

## Switzer-Osborne rivalry escalates as game nears

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If it was up to Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, he would like to see his rivalry with Barry Switzer extend well into the 1990s.

Osborne, speaking Tuesday at his weekly press conference at the South Stadium, said he expects to coach against the Oklahoma coach a little while longer.

"I would like to coach several more years if I could," Osborne said. "I certainly don't want to coach anywhere else (than at Nebraska)."

Barry Switzer, who has compiled a 157-27-4 (.845 winning percentage) record in 16 seasons as the Sooners' coach, has said he can see himself coaching for 10 more years.

But Osborne said he can't tell when his last season of coaching will be.

"As long as I enjoy what I'm doing, I'll coach," Osborne said. "But there comes a time where it's just not fun anymore. But I certainly don't have any plans to quit right now."

Osborne, who has led the Cornhuskers to a 157-35-2 (.814) record over 16 years, said he didn't expect to be at Nebraska for more than a few seasons when he first started.

"After my first three or four years here, I felt I wouldn't be here because I didn't know how long I'd be tolerated here," he said.

Osborne's teams compiled a 9-2-1 record during his first season in 1973. The Huskers then went 9-3 in 1974, 10-2 in 1975 and 9-3-1 in 1976. Osborne didn't record his first win against Oklahoma until 1978.

Osborne's Huskers will get another shot at Oklahoma Saturday

when the teams play a 2:40 p.m. game at Memorial Stadium in Norman, Okla.

Osborne said certain rules imposed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association make it difficult for a coach to stay at one school for very long.

"If we had a 45-scholarship limit like we used to have, I'd feel very confident that I'd be coaching here 10 years from now," Osborne said.

Osborne said one NCAA limitation that will hinder Nebraska's football recruiting efforts is the one-visit rule for a head college coach who is pursuing a high school player.

"In the past, most players we wanted very badly I saw up to five or six times," he said.

Osborne said the new rule will make his job during the recruiting period easier.

"During recruiting season, I work full time on recruiting," he said. "I'll probably be about one-third as productive personally this year as compared to the past."

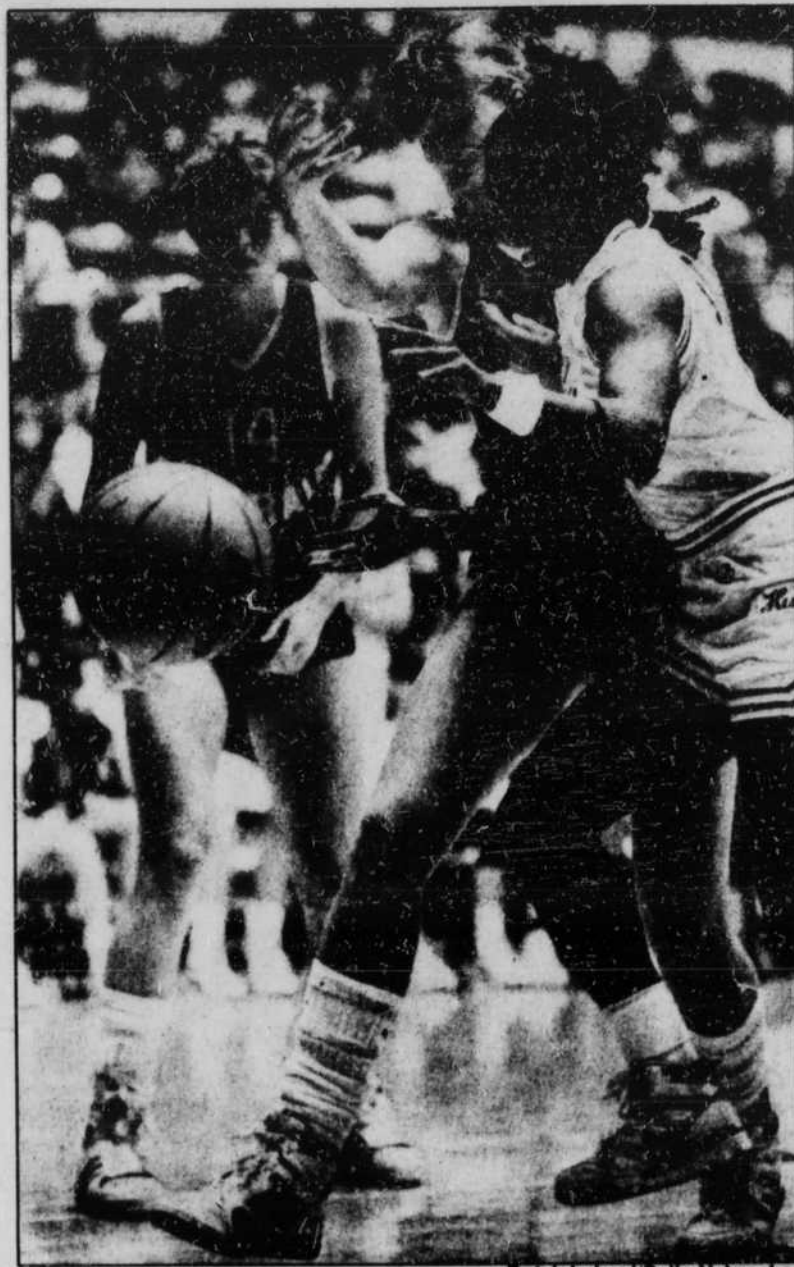
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• Osborne said the winner of Saturday's Oklahoma/Nebraska game will have a slight disadvantage in the Orange Bowl. Most likely, the winner of the Big Eight championship will play Miami, Fla.

