

Tubbs is hoping for more Lincoln games

Probable Starters:
Nebraska (12-10, 3-3)
Henry T. Buchanan
Eric Johnson
Rich King
Jeff Rekoweg
Derrick Vick

Oklahoma (20-2, 6-1)
Ricky Grace
Mookie Blaylock
Stacey King
Dave Sieger
Harvey Grant

By **Tim Hartmann**
Senior Reporter

Oklahoma men's basketball coach Billy Tubbs isn't looking forward to playing at the Bob Devaney Sports Center tonight, but he said he wouldn't mind playing there in

March.
Tubbs said he hopes Oklahoma will get a chance to play in the NCAA Midwest Regional March 18-20 at the sports center. But the Sooners must first contend with the Nebraska Cornhuskers there at 7:35.

The sports center is a difficult place to play Nebraska because of the fans, but it could give the Sooners an edge in the NCAA regional, Tubbs said.

"I would hope it would be somewhat of a home-court advantage," he said. "Any team in the Big Eight that's put in the regional would benefit because I feel confident that the Nebraska fans would be behind them."

Nebraska fans cheered for Kansas when the Jayhawks played in the NCAA regional in Lincoln in 1984.

Tubbs said if the Sooners receive an NCAA bid, they will continue to employ the same running game that has allowed them to score an average of 106 points per game this season.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee, who watched his team lose two games to Oklahoma by a combined total of 50 points last season, said the Cornhuskers have had little success against the Sooners' running game in the past.

"We didn't run with them, we ran after them," Nee said.

Nee wouldn't say if the Huskers would try to run with Oklahoma this season, but he said the 20-2 Sooners are one of the nation's top teams this year.

"Right now, if I had to pick a coach of the year or a team of the year, I would pick Oklahoma," he said.

"Billy Tubbs has done a great job."

Tubbs has done an excellent job of blending in new talent with returning players, Nee said. Oklahoma has six newcomers on this year's squad, including five junior college players.

Mookie Blaylock, a 6-foot guard from Midland, Texas, Junior College, is the only starter among the newcomers. He averages 17.5 points and 3.9 rebounds per game.

The remaining four starters at Oklahoma returned from last season's team, which finished with a 24-10 record and advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament.

Forward Harvey Grant, the brother of Horace Grant of the National Basketball Association's Chicago Bulls, leads the Sooners in scoring and rebounding with averages of 22.1

points and 11.3 rebounds per game. Center Stacey King is second with averages of 20.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game.

Oklahoma's remaining starters are senior Dave Sieger at forward and Ricky Grace at guard.

Nee said Oklahoma has showed its power by posting victories against such highly regarded teams as Pittsburgh and Missouri. The Sooners defeated Missouri 120-101 Saturday in Norman, Okla.

Tubbs said the Sooners will not overlook Nebraska even though they are coming off a big win against Missouri. He said he was impressed by the Huskers' 70-68 victories against Missouri and Kansas earlier this season.

"They'll play good at home," Tubbs said.

Beck expects tight NU-OU matchup

Probable Starters:
Nebraska (17-3, 7-1)
Amy Stephens
Amy Bullock
Kim Harris
Maurice Ivy
Ann Halsne

Oklahoma (11-9, 4-4)
Margaret McKeon
Pam Zachery
Terry Willis
Kelli Epps
Jo Mosley

By **Mark Derowitsch**
Senior Reporter

Experience doesn't necessarily make the task easier.
Despite defeating Oklahoma 94-82 in Nor-

man, Okla., earlier this year, Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said she doesn't expect a 12-point margin in tonight's game against the Sooners. The game will be played before the Nebraska-Oklahoma men's contest at 5:15 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"I don't expect things to be as easy the second time around," Beck said. "It (the first game) was probably our best road game of the year."

Oklahoma coach Valerie Goodwin-Colbert said the team needs to get into its rhythm to beat Nebraska.

"I think we need to play better than we did the last time," Goodwin-Colbert said. "We need to go with our game plan, and the first thing we need to do is establish a game in the middle."

Goodwin-Colbert said Oklahoma will try to establish its low-post game by working the ball

inside to Jo Mosley. Mosley, a 6-foot forward, is averaging 15.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game.

Beck said the Cornhuskers need to stop Mosley to win the game.

Beck said Nebraska must also stop the Sooners' perimeter shooting and the three-point shots by Oklahoma guard Margaret McKeon.

"Defensively, we need to run a combination of man-to-man and a zone (defense)," Beck said. "The last time we played them, McKeon hit 7 of 9 shots from three-point range. We can't leave her open."

Goodwin-Colbert said the Sooners also need to limit Nebraska's outside shooting. Senior forward Maurice Ivy, Nebraska's all-time leading scorer, is averaging 18.9 points per game, and guard Amy Stephens is averaging 15.6.

"Their perimeter scoring is good," Good-

win-Colbert said. "We need to play good pressure defense in order to take them out of their game."

Beck said playing before the Nebraska-Oklahoma men's game could help the women's team.

"I think the last time we played a double header, we had like 3,600 fans," Beck said. "It was a major help for us. It is atmosphere, and any time you have atmosphere, you have great effort. I expect to have about 5,000 fans for the second half."

"That's why we moved the game to Tuesday — so we could have more fan support," she said.

Goodwin-Colbert said the fans could also help the Sooners.

"I think it will help us a lot," Goodwin-Colbert said. "Since we play before the men, we will have some OU people down there. It will be Oklahoma night at Nebraska."

Setback may give Huskers competitive edge

By **Mike Kluck**
Staff Reporter

Although Nebraska dropped a 65-63 decision to Kansas State Saturday in Manhattan, Kan., it may have been the setback that showed the Cornhuskers how to be competitive in the Big Eight.

Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee said Monday the key to the rest of the Huskers' season is to take it one game at a time and to give the type of effort they gave at Kansas State.

"We are going to have to play at a level of concentration and intensity like we played at Kansas State," Nee said.

Nee said the Huskers will need that intensity in preparation for tonight's game against Oklahoma. Nebraska will face the Sooners at 7:35 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nee said Nebraska hasn't changed its goal of compiling a 7-7 mark in the Big Eight even though it is 12-10 overall and 3-3 in the conference.

Nee said the Huskers will have to face Oklahoma without freshman forward Beau Reid. He said Reid,

who left the Kansas State game midway through the second half with back spasms, is out indefinitely.

"The injury to Beau Reid is going to affect our basketball team because

he was one of our sixth men and he relieved Jeff Rekoweg," Nee said. "We had established continuity in our substitutions and rotations in our patterns and we had it going."

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