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Junior Sue Hesch drives between Australia's Jenny Whittle (15) and Trisa Fallon (13)

NU women's team loses first game

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Angela Beck wanted her women's basketball team to beat up on someone in Monday night's exhibition game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Instead, the Cornhuskers got thumped, 85-64, by the Australia Junior Nationals in front of a quiet crowd of 810.

The Huskers shot 30.5 percent from the floor and committed 30 turnovers in their new run-and-gun offense against the all-star group from across Australia, but Beck said she is not discouraged.

"We didn't play anything like I thought we can play," Beck said. "But I knew this was going to be a tough game. We weren't going to come out and totally control them."

The Australians, who are 4-0 on their nine-game tour of the United States, finished their regular season about two months ago.

That experience and the Huskers' new offense gave the Australians an advantage, Beck said.

"You can't put an offense in in one month and expect the kids to know it," she said. "They're much more gelled than we are, obviously."

Beck said the team "just got outscrapped" and needed to be more aggressive on offense and defense.

"We're going to have to dig a couple levels deeper," she said. "I want this to be the most aggressive team we've ever put on the floor."

"We had one or two times when we dove on a loose ball. We could have been on the floor 15 times in this game."

The Australians run an offense much like the Huskers' own, and play a pressing defense. Beck said the Huskers weren't able to prepare for everything the Australians threw at them, and that disrupted the Nebraska game plan.

After the first half, Nebraska trailed by 10 and had turned the ball over only 10 times. But the Huskers were shooting 29.5 percent and were not getting the second shot opportunities on offense, Beck said.

On Sunday, the Australians defeated Big Eight foe Colorado 77-66 and Australian coach Ray Tomlinson said he would give the Buffaloes the nod over the Huskers.

"They're focused just a little bit better on what they're doing," he said. "It was a bit of a scramble there tonight."

UNLV 1st in AP poll

The Associated Press

UNLV starts the college basketball season where it can't end it — as No. 1.

The Runnin' Rebels, who won the national championship after being the preseason No. 1 last season, were banned from this year's NCAA tournament and won't be able to defend their title. But that didn't stop the poll voters from making them No. 1 in Monday's preseason poll.

All but 15 of the 65 voters on the national board of writers and broadcasters had UNLV first on their ballots. The Runnin' Rebels had 1,601 points, well ahead of Arkansas, 1,506, and Arizona, 1,488, which each received five first-place votes.

Michigan State was fourth with one first-place vote and 1,302 points and was followed in the top 10 by North Carolina, Duke, Alabama, Indiana, Georgetown and Ohio State.

UNLV has four starters back from the team that beat Duke 103-73 in the most lopsided championship game ever played. All-American Larry Johnson and defensive star Stacy Augmon both opted to return to the Runnin' Rebels rather than go to the NBA, only to find out in July they could not defend their title.

Coach Jerry Tarkanian, the center of the 14-year-old allegations, and the school offered several alternative punishments to the NCAA's Infractions Committee last month. It is possible the postseason ban for 1991 may yet be overturned.

North Carolina, the highest team in the poll not ranked in last season's final balloting, had 1,282 points, 120 more than Duke, which received two first-place votes. Alabama had 1,110 points to edge Indiana by 21. Georgetown had the final two first-place votes and 1,054 points, while Ohio State's 887 points made the Buckeyes the third Big Ten team in the top 10 with Michigan State and Indiana.

North Carolina, which in 1982 was the last team to start and finish No. 1 before UNLV, and Indiana both have freshmen to thank for their lofty rankings. The Tar Heels have the nation's

Basketball preseason Top 25

1 UNLV	35-5	2
2 Arkansas	30-4	7
3 Arizona	25-7	14
4 Michigan St.	28-6	4
5 North Carolina	21-13	-
6 Duke	29-9	15
7 Alabama	26-9	23
8 Indiana	18-11	-
9 Georgetown	24-7	8
10 Ohio St.	17-13	-
11 UCLA	22-11	-
12 Pittsburgh	12-17	-
13 Syracuse	26-7	6
14 LSU	23-9	19
15 Oklahoma	27-5	1
16 Georgia Tech	28-7	9
17 Connecticut	31-6	3
18 Virginia	20-12	-
19 Temple	20-11	-
20 Missouri	26-6	-
21 Georgia	20-9	11
22 Texas	24-9	-
23 Louisville	27-8	16
24 Southern Miss	20-12	-
25 St. Johns	24-10	-

record previous

Source: Associated Press

top recruiting class with five players led by 7-foot Eric Montross, while Indiana's young team will be augmented by guard Damon Bailey, one of the most-publicized grade school players who was scrutinized nationally throughout his successful high school career in the Hoosier state.

