

# NU humbles Hawkeyes, bows to Lions

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After a tremendous upset over top-ranked Iowa Saturday night in the semifinals of the National Dual Championships, the Nebraska wrestling team was hoping to do the same against No. 2 Penn State.

Unfortunately, the Cornhuskers didn't achieve their goal.

In the finals Sunday at the NU Coliseum, Penn State jumped out to a 17-0 lead, never looked back and cruised to a 20-13 victory.

The Cornhuskers mounted a comeback at the end, winning four out of the last five matches, but they couldn't pull off the win.

Husker All-American Corey Olson, who won his match at 177 against No. 3 Matt White, said the loss was disappointing.

"Any time you get close and come up short, it's going to be disappointing," he said. "We know where we're at now. We all realize what we have to do."

Even though the Huskers got second, Nebraska coach Tim Neumann was pleased with the way his team wrestled.

"I'm proud of our program," he said. "But Penn State was sharper and had more intensity than we did."

After Penn State won the first match, John Buxton, a replacement for the injured Tony Purler, almost brought the Huskers back in the second match.

Buxton held a 1-0 lead against the Nittany Lions' No. 4 Sanshiro Abe until Abe tied the match at one with an escape in the third period.

With 41 seconds left in the match, Abe scored a takedown, which gave him a 3-1 lead. He held on and recorded a 3-2 victory.

Purler hurt his foot in the Iowa match, and he was held out of the



Nebraska's Frank Velazquez gets caught in a tight spot as he wrestles against Penn State's Cary Kolat Sunda at the NU Coliseum. Velazquez lost the 131-pound match 5-11.

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championship match.

"He hurt his big toe on his drive leg, the one he pushes off of," Neumann said. "He tried to walk this morning but couldn't."

At 134, Husker Frank Velazquez lost to No. 4 Cary Kolat 12-5.

Neumann said that Velazquez battled, but Kolat was too much for him.

"Kolatis amazing," Neumann said. "He's the best true freshman I've ever

seen."

Senior Huskers Matt Lindland and Olson both won their matches.

Olson said that the Nittany Lions wrestled with more intensity than the Huskers.

"They completely out-hustled us," he said. "Our reactions were slower than theirs were."

Despite winning the final four matches, Nebraska could only come

within seven points at the end.

Just one night before, the Huskers pulled off the biggest upset in Nebraska wrestling history.

Iowa, the top team in collegiate wrestling over the past two years, took on Nebraska in front of 1,600 screaming fans.

The lead went back and forth, hitting a climax in the final match at heavyweight.

Nebraska led 21-20 going into the

final match, and Husker Rulon Gardner, ranked No. 3, faced No. 2 John Oostendorp.

The match was close the whole way. Gardner led 6-5 and then scored a takedown and near-fall points to clinch the victory.

"Rulon was dead tired; he had just enough left to win," Neumann said.

Even with the win, Neumann said that the Huskers haven't reached Iowa's level.

## Huskers seek Big Eight win after dropping third straight

By Jeff Singer  
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0-3 in Big Eight play.

It might have been expected at other conference schools, but it's now a reality at Nebraska, as the Cornhusker men's basketball team dropped its third straight conference game Saturday 66-64 against Kansas State.

And it wasn't hard to see why Nebraska's 14-game home winning streak was ended in front of 14,481 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Huskers shot just 36.6 percent from the field in the game, compared with the Wildcats' 48.9 percent.

The free throw line wasn't much kinder to Nebraska. Kansas State outshot the Huskers 72.7 percent (16 for 22) to 42.1 percent (8 for 19) from the charity stripe.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee, whose team dropped to 12-6 overall, said the Wildcats did what was needed to win.

"I think you've got to give K-State

“Out in Boulder, they always play tough out there, so if we're not prepared, it could be NIT.”

—Piatkowski  
NU forward

a lot of credit," Nee said. "I think they did everything the way it's supposed to be done as a team to find a way to win."

He said free throw shooting was the Huskers' Achilles' heel all night.

"I think a lot of them were quality points that we needed to put on the board," Nee said.

But, Nee said, there weren't too many excuses for Nebraska's play.

"K-State beat Nebraska fair and square between the lines," Nee said.

