

Sports

Imming leaves basketball team

By Jeff Apel
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Senior Stacy Imming has left the Nebraska women's basketball team apparently for personal reasons, Coach Kelly Hill said.

Hill said that Imming, a two-year starter, apparently encountered some personal problems this season and has chosen to remove herself from the Nebraska basketball program.

"She (Imming) has been an important part of our program," Hill said. "It's going to be tough to adjust to her loss."

Imming entered this season as Nebraska's No. 16 all-time leading scorer with 619 points.

Last season, she earned honorable-mention All-Big Eight honors while averaging 12.7 points per game and leading the Cornhuskers in assists.

"Her (Imming's) decision came as a surprise to everyone," Hill said.

Hill said that the Huskers must try to put the sudden departure of Imming

out of their minds and try to concentrate on their conference opening game against Kansas Tuesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Jayhawks, Hill said, will pose problems for the 7-6 Cornhuskers even though 6-6 Philicia Allen has graduated.

"Kansas has been real successful getting the ball inside so we're going to have to try and help out on the points," she said. "They also have very smart players and who are all upperclassmen so it's going to be an adjustment for us."

Hill said that she is hoping that Nebraska's return to the Bob Devaney Sports Center will solve some of the team's recently encountered problems.

During the course of the semester break, Nebraska dropped five of six games after starting the season with a 6-1 record.

Hill said that many of those problems can be traced to the fact that all five of Nebraska's losses over the semester break were road losses while

the Huskers picked up their only win over the break against Eastern Kentucky at home.

Nebraska, Hill said, simply doesn't have the experience they need at this point of the season to be competitive on the road.

"We have so many young players that our inexperience shows up (on the road)," she said. "The support at home has been terrific but playing on the road has been difficult because of the experience factor."

Hill said that Nebraska will be trying to accomplish several things during the course of their game with Kansas.

The first and perhaps most important thing Nebraska will try and do, she said, will be to open the Big Eight season with a win.

Hill said her team will also try to be more patient offensively and work for the higher percentage shot.

"We've got to start shooting the higher percentage shot just so we can get some confidence back in the heads

of some of our shooters," she said. "That's one thing that really hurt us on our recent road trip — our shooting percentage."

Hill said that patience probably won't be a key factor for the Huskers during the course of the Big Eight season since Nebraska will try to overcome its' usual height disadvantage by using a fast paced offense.

Oklahoma and Kansas State, Hill said, are definitely the early season favorites for the conference championship, although the title race is far from over because of the competitiveness of this year's Big Eight conference.

"This is the most competitive I've seen the Big Eight since I've been here," Hill said. "Iowa State is 10-1 right now and Colorado had an excellent non-conference season so there really isn't any weak teams in the conference at all."

"We had hoped to be a little more successful going into the Big Eight season but everybody is 0-0 as far as we are

concerned," she said. "It should be an exciting conference race."



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Imming

Husker football season merited silver lining

Analysis by Bob Asmussen
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If you would have asked Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne before the 1985 season if he would take a guaranteed 9-3 season, and the answer would have been a definite yes.

If you had asked any Nebraska fan the same question after a 9-1 start, the answer would have been the complete opposite.

The Cornhuskers ended the season on a sour note, losing 27-23 to Michigan in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. Making the season even more of a disappointment for Nebraska fans was the way both the Michigan and Oklahoma games were lost.

Nebraska played a solid first half against Michigan and led 14-3. The team was moving the ball well and the defense had done a good job of shutting down Michigan's balanced offense.

But in the third quarter, all hell broke loose for the Nebraska offense. Following the second half kickoff, Nebraska gained no yards on its first two plays. On third and 10, I-back Doug DuBose fumbled and Michigan recovered.

It took Michigan four plays to travel the 21 yards and pull within 14-10. On Nebraska's next possession, quarterback McCathorn Clayton fumbled and again Michigan recovered. This time it took the Wolverines five plays to cover 38 yards and take a 17-14 lead.

The trend of Nebraska fumbling and Michigan recovering continued for the rest of the quarter. The Wolverines scored a Sunkist Fiesta Bowl record 24 third-quarter points.

Nebraska trailed 27-14 at the end of three quarters. What looked to be at least a comfortable win now was a struggle even to keep in the

game.

Osborne replaced Clayton with freshman Steve Taylor early in the fourth quarter and Taylor drove the team from the Nebraska 3-yard line to the Michigan 19. The drive sputtered and Nebraska lost the ball on downs.

Nebraska did score on Taylor's run with 2:29 left. Nebraska got the ball back with 51 seconds left in the game after Michigan took a safety, but could not score to take the lead.

Taylor's play late in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl guaranteed one thing for the 1986 season, a quarterback controversy. In one corner will be those who think you go with experience (Clayton) and in the other corner will be those who see visions of Turner Gill in Taylor. Thankfully, it's the coaches' job to decide who starts and plays. That's why they get the big bucks.

The Sunkist Fiesta Bowl loss to Michigan was certainly no embarrassment for the Nebraska football program. Michigan was a field goal away from the Rose Bowl and a possible national championship.

But the thing that frustrates the fans, coaches and players is that once again in 1985, Nebraska had control of its own destiny in regards to the national championship. Beat Oklahoma, beat Penn State and the title was theirs. Once again the team came up short.

The 1985 season should have proved not winning at all isn't so bad. Quick, name last year's national champion. It was Brigham Young. The Cougars, with many of the same players, had a disappointing season, including an incredible loss to pathetic UTEP.

So Nebraska didn't win the title. They didn't lose to UTEP either. Being a model of consistency is not a bad thing. It is something that

should be commended. Nebraska came up short against Michigan yet still finished 9-3 and in the

top 10. Start complaining when they lose to UTEP.



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Nebraska junior I-back Doug DuBose is tackled after carrying the ball against Michigan in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl Jan. 1. DuBose gained 99 yards and scored two touchdowns in Nebraska's 27-23 loss to the Wolverines.

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