

## Baseball team wants rebound, revenge

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After being swept by Oklahoma during the weekend, Nebraska's baseball team will try to rebound today against a team that upset the Cornhuskers last year.

Nebraska's losing streak in Oklahoma City's All Sports Stadium reached 12 games as the Sooners swept the Big Eight series. Oklahoma won 7-3 Friday, 2-1 and 6-5 Saturday and 10-5 Monday.

The Huskers will play Wayne State, an NAIA school, today in a doubleheader beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Buck Beltzer Field. The teams will play a nine-inning game, followed by a seven-inning contest.

Last season, Wayne State surprised the Huskers with a 5-4 win in the first game of a doubleheader in Lincoln. Nebraska beat the Wildcats 14-0 in the second game.

Wayne State's upset last year, along with its 21-11 record this year, have captured

Nebraska's attention, said Husker coach John Sanders. Add to that nine starters and seven pitchers returning from last season's team and the Huskers will have their hands full, Sanders said.

"We need to be ready, there's no doubt about that," Sanders said. "We've got to get off the floor and get back at it. Last year's win was a big one for them. We're probably on the front of their press guide this year."

Wayne State coach Lenny Klaver said he is afraid the Huskers will use the upset to their advantage.

"They're going to remember last year's game and be looking for a little revenge, I'm sure," said Klaver.

But, Klaver said, the odds are against another Wayne State victory. The Wildcats have defeated Nebraska only twice in 27 tries.

"We know it's possible, but it's not probable," he said.

Klaver said Wayne State will be hindered

because they played eight games last week alone. The Wildcats won seven of them, but

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wore out their pitching staff in the process, he said.

Because of that, Klaver said, he will have to go with a variety of pitchers, instead of his best. He would not name his starter.

Sanders said the Huskers will start a pair of freshmen right-handers on the mound. Mike Zajeski, who has a 2-1 record with a 4.30 earned run average, will start the first game, he said. Doug Tegtmeier, who is 3-1 with a 3.72 ERA this season, will start the second game.

Nebraska will try to erase the memory of the Oklahoma losses with victories against Wayne State, Sanders said. The Huskers fell to 30-12 overall and 7-5 in the Big Eight, and disappeared from the Collegiate Baseball/ESPN national Top 30 this week. Nebraska was ranked No. 17 in the previous poll.

While Nebraska was losing four games, top-ranked Oklahoma State won four games against Missouri to raise its Big Eight record to 8-0. Oklahoma, ranked No. 17, is now second in the conference with a 7-1 record. Nebraska is next, followed by 6-6 Missouri, 5-7 Kansas State, 2-6 Iowa State and Kansas, which is 1-11.

## Huskers net six recruits and national rank

By Chuck Green  
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Nationally ranked recruiting classes at Nebraska are usually associated with the Cornhusker football team, but women's basketball coach Angela Beck is trying to change that.

Beck netted six recruits this season — five freshmen who signed April 13 and a junior-college transfer who signed Monday — that make up the No. 11 women's basketball class in the nation, according to the Blue Star Scouting Service.

"We're very satisfied," Beck said.

"We've got a lot of sleepers, but they're all good players."

Nebraska's recruits include Kristi Anderson, a 6-foot-3 center from Council Bluffs, Iowa; Sarah Muller, a 6-1 forward from Scribner; Carol Russell, a 5-11 guard from Manhattan, Kan.; Rissa Taylor, a 6-1 center from Peoria, Ill.; Shawn Taylor, a 6-0 forward transfer from Barton City (Kan.) Community College; and Kim Yancey, a 5-6 guard from Holdon, Mo.

Beck said the Huskers' NCAA Tournament berth this season made Nebraska a "program players want to

be a part of."

"I think our system is rolling now and a lot of kids want to come here," Beck said. "We don't have any of the nation's No. 1 players in this class, but we have players that can make an impact in our program."

