

# Husker Basketball

## Breakin' not yet out of style for experienced Husker team

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After finishing in sixth place in the Big Eight Conference last year, Nebraska's women's basketball team will have little else to do but go up.

Coach Kelly Hill said overall team experience will help the younger players on the team.

"With as much experience as we have on the team, and the quickness that we have, we should give the other teams in the conference a real tough time," Hill said.

The Huskers will rely on the old fast break to overcome height problems. Three seniors, Debra Powell, Cathy Owen, and Terri Parriott, will lead the attack. Powell is currently second on the all-time scoring list at UNL with 17.0 points per game, and she led the team in scoring last year.

Owen led the nation in free throw percentage last year with a mark of 88.3 percent.

Terri Parriott is a 5-11 forward who last year averaged 6.3 points a game and 3.8 rebounds per game. Hill said she will play Parriott mostly in the post position, and that she should be an improved player after playing with the Athletes in Action team last summer.

The Huskers picked up High School All-American Maurtice Ivy from Omaha Central. She was one of the nation's top recruits and Hill thinks that Ivy's strong jumping ability will contribute to the team.

"Maurtice has outstanding athletic ability," Hill said. "She is still learning the sys-

tem here and adjusting to college, but as the season progresses, I am sure the fans will see more of her."

Hill said the team will have one of the toughest schedules in the nation. It will play in the Dial Classic tournament in December, which will feature national powers Tennessee and Northeast Louisiana.

"We will be playing several teams in the pre-season that were at one time last year in the Top 20," Hill said.

Hill said the Big Eight is one of the toughest conferences in the nation. Missouri and Kansas State were in the top 10 in the nation last year.

"I think that if we can play good defense and upset some teams, we can finish in the top four of the conference," Hill said. Last year, the Huskers missed finishing in fourth place by just two points. They lost to Oklahoma State in the last seconds of the Big Eight Tournament's opening game.

Hill said the team will rely on a full-court press and a swarming defense to contain their opponents.

The only problem for the Huskers is that they don't have a dominating center. In fact they are one of the smaller teams in the nation.

"We are just one player away from becoming a great team, and we are working on that for next year," Hill said.

Hill hopes that the Huskers will get more fan support this year. She said all of the Big Eight games will be played before the men's games to encourage attendance.

"It is a little frustrating for our players," Hill said. "Our type of play is very wide open and it is very exciting to watch."



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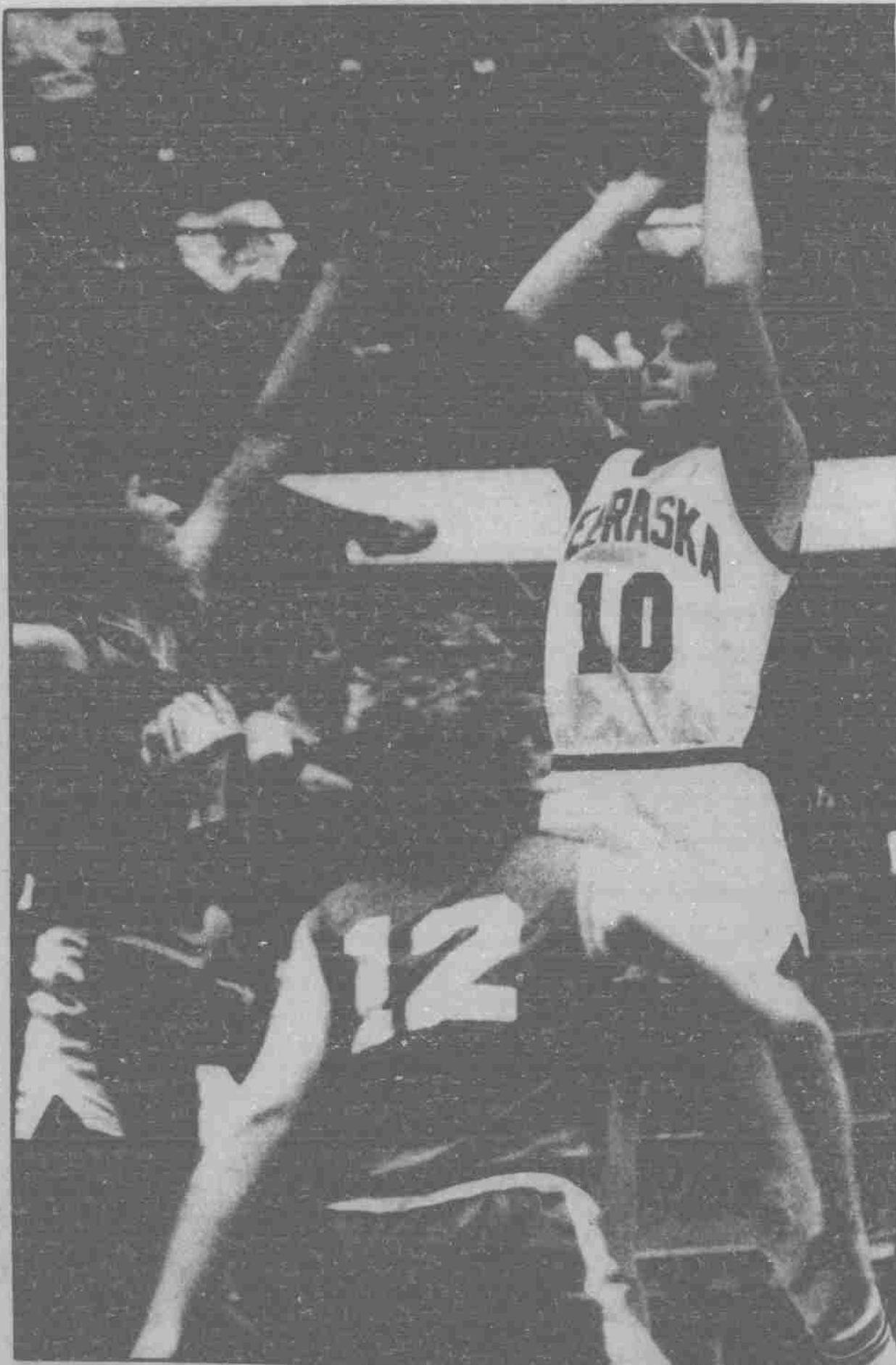
Nebraska's Stacy Imming takes a jump shot in the Huskers' win against Colorado last year in Lincoln.

Nov. 23-24 Nebraska Invitational	Jan. 23 Colorado
Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Minnesota Invitational	Jan. 26 Missouri
Dec. 8 at Creighton	Jan. 30 at Iowa State
Dec. 12 South Dakota	Feb. 2 Kansas
Dec. 22 Texas Tech	Feb. 6 at Oklahoma
Dec. 29-30 at Wolverine Classic	Feb. 9 Oklahoma State
Jan. 3 at Oregon	Feb. 13 at Colorado
Jan. 4 at New Mexico	Feb. 16 at Kansas State
Jan. 8 at Iowa	Feb. 20 Iowa State
Jan. 12 NE Illinois	Feb. 23 at Missouri
Jan. 16 Kansas State	Feb. 27 at Kansas
Jan. 19 at Oklahoma State	Mar. 2 Oklahoma



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Cathy Owens brings the ball up the court in action last year.



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Sophomore Angle Miller shoots in a game last season.