

# Grizzlies claw NU

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Staff Reporter

There are some days when nothing goes right. That was the case for Nebraska's women's basketball team Saturday afternoon at the Bob Devaney Sports Center as the Cornhuskers lost to Montana 55-52.

"I thought we played poorly," Nebraska coach Angela Beck said. "We weren't mentally in this game and didn't play a good five-man defense."

The Huskers, who last week were ranked No. 19 in the country, fell behind early in the game as Montana jumped out to a 18-9 lead.

With 5:23 left in the first half Nebraska pulled to within three points on a four-foot bank shot by junior Maurice Ivy. On their next possession the Huskers

cut the lead to one point on a 10-foot jump shot by Amy Stephens. Stephens led all scores with 17 points.

The one thing Montana did, Beck said, was shut down the lane driving ability of Ivy. "The fact that we didn't adjust to that, hurt us a lot," she said.

With 4:40 left to play in the first half, Montana jumped out to a three-point lead on a basket by Jean McNulty to put the Lady Grizzlies ahead 26-23. But with less than a minute left in the half Ivy hit a 13-foot jump shot to put the Huskers ahead at halftime 27-26.

Beck said that going in to the game Nebraska's strategy was to shut down Montana's inside game and make them shoot long, but that didn't work, she said.

In the second half, Montana jumped out to a 36-31 lead on a pair of jumpers

by Marti Leibenguth. The Huskers battled back with 8:16 left in the game to cut Montana's lead to one, 43-42 behind an 18-foot jump shot by Stephens.

Beck said the most frustrating part of the loss was Nebraska's inability to get the open shot. That is what cost the Huskers the game, Beck said.

With 2:49 left Nebraska tied the game 48-48 on two Angie Miller free throws, but that was the closest the Huskers got to taking the lead as Montana's Leibenguth hit three shots to give the Lady Grizzlies a 53-48 lead with 1:10 left in the game.

"There were about four or five times toward the end of the game when we did not get the sure basket. Our shot selection and passing were horrible today," Beck said.

## Allen says Huskers are improving

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"I thought we could have scored a little higher tonight but we did a good job in most events," Walton said. "I thought we did a good job on bars and had some problems on the balance beam, but most of all it lets us know what we have to work on to get ready for our meet against Arizona on Jan. 16."

Walton said the best event for the

Huskers was the floor exercise.

"We were a little conservative on the floor because we wanted to emphasize dance more than tumbling tonight," he said.

Walton said as the season progresses, the routines will become more difficult, which will increase the Huskers' scores.

"The Japan team looked like they were a little worn out because of the tour. They've competed in seven com-

petitions so far this season," Walton said.

Nebraska's men's coach Francis Allen said he was happy with his team's score of 282.45, even though they lost to the Japanese, who scored 283.30. It was the second straight year the Huskers have lost to the Japanese.

Allen said he thinks his team is improving each week and that once freshman Mark Warburton returns to the lineup, Nebraska won't have a weak event.

Allen said he was happy with the performance of his two freshmen Bob Stelter and Patrick Kirksey. Both of them upped their scores from last week by a full point. Stelter scored an all-around score of 54.40 and Kirksey scored a 54.70.

Allen said the Huskers were in the meet until they got to the rings. Two Huskers, Kirksey and Kevin Davis, scored 8.9, while the Japanese averaged 9.3.

"Once we get Warburton back we will be strong in every event," Allen said. "Warburton is a strong ring performer. He is the key to our success this season."

The men's all-around champion was Nebraska's Wes Suter. Suter scored a 57 while teammate Neil Palmer finished second with a 56.9.



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### Aggies nip NU Sunday on free throws

By The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Tex. — Winston Crite scored a game-high 20 points and Texas A&M scored its final 10 points at the free-throw line as the Aggies turned back Nebraska 66-64 Sunday afternoon.

Todd Holloway scored 12 points and John Trezvant added 11 points and a game-high 12 rebounds as the Aggies improved their record to 4-1. Anthony Balfous and Dallas Carr scored 12 points each and Bernard Day added 11 points for the Cornhuskers, who fell to 2-3 on the season.

Texas A&M dominated the fourth quarter as Nebraska committed 12 of 13 foul attempts (92 percent) while the Aggies hit 12 of 14.

The final five minutes of the game consisted of Nebraska fouls and Texas A&M free throws. Holloway and Trezvant missed once and Mike Clifford missed twice on the front end of one-and-one attempts, but the Huskers couldn't capitalize on the mistakes.

The Aggies jumped to a quick 11-1 lead to start the game and Nebraska went to tie the score 21-21 and twice led by one point before Texas A&M took a 31-28 halftime lead.

Texas A&M led throughout the second half although Nebraska got within two points on four occasions.