One player Beck expects will make an immediate impact is Shawn Taylor. Beck said Taylor will fill the void left by the graduation of Maurice Ivy, a three-time all-Big Eight forward who is Nebraska's all-time leading scorer.

"You don't replace Maurice Ivy, you just fill her spot," Beck said.

"We'll have to change our philosophy a little and do some things differently. Taylor will definitely help us out in that area."

"You don't get a junior-college transfer to have her sit on the bench."

One change the Huskers will make next season is their offensive attack in some situations, Beck said. Nebraska will still have a running offense, "but only on certain opportunities," she said.

"We'll have a much more balanced attack next season," Beck said. "We relied on Maurice for a lot of things last year. That can either make

or break you. It will be different with her."

Ivy led the Huskers with 553 points — 19.1 points per game — during her senior season.

Another obvious change for next season in Nebraska's program, Beck said, is the Huskers' schedule, which will be much more difficult.

Beck said the Huskers will play several top-20 teams next year, including Long Beach (Calif.) State, which advanced to the Final Four of last season's women's NCAA Tour-

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## Ivy 'shuns' ex-teammates to prepare for Olympics

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For the last three weeks, Nebraska's Maurice Ivy has had a reason to abandon her former teammates and play basketball with a few men.

Ivy began to play basketball with a few of her male friends to improve her quickness, she said. Quickness is one essential quality she'll need to make the U.S. Olympic women's basketball team, Ivy said.

Ivy, Nebraska's all-time leading career scorer, was one of 58 players selected to participate in the women's team tryouts in Colorado Springs, Colo. The tryouts are Thursday through Sunday.

"I've been playing with a lot of guys since I found out that I had been invited to try out," Ivy said. "Guys are quicker than girls, so I play with them to get my quickness and speed up to par."

Ivy, the Big Eight Player of the Year last season, said she learned she was invited to the Olympic Training Center about three weeks ago. Shortly thereafter, she began playing basketball again.

"When it was nice outside, we used to play a lot," Ivy said. "But even when the weather wasn't good, I'd go into a gym and shoot free throws and work on my one-on-one moves. I've been working hard at it."

Ivy, who played forward for the Cornhuskers last season, said she'll probably try out at guard for the Olympic team. Her ball-handling will be one of her strong points, she said.

Ivy, a three-time all-Big Eight selection, said she won't have any problems reacquainting herself with a bigger ball. The Olympic Team will use a standard-size ball, while women's collegiate teams play with a slightly smaller one.

"I have been playing with a bigger ball most of my life," Ivy said. "It really doesn't make that much difference. It's just a matter of getting your timing down with a big ball, and it

didn't take me too long to get it down. I can handle a bigger ball much better."

**'... I'll leave there knowing I gave it my best shot.'**

—Ivy

But Nebraska coach Angela Beck said Ivy will run into a stumbling block when she gets to Colorado Springs.

"The problem Maurice will have is that this year had such a guard-oriented class (throughout the nation)," Beck said. "Where she'll run into problems is that the competition will be very stiff."

Beck said Ivy will face another roadblock while she's trying out for the national team.

"One of her drawbacks is that she's never faced international competition," Beck said. "If she makes the transition, she has a great opportunity to make the team."

Ivy said she has thought of a way to get herself noticed at the tryouts.

"I feel my ability and talent is just as good or better than the others trying out," Ivy said. "They know that 58 girls can score, but I'm going in there defensive-minded. That might be the key for me."

