

OU beats NU gymnasts

By Erik Unger
Staff Reporter

Neither Oklahoma nor Nebraska wanted to win Sunday's women's gymnastics meet, according to Cornhusker coach Rick Walton.

But Oklahoma got the win anyway, 185.90 to 185.40, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center to hand the Huskers their first dual loss this year.

Both teams looked tense, Walton said, missing more routines than they hit.

Walton said health problems for senior Nita Lichtenstein (shoulder injury) and freshman Debbie Bryan (mononucleosis) helped decide the outcome.

Bryan, normally one of Nebraska's all-around competitors, did not compete in the floor exercise. She took second in the balance beam.

"We hope to be healthy soon, like by next Sunday," Walton said.

Next Sunday is the Masters Classic and Nebraska will be competing against second-ranked Alabama and fifth-ranked Arizona State.

"We will need to hit all of our routines to avoid being run out of our own gym next weekend," Walton said.

He said the Huskers will need to improve on their "dismal" performance on the uneven bars, 45.7 points.

Nebraska responded, however, with a season-best 46.85 on the beam and trailed only 140.1 to 139.3 going into the final rotation, the floor, normally Nebraska's strongest event. Nebraska's Lisa McCrady is the defending Big Eight champion in the floor.

But Nebraska suffered through its lowest scoring floor routine of the year, with 46.1 points.

"We gave it our best shot," McCrady

said. "We were just a little overaggressive."

She said the team added difficulty for higher scores in later meets.

That difficulty, though, contributed to a couple of key mistakes that cost Nebraska.

Both McCrady and Lichtenstein stumbled through their new routines and sophomore CeCe Ocel scored her lowest mark of the season, a 9.05.

Walton said part of the reason for the season-low scores was the tough judging, but that wasn't the only problem.

"When you don't do a good job, you don't get rewarded," Walton said.

One bright spot for Nebraska was freshman Robin Richter, who won the beam and placed second and third on the uneven bars and the vault, respectively.



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Nebraska's Shelly Pendley swings on the uneven bars Sunday. Pendley scored an 8.6 on the event in the dual with Oklahoma.

Chubick's hard work rewarded

By Todd Cooper
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Bruce Chubick's teammates and coaches possibly were the only ones not surprised at his seven-point spurt Saturday night in Nebraska's 105-93 victory over Oklahoma.

"It was just a matter of when his time comes," forward Tony Farmer said, "and his time came tonight."

During that three-minute streak, Chubick hit a four-foot putback, a free throw, a tip-in, and a 17-foot jumper. The Huskers led 60-59 when he entered the game. When he left, Nebraska was up 74-63.

"He just sparked us," forward Beau Reid said. "That was the best I'd ever seen him play."

Chubick had nine points on perfect shooting and four rebounds in only nine minutes of play.

And Chubick was waiting for it. "I've waited for a chance like this, and finally when the opportunity presented itself, I took advantage of it," he said. "I just wanted to go out there, work hard and let whatever happened take place."

Chubick's work ethic is nothing new to the Huskers.

"If you ask everyone on our team, the thing they'd say they thought most about Bruce is how hard he works," center Rich King said.

Reid agreed. "I probably feel as good as anyone for Bruce just because I can relate to how hard he works in practice," Reid said. "It's fun to see his hard work rewarded."

Men's Basketball

Probable Starters

Nebraska (21-4)

| | | | | PPG | RPG | APG |
|---|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| F | Carl Hayes | Jr. | 6-8 | 14.6 | 5.6 | 2.3 |
| F | Tony Farmer | Jr. | 6-8 | 11.8 | 7.0 | 1.5 |
| C | Rich King | Sr. | 7-2 | 14.2 | 7.8 | 2.7 |
| G | Beau Reid | Sr. | 6-8 | 10.2 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| G | Clifford Scales | Sr. | 6-2 | 10.1 | 3.1 | 3.2 |

Northern Illinois (20-3)

| F | Brian Molis | Jr. | 6-4 | 7.3 | 3.0 | 1.2 |
|---|------------------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| F | Donnell Thomas | Sr. | 6-4 | 16.7 | 7.9 | 0.6 |
| C | Randy Fens | Sr. | 6-8 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 0.2 |
| G | Mike Hidden | Jr. | 6-5 | 5.8 | 2.3 | 1.3 |
| G | Donald Whiteside | Sr. | 5-10 | 10.7 | 1.6 | 3.5 |

And Reid thinks it will be rewarded even more in the future.

