

# Big Eight competitiveness puts NCAA in a bind

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A highly competitive level of play this season in Big Eight women's basketball has placed NCAA Tournament officials in a bind.

Patty Viverito, the Gateway Conference commissioner and the chairwoman of the Midwest selection committee, said the NCAA Tournament may take three teams from the Big Eight rather than the usual two because of the competitiveness of the conference.

The only Big Eight team that is assured of a bid in the 40-team tournament is Kansas, which won the conference's postseason tournament by defeating Colorado 70-69 Monday night at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.

Viverito said the Jayhawks' victory created a dilemma because Colorado, Nebraska and Missouri all deserve NCAA Tournament bids. Colorado ended its season with a 20-10 record, while Nebraska and Missouri finished with 22-6 and 18-11 marks.

"I think the Big Eight has made it difficult for us to see who the strong team is," Viverito said. "It's a strong league, and the teams have played well."

Viverito said the NCAA Tournament ran into a similar dilemma in the Big Ten Conference last season. She said the problem was solved by offering bids to four Big Ten teams.

Viverito said the Cornhuskers have a good chance of receiving one of the 22 at-large berths on Sunday because they have been successful

against Kansas, Colorado and Missouri. Nebraska compiled a 2-1 mark against the Jayhawks this season and is 1-1 against the Buffaloes and Tigers.

"I think their chances are good," Viverito said. "We're looking at everyone else in the Big Eight who still has a chance — Colorado, Nebraska and Missouri. We'll look at how they did against each other, and I think Nebraska is in as good or better shape there."

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said she is confident the Huskers will receive a bid even if the selection committee takes two teams from the Big Eight. She said Nebraska's regular-season Big Eight championship and its superior record make the Huskers an obvious choice.

"It has become very

mathematical," Beck said. "It's not just an if, then or but process."

"I don't think they can take Colorado over us."

Viverito said in addition to a team's record and head-to-head competition with other tournament teams, the selection committee will consider the strength of a team's schedule, top-50 teams (victories against top-50 teams), bad losses (setbacks to teams not included in the top 100) and the team's play down the stretch.

Viverito said Colorado's 9-3 record down the stretch could help the Buffaloes.

But Beck said Nebraska's 8-4 mark in its last 12 games will eliminate Colorado's hot play.

"We're the conference champs, and we weren't that dead ourselves

down the stretch," she said.

Beck said although she would like to see Nebraska and Colorado selected, she doesn't think it will happen. She said a lack of national recognition for the Big Eight will keep the conference from sending the Huskers and the Buffaloes.

The Huskers, who will open play Wednesday if they receive a bid, have indicated to the tournament committee that they would like to play the first-round game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Viverito said in order for the game to be in Lincoln, Nebraska must prove it has adequate facilities and management and be able to guarantee at least \$6,000 in gross ticket sales. She said if Nebraska meets those criteria and is seeded higher than its opponent, the game will be in Lincoln.

# Coach labels depth as key factor in gymnastics meet

By Lori Griffin  
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Nebraska women's gymnastics coach Rick Walton will battle warm weather and some even hotter teams when the Cornhuskers travel to Tempe and Tucson, Ariz., for a pair of triangular meets.

Nebraska will face Arizona State and No. 3 Alabama at Tempe at 7 tonight. The Cornhuskers then travel to Tucson to face No. 9 Arizona and No. 13 California State-Fullerton Saturday at 7 p.m.

Walton said he is confident

entering the meets even though every team except California State-Fullerton competed in last year's NCAA Championships at Salt Lake City. He said the Huskers should be able to handle the competition because they have been performing well.

Walton said Nebraska needs to be consistent if it is to be successful in Tempe or Tucson. He said the Huskers also need to put together all four events in the all-around competition.

Walton said Nebraska will have an advantage entering the meet because

it has greater depth. He said depth will be a key factor against all four teams.

"If this was a basketball game, we'd have a better bench," Walton said. "The question for us in a two-meet situation like this is we're going to find out how good that bench really is."

Alabama women's gymnastics coach Sarah Patterson said the Crimson Tide will enter the meet drained because they will be competing in their third meet in eight days.

