

OSU thrashes NU

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STILLWATER, Okla. — Led by four double-figure scorers, the Oklahoma State women's basketball team thundered to a 68-46 win over Nebraska Sunday at Gallagher-Iba Arena, breaking a three-way tie for first place in the Big Eight.

Jodi Fisher led the Cowgirl attack with 16 points and 13 rebounds, and Lisa McGill added 14. Guards Althea Cox and Liz Brown added 10 each.

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said she was surprised the Cornhuskers had so many problems.

"I expected us to play a lot better," she said. "We struggled with ourselves and missed wide-open shots, and couldn't get the ball inside."

Karen Jennings led Nebraska with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Sara Offringa added a season-high 12 points and Ann Halsne scored 10.

Oklahoma State jumped to a 9-0 lead to start the game, holding the Huskers scoreless for the first 3:58. The Cowgirls pulled to their biggest lead of the half — 24-10 with 7:02 left — before Nebraska scored nine unanswered points.

Oklahoma State led 33-23 at halftime.

The second half was much the same, with the Cowgirls scoring the first eight points. The closest Nebraska would come was 44-29 with 13:00 left in the game. Oklahoma State led by as many as 27.

"We just didn't show up today," Beck said. "Our shots didn't fall in the early going and we got frustrated. OSU is a good team and they

NU wraps up Sooner wrestlers

From Staff Reports

Tim Neumann's fears last week about how his Nebraska wrestling team would perform after nine days off were dashed early in Sunday's dual with Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.

The fifth-ranked Cornhuskers jumped to a 17-4 lead in the first four matches and never looked back as they went on to rout the Sooners 31-11.

The win improved Nebraska's dual record to 8-5 on the season. Oklahoma fell to 4-12.

"We wrestled good, solid, aggressive matches," Neumann said.

Five of Nebraska's six wins were either major decisions or pins.

Todd Enger, Nebraska's starter in the 150-pound weight class, pinned Oklahoma's E.K. Franks in 6:48, and 177-pounder Corey Olson recorded his eighth pin of the season against Tony Llanusa at 6:28.

Clements serves up club team win

By David Moyer

Staff Reporter

The Nebraska volleyball team won again. This time it wasn't the Final Four-finishing women's varsity team, but rather the Nebraska men's volleyball club.

The team came away with a 15-12, 10-15, 15-10, 15-13 victory over Park College of Kansas City, Mo., Sunday afternoon in front of about 40 spectators at Mabel Lee Hall. The match was the first for the Nebraska club against a varsity opponent other than in a tournament.

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played well, we got behind and had to play their game."

Nebraska beat Oklahoma State 67-64 earlier this season in Lincoln.

Oklahoma State coach Dick Halterman said he was glad to be playing at home.

"Our kids were more ready to play today than they were earlier this year in Lincoln," he said. "The last three to four years, Nebraska has really struggled in Stillwater."

The loss dropped the Huskers to 14-7 overall and 5-3 in the Big Eight. Oklahoma State improved its record to 17-4 and 6-2. The Cowgirls still are tied with Kansas State for the conference lead.

Nebraska returns home to the Bob Devaney Sports Center to face Kansas Wednesday. The game, which starts at 7 p.m., will be televised live by Nebraska ETV (Cablevision channel 13).

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At Oklahoma State 33 35 — 68

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Oklahoma State—Fisher 8-13 0-1 16, Jackson 2-5 0-0 4, McGill 6-13 2-5 14, Cox 4-12 1-5 10, L. Brown 2-8 5-6 10, Breeden 0-0 0-1 0, Blessing 1-6 0-1 3, Rosson 4-6 0-8, Mahn 0-5 0-0 0, R. Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Struckhoff 1-3 0-1 3. Totals 28-73 8-20 68.

3-point goals—Nebraska 1-8 (Offringa 1-4, Yedsena 0-3, Dahn 0-1), Oklahoma State 4-21 (Cox 1-5, L. Brown 1-5, Blessing 1-4, Struckhoff 1-2, Mahn 0-2, R. Brown 0-2, Fisher 0-1). Rebounds—Nebraska 41 (Jennings 10), Oklahoma State 51 (Fisher 13). Assists—Nebraska 8 (Yedsena 5), Oklahoma State 19 (Fisher, Cox 5). Turnovers—Nebraska 32 (Halsne 7), Oklahoma State 22 (L. Brown 5). Total fouls (dq)—Nebraska 22, Oklahoma State 24 (Jackson). A—875.

The dual was Olson's first competition since injuring his knee against Clemson on Jan. 17.

Neumann was happy to see the All-American return.

"He was a little rusty, but it looks like he'll make it through the end of the season," Neumann said.

Senior All-American Jason Kelber, the starter at 126, extended his winning streak to 11 matches and improved his season record to 23-2.

