

# Sports

## Clemson cagers win invite; Ivy makes all-tournament

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The Nebraska women's basketball team had it going pretty good for a while.

After clobbering Arizona 103-68 in the first game of the Coke-Converse Husker Invitational Friday, Stacy Imming, Deb Powell and Maurtice Ivy had scored two baskets each to help the Huskers jump out to a 16-6 lead over Clemson with seven minutes gone in the first half.

It looked like another blowout in the making, but then the Lady Tigers began playing like... well, Tigers. Three straight baskets from 15 feet or more and three baskets off rebounds gave the Lady Tigers a 18-16 lead. They trailed once more at 20-18, and would lead by as many as 15 before it ended. The Lady Tigers won 99-84 in front of 770 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Clemson, 22-10 a year ago, did it with superior height inside in 6-4 Peggy Cable (18 points, 10 rebounds), 6-2 Sandy Bishop (17 points, six rebounds) and 6-3 Julie Larson (22 points, six rebounds), and outside with Janet Knight (10 for 15, 23 points), and Melinda Hall-Ashworth (five for eight, 10 points). Nebraska responded with double-figure scoring. But, the Huskers were out-rebounded 40-28, outshot 65 percent to 44 percent and Cable rejected five shots.

Nebraska Coach Kelly Hill said there was no need to make alibis or excuses or get depressed about this team this early in the season. There was a definitive reason for the loss, she said, and that was a lack of pressure on the Clemson guards.

Hill said Clemson's guard combinations of Knight, the Lady Tiger's leading scorer, Hall-Ashworth, Susan Fehling and Renne Williams were better ball-handlers and more of a threat than Arizona's. Also, she said she couldn't expect a full 40-minute performance from Imming and Cathy Owen, the Nebraska guards.

Nebraska's backcourt presses and quick transitions earned them the early lead, but they were playing into Clemson's hands.

"They pressured the whole game last night and they had to be a little tired," Clemson Coach Annie Tribble said. "We thought we could use our height against them, so we were content just to stay close until they wore down a bit."

Nebraska only trailed by 43-40 at half-time, and Husker center Angie Miller closed that lead to one at 47-46 with a follow-up off the glass.

But Clemson outscored Nebraska 13-4 over the next 4½ minutes, mostly on

jumpers from Larson and Ashworth. When Nebraska did score on six straight free throws, Clemson started going underneath for Caple and Ashworth. While Clemson was scoring in every way possible, the Huskers couldn't buy a basket for a four minute stretch. With Powell and Ivy both in foul trouble, the Huskers could pull to within eight before Clemson methodically pulled further ahead.

Knight, who scored 27 in a 83-54 defeat of Wisconsin the previous night, was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Ivy, who lost her first game in two years after leading Omaha Central to two state championships, Powell, Arizona guard Kirsten Smith and Wisconsin's Faith Johnson were named to the all-tournament team with Knight.

Besides Ivy, Hill's other freshman showed well against Arizona. 6-1 Lisa LaGuardia was three of six from the field, while Stephanie Bolli was three of three. Pam Fiene scored seven points and had three rebounds in 13 minutes against Arizona. The 5-6 guard from Elmhurst, Ill., came on in the second half of the Clemson game to relieve Owen but had only one foul and two turnovers to show for it.

Clemson, which finished third in the National Women's Invitational Tournament last year, will face traditional rival South Carolina Dec. 5. Nebraska will face equally tough opponents Friday and Saturday at the Dial Classic in Minneapolis.

Either, Tennessee, with Olympic coach Pat Summit and Northeast Louisiana, with All-American Lisa Ingram and Olympian Eun Jung Lee (Korea) and High School Player of the Year Chana Perry, will be the Huskers' opponent after a first-round game with host Minnesota. The last time the Huskers and Gophers played, then sophomore Laura Coenan scored 31 points for Minnesota.

In short, things don't get easier. In the consolation game, Arizona held off a late charge by Wisconsin to win 67-64. Arizona led by 15 points at the start of the second half, but Wisconsin's Johnson led a one-woman comeback attack that cut that lead to four with 13 minutes left.

Arizona, 0-2 going into the game, turned on the flames again and were up by 14 with nine minutes left. But, Wisconsin, which used nine players interchangeably, whittled that away until a hook by former Missouri center Brenda Smith gave Arizona a six point lead with 33 seconds left. Smith finished with 17 points behind Kirsten Smith's 19. Johnson led the Badgers with 17.



David Creamer/Daily Nebraskan  
Maurice Ivy and Angie Miller battle Clemson's Sandy Bishop for a first half rebound.

## Spikers await national tournament assignment

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Nebraska's women's volleyball team won its regular season finale Saturday and will await an NCAA announcement today concerning where they will be next Saturday when the national tournament begins.

"Of course, we hope we don't have to travel," Nebraska Coach Terry Pettit said after Nebraska beat Ohio State 15-13, 15-10, 15-7 at the Coliseum. It was the Huskers' 27th victory in 30 starts this season and it gave the Huskers one more chance to warm up for the NCAA's.

"At this point, the most important thing is to keep the team as rested as possible," Pettit said. "The tendency is to drive them harder and try to get more out of them. But at this point in the season, a good team that's well-rested will beat a great team that's not."

Nebraska's NCAA opponent should come from either the Big Ten, Big East, Atlantic Coast or Mid-American conferences. Nebraska, at No. 7, is the highest-ranked team among all of those conferences. But last year, despite a higher ranking, Nebraska was sent to Kalamazoo, Mich., for

the first round, where they lost in four sets to Western Michigan.

Saturday's game was characterized by sudden scoring bursts from the Nebraska front line that Ohio State couldn't match. Nebraska trailed in the first and last sets, but managed to reel off point streaks of seven and six respectively to take the lead and command of the games.

Pettit wasn't impressed by the play, saying it looked like a "bunch of people who met in a shopping mall and just decided to play." "We won because we were more talented," Pettit said. "Everything looked forced. We were disorganized, out of position and hesitant. We never established a rhythm."

But the Huskers did serve well. Well enough, Pettit said, that Ohio State, the third place finisher in the Big Ten, couldn't establish a rhythm either. "We weren't ready to play today and it might have been a letdown from the (Big Eight) tournament," Pettit said. "But watching it, all I can say is we must have enjoyed our Thanksgiving."

Julie Hermann led Nebraska with 12 kills while Enid Schonewise added seven and Cathy Noth five.



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Enid Schonewise, left, and Karen Dahlgren block an Ohio State spike attempt.