

Six in double figures lead Huskers to win

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Ann Halsne and her Nebraska basketball teammates got rolling in the second half Tuesday night as the Cornhuskers crushed Oral Roberts, 110-61, before 383 spectators at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Six players scored in double figures for the 3-3 Huskers. Kim Yancey led Nebraska with 16 points. Halsne, Kristi Dahn and LeeAnna Hiestand scored 15 apiece, with Sarah Muller adding 12 and Karen Jennings contributing 10.

Halsne said she was happy with her production.

"I haven't been playing that well," Halsne said. "I'm glad Coach (Angela) Beck left me in, and I started doing my thing."

Her thing included 11 second-half points as the Huskers pulled away after leading 44-36 at halftime.

Halsne entered the game averaging 6.6 points and 3.6 rebounds, down from 9.9 and 5.0 she averaged last season. Beck said she wanted to get some production from her junior co-

captain.

"We needed to get a couple players on track. We did that," she said. "One was Halsne and one was Sara Offringa. I thought they did a nice job."

Offringa had four points and two rebounds before fouling out, and all 12 Huskers in uniform played five minutes or more.

Oral Roberts, 1-14, had a 27-26 lead with 6:13 left in the first half, but the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics team was only in the game because of 21 first-half points from Stacy Williams. Williams' total included five three-point shots.

"We were thinking, 'She's got to get cold pretty soon,'" Halsne said.

Williams could only add five more points in the second period as the Huskers came within one point of the record for points in a half.

Beck said she was pleased her team's intensity stayed high despite the big lead.

"It was a solid victory," she said. "We finally got our offense moving in the right direction."

The only dark spot for Nebraska

came when Kelly Hubert collapsed in the first half.

"I went up for the rebound and that's the last thing I remember," Hubert said.

Beck said Hubert tore a ligament in her ankle and will be out six to eight weeks. Her starting forward left with six points and nine rebounds, yet Beck saw good points after the injury.

"For her to go and for us to still have a complete game and not really miss her, I was real pleased," Beck said.

The Huskers kept up a pressure man-to-man defense that resulted in 23 field goals on 35 attempts from inside the lane in the second half. Beck said she wants to keep up the tempo.

"I want more production," she said. "I want 80 points a game."

Beck said smashing the Titans showed what her squad can do.

"I have been calling all my coaching friends, all my good buddies that have done this before and they've given me some solid advice," she said. "They said be patient and try not to bail out on what you're doing."

Tuesday night, patience worked.

Nebraska guard helps lead Huskers to fast-break win over Oral Roberts

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Nebraska guard Kristin Dahn came alive Tuesday night and helped the Cornhusker women's basketball team post a 110-61 victory against Oral Roberts.

Dahn, a transfer from Central Arizona Junior College in Coolidge, Ariz., broke out of a season-long slump by scoring 15 points at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. She said her performance was a confidence-builder because she entered the contest averaging 5.2 points per game.

Dahn said her game is getting better.

"It's coming along," Dahn said. "I've felt more comfortable these last two games."

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck agreed that Dahn's game is improving. She said it showed vast improvement against Oral Roberts, which is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"If what her shooting tonight is any indication I think she's going to be back on track," Beck said.

Beck said she was particularly pleased with Dahn's performance

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because the 5-foot-11 guard scored only seven points during last weekend's Dial Classic in Minneapolis.

"She really got after it on defense," Beck said. "She's a good

shooter. She's kind of a streak shooter and before she was in a little slump.

"I thought she had a pretty complete game tonight," Beck said.

Dahn said the Oral Roberts game was her type of contest.

"I was used to the fast break," she said. "We're trying to fast break more. That is kind of what we're concentrating on."

"We were getting inside as much as we wanted to."

Dahn said she hopes the game will help the Huskers as a team as much as it did her personally.

"It gives you confidence," Dahn said, "a lot more confidence in shooting."

"We aren't used to each other yet. This kind of a game really helps."

Dahn is expected to be a big help to Nebraska this season, as she earned first-team junior college All-America honors last season. She led the Vaqueras to the 1988 junior college national title by averaging 13 points, seven rebounds and three steals.



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Nebraska's Kim Yancey (20) is overpowered while battling for a rebound against Amy Beth Williams (50) of Oral Roberts University Tuesday night. Yancey, 5-foot-6, didn't let her height affect her performance. She led the Huskers with 16 points.

