

# Cowgirls' strategy pays off in 87-79 win

By Stu Pospisil and Bob Assmussen

STILLWATER, Okla. — They might not have started, but Oklahoma State's top five players finished off Nebraska's women's basketball team 87-79 at Gallagher Hall Wednesday night.

Cowgirls Coach Dick Halterman benched four starters for the first six minutes of the game, as Nebraska led 14-12. Nebraska was able to increase its lead to 26-20 with 7:59 left in the first half on the torrid playing of Debra Powell and Angie Miller.

Jackie Glosson, OSU's hottest shooter in the past two games, then found her range, scoring seven points in a 14-4 spurt that gave the Cowgirls a 34-30 lead with 1:55 left.

Nebraska Coach Kelly Hill said, "He (Halterman) was just playing a little game. I don't know what he was doing."

A Miller basket brought Nebraska back to a tie at 36 with 21 seconds remaining before Candy Hicks' 17-footer at the four second mark gave the Cowgirls the lead for good.

Oklahoma State took control of the game early in the second half as fouls and cold shooting plagued the Huskers, who had hit on 18 of 27 first-half shots. Trailing 51-44 with 12:27 to go, Powell, who had hit on all eight of her field goal attempts, went to the bench with her fourth personal foul. Less than a minute later, Nebraska starter

Kelli Benson fouled out, after picking up four first-half personals.

With those two out of the lineup, Oklahoma State outscored Nebraska 17-8, as Powell picked up her fifth with 5:14 to go.

"It hurt to have Debra Powell and Kelli Benson foul out," Hill said. "Next year the Big Eight will be assigning officials."

Nebraska was whistled for 26 fouls to the host's 19, but Oklahoma State was in the bonus situation for more than 11 minutes.

The Cowgirls shot 21 of 31 free throws, including nine of 11 from Cathy Schulz, who led all scorers with 31 points. Nineteen of their points came after intermission.

Stacy Imming picked up the scoring slack for the Huskers in the second half, scoring 14 of the team-leading 22 points. Miller finished with 18 and Powell 16.

"We didn't play so bad the last few minutes," Hill said. "Their effort was real good and the defensive intensity was also. They played hard until the end."

Hill said she expects to be meeting the Cowgirls in Stillwater in the first round of the Big Eight tournament.

"We'll be ready for them," Hill said. Nebraska drops to 15-9, 5-6 in the conference, while Oklahoma State is 15-9, 6-5 in the conference.

## Swimmers...

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"Last year when I got sick I lost a lot of strength which affected my performance, but this year I didn't lose that much when I got sick," Ricketts said. "I've been in the water for practice the past couple of days and I'm ready for the Big Eight."

Coach Huppert said Ricketts is the favorite to win the distance events in the meet.

Kansas' main strengths are the 200 Individual medley, 400 IM and the 100 and 400 butterfly. Huppert feels the depth Kansas has is the key to their success in these events.

"Kansas is going to have five and six competitors in each of these events, while we're able to enter two or three girls, that's what's going to hurt us," Huppert said. "But the girls we enter are excellent in their events; Susan Cashman in the 200 IM and 400 IM, Kenya Kelly in the 400 butterfly, and Dana Powers in the 100 butterfly will all be extremely competitive."

This is the women's team's second biggest meet of the season, and after Nebraska's performance in

the Southern Illinois Invitational, Huppert is convinced his team can face the challenge of big meet pressure.

"The girls' performance was super at the first invitational, I think they're ready for another one," Huppert said. "I think it's good we don't schedule too many big meets during the season

because it makes it easier for the girls to get up for major competition."

While Kansas is the favorite to take the meet, Nebraska isn't out of the picture and Huppert said his team and Kansas should be the leaders.

Nebraska left for Lawrence Tuesday in order to get adjusted to the swimming environment.

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# Huskers win again on the road

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Again on Wednesday, Nebraska proved why it enjoys the home court advantage everywhere but in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Led by Dave Hoppen's 27 points, Nebraska posted its fourth Big Eight road victory of the season, defeating Oklahoma State, 67-64.

Hoppen's 17 first half points gave Nebraska a 38-31 lead, which the Huskers expanded to 15 midway through the second half. Oklahoma State then rallied furiously to make it 61-58 with 1:05 remaining. Nebraska was able to hold off the Cowboys with clutch free-throw shooting by Stan Cloudy and Curtis Moore.

The win kept Nebraska in a third place tie with a 5-6 conference record.

The Huskers are 15-9 overall.

Nebraska Coach Moe Iba said, "I don't know who won tonight and I don't care. All I know is that we have to go home and win two games."

The Huskers play Colorado Saturday and Kansas State Tuesday.

The Huskers seemingly had the game under control with a 56-47 lead at the 8:21 mark, but Oklahoma State scored seven straight points and 17 of 22. Winifred Case connected on four long-range jumpers and Charles Williams scored twice on offensive rebounds to lead the charge.

Nebraska played the final minute without Hoppen, who had a potential game-clinching dunk wiped out by his fifth foul on a charging call.

Hoppen said, "Joe Atkinson and I were running

side by side and I knew he had no chance for the charge. There was no way he was planted."

Hoppen, 11 of 15 shooting, all in the game's first 28 minutes, aided Nebraska in shooting 68 percent from the field. The Huskers made 23 of 34 field goal attempts, including 9 of 12 in the second half.

Cloudy's 20 points were divided evenly between the first and second halves, but his four biggest points came at the end as he sank four free-throws in the last 57 seconds.

"I think we found the old Stan Cloudy," Hoppen said. "He's playing like he did in the NIT last year."

Nebraska took an early 11-4 lead as Oklahoma State centers John Nielson and Shawn Baker were in foul trouble. The Cowboys rallied to take a 19-18

lead with 10 minutes to go on two free-throws by Raymond Crenshaw, who led Oklahoma State scorers with 19. It was the Cowboys' last lead of the game.

Nebraska then outscored Oklahoma State 12-6 in the next six minutes, culminating in a Hoppen slam dunk on a pass from Cloudy.

Nebraska out rebounded the Cowboys 37-22, including 10 rebounds by Hoppen.

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