

# Sports

## Hill hopes rebounding edge gives Huskers advantage

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The Nebraska womens basketball team travels to Stillwater, Okla., Wednesday to take on the 10-6 Cowgirls. Both have young teams, but Nebraska coach Kelly Hill said the Cornhuskers' consistent play should give them an advantage. Oklahoma State had only one starter returning from last year and only two returning letterwinners.

"They play us really tough in Stillwater. We're looking forward to it. It's a chance to improve our record," Hill said.

"They're quite a different team than a year ago. They have some new players so they have a young team," Hill said. "We'll try and put on pressure on the perimeter players. They're not as quick or as big so we should match up fairly well. They have some excellent scorers so we'll have to play good defense and be hot."

Hill said Oklahoma State has been having some ups and downs while Nebraska has had good balance, especially with scoring and rebounding.

"Our rebounding has been tremendous. We lead the conference in rebounding, which is amazing when you consider our size," she said.

Hill said Nebraska's shooting has to be effective from the outside, but having Maurice Ivy back after an ankle injury is "icing on the cake."

The Huskers are 8-7 overall with a 1-1 record in Big Eight play.

Dick Halterman, Oklahoma State coach, said he felt early in the season that this was his best team ever, but the team has lost some players to injury and scholastic ineligibility. The Cowgirls lost two 6'2" players.

"It hurt us a bunch," he said. "We can't match up inside now. We're really playing with four guards and a forward." The Cowgirls start two freshmen, two sophomores and a junior.

"Nebraska has always created a problem for us with their quickness. We try and shut people off inside and give up the outside shots, but they like getting the outside so it's a big adjustment for us," Halterman said.

The Cowgirls plan on picking up the tempo of the game, "which is probably

a mistake against Nebraska," he said.

Halterman said he has some good players that have come on strong this year, and that after adding some inside people Oklahoma State should be a team to contend with in the Big Eight in the next two years.

The game is a double-header with the Nebraska men's team and starts at 5:15 p.m.

## Sports Trivia finals are tonight

Finalists for the UNL Sports Trivia were announced Monday by the Office of Campus Recreation. The finals will be held tonight in Coliseum Room 7 at 7 p.m.

Defending champion Bob Asmussen will defend his honor and title against Joe Schuele, Mike Kratville, Bruce Sharp, Bob Hulse, Brent Skeeter, Kurt Meyer, Scott Raymond and Charlie Troxel in the single-elimination finals.

Asmussen had the top score of 41 points on the written test. Schuele finished as runner-up with 36.



David Creamer/Daily Nebraskan  
Nebraska's Angie Miller grabs a rebound against Missouri Saturday. The Cornhuskers defeated the Tigers 74-68.

# 'Bring on the NCAA' An Open Letter to Tito Horford

**Editor's note:** Tito Horford is a 7-foot center from the Dominican Republic. He should be a dominating force on a major college basketball team. Instead, he's sidelined with no place to go. His recruitment has been surrounded by controversy. Houston couldn't have him, LSU didn't want him, neither did Kentucky or UCLA. "Too much trouble," they all say. It has been said that bringing Tito to your basketball team, means bringing in the NCAA for an investigation.



**Bob Asmussen**

Dear Tito: Our motto here at Nebraska is "Bring on the NCAA." It's a pretty good bet that they won't find anything wrong, so what the heck, we'd like to have you here at Nebraska.

Before we tell you about all the neat things here in the Cornhusker State, we had better give you some guidelines to follow.

Rule No. 1. Hate to say this Tito, but

you'll have to go to class. But not hard classes Tito. Here's a schedule we've set up for you: Philosophy of the "Beverly Hillbillies" 101. Learn the idiosyncrasies of Jethro. What was Granny really up to? Class is taught by Buddy Ebsen (Jed); Intro to Sweeping 200. Why did O'Cedar come out with the Angler? Who invented the push broom? Are vacuum cleaners friend or foe?; History of the Big Eight 242. Why has the Big Eight been such a basketball powerhouse? (Hint to Tito — it hasn't.) Was Bud Stallworth a better guard than Mike Evans? Why is Norm Stewart such a fun guy?

See Tito, a schedule, but not a difficult one. We've even set up a special degree program for you. When you finish your years as a Cornhusker you will have a Bachelor of Remaining Eligible from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Rule No. 2. You have to play Husker-style basketball Tito. No fast breaking, dammit. No shots very far from the hoop. No hot-dog slams, we do straight slams here at Nebraska. Our basketball is tough, rugged and manly, just like our football. You think Tom Osborne would do a 360? Not on your life. You'll get your shots, Tito, and you'll get your points — about 25 a game sounds right. As a junior and as a senior you'll

be an All-American candidate and people will write stories about how neat we were to recruit you in the first place.

OK Tito, we've given you enough about the rules, how about the good stuff. The neat things you'll do and see here in beautiful Lincoln in the great state of Nebraska.