Layne Billings (150) and Le Andre Anderson (heavyweight) also recorded major decisions.

Anderson, a former defensive tackle on the Husker football team, recorded an 8-0 major decision over Joe O'Mara in the final match of the dual.

Nebraska's next dual is Friday, when the Huskers travel to South Bend, Ind., to take on Notre Dame.

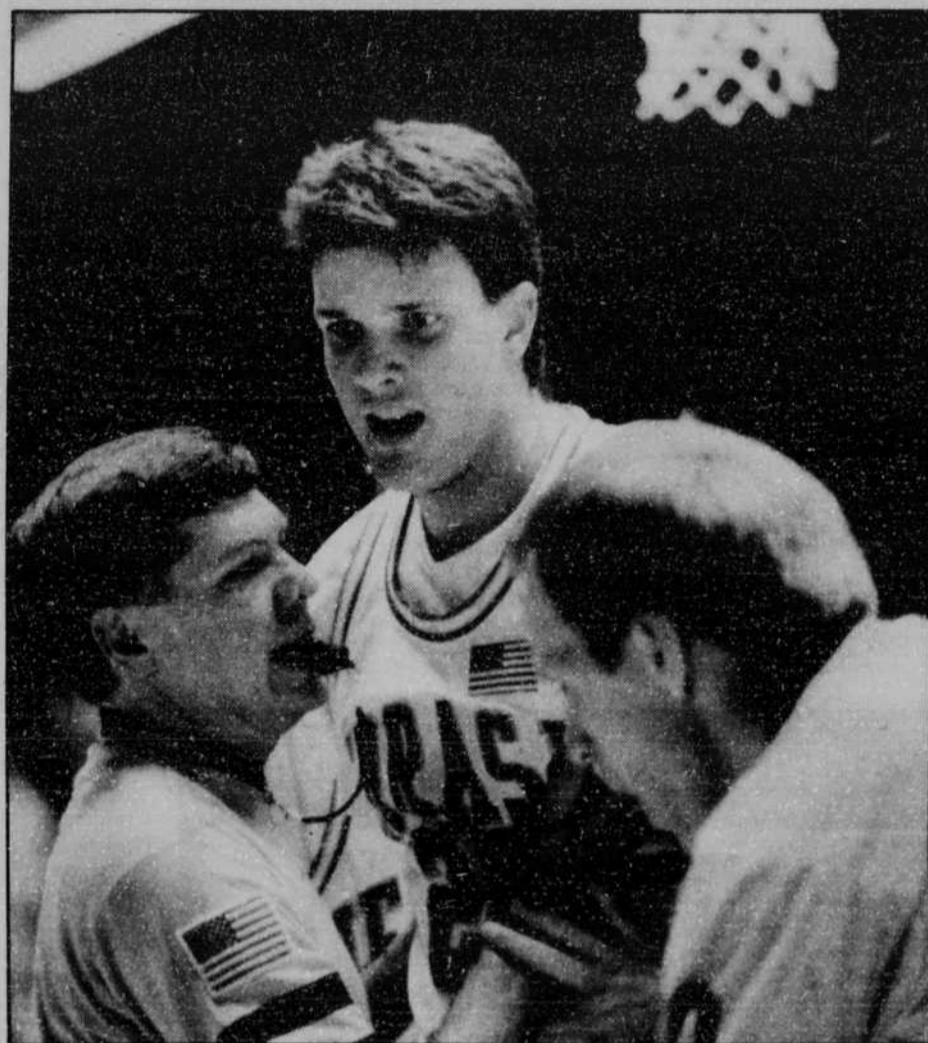
Helle and the attacking of middle blocker Dave Preissler.

"Preissler hits the ball so well in the middle," coach Jeff Iverson said. "If Corey Helle sets really well, we're pretty tough."

Nebraska jumped to a 12-7 lead in the first game on a service ace by outside hitter Eric Clements and held on to win.

Park College took the second game and grabbed a 5-0 third-game lead, but Nebraska fought back with kills from outside hitters Thom Ludtke and Curtis Rogers to outscore Park College 13-3 and take a 2-1 lead.

With the final game tied 13-13, Clements got the serve and used some penetrating jump-serves to help Nebraska finish the match.



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Nebraska's Rich King glares down at Oklahoma State's John Potter (not pictured) after a first-half collision. Cornhusker guard Jose Ramos was ejected after the ensuing scuffle for leaving the Nebraska bench.

Cowboys rope Huskers for share of first place

By John Adkisson

Staff Reporter

Chalk one up for smash-mouth basketball and for Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys, playing a rugged game on each end of the floor, shocked No. 11 Nebraska 81-68 in front of a near-capacity crowd at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday afternoon.