Cocaine abuse clouds football hero's career

If heroes are a reflection of society, let's hope Dexter Manley isn't a hero to anyone.

Chances are, though, Manley was a hero to someone -- was, but probably isn't anymore.

Manley, an All-Pro defensive end who is the National Football League Washington Redskins' career leader in sacks, no longer plays football -- because of himself.



Manley was banished from the league after his third violation of the league's substance abuse policy less than two weeks ago.

In September, Manley was a hero. People Magazine chronicled in their Sept. 25 issue, in Manley's own words, how he had overcome his illiteracy.

Manley came forward to testify in May in front of a Senate hearing on illiteracy to tell of the disability, poor auditory memory, which until recently had left him unable to read above a second-grade level.

The article went on to tell the story of "perhaps his gutsiest move on or off the field" when he went for help with his reading, secretly, to the Lab School in Washington, D.C., a school for the learning disabled.

Manley, 31, was kept in special education programs through his seventh grade year, unable to read, write, or spell.

"Other kids would call us retardards," Manley told People. "I was called so many negative things that after a while I began to believe them. And I began to hate myself."

Isolated, angry and frustrated, Manley often lashed out uncontrollably at the cruel world around him. He once lit a stack of newspapers on fire for no reason and was punished cruelly by his father, who made Dexter live in a closet when not in school for seven straight days, he said.

Once Manley had advanced to junior high in his boyhood home of Houston, Texas, people began to notice his talent on the football field and his self-esteem improved.

In the classroom, Dexter did not improve.

"In school I could spell 'dog,' 'cat' and write my name, but not much more," Manley said. "I could count my money and get the right change, but I didn't know any other

math.

"I guess the reason no one flunked me -- I got mostly C's and D's -- was because I could be a nice kid."

Manley was offered 37 football scholarships to various schools, and eventually chose Oklahoma State because it had courses in hotel management, and Manley said he figured he could do that.

Manley never graduated, but managed to stay eligible to play football and was drafted by the Redskins in 1981.

On the gridiron, Manley became a fixture with Washington's defensive line, a menacing machine wreaking havoc on NFL quarterbacks around the league.

Manley's off-the-field problems remained. In 1987, he underwent treatment at the Hazelden Foundation for alcohol and drug abuse. Then, in July of 1988, he received a 30-day suspension by former commissioner Pete Rozelle after testing positive for cocaine.

Manley refused to admit on either occasion that he had a problem with cocaine, but did claim he had come to terms with his alcoholism.

After coming forward about his illiteracy, Manley said he began receiving all sorts of fan mail.

"I've been getting stacks of let-

ters," he said in September. "Everybody's been writing to me from all over the country, especially kids. I cry when I read their letters."

"Every time I get a sack this season, I'm going to donate money to the literacy program in Washington."

But there will be no more sacks, at least this season.

Manley again tested positive for cocaine and admitted to the public Nov. 25 that the test results were indeed correct. That's right. The man who once told a national television audience that he would submit to a urine test "right now" had fallen back into his old ways.

One has to wonder what the children who sent Manley all those letters think of their hero now, watching him admit to the media he would not dispute the charges that give him an indefinite suspension.

For the second time this year, Manley read a prepared statement, as he did before the Senate, under pressure.

"I have made a grave mistake and showed extremely poor judgment by slipping up and using drugs," he said. "Like so many unfortunate people in the world, I underestimated the tricky and insidious nature of the disease."

"The tests were not wrong -- I was ... I am sorry -- I'm very sorry."

Manley has not made any public

appearances since then. He reportedly has checked into a drug rehabilitation center, which is assisted by John Lucas, in his hometown of Houston.

Lucas, who currently plays guard for the Houston Rockets, returned to playing after overcoming his own chemical dependency.

Manley hopes to do the same thing. He said he plans to apply for acceptance into the NFL in the fall of 1990.

"I believe that I have begun the process of coming to terms with myself," he told People, "and I expect to be back as a strong contributing member of the community and a proud member of the Washington Redskins."

Manley, who has faced drugs, illiteracy, and child abuse, three problems often more conveniently swept under the carpet in the 1980s, has a chance to be a sort of positive symbol of the 90s.

He has failed his fans and himself; but, if he can overcome his own mistakes the way he dealt valiantly with his reading problem, Dexter Manley might help others, and become a hero again.

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