First the weather. You know all those horror stories, well, that's exactly what they are, stories!!! It's no icebox in Nebraska from November to March. It can be 60 degrees in January. Heck, you can't find weather like that unless you go back to Santo Domingo. And snow? Look at the picture we've enclosed. There isn't a flake of the white stuff to be found. If you check the far right corner you might notice the girls sunbathing. This picture was taken in January. It's beautiful here. It's like the Miami of the Platte, only without Don Johnson.

People say it gets real hot here in the summer Tito, that the humidity gets to be about 450 percent and the temperature is 113 degrees in the shade. Once again Tito, I say phooey. The temperature does get pretty high on occasion but we have good air conditioning. It never gets so hot that it would keep an insane person from golfing. Also, we've got this neat place called Dairy Queen

where they have cold things to eat. If you think it's too far to Dairy Queen, a guy in a truck with bells on it brings the cold food to your house. Not a bad deal, hey Tito?

Other neat things in Nebraska, Tito, are football, football and spring football. You might not understand football. It's kind of like soccer, only the ball isn't round and people get tackled and beat up. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Now football isn't the only thing that's neat in Lincoln. We have a state capitol that some people have tagged with a very appropriate nickname, which I won't mention in this G-rated letter. Across from the capitol lives our governor, Bob Kerrey. Bob's leaving office soon and the governor's job will be open. Gov. Horford has kind of a nice ring to it.

Let me be frank with you Tito. The fact that we want you means one thing — that we really need you. Our big guy in the middle, Dave Hoppen, will graduate soon. He's the all-time scoring leader here at Nebraska and his shoes will be hard to fill. But you, Tito, could be a big help in filling Dave's shoes. With you we could rule the Big Eight. Go to the NCAA tournament, go to the Final Four and maybe even win it all. Our basket-

ball program could really use a guy like you Tito.

So what the heck, give Nebraska a try. We can get that little brat Danny Manning and show him a player. Derrick Chievous? Ha. Darryl Kennedy? Tim McCalister? We'll eat 'em alive.

Don't go to Miami, Tito! You don't want to go to a place that named a major street after Arthur Godfrey, a town where Howard Schnellenberger was worshiped, where the New England Patriots ended an 18-game losing streak, where the Chicago Bears lost their only game. It's not for you Tito. Nebraska is for you. Say to yourself "Tito Horford, Nebraskan," sounds nice, doesn't it? Now try this one, "Tito Horford of the Nebraska Cornhuskers." Another beautiful sound. Jim Miller will do you proud too, Tito. When you score a basket, he'll say something cute like "Basket by Mr. T, Tito Horford."

So what do you say, Tito? Nebraska is sounding pretty nice, isn't it? The kind of place where you could begin your career and not be bothered all the time. The media here, especially the Daily Nebraskan, is cooperative and courteous.

Think of the Bob Devaney Sports Center crammed full with 14,000 fans screaming "Tito, Tito, Tito." The crowd will learn to love you, especially after a couple of 50-point games.

Well, I've said my piece. I've made my pitch. You know you're welcome as far as I'm concerned. We're not stodgy like UCLA and Kentucky. Can you imagine Walt Hazzard saying no to a center of your talents with the lack of talent he has in the pivot? And who made Kentucky so above everyone else? Aren't they the school that had 30 or so former players say they scalped their complimentary tickets, and where players said that handshakes after games were expensive for the alumni? They've got a lot of nerve, Tito. You didn't want to play at Kentucky. That's a state where they worship horses and drink Mint Juleps. What fun. Maybe next year the whole state will get together and watch some paint dry.

So, I've laid it on the line Tito. Come here, play, lead us to our greatest times, be a star, go to the NBA, maybe even be governor. It's up to you Tito. You can be a leader of men. All you have to do is come on down to Lincoln. Sit a spell, take your shoes off. You all come back now, hear?

Sincerely  
A fan

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## REC ROOM BILLIARD LEAGUES AND CLASSES

Sign up before January 24 for billiard leagues and classes, to be held in the Nebraska Union Rec Room (Southwest corner, lower level, City Campus). All leagues will be handicapped. Classes and leagues meet once a week for 8-10 weeks beginning January 24th.

Monday—	All University Singles League. 7 games to be played weekly.	6:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Tuesday—	All University Doubles League. 7 games, per team on a weekly basis.	6:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Wednesday—	Big Red Doubles League. 7 games, per team on a weekly basis.	6:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Thursday—	Rec Room Billiard Classes. Instructed by Jim White, with video tapes and instruction book and all necessary table time.	3:00-5:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m. 8:30-10:30 p.m.
Friday—	International Student Singles League. 7 games to be played weekly.	6:30-8:30 p.m. 8:30-10:30 p.m.

Sign up sheet and specific league information available at the Nebraska Union Rec. Room, City Campus. (Telephone—472-2458)

