

NU to use post game against Buffs

By Paul Domeier
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The Nebraska women's basketball team will match strength against strength when it faces Colorado tonight.

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said the Cornhuskers want to use their deep post game to overcome the presence of Colorado's Debbie Johnson. Johnson, a 6-foot-5 junior, leads the Lady Buffs with an average of 12.9 points per game.

Beck said she will counter Johnson's

presence by using an abundance of post players that are crowding the interior lane at practice. She said those players include Ann Halsne, Karen Jennings, Sarah Muller, Rissa Taylor, Sue Hesch and Kelly Hubert.

The six post players will get a shot at Johnson and the rest of her teammates at 6:05 p.m. at the Events/Conference Center in Boulder, Colo. Colorado enters the game with an 8-7 record overall and a 1-1 mark in the Big Eight.

Beck said Hubert's presence in the game is a bonus, as the junior forward has returned from a serious ankle

injury suffered earlier this season. She said Muller benefited while Hubert was out. The Fremont native moved inside and raised her scoring average to 9.6 points per game.

Beck said Hubert proved she is healthy midway through Nebraska's 67-62 loss to Missouri on Saturday, when she scored 14 points and tallied a breakaway layup.

"When she made that layup, I said, 'Welcome back!'" Beck said.

Beck said she will try to ease her team's interior log jam by having Muller spend some time on the

rimeter. She said she also will have all of the players battle for time on the floor.

"It's going to make Halsne, Jennings and Muller all work a little bit harder," Beck said.

Jennings has worked hard all season, leading the team with 14.1 points per game. Halsne averages 10.4 points, while Taylor scored 14 points against Creighton and 11 against Northern Illinois.

Beck said Hesch, a former Nebraska volleyball player, has improved the most of any player during this season, her first year on the squad.

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Women win fight for center, new problem erupts

After five long years, female scholarship athletes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have won the battle. But in the process of breaking through the wall that restricted them from eating and studying at the Hewit Center, they created a new problem.

Because of the overcrowded conditions that now exist at the center, Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney and trainer George Sullivan, who is the unofficial king of the site, were forced to prohibit non-scholarship athletes from eating there.

That decision has sent the non-scholarship athletes trudging to the dorms to eat and has several officials from the Nebraska athletic department wondering what future consequences of the decision will be.

In the past, the women had their own eating area. The official name of that cafeteria in Harper Hall was "Training Table II" or the "Late Plate."

The menu was supposed to be the same as the men's, but athletes said it wasn't.

"The food seemed to be leftovers from three days ago," said Sara Hesch, a member of the Nebraska volleyball team.

Nebraska female student-athletes have argued for years about a lack of access to the Hewit Center, and have used Title IX as the basis of their clash. They claimed that the Cornhusker athletic department was not implementing the title.

Title IX, which originated from a 1972 Supreme Court ruling, states:

"No person...shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Devaney made no bones about Title IX's impact on the decision.

"The reason why the policy was changed was because there was no reason to be sued over Title IX," Devaney said.

Although most of the women interviewed expressed positive reactions, men had different opinions.

Billy Thorell, a freshman walk-on on the baseball team, said he understands that women deserve their rights. But he said his problem arises when practice runs late and he cannot get to his residence hall to eat.

Thorell said his only alternative is to leave practice early. Thorell, and others like him, are the true victims of this policy.

Originally the Hewit Center was built by the money received from the first Kickoff Classic in 1983, and was designed exclusively for the football team. But when extra room was available, the rest of the men's teams were allowed to eat there.

"It all comes down to numbers," Sullivan said. "If this doesn't work, we will try something different next year."

Devaney and Sullivan said the welfare of the student-athletes is their main concern.

The actual ramifications of this policy remain to be seen, but one thing is for sure. Now that men are required to share their dining space with women, they're "going to have to learn table manners," Nebraska pitcher Doug Tegtmeyer said.

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Chicago State matches coach's low expectations

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Chicago State men's basketball coach Tommy Suits said Monday that his team would be "out-matched" against the Cornhuskers.

Tuesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, the Cougars did everything they could to prove their coach was no liar.

Nebraska shot 55.4 percent from the field and hit 8 of 12 three-point shots to coast past Chicago State 92-57 before 8,211 fans, ending a two-game losing skid and raising its record to 7-7.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said he was proud of the way his Huskers played.

"We shot the ball well again," he said. "Our three-point shot was alive and well, which I was pleased with, because I think we're going to need it later on during the season."

The Huskers were playing without starting guard Clifford Scales, who was sidelined with the flu. Keith Moody started in his place and scored 10 points, hitting 4 of 5 from the field, including two three-point shots.

Nee was delighted with Moody's performance.

"I thought the first 20 minutes, he played perfect basketball," Nee said. "I don't think he scored a point, but he distributed the ball. He was a great quarterback."

