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## Nebraska women's gymnastics team beats Missouri despite inconsistencies

By Mike O'Malley  
Staff Reporter

Three years of domination was extended Sunday for the Nebraska women's gymnastics team as it defeated Missouri 185.2-182.8 in Columbia, Mo.

Nebraska women's gymnastics coach Rick Walton said he was pleased with the Cornhuskers' victory against Missouri despite Nebraska's decrease in point production. The Huskers, who have not lost a conference meet in three years, lost 1.9 points from their 187.1 total that gave them the team title in the Huskie Invitational on Jan. 13 in Seattle.

Walton said he was disturbed with the Huskers' occasional lack of concentration.

"There were a lot of falls and silly mistakes," Walton said. "That's

pretty indicative of what happened in the meet."

Junior Tami Bair and sophomore Lisa McCrady both had problems against Missouri. Bair's score dropped from 37.35 to 35.7 after she fell twice on the balance beam and once on the uneven bars, and McCrady's score plummeted from 37.4 to 37.1 after she fell in four events.

Nebraska outdistanced the Tigers in all four events even though Missouri's Mary Houghton edged teammate Mary Dorn for the all-around title with a score of 37.85. The top performer for Nebraska was junior Jane Clemons, who won the balance beam competition with a 9.5 score and tied Houghton for 3rd place in the uneven bars with a 9.6.

Nebraska's Crystal Savage edged out teammate Michele Bryant to win

the uneven bars competition with a 9.8 score.

Bryant tied Dorn for 1st place on the vault with a 9.45 score. Nebraska's Jeaneane Smith finished 2nd in the vault with a 9.4 score.

"We're not setting the world on fire," Walton said. "We won the meet when we were having an off night but teams have to be consistent in order to win the championship. There's already eight teams that have scored 187 or better."

Nebraska's next meet is on Feb. 3, when the Huskers travel to Los Angeles to face UCLA.

"We have a week to work the bugs out before going against UCLA, who's either 1st or 2nd in the country," Walton said. "If we can't get motivated for UCLA then we won't get motivated all year. We should be emotionally primed."

## Husker women lose desire, and game

By Mike Kluck  
Staff Reporter

The inability to play for 40 minutes doomed the Nebraska women's basketball team during its loss to Kansas State Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said Monday that the Cornhuskers weren't ready to play a full game against Kansas State. She said that led to Nebraska's 83-80 loss to the Wildcats.

"Mentally we didn't have the desire to play 40 minutes," Beck said. "The loss was due to us not being mentally ready to play. We thought they would roll over and give us the victory."

The loss dropped Nebraska to 11-6 overall and 2-2 in the Big Eight, while Kansas State improved to 12-5 and 2-2.

Beck said Nebraska played well in the game's first 10 minutes. But the Huskers' concentration broke down

later in the first half, enabling Kansas State to take a 48-28 lead at halftime.

Nebraska was impatient and didn't share the basketball during the latter part of the first half, Beck said. The Huskers committed 20 turnovers in the opening half and had 31 the entire game.

"We didn't play Nebraska basketball very well," Beck said.

Beck said the Kansas State setback was her most disappointing loss of the year. She said the Wildcats are an improved team that is tough to beat at home.

Beck said the play of sophomore center Ann Halsne was one of the Huskers' few bright spots against the Wildcats. Beck said she was happy she was able to include Halsne in Nebraska's offense. Halsne scored 25 points in the second half and ended the game with 29.

"We had the ability to gain our composure and come back from a 20-point deficit," Beck said. "Whenever you play on the road you want to put yourself in a position to win. We

didn't get the 'W'. The bottom line is it's an 'L'."

Beck said that although she couldn't find many positive aspects of the game, it should help the Huskers in future road contests.

"This was a great character builder," Beck said. "We need to come back with a much better performance."

To become successful, individual Nebraska players need to start performing better, she said.

"The reason we haven't been successful is because we have not had a consistent performance from the whole team," Beck said. "We need some individuals to gain more consistency. Several of our upperclassmen didn't have a good game."

The Huskers' next two games are very important, Beck said. Nebraska plays at Oklahoma on Wednesday and at Missouri on Sunday.

"We need to get a win on the road during this swing," Beck said. "We must go out and earn a win."

## Team showed improvement

By Paul Domeier  
Staff Reporter

An excellent effort by the Nebraska women's tennis team contributed to an improved showing at the Gopher Doubles Invitational last weekend in Minneapolis.

Nebraska women's tennis coach Gregg Calvin said the Cornhuskers unofficially finished 2nd in the five-team tournament, only one match behind Minnesota. He said that finish was a marked improvement over what he saw in October, when Nebraska was dominated by Minnesota at the Husker Invitational.

Calvin said Nebraska's lofty finish in Minnesota will help the Huskers when they travel to South Bend, Ind., Feb. 3 through 5 to compete in the Notre Dame doubles tournament.

"What we're trying to do with these two tournaments is take three weeks to concentrate on doubles," he said. "Often in a tournament you will split the singles matches and it will come down to the doubles."

Calvin said Nebraska will begin playing almost every weekend after it

completes its current stretch on March 10.

Nebraska's No. 1 doubles team of Doneta Holmen and Nancy Tyggum led the Huskers by compiling a 5-1 record. Holmen and Tyggum already have beaten the 13th-ranked team in the country this season, and will face the 2nd-ranked team from Oklahoma State and the 10th-ranked team from Colorado later this year.

Nebraska's No. 2 doubles team of Ildiko Guba and Kathrin Edelkotter compiled a 4-2 record, a feat which pleased Calvin.

"They've really come on as a doubles team," Calvin said.

Nebraska's No. 3 doubles team, which was comprised of Rachel Collins and either Meghan Quinn or Leslie Sue Jones, went undefeated in the second bracket.

Calvin said the tournament showed him that Nebraska is getting prepared for the start of its Big Eight season in April. He said he would set the Huskers' line-up for conference competition after the Notre Dame tournament.

## NU fights Irish Wednesday

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best wrestlers. Olson, who is now 15-8, won by injury default over 21-7 Wayne Engebritson. Chenoweth, who is now 17-6-2, defeated the Fighting Sioux's John Richter 13-4.

"This was the best Chenoweth wrestled all year," Neumann said. "He major decisioned the 14th-ranked guy tonight. Chenoweth and (150-pounder) Paul Herrera, those two are coming on now like we hoped they would."

Herrera, who beat 5th-ranked Chuck Barbee of Oklahoma State earlier this season, decisioned North Dakota's Cory Leopold 3-1.

On Friday, 158-pound senior Jeff Colvet became the fourth Nebraska

wrestler to record 100 career wins.

After posting a major decision over North Dakota's Tim Briggs, Colvet said he still has another personal accomplishment that is more important.

"I'm working towards the end of the year," Colvet said. "I want to be an All-American, that's the only thing that means anything to me."

Nebraska's next meet is on Wednesday, when the Huskers travel to South Bend, Ind., to face the 15th-ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Neumann said Notre Dame will be a tough opponent to beat. He said they have good wrestlers at each weight class.

"If they're healthy," Neumann said, "we're going to have a war on our hands."

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