

# Coach calls Miller 'role model,' potential all-Big Eight player

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Angie Miller is an important part of the Nebraska women's basketball team. She's the leading scorer, averaging 19.5 points a game and 6.7 rebounds.

Miller said that she considers herself to be a team leader.

"A lot of people look to me for rebounding," she said.

Miller is sixth on the all-time scoring list with 1,128 points. She needs 54 more points to take over the number five spot. Her 461 rebounds put her seventh on the all-time rebounding list.

Besides leading the team in points, Miller is 14th in the nation and leads the Big Eight in free throw percentage at 85.1 percent.

"She's really had to assume a leadership role. She has the most playing experience of anyone on the team,"

Nebraska Coach Kelly Hill said. "She has been a leader on and off the court."

Miller came to Nebraska after also considering South Florida, UNO and Midland.

"I wanted to be close to home so my parents could see the games and I always wanted to come to Nebraska," she said.

Her transition to college basketball wasn't too difficult at first, Miller said, because of the good teams she played in high school. Miller went to Wilber-Clatonia, which won the Class C state title in 1983, her senior year.

Although Miller said she wasn't very highly recruited, Hill said she was an outstanding player when she came.

"I didn't realize she'd be as good as she's become," Hill said. "She surprised a lot of people. She's done an excellent job."

Hill said that Miller made the

adjustment to college smoother than any player in the program.

"She's become a role model for younger players in the state," Hill said.

Hill also said that if Miller, 6-0, were a few inches taller she'd receive more attention.

"If she was taller she'd be more recognized than she is. Some people overlook her ability," Hill said.

Miller has been the Cornhuskers' center since she was a freshman.

"She's done a good job inside. She's worked on her defense especially. Offensively she's always had confidence," Hill said.

Hill considers Miller an all-Big Eight caliber player.

"I think by the time she graduates she'll get the recognition she deserves," Hill said.

Miller's team goals for the season are to be in the top four in the conference and get to Kansas City where the Big Eight tournament is held.

"We're doing OK. We've been playing kind of up and down and we've had some mental lapses. Overall we're playing pretty well," Miller said.

Miller, a junior, is majoring in Physical Education. She doesn't plan on continuing to play basketball after graduation. She wants to finish school and find a job teaching.



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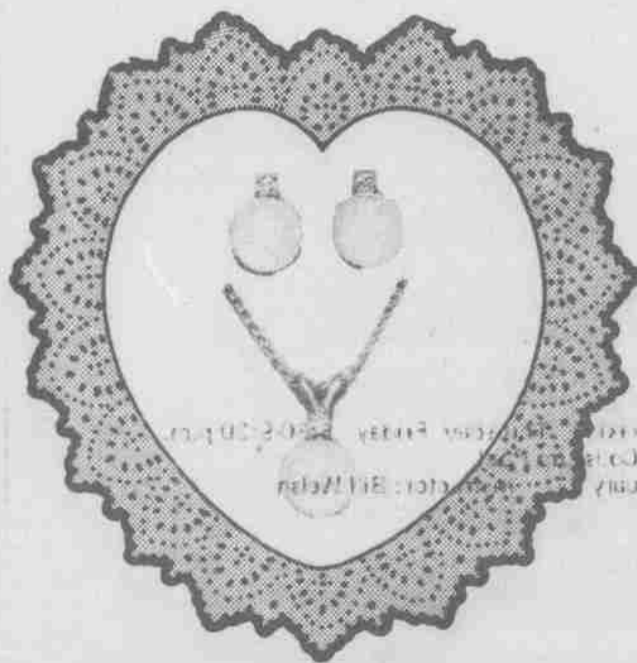
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Nebraska women's basketball assistant coach Sue Hansen said she thinks Nebraska will be in for a battle tonight when they face the Kansas State Lady Cats at 7:30 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Hansen said Kansas State is one of the quickest teams Nebraska has faced this year.

"Kansas State is a very quick team and they run the fast break very well," Hansen said. "They have such speed that a lot of times they'll be set up offensively before the defense gets down the court."

To offset the Lady Cat's speed, Tiffany Hill, a 6-foot sophomore from Boulder, Colo., will start in place of 5-10

Stephanie Bolli, a sophomore from Burwell.

"Tiffany had a good game against Colorado," Hansen said, "and her added height and speed will help us a lot."

"Defensively, we're going to have to close up the middle and force them to shoot outside," Hansen said.

Kansas State coach Matilda Mossman is bringing only eight players to the game.

"Our biggest problem is, with only eight players, we haven't got much depth," Mossman said. "We did play well in our last game against Missouri, though, because we scored more points than we have all year."

Mossman said she thinks Nebraska is a quick and offensive-oriented team.

"Angie Miller and Maurice Ivy are good players," Mossman said. "We're

going to have to block them down court and hope to stop them. They're going to be tough to beat on their home floor."

## Wrestlers win big, lose big at weekend meets

The Nebraska wrestling team found itself on both sides of big winning margins Friday and Saturday when it traveled to Oklahoma.

Friday, the team wrestled No. 10-rated Oklahoma State and was defeated 31-5. Saturday, it defeated Central State Oklahoma, ranked No. 1 in NAIA, 41-6.

Coach Tim Neumann said the team "...wrestled well both days, but at the time we wrestled OSU, they were a little more talented."

Against Oklahoma State, there were nine matches that could have gone either way. Five of Nebraska's losses were by four points or less. Nebraska's only points in the dual came at 158 pounds, where Jeff Coltvet defeated the Cowboy's Angelo Cuazlina, 6-1, and at heavyweight, where Gary Albright tied Oklahoma State's Tom Erikson, 3-3.

Albright's match pitted the top two rated wrestlers in the nation. Albright, ranked second, had defeated Erikson earlier in the season, but was only able to tie him this time in a match plagued with stalling calls. Each wrestler had one escape and was penalized twice for stalling.

After the big loss Friday, Nebraska rebounded to defeat Central State 41-6. Nebraska's only losses in this meet were at 126 pounds and 167 pounds. One of the biggest wins in this dual was at 158 pounds, where Jeff Coltvet defeated Central State's Jack O'Conner, a two-time NAIA All-American, 10-4. The two had tied earlier this season.

Neumann said Coltvet had been wrestling well.

"He's been looking fantastic. He's in terrific shape and he really enjoys challenging people."

Coltvet is now 10-0-2 in dual competition and 26-6-2 overall.

Despite the large margin Friday, Neumann said he is still confident in his team. The team wrestles at home this weekend against three teams that are rated. Neumann said he thinks the team has a chance to win several of the duals.

The quadrangular will be held in the Bob Devaney Sports Center at 2 p.m. Saturday. The other teams competing and their rankings are: Oklahoma, No. 7; Minnesota, No. 11; and Utah State, No. 14.

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