

# Sports

## Huskers rustle a pair from OSU

### Nebraska breaks away to rout Oklahoma State

By Scott Ahlstrand

Nebraska's women's basketball team pulled away from a 43-42 halftime lead to beat Oklahoma State 85-73 Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska's fourth consecutive win moved them to 3-2 in the Big Eight and 13-5 overall.

Coach Kelly Hill said the Cornhuskers' shooting, led by junior Cathy Owen freshman Angie Miller provided the the winning margin.

"Our outside shots were hitting, and that helps you build confidence on defense," Hill said. "We mixed up our defenses, and I think they were confused in the first half."

Nebraska took an early lead in the game, but could never get more than five points ahead of the Cowgirls.

Oklahoma State used a balanced attack keyed by Candy Hicks and Jackie Glosson to pull within one at halftime. The Cornhuskers utilized the play of Miller and junior Debra Powell in the first half. Powell scored 15 points while Miller pumped in 12.

Powell's 15 points moved the St. Louis native into third place on Nebraska's all-time scoring chart.

Miller, normally Nebraska's starting center, moved to forward against the Cowgirls.

"They put a box and one on Debra and that opened it for Angie on the outside," Hill said. "At first I don't think she realized how open she was. And then she started hitting her shots."

The Cornhuskers trailed Oklahoma State 46-45 early in the second half, but Nebraska went ahead on the jumper

by Miller.

Nebraska played much of the second half without Powell, who picked up her fourth foul early in the half, but maintained its narrow lead.

Nebraska then rattled off nine unanswered points to take a 12 point lead. Owen scored six points during that stretch.

"I can't say enough about the way Cathy Owen's playing," Hill said. "She's picked up the slack for us on offense and defense."

The rest of the half saw the Cowgirls draw to within six before succumbing to Nebraska's fast break.

Hill said that the Cowgirls' play puzzled her.

"I'm surprised by what they didn't do," Hill said. "They beat Missouri by two points and we lost to Missouri by 20."

Oklahoma State Coach Dick Halterman said that his team had trouble getting motivated against unranked teams.

While Halterman said Nebraska's aggressive play was a key to the game, he also said poor officiating was important. The Cowgirls were whistled for 21 personal fouls. Nebraska made 19 of 26 for 21 free throws compared to Oklahoma's State's nine of 12.

"I'm new to the Big Eight," Halterman said. "The officiating in the Big Eight is atrocious."

Owen said that the Huskers played well in the victory.

"I think we've played with a lot of intensity in the last three games," Owen said. "Everyone's contributing—we're all doing our job."



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Debra Coleman of Nebraska is headed off at the pass by Oklahoma State's Candy Hicks and Denise Derrieux (55).

## Cowboys lose in Husker corral

By Bob Asmussen

David Ponce hit a 5-foot jump shot off a designed play to boost Nebraska to a 54-52 overtime victory against Oklahoma State.

Tied 52-52, Nebraska called a timeout with 28 seconds to go in overtime. Cornhusker Coach Moe Iba called for a "clear-out" play for Ponce.

"The play was designed for Ponce to pass to teammate Stan Cloudy or to shoot the ball myself.

"I was going to throw it back out to Stan," Ponce said. "But I figured what the heck, I'll let it go."

Iba agreed with the senior guard's judgment. "After Dave saw that Stan was covered, he went to the basket and made a great shot," Iba said.

The win ended a three-game Big Eight losing streak for Nebraska. It raised the Huskers' record to 2-3 in the conference and 12-6 overall. Oklahoma State drops to 3-2 and 11-7.

Prospects for a Nebraska victory appeared bleak in the first half, as a deliberate Cowboy offense led Oklahoma State to a 31-22 halftime lead.

The Cowboys started the game in a spread-out offense. They held the ball the first 2:13 until a five-second call on Raymond Crenshaw gave Nebraska possession. Iba said the delay game took the enthusiasm away from the Nebraska fans and players. Oklahoma State Coach Paul Hansen said they used the spread offense to counter Nebraska's aggressive defense.

"It's an offensive tactic we wanted to use against quick teams that want to press. We wanted to see if they were going to jump on us with full-court pressure or not," Hansen said.

The Cowboys' first-half charge was led by the play of sophomore forward Joe Atkinson. Atkinson scored 13 points before intermission, on 6 of 11 shooting from the field. Atkinson was held to two second-half points and finished the night with 15.

Nebraska outscored the Cowboys 16-4 in the first 4:12 of the second half to take a 38-35 lead. The Cowboys battled back and took a 39-38 lead at 12:34 when Bill Self's layup was goaltended by John Matzke.

Dave Hoppen got the lead back for Nebraska at 12:13. Winfred Case's jumper at 10:44 gave the Cowboys a 41-40 lead. Oklahoma State would not trail again in regulation time.

Consecutive offensive fouls on Case allowed Nebraska to come back and tie the game on a Hoppen free throw.

Oklahoma State held the ball for the final minute of regulation, but a shot by Case from the lane rolled off the rim with three seconds to go and Hoppen snared the rebound.

Hoppen missed a shot at the buzzer that would have given Nebraska a victory in regulation time.

The win marked the 10th consecutive time Oklahoma State has lost to Nebraska at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Hoppen led Nebraska with 23 points and 11 rebounds. He was the only Husker in double figures. Crenshaw led the Cowboys with 19 points.

"I was really worried because I thought they might come out the second half playing their stall basketball," Hoppen said.

"If we would have lost this ball game I'm sure that their heads would have been down pretty well," Iba said.



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Angie Miller puts a hand in the face of OSU's Vicki Johnson in the first half of Wednesday night's 85-73 Husker victory.