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Osborne: Huskers must adjust to Wildcat line-up

By Pat Beecham

Kansas State will come into Memorial Stadium Saturday with a 2-6 record, but Husker Head Coach Tom Osborne said that with a couple of different breaks it could have been a different season for the Wildcats.

"Even though they have lost their last three games to Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas, a different bounce here or another step there could have resulted in one, two or even three wins," Osborne said.

The Wildcats were defeated by Kansas last week 20-18 in a game that easily could have gone either way, said Kansas State assistant coach Carl Selmer.

"It (Kansas game) was a game we could've won," Selmer said. "It was a knock down-dragout affair and we just came up short."

The week before the Kansas game, the

Wildcats played Missouri within 10 points in a game that was close the whole way. Selmer said barely coming up short two weeks in a row may have a couple of different effects on the team.

"It helps to know that you've been able to play with both teams," Selmer said. "But sometimes it's kind of depressing to play good and not get a win."

Osborne said that Kansas State is not a team to be taken lightly, and hopes the Huskers will not be looking past the Wildcats.

"Kansas has a good team," Osborne said. "They hit hard and play good football. They had a good chance to beat Missouri as lose and they could've won last week."

Selmer said the Wildcats will come into the Nebraska game fairly healthy. Pete Brown, Rick Lewis and Wade Wentling are still out and some players were a little

bruised at the beginning of the week, Selmer said.

The Kansas State offense will be led by Darrell Dickey, son of Head Coach Jim Dickey. Osborne said that the Wildcats have a good passing attack and Dickey is a good quarterback.

Dickey helped Kansas State jump out to an early lead in last year's game against Nebraska when he connected on a 26-yard pass for a touchdown, early in the first quarter. The Wildcats lost 21-12.

L.J. Brown is the Wildcats leading rusher so far this year. He rushed for only 56 yards on 15 carries against Kansas, but Husker assistant coach Tony Samules, who scouted the game, said that Brown is a good running back.

On defense, the Wildcats are led by all-Big Eight end James Walker and linebacker

Tim Cole, a second team all-Big Eight pick last year.

Osborne said the Wildcats are an active team and Nebraska may have to do some adjusting.

"Kansas State is one of those teams you don't know where they are going to line up," Osborne said. "We may be doing a heck of a lot of adjusting in the first quarter."

Selmer said the key for the Wildcats will be playing good defense and putting some points on the board.

"It looks like Nebraska's leading the nation in a lot of statistical categories," Selmer said. "We'll just have to play good defense and try to control the ball and score as many points as we can and hope that's enough."

Coach says women's basketball team has potential for building tradition

By Pat Beecham

Nebraska women's basketball team will head into its 1980-81 season with an "optimistic" outlook. Head Coach Colleen Matsuhara said.

"We will be a young team," Matsuhara said. "But players have been working real hard and they've done everything we've asked them to do."

Matsuhara is in her first year as head coach after being an assistant coach at UCLA. She said there is a definite transition from assistant to head coach, but she is ready to take on the challenge.

"It takes time for players to adjust to our (new coaches) philosophy, and it will take some time for us to adjust to the players," Matsuhara said. "But there is definitely potential to build a basketball tradition in Nebraska."

Nebraska will be coming off a 23-17 season last year. The Huskers finished seventh in the Big Eight and although young, they do have some experience returning.

Kathy Hagerstrom, the Huskers second leading scorer a year ago with an 11.2 point per game average will be back. Hagerstrom also averaged 6.9 rebounds a game last year.

Hagerstrom will get a lot of help on the boards from the Huskers leading rebounder from a year ago, Janet Smith. Smith averaged 9.3 rebounds a game to go along with her 8.6 points per game.

Along with Hagerstrom and Smith, Ami Beiriger, the Huskers fifth leading scorer a year ago with an eight point average, will also be back.

Chris Leigh, Carla Saveri, Donna Unwin and Molly Shanahan are the remaining upperclassmen on the Huskers' roster, Matsuhara said.