"I thought they did more things better

than we did, period — they played better."

Kansas State coach Dana Altman said it was a good win for his up-and-coming team.

"Our guys fought and found a way to win, and I'm proud of them," Altman said.

The Huskers fell behind the Wildcats early in the first half and were behind 34-27 at halftime. Kansas State extended its lead to 53-39 with just 10 minutes left in the game when Nebraska mounted its comeback.

Nebraska outscored the Wildcats 23-10 over the next nine minutes, but Kansas State kept Nebraska at an arms' length with accurate free throw shooting in the final minute.

The Wildcats, who improved their Big Eight record to 3-1 and 11-3 overall, were paced by four players who scored in double figures, led by forward Vincent Jackson's 17 points.

Nebraska was led in scoring by

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## Guard's dexterity leads Wildcats

### Kansas State upsets Huskers

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Kansas State didn't need to look for a leader Saturday night when things got sticky.

Junior point guard Anthony Beane, who scored 16 points and dished out five assists, had already won the vote.

Wildcat center Deryl Cunningham said there was never any doubt who

would lead the Wildcats down the stretch.

"Anthony is our leader," he said. "Everyone looks to him."

And for all but the final 17 seconds of the first half, Beane was on the floor to do the leading.

"That's why I came here," Beane said. "I wanted to play a lot of minutes."

Beane, a transfer from Three Rivers Junior College in Missouri, said he had tried to prove his leadership abilities since he first arrived on the Kansas State campus.

"I really want to bring leadership

to this team," he said. "(My teammates) see me work hard in every practice, and they give me respect."

Beane, who converted two free throws with 1:12 left in the game to extend Kansas State's lead to 63-60, said road games bring out the best in him.

In a game at Cal-Santa Barbara earlier this season, Beane made a 19-foot jumper with nine seconds remaining in the game to give the Wildcats a 60-59 win. At Oklahoma State, Beane sent the game into overtime by

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## NU women hold back Tigers, Buffaloes with stingy defense

By Beau Finley  
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Nebraska coach Angela Beck may try to schedule more two-game weekends against big-time opponents in the future.

On Friday, the Cornhusker women's basketball team beat undefeated and fourth-ranked Colorado 62-50, then they turned around and blew out Missouri 86-66 on Sunday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Beck praised her team's play as well as the players' attitudes during the busy weekend.

"What you saw here was an excellent display of women's basketball," Beck said. "We showed a lot of composure. I'm proud of their unity and spirit."

The Huskers' stingy defense was the deciding factor in both games. Nebraska held both Missouri and Colorado under 50 percent shooting from the field, and allowed Colorado only 24 field goals on 62 attempts.

Beck attributed Colorado and Missouri's scoring difficulty to the Huskers' pressure defense.

"Our press is causing problems," Beck said. "Basically, we're running a lot of different stuff, mixing it up, and they're not adjusting to it."

Against the Buffaloes, the Huskers took a 14-13 lead on a basket from senior Karen Jennings, then went on a 10-3 run and never looked back.

Colorado was able to pull to within one point at 31-30 with 14:34

to play in the game, but Jennings then converted a three-point play. The Huskers did not allow the Buffaloes to get any closer.

The Husker win was the biggest upset in team history. Colorado was the highest-ranked team Nebraska has beaten since knocking off No. 5 Texas in 1982.

On Sunday, Nebraska continued its winning ways against the 13-2 Tigers.

Nebraska relied on consistent scoring from Jennings and Nafoesah Brown and a burst from senior Sara Offringa to spark the Husker offense.

The Huskers led by as many as 24 points in the second half and coasted to the victory.

The star of the weekend for the Huskers was Brown. The junior forward from Chicago scored 40 points and grabbed 31 in the two Husker victories.

Brown, who came off the bench early in the year, said getting to start helped her performance.

"I feel good about the way I played," Brown said. "It gives me a lot of confidence to play my best each time I go out on the floor."

The only blemish to the Huskers' weekend was an injury to freshman guard Kate Galligan, who hurt her left knee as she drove in for a layup in the first half of the Missouri game.

The injury appeared to be a tear in Galligan's anterior cruciate ligament, but Beck said the severity of the injury was unknown.