, who was speaking for co-owner Jack Rosenberger as well. "I think the main reason will be Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims getting his 200 yards a game."

Two people thought the question of who was going to win Saturday's game is a "dumb" one.

"I think Oklahoma will win, any more dumb questions," said Judy Travis, who works part-time giving acting lessons. "We've gotten the best of Nebraska the past few years and since the game is here, it won't be any different this year."

"That's a dumb question, we know OU will win be-

cause they're the better team," said Jo Ann Smith, an employee at the Holiday Inn.

Constant Young, who is retired, said she "guessed" the Sooners would win.

"I may be going up the river without a paddle, but I think the Sooners will win," Young said.

Two people thought the game was a toss-up.

"I really don't know who will win, it's a toss-up," said housewife Barbara Witson. "It could go either way."

Steve Fulton, leader of a band called Oleo, said, "I think it will be really close. I'd rate it a toss up. Whoever is emotionally on top will win the game because the teams are pretty evenly matched in the skilled departments."

Three OU students were confident of a Sooner victory.

Lisa Hamilton, an OU freshman from Lawton, Okla., "Oklahoma will win. The main reason is they will still hold their title as Big Eight champs. I just think they're a better team."

Denise Crnelius, a freshman from Yukon, Okla. said, "OU will win. If OU doesn't fumble a lot and can keep from getting sloppy, I think they'll win."

Diane Benson, a junior, added "I think Oklahoma will win because they're the better team."

One Norman woman who wished not to be identified might have summed Oklahoma's attitude toward the game best.

"I think everybody down here is pretty worried about it."

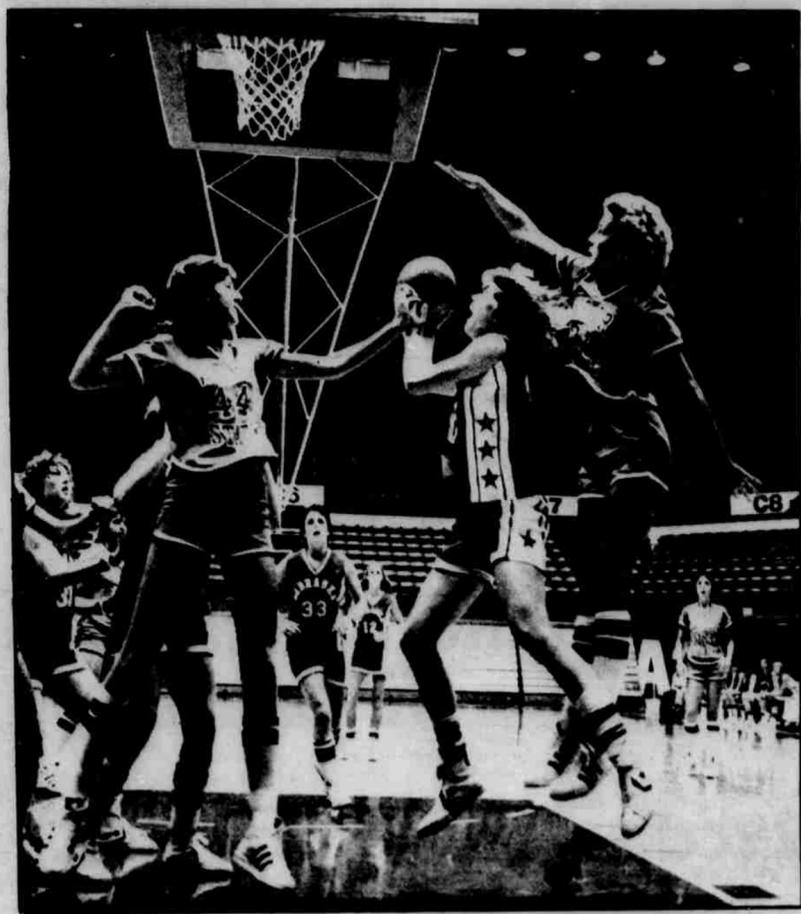


Photo by Mitch Hrdlicka

Nebraska freshman Kathy Hagerstrom (40) goes up for a shot in the Huskers 83-68 win over Weber State Saturday morning in the Husker Invitational. Defending are Cindy Stumph (44) and Jenny Wilkening (31). Hagerstrom was third in scoring and rebounding for the Huskers, who won all three games they played.