The loss knocked Nebraska out of sole possession of the Big Eight lead into a tie for first with Oklahoma State and Kansas. The three teams are each 4-2.

The Cowboys used rebounding muscle to pull away from a 49-49 deadlock midway through the second half and hand Nebraska its first home loss of the season before 14,255 fans.

Oklahoma State gathered a 40-27 rebounding edge in the game, led by Byron Houston's game-high 11 rebounds.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said Oklahoma State's physical play did not surprise him.

"We knew that they are a very fine, aggressive hard-nosed team and they play that way," Nee said.

Nebraska got a dose of that aggressiveness late in the first half, when Cowboy

forward John Potter got into a heated argument with Cornhusker center Rich King. No punches were thrown, but Nebraska guard Jose Ramos was ejected for leaving the bench.

King said the fight was caused by talking on the court.

"Toward the end of the half, (the Cowboys) started talking to us on the free throw line," King said. "I got a pass down the lane, and (Potter) tried to foul me really hard."

The Huskers started the second half with a 9-5 run to break away from a 37-37 halftime tie. But a Houston jumper with 15:13 remaining gave Oklahoma State a 47-46 lead, and the Cowboys never trailed after that.

Down the stretch, Oklahoma State pulled into a deliberate, slow-down offense running down the clock while protecting their lead, which grew to as many as six with just over eight minutes remaining.

Nebraska's Beau Reid said the Cowboys were successful in taking Nebraska out of their game plan.

"We've been sucked in by teams that let us pass the ball wherever we want to, or play in a running game," Reid said. "We haven't

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Nebraska track teams run away with triangular wins

By John Gardner

Staff Reporter

In the first truly competitive meet of the season, the Nebraska men's and women's track and field teams sprinted to victories Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday.

Nebraska's men won the meet with 67 points and were followed by Kansas State with 50. Washington was third with 45. The Nebraska women had 61 points, beating Kansas State and Rice, which scored 53 and 35, respectively.

The Cornhuskers dominated the sprint events, winning all but three. Stephen Golding, out recently with an injury, returned to action by winning the 55-meter hurdles in 7.25 seconds, a provisional national qualifying time. Anthony Adkisson continued his winning ways in the 55, taking the event in 6.29.

Junior Mark Jackson won the 400 in 47.87, Ken Waller won the 600-yard run in 1:10.41

and Travis Grant led the Huskers to a 1-2-3 finish in the 200 with a time of 21.91. Both Adkisson and Jackson narrowly missed provisional national qualifying times.

Nebraska junior Denise Lucas had provisional national qualifying times in the 55 and the 200. Lucas won the 200 in a time of 24.16. In the 55, she placed second to Kim Walker in 6.97. Walker won the event in 6.94. Ximena Restrepo placed second behind Lucas in the 200 in 24.57, which also was a provisional national qualifying time.

In the field events, freshman Phouphet Singbandith, who sat out last week because of an injured left knee, made one attempt in the triple jump before pulling out. His jump of 47 feet, 5 3/4 inches was good enough for third place.

Tamas Molnar, who is slowed by a pulled hamstring, entered the 800 only to pull out after three laps. Both Singbandith and Molnar are expected to compete in next weekend's Frank

Sevigne Husker Invitational.

In the final event of the day, the 1,600 relay, the women's A team won running away while the men's A team looked a little confused.

The women's team, consisting of Walker, Restrepo, Tranquil Wilson and Nikywa Prevost, won with a provisional national qualifying time of 3:44.97.

In the men's relay, lead-off man Jackson came around the final turn, only to find no one to hand off to. Jackson said that apparently second man James Cobb wasn't aware that the scheduled two heats had been condensed into one.

"When I came around the corner, I looked up and saw a Kansas State runner, a Washington runner and another Kansas State runner, but no James," Jackson said.

When the race was over, Jackson said, he didn't know if they had been disqualified or not. As Jackson went well past the hand-off

point, Cobb suddenly jumped up, sweats still on, and took off. Nebraska nearly came back and won the relay, losing by a half second to Kansas State.

"Under the circumstances, I'd have to say James ran quite well," Jackson said. "He wasn't even warmed up. I hope he isn't hurt."

Jackson said he hopes he won't have to run that far again.

"I guess for the rest of the season, I'll be known as the guy who ran a 450-meter leg," he said.

Next week, on Friday and Saturday, Nebraska will compete in the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational.

Other Nebraska individual winners:

Men: Tyson Smith, high jump, 6-11; Kevin Ramaekers, shot put, 53-2 1/4; David Iteffa, 3,000, 8:31.60.

Women: Prema Govindan, long jump, 18-4 3/4; Lisa Graham, 800, 2:07.81; Fran Ten Benschel, 1,000, 2:46.79.