

# Centers spark Husker women to victory



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By Scott Ahlstrand

For once the Husker centers saw eye to eye with their opponents, and the results were overpowering.

The Nebraska women's basketball team, sparked by the strong inside play of Angie Miller and Heidi Keyes, raced their way to a 92-67 victory against Colorado Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. For one of the few games this year, Nebraska's height matched up with an opponent's.

Miller hit eight of her 11 field goal attempts, went five for five from the free throw line and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Huskers. Keyes played only ten minutes, but the 6-3 freshman went five for six from the field and two for two from the line.

"Heidi really played a good game," Coach Kelly Hill said. "We were able to post up with her and she was effective."

The lead seesawed for the first 10 minutes of the game, but with Colorado ahead 23-21 with 7:43 to go, the Huskers made a 25-6 run and entered the locker room with a 46-29 halftime advantage.

"They're one of the teams in the conference that we're able to match up well with," Hill said. "We played a full-court press in the first half and it worked. For the most part we were able to shut them down."

The second half was a continuation of the first. Nebraska dropped the press but added to their lead. Hill substituted freely and every Husker entered the scoring column.

"When you're ahead by a lot, you're not as tense when you come into the game," Keyes said. "You weren't too worried if you missed a shot, because you knew you'd get another chance. I think it made everybody play a little looser."

In addition to Miller and Keyes, Nebraska also got double-figure output from Debra Powell (14 points), Kellie Benson (11), Cathy Owen (10) and Shelly Block (10).

Colorado's leading scorer, Diane Hiemstra, entered the game with an 18-point average, but the 5-11 senior was scoreless in the first half. Hiemstra managed to tally 10 points in the second half but only hit

three of her 11 attempts from the field.

"There's no question that we were keying on stopping Hiemstra," Hill said. "Cathy (Owen) did a good job on her in the first half. And she scored most of her points in the second half late in the game."

The Huskers played in front of a season high home crowd of 1,736 which Keyes said played a major role in Nebraska's quick start.

"It was great coming out and hearing a lot of people cheering for us," Keyes said. "It really psyched the team up. We were ready to play."

The win moves Nebraska to 16-9 overall and 6-6 in the conference. The Buffaloes fell to 9-16, and 2-9 in the Big Eight. The Huskers maintain an outside chance at finishing in the conference's top four and hosting a conference post-season tournament game. Nebraska's next opponent is Kansas State in Lincoln Tuesday. Hill said Nebraska will have to play well to stay with the nationally ranked Wildcats.

"We'll need all the confidence we can get going into Kansas State," Hill said. "We'll have our hands full. They're one of the best teams in the country."

Angie Miller goes up for two of her game-high 21 points in the Huskers' victory against Colorado Saturday.

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## Wrestlers take fourth place, three champions in Big Eight

By Kevin Warneke

Led by the Scherr brothers, Jim and Bill, and Gary Albright, the Nebraska wrestling squad captured fourth place in the Big Eight Conference tournament.

Nebraska finished with three individual champions and three fourth place finishers, as it racked up 43 team points, 50 points behind defending champion Oklahoma State.

Iowa State finished second, eight points ahead of third place Oklahoma. Missouri trailed the pack with 32 team points.

According to assistant sports information director Rod Henkel, Nebraska could not have overtaken Oklahoma had Matt Campbell, Chris Marissette and William Taylor captured third place instead of fourth.

At 177, Jim Scherr defeated Okla-

homa's Dan Chaid, 8-5, to capture first place, while his brother, Bill, at 190, defeated Oklahoma State's Karl Lynes, 6-4. Nebraska heavyweight Gary Albright defeated Iowa State's Darryl Peterson, 10-3, to give Nebraska a clean sweep in the upper-weight divisions.

Nebraska Coach Bob Fehrs said he was elated about his three champions.

"Tremendous! I'm just as happy as one can be about the fact that we had three champions," he said. "That was our goal and that is our strength."

Fehrs also said he was proud of the Scherrs, who competed in their last conference tournament.

"They've done so much for the Nebraska wrestling program. They've been the bulk of our program," he said. "They're champions in wrestling and as individuals. If every coach had a group of Scherrs, coaches wouldn't retire."

## Kansas wins 10th swimming crown

The University of Kansas women captured the Big Eight Swimming and Diving Championships for the 10th consecutive year Saturday. Nebraska took second place, 101 1/2 points behind KU. Missouri finished third while Oklahoma and Iowa State followed in fourth and fifth places.

Last year, Nebraska placed second 427 points behind Kansas. Nebraska Coach Ray Huppert called the score his team's "best performance ever."

Sophomore Emily Ricketts won the 200-yard freestyle Friday and finished second in the 1,650-yard freestyle Saturday with a 17:06.86 time. Freshman Dana Powers placed second in the 100-yard freestyle in 51:48. Powers was Nebraska's only qualifier for the NCAA championships, March 15-17, in Indianapolis.

Kenya Kelly finished third in the 200-yard butterfly, establishing a new school record time of 2:05.88.

Conference coaches voted KU's Jenny Wagstaff swimmer of the year.

Kansas Coach Gary Kempf and Missouri Coach John Little tied for Coach of the Year. Nebraska Coach Jeff Huber was voted Diving Coach of the Year.

"I'm very excited and pleased with the direction our program at Nebraska is heading," Huppert told the World Herald News Service. "I know one thing for sure, we are looking forward to hosting next year's championship."

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