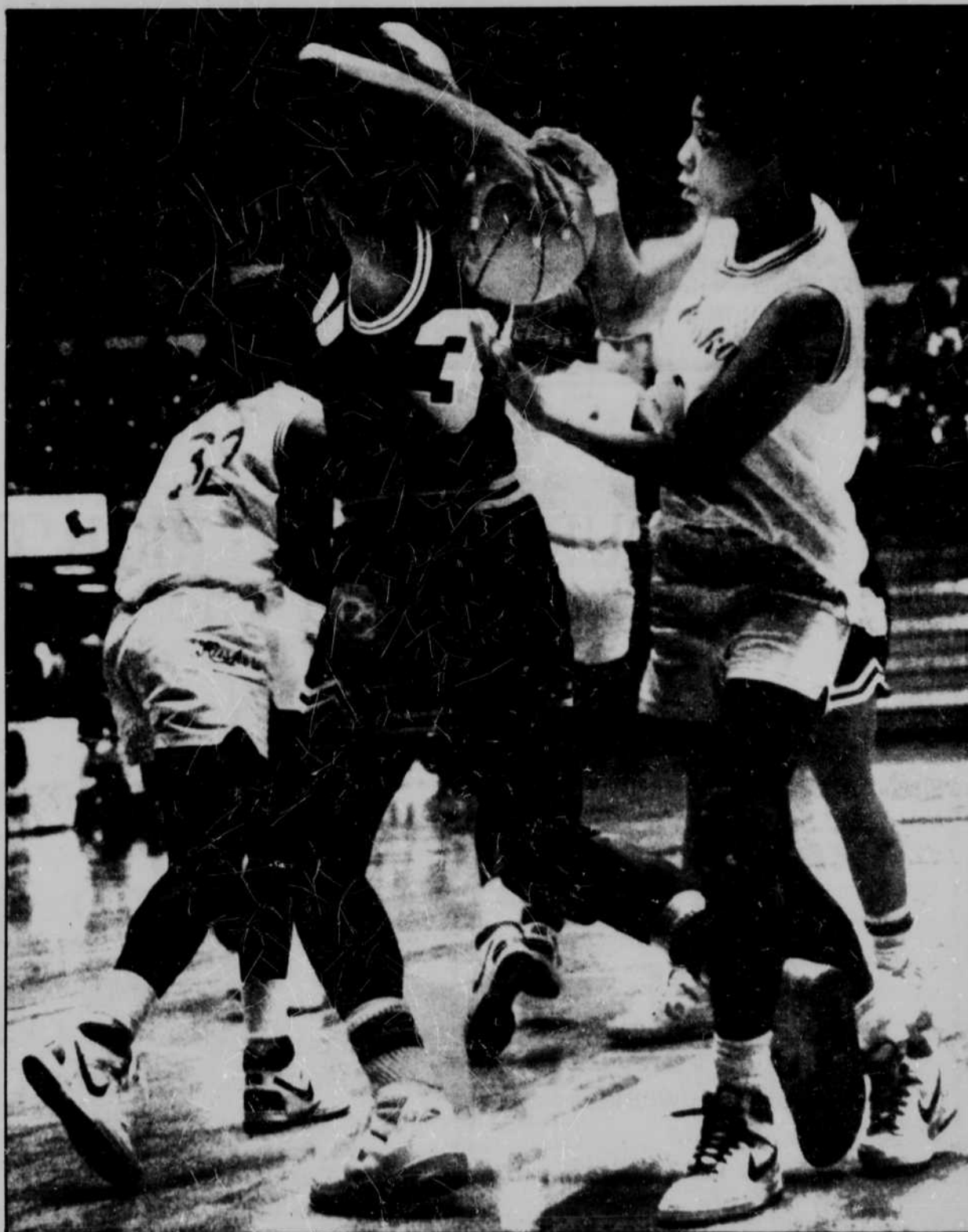
"I'll be one of 58 competing and I want to bring my name out. If I go out and establish myself early, hopefully I'll make it to the final cuts and maybe make the team."

Those participating at the tryouts include former Southern California standout and 1984 Olympic Team member Cheryl Miller and Michelle Edwards from Iowa.

The team will be coached by Kay Yow of North Carolina State.

Ivy said other factors will figure into the selection of the team.

"I know it's a lot of politics — who you know and who you are," Ivy said.



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Nebraska's Maurice Ivy battles Colorado's Crystal Ford.