

Sports

Late rally allows cagers to defeat Missouri, 85-77

By Julie Bauer

The UNL women's basketball team had to rally in the last minutes of the game Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center to defeat Central Missouri State, 85-77.

The Huskers jumped out early in the game taking a 10-2 lead in the first five minutes of the half, but Central Missouri State stormed back behind the shooting of Carla Eades, who scored 12 points in the first half, and lead all scorers for the night with 20 points. With 4:48 left in the half, Missouri tied the score with a field goal by Tammy Noah. Despite their efforts, Nebraska couldn't regain the lead before the half and went to the locker room behind, 43-37.

"After they broke our press we sort of fell apart in the first half," said Coach Kelly Hill. "So at the half I told them we had to start playing defense and stopping their big shooters, like Eades."

In the second half the Jennies of Central Missouri looked like they might run away with the game as they pulled ahead 47-39.

Missouri called a time out with 16:40 left in the game, and Nebraska took advantage of it by starting to take charge.

With 12:39 showing on the clock freshman Angie Miller hit a field goal

to tie the game at 53. The rest of the game the score see-sawed back and forth between the Jennies and the Huskers. Noah got a offensive rebound on a Central Missouri missed free throw and put it back up for two, to give Central Missouri a 61-57 lead but that was to be their biggest lead before Nebraska tied and eventually went ahead 67-65, sparked by three back-to-back field goals by Miller.

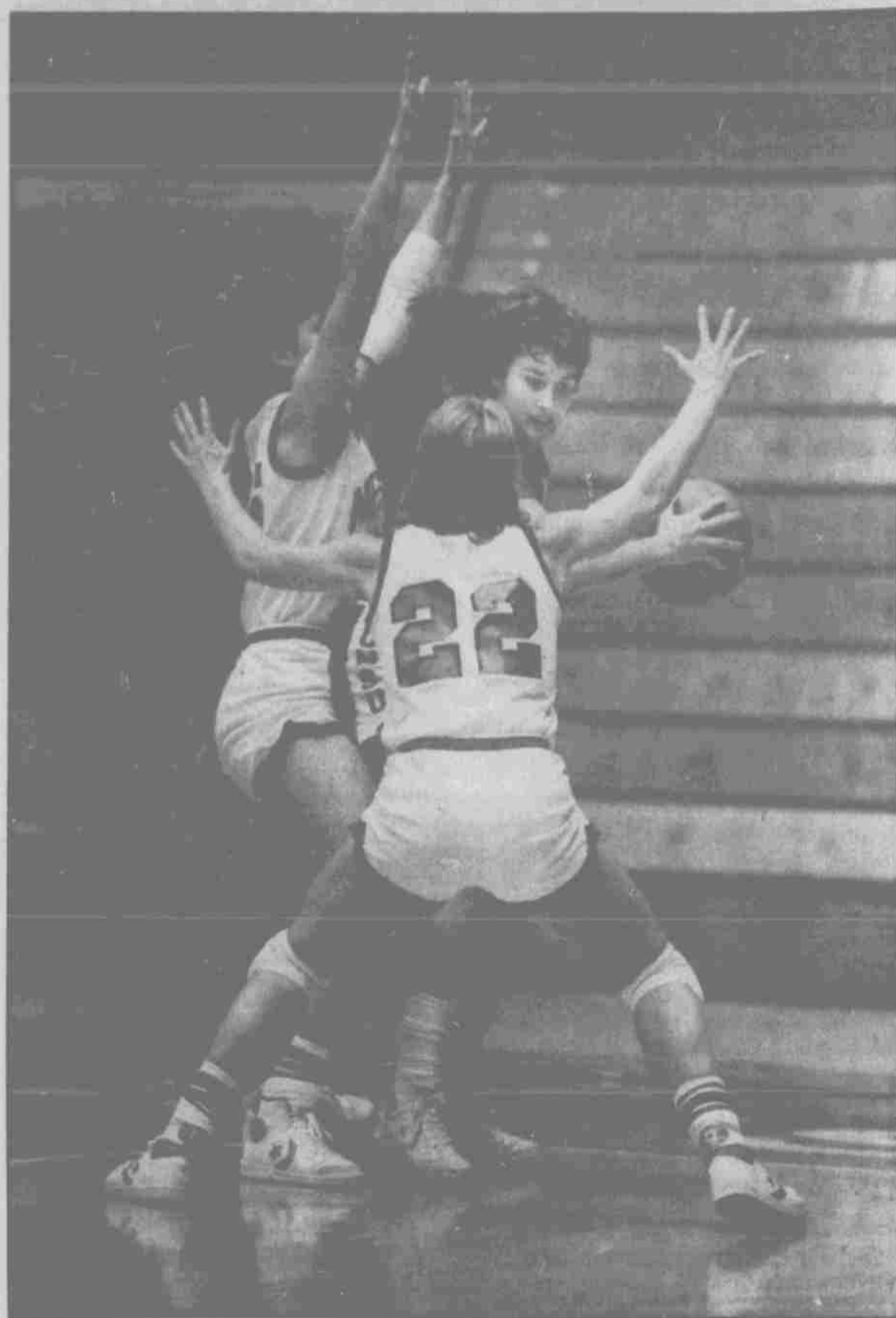
North Missouri fought back one more time and tied the score at 75, but a Crystal Coleman field goal from 15 feet out gave the Huskers a 77-75 advantage. Debra Powell increased their lead by four with a basket and then Kelli Benson completed a three point play to ice the game. The Jennies were forced to foul and the Huskers wrapped up the game winning 85-77.

