

Cornhuskers beat Wildcats, set record for season wins

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The Nebraska men's basketball team forced Kansas State to the edge of the grave several times Saturday, but it took the final buzzer to stop the Wildcats' breathing.

After sputtering through a second-half dry spell, the Cornhuskers set a school record for wins in a season by beating Kansas State 85-78 before 14,557 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska, which led by as many as 12 points in the second half, withstood a late 10-1 Wildcat run to raise its record to 23-5.

The 23 wins are the most ever by a Nebraska team, eclipsing the old mark of 22 set in 1919-20 and tied by teams

in 1977-78 and 1982-83.

Husker coach Danny Nee said setting the record is a significant achievement for his players.

"To me, it means we're blazing new trails," he said. "They've been playing this game for over 90 years here, so it's a tribute to our seniors who have worked very hard."

Early on, it looked as if the Huskers might run over Kansas State, the last-place team in the Big Eight.

A layup by guard Jose Ramos gave Nebraska a 43-31 lead with 2:11 remaining in the first half. But Kansas State scored on its last three possessions of the half, including two free throws from center John Rettiger after time had expired, to trail 45-37.

The Huskers came out firing in the second, taking a 54-43 lead with 16:33

remaining and trading baskets with the Wildcats until they had a 70-58 lead with 8:46 left in the game.

Then Kansas State responded, and Nebraska scored only six points in the next six minutes to allow the Wildcats to close the gap. A jumper in the lane by Kansas State forward Maurice Brittain made the score 75-72 with 3:21 left.

Junior forward Carl Hayes, who scored the Huskers' first seven points of the second half, said Nebraska allowed Kansas State to hang around too long.

"At times in the game, we should have put them away," Hayes said. "But a couple mistakes here, a couple mistakes there, cost us, and it came

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Cornhuskers need to regain hunger, Reid says

By Nick Hytrek
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The Nebraska men's basketball team needs to regain its desire, Beau Reid said.

Reid, who broke out of a two-game slump by scoring 21 points against Kansas State Saturday, said the Cornhuskers need to picture themselves as being 5-23 instead of 23-5.

"We just have to get to thinking of ourselves as the underdog," the senior guard said. "It's real tough when you're 23-5 to play a team like Kansas State that's 12-12 even though they're a good basketball team."

"It's tough to think of yourself as an underdog and as having to go out and prove yourself and earn some

respect."

Reid, along with Husker co-captain Clifford Scales, suggested that some of his teammates have let themselves become satisfied with the team's success.

"Right now, too many guys are just playing cool," he said. "No one wants to (do) the dirty work anymore. Everyone wants to look good."

"I think we've been enjoying it a little too much lately. There's a time and a place for that and I don't think now is the time or the place. It's time for people to dig deep and quit resting on our laurels."

Reid said the success of the team has been part of the reason for the inconsistent play the last few weeks.

"We're still playing good in

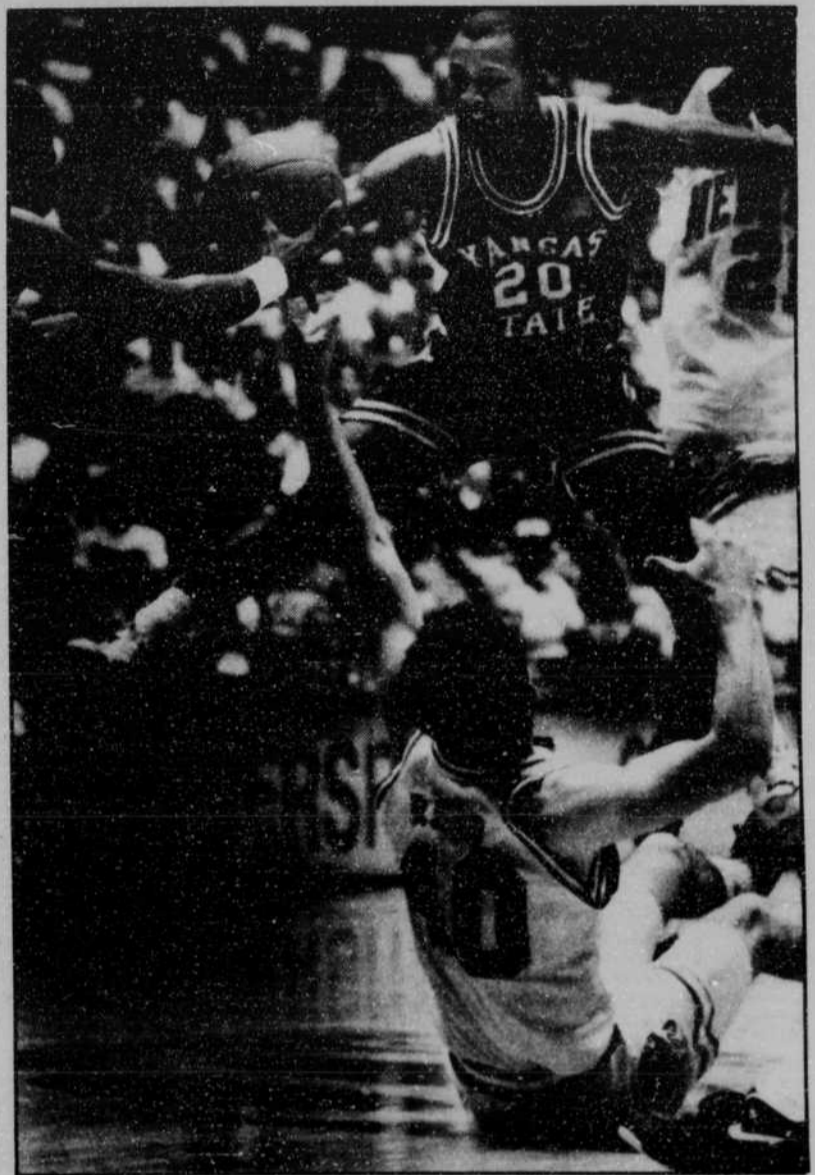
stretches," he said. "We get up on people, but we don't have that knock-out blow like we had before and it's because we get up by 10 or 12 and it's like, 'Oh, well. We're going to win again.'"

