

KSU hopes to improve despite losing record

By Tim Pearson
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With an eye toward the future, Kansas State volleyball coach Patti Hagemeyer is looking for improvement from her young team.

"Anytime we play it helps," she said. "We want to start developing our young players and get them used to collegiate volleyball."

Hagemeyer is looking to further develop her team when the Wildcats play host to No. 5 Nebraska Wednesday in a 7:30 p.m. match in Manhattan, Kan.

Kansas State, which has lost eight straight matches, will not concern itself with Nebraska's talent, Hagemeyer said.

"We're not too worried or too focused on what Nebraska will do," she said. "With our youth, we're just going to go out and be aggressive."

After Kansas State finished last in the Big Eight last season, five freshmen have seen extensive playing time this year for the Wildcats. Among those is setter Chi Dau, who has played every match to rack up 803 set assists.



The Wildcats have a 5-14 record, with an 0-6 mark in the Big Eight.

"Our record is not indicative of how much we've improved this season," Hagemeyer said.

The Huskers swept Kansas State last season in both matches.

Although the Wildcats are winless against Nebraska in 44 previous matches between the schools, Hagemeyer doesn't see that as a stumbling block for her team.

"It would be foolish for us to think about that," she said. "We have such a young team that we can't afford to think about that."

Kansas State will be returning home after two straight road losses.

The Wildcats were swept last Saturday by Colorado, and the team also

was defeated by Regis College last Sunday.

Hagemeyer said she was glad her team would be playing at home against the Huskers.

"It's nice to be at home," she said. "Our kids feel comfortable here."

As for the remainder of the season, Hagemeyer is looking for her team to improve.

"It's only a matter of time before we start developing as a team," she said.

Iowa State's coach unhappy with officiating

By Jeff Griesch
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Iowa State's football coach remained disappointed after the Cyclones collapsed in the fourth quarter and lost to the Kansas Jayhawks Saturday.

The Cyclones led 47-21 late in the third quarter before the Jayhawks scored 29 unanswered points to capture a 50-47 victory.

"For three quarters and two minutes, we played as perfect a football as any team I have ever coached," Jim Walden said during the Big Eight coaches' teleconference on Monday.

The Cyclone offense started executing against the Jayhawks for the first time this season. Iowa State racked up 516 yards in total offense against Kansas, the No. 2 defensive unit in the nation.

Walden installed a new offensive scheme at the beginning of the season, which changed the Cyclones from a pro-style passing team to an option attack.

"It's not just a couple of old songs and a couple of new songs, all the songs are brand new," Walden said. "It's all timing, and against Kansas we finally clicked."

Although Walden was pleased with the performance of his offense, he was not happy with the officiating.

Walden disagreed with a line judge's call after a Kansas fumble that gave the ball back to Kansas.

"The kid clearly fumbled, even the Kansas players were walking off the field," Walden said. "Three officials threw their bean bags and one even signaled it was our ball, and then the line judge comes in and says no fumble. He didn't even see it."

Walden was also unhappy about another call on a fumble by the Iowa State quarterback Bob Uter. Kansas' Larry Thiel returned the fumble 37 yards for a touchdown after the Iowa State players thought the play had

Big Eight Standings		
	Conference	Overall
Kansas	2-0	5-1
Nebraska	1-0	4-1
Colorado	1-0-1	5-0-1
Oklahoma	1-0-1	3-2-1
Oklahoma State	1-1	3-3
Kansas State	0-1	3-2
Iowa State	0-2	2-4
Missouri	0-2	1-5

Games this Week	
Saturday	Nebraska at Missouri
	Iowa State at Oklahoma State
	Kansas State at Colorado
	Oklahoma at Kansas

been blown dead.

"Our fumble was legitimate and so was theirs, they just got the breaks," Walden said.

Walden said he was not blaming the loss entirely on the officials, but he was disappointed with the Cyclones' inability to get the breaks it needed to win.

"I don't like blaming officials, but there are critical plays where we have had to eat the call when I don't think we deserved it," Walden said. "I am just very frustrated right now."

Kansas coach Glen Mason was singing a different tune after the Jayhawks win.

"That was the most fantastic comeback I have ever seen," Mason said. "The Republicans are not out of it yet. If we can comeback against Iowa State, then Bush can come back from any kind of deficit that he may have."

It was also announced Monday that the kickoff for the Oct. 31 Nebraska-Colorado game has been set for 3:00 p.m. on ESPN. The game will be one of three nationally televised Husker contests this season.



Former Nebraska center Rich King, now a member of the Seattle SuperSonics, will be in Omaha tonight as his team plays the Milwaukee Bucks at the Civic Auditorium.

