

# Huskers confident about Colorado matchup

## Player says NU to rebound from Saturday's loss

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The third time was the charm for the Colorado volleyball team against Nebraska on Saturday in the Big Eight championship match.

But the fourth match between the two this week will terminate one team's season. The Cornhuskers will be pitted against Colorado in a first-round NCAA Tournament match at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the NU Coliseum, and Nebraska outside hitter Allison Weston said playing a familiar team will be an advantage.

"It helps to know all the rotations and strategies that they like to play," Weston, a freshman outside hitter, said.

The Huskers were playing without All-American Stephanie Thater on Saturday night. Thater is out with an ankle injury she suffered before the Big Eight Tournament and is doubtful to play on Thursday.

Now, the Huskers find themselves rebounding from a loss and looking for a replacement for Thater.

Weston said the Huskers aren't looking for one person to step up, but rather to use a team effort.

"We are playing well and I think everyone is just trying to step their play up a little," Weston said. "The



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Nebraska outside hitter Laura Luther (center) and Billie Winsett dive for a ball in the Big Eight Championship match against Colorado. The two teams will meet again in a first-round NCAA Tournament match Thursday at the NU Coliseum.

loss of Thater is a big blow, but she is at every practice and being real supportive for the rest of the team."

Weston said the Huskers didn't execute on Saturday, but that the team is trying to correct those mistakes in time for Thursday's match.

"We didn't pass on a dime and missed serves. We didn't get to hit what we wanted; we had to hit what we could instead," Weston said.

The Buffaloes may have more confidence, Weston said, after their win on Saturday.

By playing on their own home court and in front of their national leading crowd in attendance, the Huskers will have some advantages even if Thater isn't in the lineup.

The winner will advance to play the winner of the Ohio State and Illi-

nois game in the semifinals of the Mideast Regional.

Weston said she's confident that the Huskers will play well.

"There is no question we can beat them, if we put our minds to it, even without Thater," Weston said.

## Baseball appoints panel to investigate Reds' Schott

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's executive council, responding to allegations that Marge Schott made statements offensive to minorities, appointed a four-person committee Tuesday to investigate the Cincinnati Reds owner.

The 11-member council met for about one hour in a telephone conference call and decided to appoint the committee "to investigate the alleged racial and ethnic remarks attributed to Schott."

American League president Bobby Brown, National League president Bill White, California Angels executive vice president Jackie Autry and Pittsburgh Pirates director Douglas

Danforth will be on the panel. Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig, the executive council chairman, said NL lawyer Robert Kheel will be the counsel for the probe.

"The committee has been asked to conduct its investigation thoroughly and with all appropriate dispatch," the commissioner's office said in a statement.

The committee is to report its findings to the executive council, which assumed the power of the commissioner when Fay Vincent resigned Sept. 7.

The Schott probe will be the third major investigation for major league baseball since 1989.

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when Yedsena injured her ankle.

The Huskers started slow in the second half, and the Sun Devils tied the score at 47 on a three-pointer by Ryneldi Becenti with 14:50 remaining.

Freshman Kate Galligan gave the Huskers a two-point lead with a driving basket with 14:29 left in the game.

The lead then seesawed.

Galligan hit a three-pointer to give the Huskers a 58-56 lead, and Jennings

then hit a four-foot jumper in the lane with 9:46 left to give Nebraska a 60-58 lead.

Arizona State came back, taking their last lead at 68-67 on a basket by Lisa Salsman.

A jump shot in the lane by Galligan, gave Nebraska a 69-68 advantage and the lead for good. Offringa put Nebraska up 75-69 with a three-pointer with 3:50 left.

Yedsena then hit six free throws in the final three minutes to seal the victory.

Even with the win, Beck said she is hoping for improvement on defense.

## Wildcats

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us," Barta said. "We're going to be doing a lot of different things there."

"It'll be a different atmosphere, so both teams are going to have to prepare well and concentrate on playing."

Barta said he hoped that the Wildcats could build on last year's game against the Huskers.

In that game, Kansas State came close to winning the contest against the Huskers.

The Wildcats led 31-24 going into the fourth quarter, but Husker running back Derek Brown took away the hopes for an upset with two touchdown runs to give Nebraska a 38-31 win.

Barta said that even though they lost that game, it gave the Wildcats confidence that they could play with Nebraska.

"That game moved the Kansas State football program to a new level," he said.

After last season's 7-4 record and the near upset of the Huskers, expect-

tations were high for this year's Wildcat team.

Kansas State has struggled this year to a 5-5 record.

Barta said that they could have done better.

"This has been a disappointing year," he said. "This is the first year since I've been here where we haven't lived up to expectations."

Even with the Wildcats' disappointing season, Barta said that Iowa State's 19-10 upset of Nebraska had given them added confidence that they could beat the Huskers.

"Most people in the nation realize that any team can beat any team," he said. "But Nebraska is an awfully good team and a national power every year."

Barta said he hadn't let the team's disappointing performance affect his play.

Barta, who made second-team All-Big Eight last year, made honorable mention all-conference this year, despite being second in the conference and in the top 20 in the nation in tackles with 127.

"I have played every bit as well, if not better, as I did last year," he said.

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