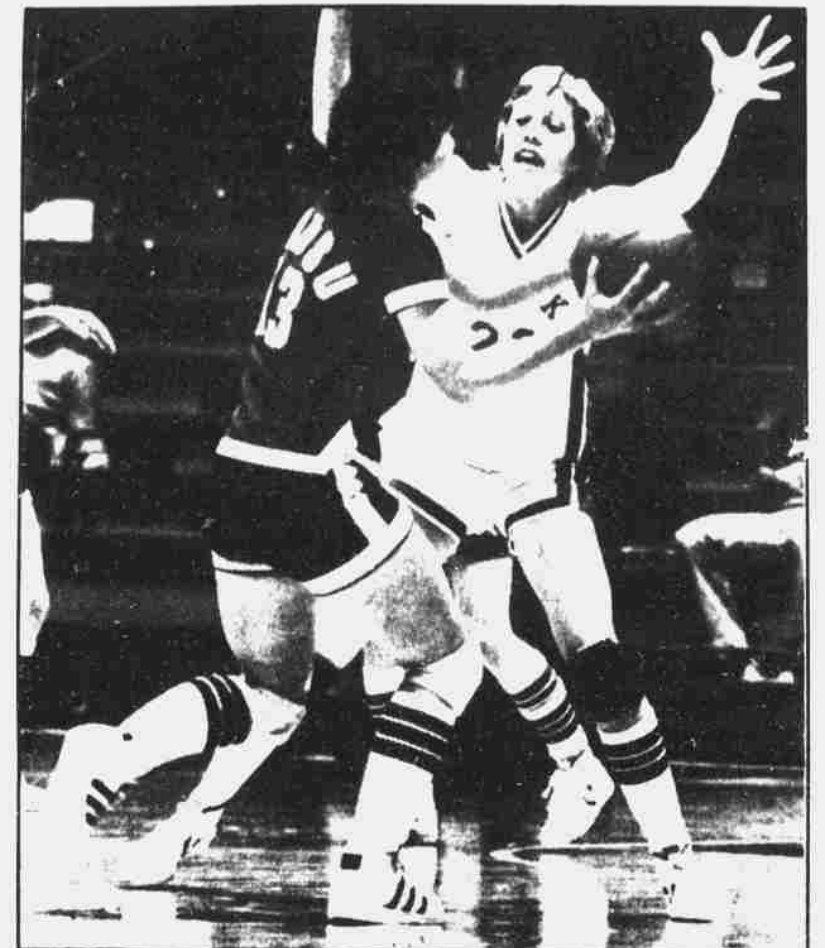
Matsuhara said that the Huskers have some younger players who also should contribute to the cause.

Freshman Kelli Benson, who was the Nebraska athlete of the year last year, and Susan Keith could "help us out right away" Matsuhara said.

Currently, Matsuhara said the players are working out with weights and are working hard at it.

Matsuhara said the team's main goal this year is to improve their standing in the Big Eight tournament.

The Huskers will get a chance to see the competition when they open up their season on Nov. 21 against one of the Big Eight pre-season favorites, Kansas.



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Nebraska sophomore Chris Leigh puts pressure on a Northwest Missouri State player.

Volleyball team to meet Mexican national squad

By Joni Kramer

Preparing mental attitude through some hard practices is helping the women's volleyball team, according to Coach Terry Pettit as the Huskers get ready to meet the Mexican National Team Nov. 10th in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"Making improvements in our blocking and defensive playing will put us in good shape," Pettit said. "With Regionals coming up on the 20th, we're in the most important and intense part of the season. We need to be mentally tough."

This game against the Mexican Nationals will be a good competition at this point in the season, Pettit said.

"This match won't be as important as Regionals, but it's still important to the girls," he said. "We'll have some excellent competition, so we'll prepare for this match as we would for any other."

When the National Team arrives, they'll be bringing a strong and experienced team, Pettit said.

"There will be some young people on their team, but basically it will be an older team than we are. Most of the members have been playing volleyball 10-12 years," Pettit said.