NBA brings Husker home

By Derek Samson
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Tonight, Rich King will be playing in Nebraska one more time.

King, a former Nebraska basketball player and a reserve center for the Seattle SuperSonics, will be in Omaha as his team takes on the Milwaukee Bucks in a preseason NBA game.

The matchup at the Omaha Civic Auditorium will not only feature King, an Omaha Burke graduate, but also former Creighton University standout Benoit Benjamin.

Although King is excited to return to his home state, he said he would rather play at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln.

"The funny thing is that when I first saw the schedule, we had exhibition games in both Lincoln and

Omaha," King said. "The only reason I would rather play in Lincoln is because I played so many games at Devaney and it would be like playing in college again."

"I'm excited about it," he said. "When I was drafted by Seattle, I thought I might not ever get to play in Nebraska again."

King said the Seattle organization tried to give all of its players a chance to play in front of home crowds.

"The Sonics make an effort for all their players to get to play back home," King said. "Last year we played at Oregon State because of Gary Payton."

As a backup to Benjamin, King played little, and he said sitting the bench may have hampered his development.

"I didn't get to play much last year and I think if I would have been

drafted by a team that I could have stepped in and played, it would have been better for me," he said.

Tonight's game will be the first NBA game in Nebraska since the Detroit Pistons played the Los Angeles Clippers at the Devaney Center in 1990.

Dario Savaresa of Sports Productions, Inc., the game's organizer, said the NBA's return to Nebraska would probably depend on the support it is given.

"If it goes over well in Omaha, we will try to do it again," Savaresa said. "We have worked with Lincoln in the past — and that went well — so we'll see."

Savaresa said plenty of good seats were still available. Grocery chain HyVee is offering \$2 discount coupons for the 7:30 p.m. game.

Lincoln welcomes tour, gymnasts to showcase talents

Here, amid the chalk dust and discarded athletic tape in the gymnastics room in Mabel Lee Hall, Shannon Miller stretched with the help of her coach, Steve Nunno.

Only a few feet away, Unified Team members and Olympic champions Tatiana Gutsu and Svetlana Boguinskaia sat in the middle of a circle of little girls. The two could barely keep up with the autograph requests.

Members of the Nebraska women's gymnastics team stretched after finishing their workouts, but they kept looking over their shoulders — looking at three of the top athletes in their sport. On the platform above the floor, more little girls peeked through the rails, their eyes wide open and their mouths open even wider. They were

seeing their idols, and it wasn't on a tape-delayed broadcast of the Olympics from Barcelona.

No, this was live. This was in Lincoln. It was a dream come true.

For gymnastics fans, tonight is likely to be one they will never forget. At 7:30 p.m. at Pershing Auditorium, some of the world's best gymnasts will demonstrate their talents. Lincoln is only one of the many stops on this tour of international champions.

The list of achievements of those performing goes on and on.

Miller captured the hearts of many in the United States by winning five Olympic medals, including a silver in the all-around.

Gutsu won the all-around gold, and joined Boguinskaia on the gold medal-winning Unified Team.



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There's Vitali Sherbo of the men's Unified Team. He won six golds in Barcelona. Trent Dimas, a former Nebraska gymnast, who won a gold in the high bar, will perform.

But tonight, there will be no judges. The only perfect 10s awarded will be from the people in the stands. The only method of scoring will be the loudness of the audience's applause.

Tonight isn't about gold, silver or bronze medals. It isn't about us vs. them.

It's about fun.

It's a chance for the gymnasts to kick back, forget about competition and just strut their stuff, maybe even show off a little.

Ask the gymnasts about their experiences on the tour and their smiles light up the room like no fluorescent light ever could.

"I think it's a lot of fun. I like doing it," Miller said after taking a brief break from her workout.

But one must remember these gymnasts are professionals, always on the lookout for any tip that could help them improve. In that sense, this tour has been a seminar.

"I'm picking up a lot just from being around the girls on the Unified Team," Miller said.

And Gutsu immediately perks up when she thinks about her decision to

join the tour.

"I'm very excited that I have, especially when you work with the American gymnasts," Gutsu said.

After giving interviews, Gutsu, Miller and Boguinskaia sat together on a mat. On their faces were smiles. They didn't have to worry about going out and doing their best the next night. Hitting the perfect routine won't be important. The pressure is off and the only important thing is that they have fun and put on a good show.

Tonight there will be no losers. Everyone wins on this tour.

But the biggest winners won't be out on the floor. They will be in the stands.

It's the spectator who wins big in shows like this.

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