"Before we were always scared," he said. "Even when we were up 15, we were still scared because we'd never won before. We were still scared that people were going to beat us and we never changed the way we played."

"Now we get the lead and people don't play as hard. I think it's time to forget what's happened now and go for the throat," he said.

Despite the recent struggles, Reid said he thinks things will change this

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Nebraska's Beau Reid (40) scraps with Kansas State's Jean Derouillere (20) on Saturday as Darryl King of the Wildcats grabs the ball. Reid had 21 points and seven assists for Nebraska.

Gymnasts take 2nd

By Erik Unger
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The Nebraska women's gymnastics team won the consolation prize Sunday at the third annual Masters Classic, but it was a good consolation prize.

Second-ranked Alabama won the event with 192.8 points, a new meet record. The Cornhuskers, with a season-high score of 187.2, edged out fifth-ranked Arizona State. The Sun Devils scored 186.65 points.

The team score was only one of Alabama's four meet records.

Alabama's Dee Dee Foster, the defending national all-around champion, set records with a 9.9 on the balance beam, a 9.9 on the floor exercise and a 38.90 in the all-around despite falling on the uneven bars.

"My legs are tired and I was overaggressive on the bars, like I was on Friday," Foster said.

Foster also fell on the bars Friday night in a dual at Oklahoma, a meet Alabama won with 193.4 points.

Nebraska coach Rick Walton said he was impressed with the Crimson Tide's performance, especially because the team's score didn't drop even when using many reserve gymnasts.

Walton said he was pleased with Nebraska's overall performance, especially on the vault and bars. Lisa McCrady had a 9.6 for a third-place finish on the beam and a 9.7 first-place performance on the bars. She placed fourth in the all-around.

Freshman Robin Richter placed fourth in the vault with a 9.5 and tied for fifth on the uneven bars with teammate Shelly Pendley. Both scored 9.6.

Walton said he was disappointed with the Huskers' performance on the beam. He said the team made many unexpected mental errors and fundamental mistakes because of a lack of concentration.

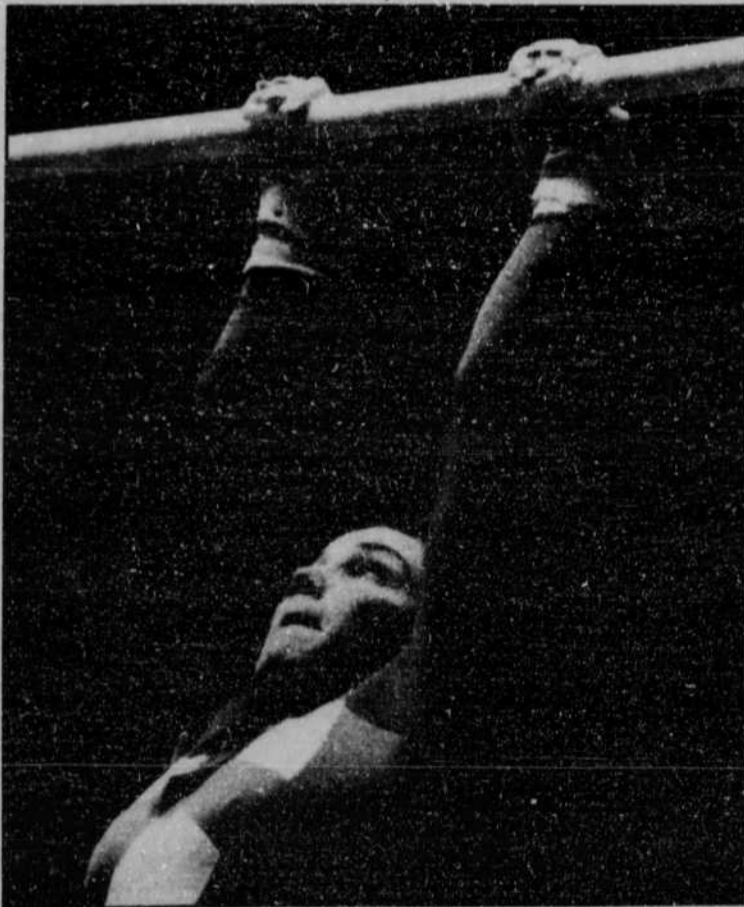
"The team saw a good indication of what they need to do to get in the top three or four," Walton said. "They need to get busy."

