

Sports

Huskers meet Lady Buffs

By David Mussman
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The Nebraska women's basketball team will travel to meet the Colorado Lady Buffs at 5:45 p.m. Saturday at the Events/Conference Center in Boulder, Colo.

Nebraska won its first meeting this season 74-72.

Nebraska coach Angela Beck had mixed feelings about Saturday's game.

"I find that in the second game in a road swing we're always a lot more fatigued," Beck said. "We'll have to be psychologically sharp for this game."

The starters for Nebraska will be forward Maurice Ivy, who leads the team in scoring and rebounding; guards Amy Stephens and Stacy Imming; forward Shelly Block; and center Stephanie Bolli. Senior cen-

ter Angie Miller may play for the first time in five games after recovering from mononucleosis.

Beck said the running game would be an important part of the Huskers' chances to win.

"I think we have the best running game in the Big Eight," Beck said. "I think we shock teams that don't expect us to run."

Beck said that the improved running game has created many more rebounding opportunities during a game.

"Now teams prepare for our running game," Beck said. "They're so worried about us running that they don't hit the boards. That lets Stacy or 'Tice' (Ivy) get the rebound and bust out for a fast break."

Beck said the Huskers will have to watch for three Colorado players: Bridget Turner, a guard averaging 14 points per game, and forwards Tracy

Tripp and Gretchen DeWitte.

Beck said she wants the Huskers to improve against Colorado.

"We're giving up too many points," Beck said. "I'd like to see improvement in our defensive scoring and overall defense."

Beck said she also would like to see a more balanced scoring attack and fewer turnovers.

Nebraska goes into Saturday's game leading the conference series 9-8. Against Lady Buffs' Coach Ceal Barry, Nebraska trails 3-4, including three losses last season.

The Huskers are in a four-way tie for first place in the Big Eight Conference and are 5-3 in the Big Eight and 12-9 overall. In the Big Eight they have defeated Kansas, Colorado, Iowa State, Missouri and Oklahoma State. Colorado is 4-4 against Big Eight teams and 12-9 overall.

NU to face Razorbacks

The Nebraska men's swimming team hopes to avenge last year's loss to Arkansas Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The meet starts at noon.

Nebraska, the No. 17 team in the nation according to the College Swim Coaches Association of America, was defeated by the Razorbacks 60-53 last season at Arkansas. In fact, the Huskers have never defeated Arkansas in four attempts. But that's not enough to discourage Coach Cal Bentz.

"We think it's a great opportunity to swim against a fast team and a nationally ranked team," Bentz said.

The Cornhusker women's swimming team will have an opportunity to increase its winning streak to seven consecutive victories when Nebraska faces Arkansas Saturday. The meet begins at noon at the Bob Devaney

Sports Center.

Nebraska women's coach Ray Huppert said he credits the majority of the Huskers' new-found success to the freshmen.

Now that they have established themselves academically, competed in several meets and completed a taper, Huppert said, the younger swimmers know what to expect.

"They have had a chance to see all the phases," Huppert said. "They know now what is coming up."

Huppert said freshman experience will be critical when Nebraska faces the 5-2 Razorbacks because Arkansas has outstanding athletes.

Arkansas is lead by Sherill McArton, a Canadian who just finished competing for the Canadian National team.

Tennis meet this weekend

By Tim Hartmann
Staff Reporter

Nebraska's men's tennis team will travel to Las Vegas to compete in the UNLV Quadrangular Friday through Sunday. The Cornhuskers' competition will be Murray State, Nevada-Reno and host team Nevada-Las Vegas.

The meet will be the Huskers' first team competition this spring, although four players traveled to Milwaukee during winter break to compete in the Milwaukee Tennis Classic.

Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said this weekend's action will give him a good chance to evaluate his team.

"The biggest thing is that we have been playing a lot of challenge matches. ... after this it will give me an idea as to who to play where," he said.

Nebraska's biggest challenge should come from UNLV, McDermott said, but he expects the Huskers to do well in the three dual meets.

"We're kind of expecting three wins," he said. "UNLV, I think, will be the toughest competition. They have got a kid, Scott Warner, who's ranked in the top 15 in college."

"I think we are a little bit stronger in the top three (positions)."

Nebraska will be led by sophomore

Steven Jung.

"Steven Jung is playing really well," McDermott said. "He had kind of an average first semester." McDermott added that Jung played in several tournaments over winter break and has improved.

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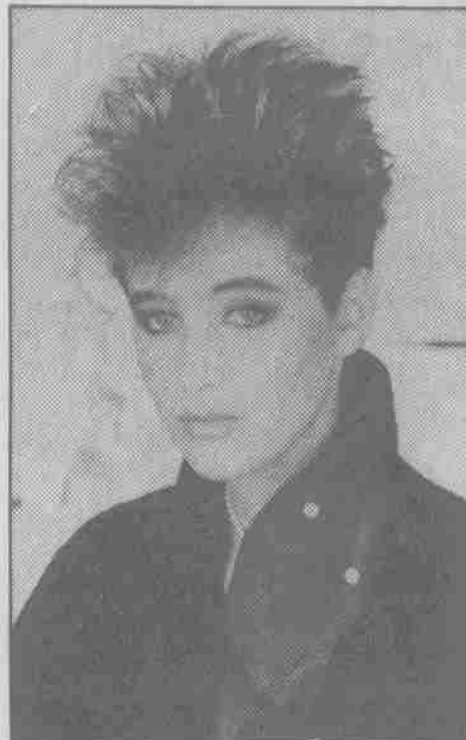
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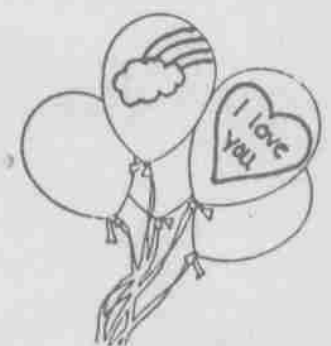
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