Sports

Senior finds niche with NU women

By Rob White Senior Reporter

> When Shelly Block came to Nebraska in 1983 on a basketball scholarship, she brought with her all-state honors and a scoring average of 25 points per game. Now a senior, Block has not been able to keep up her point production, but she has improved her game in other

"When I was in high school I was more of an offensive threat," Block said. "But now I don't have to be because we have plenty of good girls who can shoot. I try to be a good passer on offense and on defense I try to work really hard. That's something I take a lot of pride in. I'm pleased with where I've come since high school."

Block averaged 2.4 points per game through her first three years at Nebraska, entering Wednesday night's Big Eight matchup with Kansas State she was averaging 4.4 points per contest.

contribute because her size and her position on the team.

"When I was a freshman and sophomore I lost a lot of confidence in my shot because now I was an inside player," Block said. "I'm only 5-8 and have to go against girls who are 6-0 or 6-1, and it's tough to shoot over them. I was really frustrated as a freshman and win against Kansas showed that," Block

regain my confidence."

Block's field-goal percentage isn't sparkling at .426 for this season, but it is an improvement over her three-year total of .332.

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck, in her first year at the helm, has influenced Block greatly and will continue to influence her, Block said.

"I'm thankful that I've had the opportunity to play under Coach Beck," Block said. "I have a lot of respect for her. I'm going to go into coaching myself, and I plan on using a lot of her philosophies as a coach."

Although Block plans to implement Beck's concepts in the future, she said it has taken time for her and her teammates to adjust to them.

"We had a whole new offensive and defensive system this year, and it's really gone pretty smoothly," she said. "We all have worked really hard at Block had to look for other ways to understanding what we want to do on offense, and I think we finally have the defensive concepts in our minds."

> Block said Sunday night's conference-opening win over Kansas has the Huskers on the right track, and she said she's confident about their chances in the conference race.

"We have to play as a team, and the

sophomore, but now I'm starting to said. "In the preseason we played some really tough teams, and I think that has us where we need to be for the conference."

Nebraska took an 8-6 record into last night's tilt with Kansas State after being ranked in the top 20 in December, but Block said the team is on the

upswing. "We're getting better, but we have a ways to go yet," she said.

One reason for the Huskers' early success was the enthusiasm the team displayed for their new coach.

"We had a lot of enthusiasm at the start of the year, and we might have lost some of that as the season went on," Block said. "We lost to a couple of teams we probably shouldn't have, but they were by two or three or seven points and we struggled for a while."

Block had little trouble deciding to attend Nebraska when she was recruited while at Gothenburg High School.

"I've always had kind of a dream to go to Nebrska and my parents are Big Red fans, so my decision was pretty much made right then," she said.

Block said she also considered attending the Air Force, Kansas and Wyoming after her senior year in high school, which produced a third-place finish in cross country, a second place finish in basketball and a state championship in track.



By Jeff Apel Staff Reporter

Doug Carroll/Daily Nebraskan

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The Kansas State women's basketball team continued its dominance of Nebraska Wednesday night as Sue Leiding scored 20 points to lead the Wildcats to a 81-76 victory at Ahern Field-

Kansas State, which now has a 21-3 series edge between the teams, opened up a 12-point lead in the first half and then held off several Nebraska rallies in the second half to raise its record to 12-3 overall and 1-1 in Big Eight Conference play.

The loss dropped Nebraska to 8-7 overall and 1-1 in conference play. Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said the Huskers

were at a psychological disadvantage

because of last year's loss to the Wildcats in Manhattan.

Huskers dropped a 101-67 decision to Kansas State last season.

"We gave away the game in the first half by turning the ball over," Beck said. "Our offense wasn't settled. But we got some positive things out of the game. We got some good bench play and we played with a winning attitude."

Beck said she particularly noticed strong bench play from reserve guard Kit Stevens and Pam Fiene, both of whom came off the bench when starters Maurtice Ivy and Stacy Imming exited the contest with foul trouble.

"Without Ivy in most of the game, I thought our girls played pretty well tonight," Beck said. "But the girls did not give up when they

could have."

Nebraska managed to break up a deficit which reached 12 points in the first half when guard Amy Stephens scored 12 of her team-high 20 points. Center Angie Miller also scored nine of her 15 points in the second half, including an inside shot with 2:19 remaining in the contest which tied the score at 69-69.

Over the course of the game's final two minutes, Kansas State center Carlisa Thomas scored four of her 17 points and the Kansas State Wildcats managed to build a lead which reached seven points to seal the victory before 508 fans.

"The bottom line is, down the stretch we had a tight ball game and we didn't win," Beck said. "We didn't find a way to win."

Super Bowl ticket prices: Super!

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With rabid New York and Denver fans bidding against businessmen anxious to do their clients only tickets, but package deals that Bowl XXI could hit \$1,500, according to adena and even pre-game breakfasts. those in the business.

Sunday cost \$75 and are distributed Gold said Wednesday.

only through the National Football League. But a coast-to-coast resale business has sprung up.

The athletic entrepreneurs offer not the biggest favor of the year, the include airfare, hotel reservations, local market price of a \$75 ticket to Super transportation to the Rose Bowl in Pas-

"We're quoting \$495 for a seat right Officially, tickets to the game next now," Los Angeles ticket broker Larry

"Yardage (goal-line) seats are between \$650 and \$1,100 and glamour seats on the 50-yard line could go as high as \$1,500," said Gold, whose Ticket Time has placed newspaper advertisements to both sell and buy tickets.

Tickets are being advertised in the Broncos' hometown for as much as \$1,000, and in Giant country, package deals with transportation and hotel are going for up to \$3,000.



Nebraska's Shelly Block drives for a layup Sunday against

Kansas. Block scored six points against the Jayhawks in the

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