Eight members of the Mexican National team played on the Mexican Olympic team that took fifth in Moscow. The team's most pronounced player, according to Pettit is Blanca Garcia, who has been on the Mexican Olympic team since 1968. Even though this match won't be part of Nebraska's collegiate record, Pettit said his team will look at it as another step in their season and treat it that way.

"At this match we don't want just one string team on the court, we want to be competitive. We'll try and win," Pettit said. "Our team has seen progress though the Big Eight and UCLA. Fundamentally we're doing good things. Now everything's just a matter of mental toughness."

According to Pettit, the Husker squad is excited about this opportunity.

"Maybe some other sports teams have had the chance to play a foreign team, but this is the first time it's happened in volleyball. Few people ever have the opportunity to play in an international competition. It's something to be excited, and the team is. I'm very pleased," Pettit said.

The match will begin at 7 p.m. with warm-ups at 6 and opening ceremonies at 6:25. Pettit said he can't guess on the crowd, but he is hoping to stir interest in university students to attend.

"I'd say 2,000 would be a pretty good draw for the match, but I really don't know what kind of response we'll get," Pettit said.

"The high schools are having district play right now,

but nothing is going on here on campus," he said. "The student ticket price is only a dollar, in hopes of getting some more student support."

"I know we'll reach the avid volleyball fans, but I'm trying to interest a number of students that haven't had the chance to experience volleyball, especially at this caliber," he said.

Chief's revengers will capitalize on Seattle

Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay: I finally picked a Steeler victory, and chances are good that I'll get to pick another, since Pittsburgh faces their second straight NFC opponent. **Pittsburgh by 17.**

Dallas at the New York Giants: The Giants are beat up, and in no shape to challenge the Cowboys. Dallas should continue its march through the lower echelon of the NFC Eastern Division. **Dallas by 10.**

Washington at Chicago: It is no secret that the death of former Redskin linebacker Harold McClinton had an unsettling effect on Washington's performance a week ago. Chicago desperately needs a victory, so don't be surprised if the Redskins are taken off the Vegas sheet for the second week in a row. **The Bears by four.**

Detroit at Minnesota: Minnesota's passing attack, regardless of which quarterback they start, should be able to bury the Lion's secondary. Granted, the Lions are slipping a bit, but they still have the breakaway threat in running back Billy Sims that can keep them in the game. **The Lions by two.**

Atlanta at St. Louis: Atlanta has butchered the AFC segment of their schedule, and they will come into St. Louis with a much improved defense over a year ago. Then, you ask, why I'm taking St. Louis? I don't know. **The Cards by five.**

Cleveland at Baltimore: Both teams like to pass, and can do so very well. Neither team can defend against the pass at all. **Baltimore by three.**

San Francisco at Green Bay: The Packers are playing some surprisingly good football, and they'll be playing in front of the home fans, which should be enough for anybody to handle San Francisco. **The Pack by seven.**

Miami at Los Angeles: Miami has one of the worst pass defenses in the NFL, and they'll be facing the best quarterback in the NFL, Vince Ferragamo. Does anything else need to be said? **The Rams by 11.**

Buffalo at New York Jets: The Jets have as much talent as anyone in the league, but as a team—well all you have to do is look at the league standings. **The Bills by six.**

Denver at San Diego: The San Diego receiving corps of John Jefferson, Kellen Winslow, and Charlie Joiner should feast on Denver's injury-riddled defense. **San Diego by 13.**

Kansas City at Seattle: The Seahawks are still winless at home, and Kansas City will be coming in with revenge definitely on their minds. The Seattle defense will fail again. **The Chiefs by eight.**

Philadelphia at New Orleans: The league's best team is facing the league's worst team. It could be a case of dial-a-spread here. **The Eagles by 17.**

Cincinnati at Oakland: The Cincinnati defense should keep the game close, but Oakland stalwarts Jim Plunkett and Kenny King should push the Raiders over the hump. **Oakland by seven.**

The Monday Night Game—New England at Houston: The quick strike ability of New England vs. the ball control philosophy of Houston. I rate it as a toss-up, but I can't go against the "Luv Ya Blu" fans of the Astrodome. **The Oilers by four.**

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