Crimson Tide coach Sarah Pat-

erson said the key was Alabama's success on the beam. The Crimson Tide claimed the top six places in that event.

"We need to have a good beam routine to win the national championship," Patterson said.

Walton said his team needs to have a good performance on the road in the next two meets and qualify for postseason competition.



Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan

CeCe Ocel of Nebraska swings through her uneven bars routine Sunday. Ocel scored a 9.2 on the event.

Track team takes title

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—Ximena Restrepo captured two events Saturday to lead the Nebraska women to their 12th straight title at the Big Eight Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The Huskers totaled 151 1/2 points to beat second-place Kansas State with 135. Oklahoma was third with 74 points followed by Colorado with 64, Kansas with 31 1/2, Missouri with 31, Iowa State with 30 and Oklahoma State with 10.

Iowa State captured the men's title with a record 168 points. Nebraska was second with 90 points, followed by Oklahoma with 68, Kansas State with 61 1/2, Kansas with 44, Missouri with 42, Colorado with 37 1/2 and Oklahoma State with 16.

Restrepo broke her own Big Eight record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.93, qualifying her for the

NCAA championships, March 8-9 in Indianapolis. Restrepo also won the 600-yard run in 1:19.14.

Cornhusker Fran ten Bensele and Lisa Graham finished 1-2 in the mile with times of 4:44.15 and 4:48.51 respectively, both qualifying for nationals. Ten Bensele also won the 1,000 in 2:54.73 and Graham won the 800 in 2:09.27.

Other Husker women winners included Kim Walker (55), Shanelle Porter (400) and Joanne Gomez (triple jump). Cris Hall, also a member of the Nebraska volleyball team, qualified for the NCAA meet in the high jump by matching the 6-foot winning height. However, Hall finished third because of more missed jumps.

The only individual winner for the Nebraska men was Stephen Golding, who took the 55 hurdles in 7.26. The Husker 400 relay team finished third.

Loss puts NU 3rd seed

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In 10 seconds Sunday afternoon, the Nebraska women's basketball team lost its game and second place in the Big Eight.

Oklahoma guard Robin Smith scored twice in that stretch, which grasped and sealed a 75-72 win over the Cornhuskers.

The loss, which dropped the Huskers to 17-10 overall and 8-6 in the conference, bottlenecked the Big Eight race. Nebraska finished at 8-6 in the league along with Colorado and Kansas State, but through tie-breaking procedures is seeded third for the this weekend's Big Eight tournament in Salina, Kan.

The Huskers had led by 14 at halftime, but had to fight back to take a one-point lead, 72-71, with 43 seconds left in the game.

The Sooners then drove the length of the floor but missed a three-pointer as the shot clock expired. Neither team could control the rebound and it bounced out of bounds off a Nebraska

player.

Oklahoma brought the ball inbounds and Smith hit a jumper to put the Sooners up by 1. She then stole the Huskers' inbounds pass and put the ball in as time expired.

Nebraska 43 29 — 72
At Oklahoma 29 46 — 75

Nebraska—Jennings 13-22 1-1 27, Hesch 0-4 0-0, R. Taylor 1-3 2-2 4, Dahn 4-10 0-0 8, Yedsena 1-3 2-2 4, Hubert 5-13 1-1 11, Russell 2-4 2-2 6, Halsne 5-7 0-1 10, Offringa 1-2 0-2, S. Taylor 0-0 0-0. Totals 32-68 8-9 72.

Oklahoma—Alexander 3-12 1-4 8, Epps 7-17 1-3 15, Bassett 6-10 8-9 20, Smith 6-10 2-2 16, Stites 4-11 1-2 9, Webster 0-2 1-2 1, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, Matzke 1-4 0-2, Walker 2-4 0-4. Totals 29-71 14-22 75.

3-point goals—Nebraska 0-2 (Yedsena 0-1, Offringa 0-1), Oklahoma 3-15 (Smith 2-5, Alexander 1-3, Stites 0-2, Matzke 0-2, Epps 0-1, Johnson 0-1). Rebounds—Nebraska 49 (Hubert 16), Oklahoma 38 (Bassett 8). Assists—Nebraska 18 (Yedsena 6), Oklahoma 10 (Alexander 4). Turnovers—Nebraska 23 (Yedsena 8), Oklahoma 14 (Smith, Stites 4). Total fouls—Nebraska 22, Oklahoma 16. A—1,766.