

NU recruit hoping to change her luck

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Three losses at the Bob Devaney Sports Center has given Sarah Muller some unpleasant memories of the building.



But, Muller hopes, those memories will turn around next season when she plays for the Nebraska basketball team.

As a junior, Muller played for the Scribner team which lost in the 1987 state championship game to Osceola. As a senior, Muller played for Fremont Bergan, but again lost in the state championship to Gibbon. Two week's ago, Muller's North All-Star team lost to the South 69-63.

Muller's only victory so far at the sports center was in the second round

of the 1988 State Tournament when Bergan defeated Hebron. But, Muller said, they had to win the game because it was on her birthday.

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Although Muller hasn't had much success at the sports center, it didn't stop Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck from offering her a scholarship.

"She is a well-rounded athlete," Beck said. "She can run, shoot and pass the ball. She is able to put some

points on the board and even block some shots. She also has passing ability."

Muller finished her high school career with 1,707 points, which is the 3rd highest total in state history.

Muller was disappointed with the all-star game. She said she was upset her team lost and that she didn't get to play more in the game.

Muller said she played 17 minutes in the 40 minute game. She scored seven points, sinking 3 of 9 shots from

the field and 1 of 4 from the free-throw line. She also pulled down 10 rebounds and blocked one shot.

Muller said her attention has now turned to playing basketball for the Cornhuskers.

"I expect to contribute some this year and next, but hopefully earn a starting position my junior year," Muller said. "I know I won't play much at the beginning of the year, but I hope to increase my playing time throughout the year."

Beck said it is difficult to predict how much playing time Muller will have but said if things go right she could contribute a lot her first year.

"If we get her in collegiate shape she could be a real fine specimen," Beck said. "There are many factors that play into how much she plays. If she adapts and does the things we want her to do she could be utilized right away. (It) also depends if she comes in here with a good work ethic."



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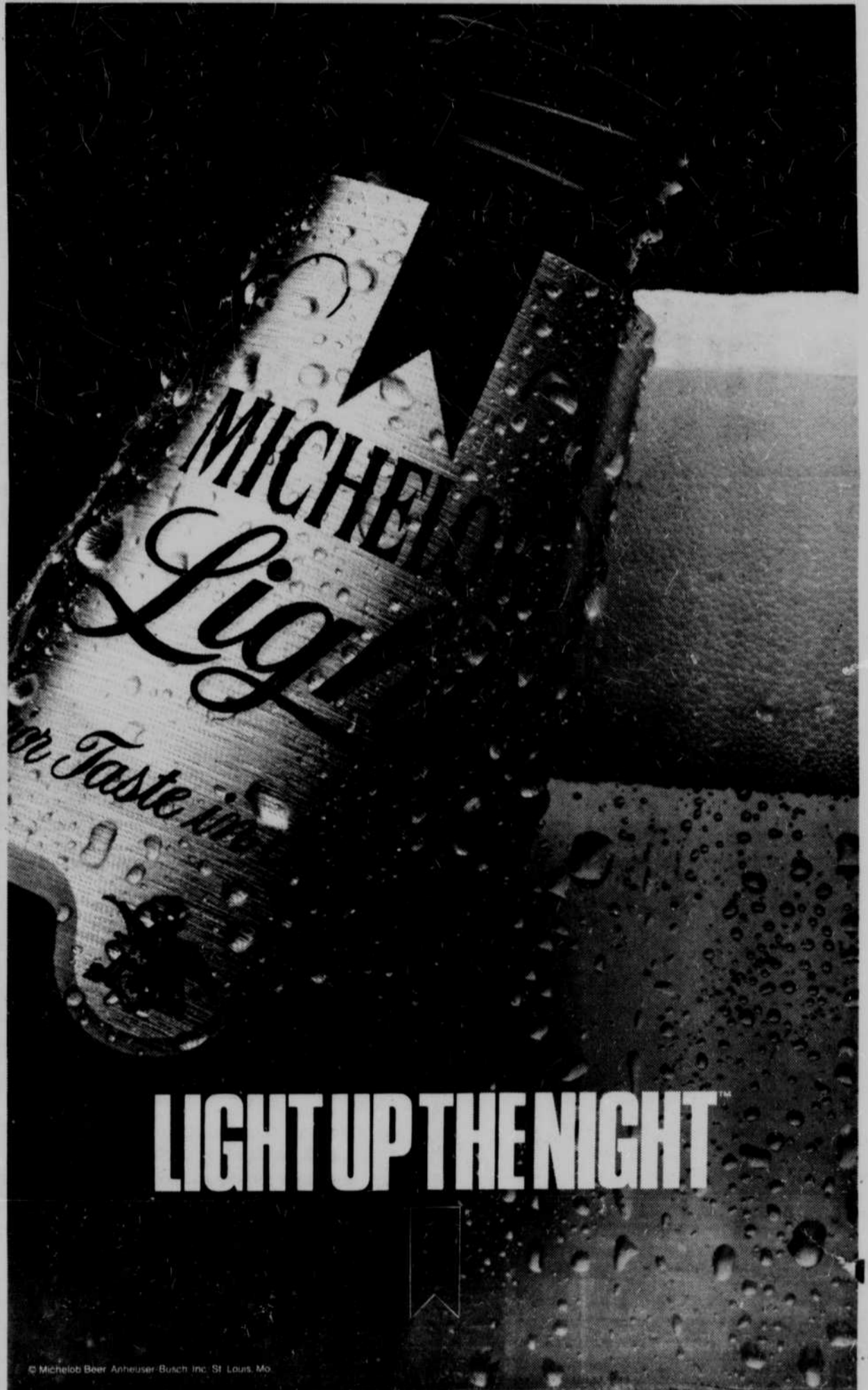
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