

Knee injury finishes Ivy's basketball career

By Mark Derowitsch Senior Reporter

Maurice Ivy's stay at the Olympic Trials — and her basketball career — ended sooner than she expected this weekend.

Ivy, who led the Nebraska women's basketball team to the Big Eight regular-season title this year, injured her left knee and couldn't finish her tryout for the U.S. Olympic women's basketball team at Colorado Springs, Colo. Ivy was one of 58 players se-



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lected to tryout for the team. "I hurt it at the beginning of the season," Ivy said. "It had been bothering me all season and giving me a lot of problems."

Ivy said she aggravated her knee the second day of the trials after an intensive workout Thursday.

"During the tryout, it started swelling up on me Thursday night," Ivy said. "It kept getting worse and they (the trainers) told me to sit out for a while."

"I ended up sitting out Friday night's workout and an exhibition on Saturday, so I knew it was over for me after that."

Ivy, who ended her career at Nebraska as the Cornhusker's all-time leading scorer with 2,131 points, said

she was playing well until her knee started acting up.

"My defense was looking real strong," Ivy said. "But my knee got to the point to where I was dragging it down the court."

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said Ivy wasn't used to the level of competition at the trials. She said the high level of intensity hurt Ivy's knee.

"The intensity of the workouts had something to do with it," Beck said. "It hampered her this year but it never stopped her until now."

Ivy, the Big Eight player of the year this season, said the knee injury is forcing her to call it quits from competitive basketball.

"My knee has really been bothering me a lot since the trials," Ivy said.

"As a matter of fact, they might scope it, and it may have to be cut open. I don't want to have major surgery on my knee, so my basketball career is basically over. I might play in a pick up game every now and then and I may want to coach later on."

"But I think I did pretty well in basketball and I'm happy with what I accomplished in my career. Now I have a situation where I can sit back and enjoy them."

Ivy said she was glad to have the chance to tryout for the Olympic team.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime," she said. "A lot of good players didn't get invited, and it's an honor for me to be playing with the best in the nation. And although I didn't make it, I still

feel good in that I received national recognition as a basketball player."

Beck said she didn't think Ivy had a realistic chance of making the U.S. team.

"She didn't make the World Games so she didn't have too much international experience," Beck said. "But she should be thrilled to just be invited to the trials. The invitation alone is a very worthwhile honor."

Beck said Ivy, who played forward for the Huskers, was competing with 20 other guards to make the squad.

"Everything in life deals with time, and the time wasn't right for Maurice," Beck said. "It would have taken a minor miracle for her to make the team because of the stiff competition at her position."

Softball team to move to No. 2 in region

By Mike Kluck Staff Reporter

A second-place finish in the Cyclone Spring Invitational last weekend in Ames, Iowa, left Nebraska softball coach Ron Wolforth pleased but not completely satisfied.

The Huskers defeated No. 16 Iowa State 4-0 and 6-1 Friday. On Saturday they avenged a 3-1 loss to Northern Illinois, the tournament champions, by defeating No. 8 Illinois State 1-0. Nebraska then defeated Indiana State 1-0 in 12 innings Sunday.

"I can't say the tournament was a disappointment, period," Wolforth said. "Winning four out of five games was a disappointment in that we didn't win all five, but on the other hand we did help ourselves in the region. However, we could have helped ourselves more."

Wolforth said Nebraska, ranked No. 4 in the Midwest Region behind

Oklahoma State, Illinois State and Iowa State and was ranked No. 19 in the nation, should move up to No. 2 in the region and No. 12 or No. 13 in the nation when the next ratings are released.

Wolforth said Nebraska was aided by Lori Sippel, a senior pitcher. Sippel recorded 35 strikeouts, including 23 against Indiana State for a school record. She also kept all three of her opponents scoreless en route to recording her 89th career victory, which ties a school record.

"One of our positives was an incredible performance by our senior pitcher, Lori Sippel," Wolforth said. "She pitched a total of 26 innings of giving up no runs."

Wolforth said junior Jane Kremer and freshman Ann Halsne also performed well in the tournament. He said Kremer hit home runs against Iowa State and Illinois State, while Halsne hit well throughout the tour-

nament.

Wolforth said Nebraska didn't hit the ball hard throughout the tournament. He said the Huskers had opportunities to score because Indiana State and Illinois State combined had only three strikeouts against Nebraska.

"Our problem isn't that we aren't making contact with the ball," Wolforth said. "They aren't attacking the ball the way they should. Against Northern Illinois it wasn't their pitching that beat us. They hit a three-run homer against us in the first inning, and we had six innings to rebound."

The Huskers improved their record to 4-2 in the Big Eight with the sweep against Iowa State. Nebraska is second in the Big Eight behind Oklahoma State, which has an 8-0 mark in conference competition.

Wolforth said if the Huskers want to return to the College World Series, the team can't relax.