Huskers sweep top places at Invite

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team opened its season by taking first place in the eight-team Iowa Invitational Gymnastics meet Sunday at the University of Iowa.

The Lady Huskers set an all-time Nebraska record with a 138.15 score, while taking the first four places in the all-around.

Fourth-year head coach Judy Schalk's team dominated the meet by outscoring Iowa, the second place team, by 12 points.

Senior Patti Carmichael-Gerard took the all-around title with a 35.65 score. She also won the vault and the floor exercise with

9.3 and 9.1 scores.

Second-semester freshman Renee Reisdorff finished second in the all-around competition with a 35.10 mark while winning the balance beam.

Crissy Robertson and freshman Debbie Harrison took third and fourth in the all-around competition with 33.85 and 33.25 scores, respectively.

Carmichael-Gerard and Reisdorff travel to the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Friday to compete in the Midwest Open.

The Huskers face the University of Iowa Dec. 15 in their home opener.

Carmichael-Gerard core of fledgling gymnast squad

By Paul Huscher

Nebraska's two-time defending Big Eight champion women's gymnastics team will be stronger this year despite losing its top all-rounder from last year's team, according to Patti Carmichael-Gerard.

Head Coach Judy Schalk's top all-rounder this year, Carmichael-Gerard (wife of former Husker gymnast Larry Gerard), who replaced last year's top performer Peggy Liddick, said despite having a young team the Huskers have more depth and better talent than last year's team which finished 11th in the nation a year ago.

"I'm really excited about this year," said the 22-year-old senior from Montgomeryville, Pa. "This year's team has exceptional talent to go along with a good team attitude."

"Everyone's working real hard and the young girls have been making exceptional progress," she said. "I really believe we can break into the top five teams in the nation if we can stay away from injuries."

She also pointed out that the team is larger this year (13 girls compared to eight last year). This year's team has two seniors, two sophomores and nine freshman.

Carmichael-Gerard said injuries will play a big role in the team's performance this year because "any little injury can hold you up from training."

The Lady Huskers also are helped by an excellent coaching staff, she said.

"Judy (Schalk) is a fine coach. She helped put me back together when I came here," she said. "She was able to make me finish 12th in the World University games (the highest collegiate level in the United States)."

Being one of two seniors on the team, along with Crissy Robertson, Carmichael-Gerard said she is also the oldest member of the team.

"I'm considered the old lady of the team and I'm probably one of the oldest female collegiate athletes in the U.S.," she said.

"I've been in gymnastics a long time, probably the longest on the team, so I'm able to give pointers to the other girls," she said.

Carmichael-Gerard said she has been in a lot of big meets "so I know what it takes to achieve and get ahead, and I can help the girls out in this way also."

"I would like to finish this year out well," she said. "I want to achieve as much as I did last year."

Carmichael-Gerard, the Big Eight's defending floor exercise champion said she has several goals for this year.

"I'll have to do much better this year to finish as high as I did last year, because of improved competition," she said. "To finish 10th in the nation this year (as she did last year) I'll have to perform well enough to finish about sixth last year."

Finishing fifth in the floor exercise at nationals last year helped her earn AIAW All-American honors.

She said another goal is to become an All-American again and to "bring home a few more Big Eight medals instead of just one like last year."

She said her routines are coming along well, but her school work will be a big factor this year.

Keeping her grade point average around 3.3 will require a lot of time studying, time that could be used for gymnastic training, she said.

Carmichael-Gerard, a political science major, said she hopes to attend the University of Nebraska College of Law after she graduates in May.

"I believe in a world after gymnastics," she said. "I hope to make the same accomplishments in my future work as I have in gymnastics."

Another reason she is satisfied with her gymnastics career is the fact that she met her husband at Nebraska, she said.

Gerard was one of Nebraska's top all-arounders from last year's NCAA championship gymnastics team coached by Francis Allen.

She said Gerard is presently training for the 1980 Moscow Olympics and coaching gymnastics at Lincoln Southeast High School.

Carmichael-Gerard said she will also be going to Moscow in 1980. She will go in July with NBC-TV as a technical assistant and statistician.

She said she kids her husband about going to Moscow. "He doesn't like the idea of his wife going for sure," she said.

Chances are you'll see both of them in Moscow because Gerard recently placed third in the World Games behind Bart Conner and Curt Thomas, and his wife said his chances of making the U.S. Olympic team are "pretty good."