"I think he can be as good as (Creighton forward) Bob Harstad," Reid said. "Every single characteristic Bob Harstad has I can see in Bruce Chubick. They both have that work ethic and they both surprise you with their quickness and jumping ability maybe when you don't expect it."

Harstad is Creighton's all-time leading scorer and last year's Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year. As a sophomore, he was the MVC player of the year runner-up. He started all 32 games as a freshman.

Despite Harstad's accomplishments, Reid believes it's a fair comparison.

"I think Bruce will prove me to be prophetic because I think he's going

to have a great career," Reid said. "He just works so hard. People that work hard can make up for a lot of things."

And for Chubick, that includes overcoming criticism from fans who say he doesn't deserve to play Division 1 ball.

"Some people in Nebraska don't think he even deserves to be on the team," Reid said. "They think it was a political recruit to keep the big boy in state at Nebraska. That's just not true. Bruce is a great player."

But the redshirt freshman from Atkinson West Holt doesn't know if he silenced those critics.

"I'm sure that didn't shut a lot of critics up right there, but I don't really care," Chubick said. "As long as I can be happy with myself, that's all that matters to me."

Huskers set record

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Although it hadn't happened in school history, Beau Reid saw Nebraska's 66 second-half points against Oklahoma as a flash from the very recent past.

"That's the way we were playing in the beginning of the year," Reid said. "It seemed like we were just putting up ungodly amounts of points." But the total was never this "ungodly."

The Cornhuskers had scored more than 60 points in a half this year. Their 64 points against Tennessee Tech in December tied a school record, and the team had a 61-point second-half outburst against Colorado on Feb. 4. But the Huskers hadn't seen anything this big, and that's what makes Saturday night's outburst noteworthy, Reid said.

"To me, that means we're playing well again," he said. "It's so much more fun to play because you don't have to worry about where your shots are going to come from."

For 1 1/2 minutes of the half, those shots came directly above the hoop. The Huskers had four of their eight

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King
Nebraska center

second-half dunks in a run that increased the Huskers' lead from five to 11 points.

Those slams let off the frustration of a career of Oklahoma losses, Reid said.

"They've dunked on us enough in here," Reid said. "It's nice to beat Oklahoma twice in one season."

Nebraska center Rich King agreed. "We've been on the other end of that too many times," King said. "And we've been on a lot worse ends than that (12-point loss) before."

King said there's no reason the Huskers can't score 66 points in a half more often.

"When everyone's running hard, passing well and playing unselfish, we're capable of doing that," he said. "It's too bad we haven't gotten two halves like that."

Sweep

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ketball team," Nee said. "(Northern Illinois) will be in the (NCAA) tournament, and I told my players that every tournament team you can beat will help our seed down the road."

The crowd of 14,568 was the sixth of 14,000 or more for Nebraska this season, tying the 1982-83 season for most games reaching that mark. The Huskers have three home games remaining. The team had no crowds of 14,000 last season.

Oklahoma 38 55 — 93
At Nebraska 39 66 — 105
Oklahoma—Webster 7-15-8-19, Ware 0-3-2-6-2, Keane 3-4-7-0-13, Price 4-13-4-4-15, Harris 8-20-1-1, Mullins 7-14-2-2-20, Sallier 0-0-0-0-0, French 1-1-4-4-6. Totals 30-70 25-34-93.

Nebraska—Farmer 5-10-4-5-14, Hayes 4-10-1-2-9, King 7-12-5-6-19, Scales 7-12-2-16, Reid 3-4-7-8-13, Owens 3-5-4-4-10, Moody 0-3-0-0-0, Piatkowski 5-9-4-4-15, Ramos 0-0-0-0-0, Chubick 4-4-1-1-9. Totals 38-69 28-32-105.

3-point goals—Oklahoma 8-23 (Price 3-11, Harris 1-5, Mullins 4-7), Nebraska 1-5 (Farmer 0-1, Hayes 0-1, Reid 0-1 Piatkowski 1-2). Rebounds—Oklahoma 37 (Harris 10), Nebraska 42 (Farmer 10). Assists—Oklahoma 27 (Price 13), Nebraska 30 (Scales, King 7). Turnovers—Oklahoma 20 (Price 5), Nebraska 18 (King 8). Total fouls (dq)—Oklahoma 24 (Webster, Keane), Nebraska 29. Technical fouls—Oklahoma bench, King. A—14,568.

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