Coach Hill said she felt good about the win despite the close match.

"Central Missouri is a good team, they were division II finalists last year. I think that we really played smart in the second half and that helped. Our guards showed maturity tonight as players, they knew when to run the fast break and when to slow it down."

Miller and Coleman both chipped in 18 points for the winning cause followed by Benson who had 15. Miller also led in rebounding with 9.

The 5-1 Huskers take on New Mexico State next on December 22 at the Sports Center.



Staff photo by Dan Kuhns

Nebraska's Terri Parrott (left) and Stacy Imming pressure Central Missouri State's Carola Eades during Wednesday night's game.

Legends spur Schnellenberger's success

By Jeff Browne

Howard Schnellenberger had almost no choice but to become a successful college football coach. After all, he was trained at the knee of such legends as Bear Bryant, George Allen, Don Shula and Blanton Collier.

Schnellenberger, who is in his fifth year at The University of Miami as coach of the Hurricanes, ranks those experiences, though, as a step below his current assignment at Coral Gables.

"It's hard to say if this is the most fun I've ever had coaching," he said, "From the head coaching standpoint, it's the most challenging thing I've ever done."

The challenge was to take a team that had lost more than two-thirds of its games in the past four years and turn it into a winner. Prior to accepting the job at Miami in 1979, Schnellenberger had only been a head coach once, with the Baltimore Colts. He hadn't been around college football since 1965, when Bryant and Alabama had to play Nebraska in the Orange Bowl that year to claim the national

crown. The Crimson Tide beat the Huskers 39-28.

"Working with Coach Bryant was such a great learning experience," Schnellenberger said. "I was very fortunate to be able to coach for him. I worked under a lot of great coaches."

As an assistant coach for Don Shula and his Miami Dolphins from 1970-72 and from 1975-78, Schnellenberger said he learned that a team can't be successful if it doesn't have an effective defense.

That may be why the Hurricane defense has been one of the nation's statistical leaders throughout the season. It's lack of national attention also has drawn comparison to the Dolphins fearsome "No-name Defense" of the early 1970s.

"That term's been thrown around some," Schnellenberger said, "but that Miami squad was a great defensive football team. We're just a bunch of scrappy players. The sum is better than the individual parts."