"You'd like to play a game like that on a neutral site, and not have it be a home game for one team," Osborne said.

Osborne said he would like to see the Big Eight explore other bowl opportunities when its Orange Bowl contract expires in a few years.

"I think I'm the only coach in the Big Eight who has been vocal about questioning the contract," he said.



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Australian Junior National forward Anne Robilliard steals the ball from Nebraska's Sabrina Brooks during Tuesday nights game. Nebraska defeated the Australian team 72-58.

## Beck says win proves a point

By Mike Kluck  
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Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said the Cornhuskers were trying to make a statement in their 72-58 exhibition win against the Australian Junior National team Tuesday night.

"I was proving a point," Beck said. "We've been working on defense now for about a month and a half pretty solidly and the thing I was going to do was only put the kids that were willing to commit defensively out there."

Before the game Beck said the Huskers' goal was to hold their opponent to under 65 points.

Australian coach Trevor Cook said his team was hurt by what he said was poor officiating in the game played in front of 595 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

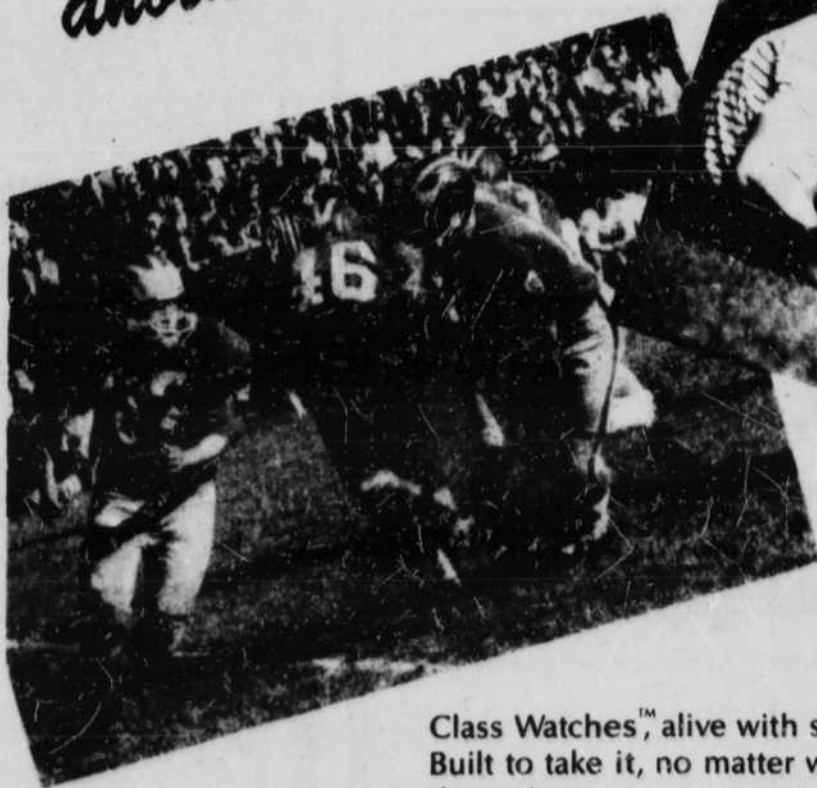
"I'm just saying you can't have calls at one end and not at the other," Cook said. "They didn't win it, we lost it."

The Huskers took a 14 point lead in the first half with a basket and free throw by senior guard Sabrina Brooks. The Australian's cut the lead to 25-22 with 4:36 left in the half with a shot by Kellie Smith, but Nebraska outscored the Australians 12-7 in the final 4:30 to lead 37-29 at halftime.

In the second half the Huskers held their biggest lead on a bucket by freshman Kim Yancey, which gave Nebraska a 59-44 advantage. The Australians cut the lead to five with 5:12 left in the game on a shot by Shelley Gorman.

The Huskers outscored the Australians 11-2 in the final five minutes to post the victory. Nebraska was lead in scoring by senior Amy Stephens' 25 points.

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