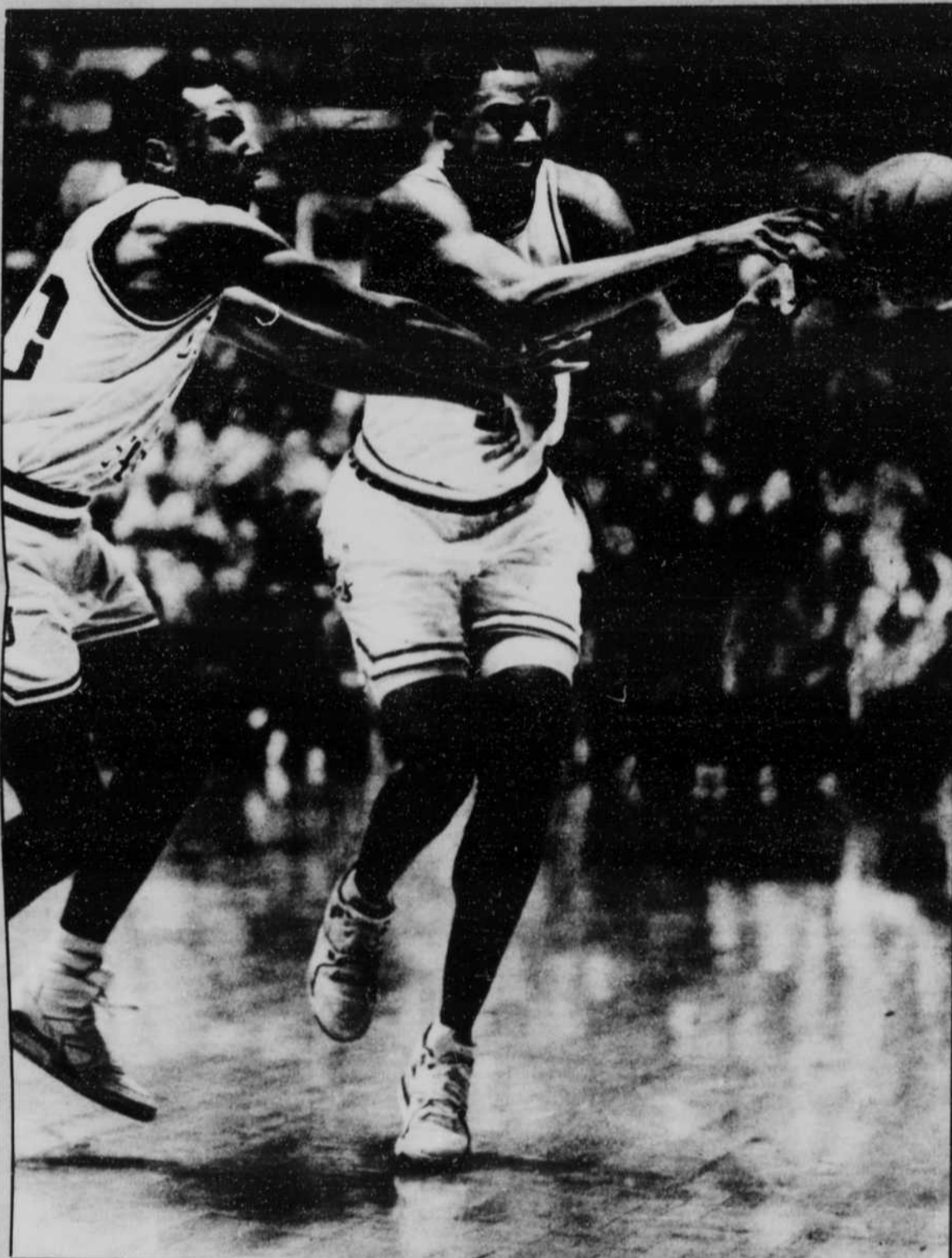
"He got us in our offense, and he got us in our defense."

Three Huskers have had the flu in the last two weeks. Reserve guard Chris Cresswell had it last week and center Kelly Lively "has a touch of it now," Nee said.

But Nebraska wasn't the only team on the court that was short-handed. Chicago State was without the services of injured guard Gerald Collins, a 6-foot-2 senior averaging 15.6 points per game.

"The injury to Collins really hurt them," Nee said.

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Chicago State's Lu Parker (20) knocks the ball away from Nebraska's Ray Richardson (44) Tuesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

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Heat wave raises Sanders' spirits

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As the temperature soared Tuesday afternoon, Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders' spirits continued to climb.

Sanders said Nebraska has been fortunate because it has been treated to good weather. Tuesday's high temperature in Lincoln was 55 degrees, meaning the Cornhuskers worked out for the second straight day outside.

"Every day that we work outside is worth two inside," Sanders said. "It's definitely been a nice way to start the year."

Sanders said his spirits also were

lifted by the addition of two junior college transfers who joined the Nebraska program Monday. He said Paul Fanucchi and Armando Garza, a pair of right-handed pitchers, will be valuable additions to the Husker program.

Garza is an Alliance native who will be a junior in eligibility, while Fanucchi spent two seasons at Canada Junior College in Redwood City, Calif., before coming to Nebraska.

Sanders said the addition of Garza and Fanucchi helps ease the loss of three players who were declared academically ineligible. Those players include pitcher Dale Kistaitis, first baseman Frankie Jernigan and catcher Bob Volk.

Sanders said Nebraska will have a tough time replacing Kistaitis' experience. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound Kistaitis was entering his final year of eligibility this season.

"Dale had a track record," Sanders said. "Dale's experience is not something that's easily replaced."

Sanders said several players have stepped forward in hopes of claiming Jernigan's job. He said those players include Bobby Benjamin, a natural outfielder who is former member of the prestigious USA team that traveled abroad in the summer of 1988.

In addition to Benjamin, Nebraska's other first base candidates are Joseph Sharpley, a freshman from Gloucester, N.J., Shawn Buchanan, a junior

from Gary, Ind., and Dirk Skillicorn, a sophomore from Los Altos, Calif.

"We've got some good people working over there," Sanders said. "There's a lot of possibilities."

Sanders said Nebraska needs to find a first baseman because it will open its season against Colorado State on Feb. 24 in Ft. Collins, Colo. After facing the Rams in a double-header, the Huskers will square off against Wyoming, then will depart for Honolulu for five games in three days.

Sanders said Nebraska is not letting its tough, early schedule affect its focus. He said the Huskers are concentrating on the Big Eight por-

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