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"They are a special threesome," Beck said. "They have played together for three years and they com-pliment each other very well."

'Rissa (Taylor) is a Scottie Pippentype player and Meggan (Yedsena) can deliver the ball," Beck said. "And then there is Jennings, she is just the total package.'

Rounding out the list of all-tournament selections were Annette Lee of Howard, Tammy Tavares of St. Mary's and Jodie Doricott from Eastern Washington.

Despite the big victories, Beck said she was concerned with several areas of the Huskers' game.

"Along with our offense, I am not pleased with our rebounding yet, and Meggan's shooting hasn't really come around yet, but we will work and improve," Beck said.

One area that Beck was pleased and I think we deserve it.

We hope to break the polls this week, and I think we deserve it.

NU women's coach

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"Kate Galligan is playing ex- By Tony West

tremely well and is only going to get better," Beck said. "Dina Haselip and Lis Brenden also played well for us in the tournament and they are gaining some confidence.'

The Huskers improved to 6-0 with the wins this weekend, and now Beck said she hoped her team would gain some national recognition in the polls. The Huskers received the 26th-highest vote total in last week's Associated Press poll.

We are right where we want to be at this point in the season," Beck said. 'We hope to break the polls this week,

NU women's basketball team still working to earn respect

4 records fall over weekend

Staff Reporter

Players on the Nebraska women's basketball team are out to show that

they belong in the Top 25.
"Every time we take the court we have something to prove," Coach Angela Beck said.

Karen Jennings, who was named Most Valuable Player at the Cable Vision Classic last weekend, scored 26 points in the Cornhuskers' first-round win over Howard and added 19 more Saturday against Eastern Washington.

'We are a special team and we've proven it," Jennings said. "We have the potential to be the best ever. The sky is the limit.

This weekend, the Huskers gave the Nebraska record book a beating. Against Eastern Washington, they broke four school records, including most points in a game, most points scored in a half and most assists in a

·Dec. 28-29 LaSalle Invitational (James Madison, LaSalle, Central Connecticut St.) Jan. 2 at Penn State · Jan. 5 at Wisconsin tba ule *Jan. 8 Oklahoma State* ·Jan. 10 Oklahoma* 4 SE

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"This was a strong tournament for Nebraska," Jennings said.

The Huskers raised their record to

Jennings attributed Nebraska's recent offensive explosion to strong defense.

"The defense leads to higher of-fensive output," she said. "The de-fense was a big factor."

The tournament also gave the

Huskers a chance to play several players and to develop depth. "I am pleased with the way the players have played," Beck said. "We don't allow easy shots even with the

younger players in.' Jennings said that over the semester break, the Huskers will try to continue working toward their ultimate goals — a Big Eight championship and a berth in the 32-team NCAA

tournament. Two of those game — at Creighton on Dec. 19 and at Penn State on Jan. will be played against teams that qualified for the NCAA Tournament last season.

Those games will be sandwiched around a trip to the La Salle Invitational, a tournament which features La Salle and James Madison.

Jennings said the next few weeks will tell just how good this Nebraska

"We may be the best team in the history of Nebraska women's basketball," she said. "We just have to live up to expectations.'

Singletary plays last home game

By The Associated Press

Mike Singletary's last home game inspired the Chicago Bears' defense to shut down the leading rusher in the NFL and stopped the Pittsburgh Steelers from keeping the best record in the AFC.

Singletary, a nine-time Pro Bowl middle linebacker, who is retiring at the end of the season, was honored in a pregame ceremony. Then the Bears went out and held Barry Foster to 25 yards on 12 carries en route to a 30-6

Foster entered the game with 1,444 yards and 10 games of 100 or more yards this season.

With a win, Pittsburgh could have stayed ahead of Buffalo in the race for the home field advantage throughout the playoffs. Buffalo and Pittsburgh are each 10-4, and Buffalo owns the tiebreaker advantage thanks to a 28-20 win over the Steelers in the 10th week of the season.

Elsewhere Sunday, Detroit beat Cleveland 24-14, Indianapolis edged the New York Jets 10-6, Kansas City beat New England 27-20, Atlanta defeated Tampa Bay 35-7 and San Francisco topped Minnesota 20-17.

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every game we play and they'll be that way their whole first year.

Piatkowski said the team was looking forward to a busy break in which it will face Appalachian State and Texas-Arlington before traveling to California to play Southern California, and to Hawaii to play in the Rainbow Classic.

In the first round of the Hawaiian tournament, the Huskers will face No. 6 Michigan.

"We have the two easier teams ahead of us at home," Piatkowski said. "From there, we're getting right into the bulk of our schedule.

Piatkowski said he was especially excited to play Michigan in the Rain-bow Classic, but it was important that the team avoided overlooking any-

Right now we need to focus on one game at a time," he said. "If you overlook someone, that's when you're going to get upset and those are the kinds of games that ruin your season."

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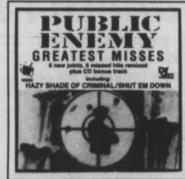
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