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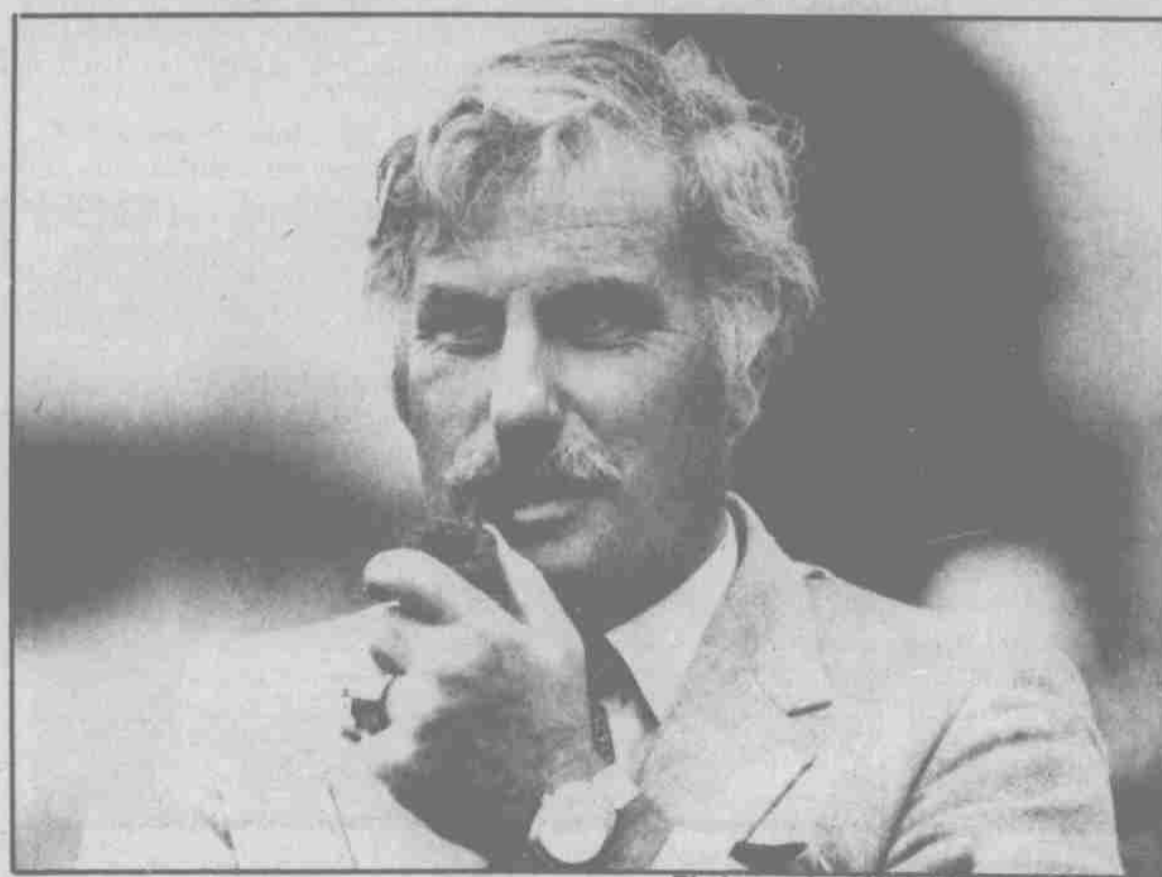


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Howard Schnellenberger

Swimmers plan Florida winter workouts

By Jim Rasmussen

After breaking 14 school records at the Southern Illinois Invitational two weeks ago, the Nebraska women's swim team will be going to sunny Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for its winter workouts during semester break.

Coach Ray Huppert said team members will meet in Ft. Lauderdale Dec. 27 after spending Christmas with their families. The swimmers will undergo 10 to 12 days of training in Florida before returning to Lincoln Jan. 9.

Huppert said his swimmers are eagerly anticipating the trip.

"They're getting excited," Huppert said. "But first,

they've got to get excited about their final exams."

The Cornhuskers will be training at Pine Crest High School in Ft. Lauderdale during the trip. Huppert said the school has excellent facilities, and will allow the Huskers to spend all the time they need in the water.

Huppert said most college teams that train in Ft. Lauderdale use the Hall of Fame pool, but Nebraska won't because "it's very crowded there, and you don't get the amount of pool time we want."

The Pine Crest facilities were made available to the Huskers because Kenya Kelly, one of the team members, is a Pine Crest alumna, Huppert said.

Huppert said the workouts in Florida will be much more intensive than the team's usual workouts.

"We can train the kids harder in terms of yards and intensity, because between workouts they can relax and go to the beach. They don't have to worry about going to class or studying for tests."

The trip won't be all practice, however, as the Huskers will meet North Carolina State in dual meet Jan. 5 at Pine Crest.

"That will be a great challenge for us," Huppert said. "N.C. State finished in the top 15 in the nation last year, and they've got an excellent team."

Many of the team members were able to get tickets to the Orange Bowl, Huppert said, and will attend the Nebraska-Miami matchup Jan. 2, in Miami.

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