UCLA started the second ten and was followed by Pittsburgh, Syracuse, LSU, Oklahoma (the No. 1 team in last season's final poll), Georgia Tech, Connecticut, Virginia, Temple and Missouri, which was just socked with a two-year probation that includes a ban from this year's NCAA tournament.

The final five spots went to Georgia, Texas, Louisville, Southern Mississippi and St. John's.

Nee finds good, bad points as Huskers prepare for Czechoslovakian exhibition

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Nebraska men's basketball coach Danny Nee said he found some good and some bad while re-evaluating the Cornhuskers' first exhibition game and preparing for tonight's second and final exhibition, against a Czechoslovakian touring team.

Nee said the first thing he noticed from the video tape of the Huskers' 128-89 victory over High Five American on Friday was Nebraska's ragged defense. Then in the second half, Nee said, both the offensive and defensive structures broke down.

"Everything became transition," Nee said. "We want to run, but we want to be under control."

Nee said he discovered at least one piece of good news, Nebraska's ability to hold onto the ball in such a fast-paced game.

"Fourteen turnovers was just great," he said.

Nee said the Huskers have kept adding things since the opening victory.

"We had a good, productive weekend," Nee said.

Yet Nee said the Huskers haven't perfected some things, like the team's

EXHIBITION GAME				
Basketball probable starters				
Nebraska Cornhuskers		VS.	Czechoslovakia Nationals	
Pos.	Name	Height	Year	Hometown
Nebraska Cornhuskers				
F	Dapreis Owens	6-8	Jr.	Mansfield, Ohio
F	Carl Hayes	6-8	Jr.	Chicago Ill.
C	Rich King	7-2	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.
G	Beau Reid	6-8	Sr.	Lancaster, Ohio
G	Clifford Scales	6-2	Sr.	Maywood, Ill.
Czechoslovakia Nationals				
F	Jaroslav Kovar	6-6		
F	Pavel Becka	6-7		
C	Kamil Novak	6-10		
G	Vaclav Bruby	6-4		
G	Jozef Michalko	6-1		

Bob Devaney Sports Center
Today, 7:35 p.m.

zone defense.

"We can play, you're just not going to see everything," he said.

Whatever the Czechs show at 7:35 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center will be new, since Nee said he knows nothing specific about the team. He said that as far he knows, this team

has no relation to the Czech team that beat Nebraska 69-66 in an exhibition game three years ago.

The Czechs were 4-2 going into a game late Monday against Drake. The team has defeated Marquette, a team that received votes in the Associated Press preseason Top 25, 79-62.

Only CU stands between Huskers, title

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One win equals 15 straight.

It may not be logical math, but for the Nebraska volleyball team, the equation is simple. By winning tonight's match at Colorado, the Cornhuskers will clinch their 15th consecutive Big Eight championship.

Nebraska, 25-2 and 10-0 in league play, will have to play well if it is to beat the Lady Buffs and win the title, Coach Terry Pettit said.

"We're going to need to execute and play good defense," Pettit said. "If we do, we're going to be all right."

Colorado is second in the conference with a 7-2 record. The Lady Buffs dropped a 15-5, 15-4, 15-11 decision to Nebraska last month.

Colorado assistant coach Mike McLean said the second meeting could be different.

"The first time in Lincoln, the great crowd you had rattled us a little bit," McLean said. "I think we have a lot better chance of winning out here."

McLean said the third game of the match, in which Colorado led 9-8 before losing, sparked confidence in the Lady Buffs.

"Once we started to get rolling in the third game, the kids were able to relax a little," McLean said. "We had some great rallies, and I think that built a little confidence."

"If we can pass well, we should be able to get some hits past their front row."

Pettit said that Colorado did not do a good job of passing in the first

match.

"Their passing was a big reason we were able to win," he said. "Whether that was caused because of us or not, I don't know."

Pettit said Nebraska also will have to control Tiffany Jestadt, Colorado's leading outside hitter.

"She did a nice job the first time," Pettit said. "We'll have to make some adjustments on her."

The Cornhuskers are coming off a two-match weekend sweep with wins at Missouri and Kansas State. The match with Colorado will be Nebraska's fourth road match in a week, but Pettit said fatigue will not be a factor.

"We've had time to rest up," Pettit said. "And since we've seen them before, we know what they're going to do."