But Patterson said she still expects a tough competition when Alabama

faces Nebraska and Arizona State tonight because the Crimson Tide's top performers will not be competing. She said Alabama's top performers include freshman Tina Rinker and sophomore Marie Robbins, both of whom have been scoring consistent 38s in the all-around competition.

Patterson said she is impressed by Nebraska and Arizona State. She said the Huskers have had an exceptional year and the Sun Devils are a force to be reckoned with on their home floor.

Arizona State assistant women's

gymnastics coach Lisa Zeis said the Sun Devils have been plagued by inconsistency this season. She said Arizona State is a young team that needs to work on hitting its routines and stopping its falls.

Zeis said Arizona State will rely on Omaha native Karli Urban in the all-around competition. She said Heather Carter and Molly Carpenter are also capable of achieving high scores in the all-around competition.

Zeis and Arizona women's gymnastics coach Jim Gault said they are looking for consistency in their squads.

# 'B' is for basketball — and the Huskers and Coach Nee

It's traditional for Philadelphia Eagles coach Buddy Ryan to grade himself after each football season. Now that the Nebraska men's

basketball season is all but over, it's time to give Cornhusker coach Danny Nee a grade based on this season's performance.

But rather than let Nee grade himself and shower his Brooklyn accent with praise, let's take a look at what he accomplished this season and determine a grade ourselves. Nee's problems began this season when Henry T. Buchanan and Derrick Vick — instrumental forces

on last year's team, which finished third in the National Invitation Tournament — failed to live up to the high expectations bestowed upon them.

It's true that Buchanan almost single-handedly guided Nebraska to a 70-68 defeat of Missouri earlier this season. But the senior guard became stuck in such a slump at one point this year that Nee benched him.

And the same for Vick. Although the senior forward led Nebraska to its only victory in its last 10 games by scoring 19 points to propel the Huskers to a 75-67 win against perennial cellar-dweller Colorado, he also joined Buchanan on the bench earlier this season.

Although it's true that playing freshmen now will help Nebraska in the future, there's a prerequisite known as talent necessary for the experience to be successful.

Guard Clifford Scales and forward Beau Reid possess the

needed skills to become fine players, but the rest of Nebraska's freshman class — perhaps excluding redshirt forward Kelly Lively — lacks that talent now.

If there is one area where Nee erred this season, it was in not redshirting 7-foot-2 freshman Rich King. King, a lanky center from Omaha, learned the hard way that 225-pound players don't survive underneath in the Big Eight. He needs an extra season in the weight room next year to correct his problem.

The rest of Nebraska's freshman class is somewhat of a mystery. Guard Rodney Curtis shows great potential when Nee chooses to play him. But forwards Jed Bargen and Richard Smith don't get into the game enough even to be evaluated. Rumor says Nee is going to pull two scholarships at the end of the season, and these two players appear to be the likely candidates.

Oklahoma State freshmen Richard Dumas and Terrence Mullins are the premier youngsters in the conference. With Scales, Reid and Missouri center Doug Smith, they make up the Daily Nebraskan's all-freshman team.

The award for the conference player of the year goes to Kansas' Danny Manning, who lived up to his preseason and National Basketball Association billing by being spectacular throughout the season.

Manning teams with Oklahoma's Stacey King, Harvey Grant and Ricky Grace, and Missouri's Derrick Chievous to form this year's All-Big Eight team.

The second-team All-Big Eight selections include Dumas, Kansas' Scott Wilke, Oklahoma's Mookie Blaylock and Iowa State's Jeff Gray.

The award for the comeback player of the year goes to Iowa State

center Lafester Rhodes, who came out of virtual obscurity this season to help lead the inconsistent Cyclones to a probable NIT bid. The runner-up is Nebraska forward Jeff Rekweg, who emerged from the depths of being entirely unknown to becoming a consistent, non-flashy player loved by photographers for the unusual expressions he makes during games.

With all of this aside, it's time to give Nee his grade. Given the tough level of competition he faced and the youthfulness of his squad, he earns a B.

If Nee wants to raise this grade to an A, he needs to redshirt King, start younger players earlier next season if it's obvious Nebraska is going to finish as an also-ran, and quit pretending to be so pleased with all younger players when he's obviously not with some of them.

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