"If we play well next week and win

six or seven out of our eight games, we should be assured of an at-large bid into the tournament and be able to take care of our own destiny," Wolforth said.

The Huskers face Kearney State Tuesday at 4 p.m. in a double-header at the Nebraska Softball Complex.

Wolforth said Nebraska needs to be ready to face the Antelopes because the team will be excited to play the Huskers. He said playing Kearney State is a "nerve-racking" experience.

"Personally, I don't like playing Kearney State at all," Wolforth said. "I like playing UCLA because it is one of the high points of coaching, but we don't get anything from playing Kearney State. It is still important for us to win the ballgame."

Kearney State catcher Sharon O'Connor said she is looking forward to playing Nebraska. But she said the Antelopes, 22-8, aren't putting any

pressure on themselves.

"Nebraska is always fun to play," O'Connor said. "We're going to play the best ball we can, but we are going to go in with a good attitude. We have a really good feeling and know we can't go in there with a lot of pressure. We are air free."

Wolforth said Kearney State is similar to Indiana State. He said the Antelopes put the ball in play and have a good pitching staff.

The Antelope pitching staff is led by senior Phyllis DeBuhr, who has compiled an 11-6 record and a .96 earned run average. Freshman Susan Johnson is 9-2 with an ERA of .60.

"Every year we are looking forward to play the best we can," O'Connor said. "Nebraska has to have the pressure on them."

The Nebraska Educational Television Network will televise the first game of the double-header Thursday at 8 p.m.

Cornhuskers try to stretch out homegame winning streak to 20

By Steve Sipple Senior Reporter

After winning two of three weekend games on the road against Oral Roberts University, Nebraska's baseball team will try to extend its home winning streak to 20 games today against Northwest Missouri State.

The Cornhuskers will face Northwest Missouri State, a Division II school, in two seven-inning games beginning at 1:30 p.m. at UNL's Buck Beltzer Field.

Nebraska raised its record to 36-13 in its series with Oral Roberts in Tulsa, Okla. The Huskers won 9-7 Friday, 8-4 Saturday, and then lost 11-1 Sunday. Oral Roberts is 22-27.

Nebraska coach John Sanders said it won't be easy for the Huskers to increase its home winning-streak against Northwest Missouri State. The Bearcats, 33-12 entering Monday's game against Central Missouri State, have beat two Big Eight teams this season, the last being a 6-0 decision against Iowa State. They also split two games with Kansas.

The Huskers, Sanders said, use the midweek games to prepare for weekend Big Eight opponents.

"As always, the midweek games, like Northwest Missouri and Northern Iowa, provide a rhythm for the weekend," Sanders said. "That's the whole idea. This week is no different than any other week in that the games will provide sharpness for this weekend."

Sanders said Nebraska will need to be sharp this weekend. The Huskers will play Northern Iowa tomorrow before facing league-leader and top-ranked Oklahoma State at Buck Beltzer Field.

Today, Sanders said, the Huskers will start right-hander Phil Goguen on the mound in the first game and John Kohli, a left-hander, in the second.

Goguen won his first decision of the year last Thursday by pitching five scoreless, one-hit innings in Nebraska's 12-0 win against Fort Hays State. Goguen, a junior, has a 5.46 earned run average.

Kohli, a senior, is 4-1 with a 3.12 ERA.

L.A. Rams select Keith Jones

By Mark Derowitsch Senior Reporter

Nebraska's Keith Jones is ready to prove 27 National Football League teams wrong.

Jones, a sixth-round selection by the Los Angeles Rams Monday in the NFL's annual draft, said he was ready to prove he's better than a sixth-round pick.

"When I got a call this (Monday) morning, there was fire in my heart," Jones said. "But it's a positive fire because I had to wait six rounds. But that gives me a good incentive to go out and compete and show I'm capable of playing pro football."

Jones, who rushed for 1,245 yards this season, said he's confident that he'll be on the roster for the Rams at the start of the year.

"It's a situation where I'll make the best of it," Jones said. "It's good for me because I'll be able to compete with Gaston Green (a first-

round pick from UCLA). I hope I have an impact soon. I'm going to make the team — mark my words — I'll definitely make the Rams."

Jones, a two-time all Big-Eight selection, ended his career at Nebraska as the Cornhuskers' third-leading rusher in school history by totaling 2,577 yards in four years. He trails only former Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier and I.M. Hipp.

He said his career at Nebraska will help him make the adjustment to pro football.

"I think God has given me all the ability I need to make the NFL, and Nebraska has prepared me to move up a level," Jones said.

Other Huskers selected include Keith Neubert, an eighth round pick by the New York Jets, the Cleveland Browns picked Brian Washington in the 10th round and Hendley Hawkins in the 11th, and Steve Forch was a 11th round selection by the Chicago Bears.

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