

NU ready for 'emotional' Cyclones

Coach predicts Husker victory

By Tony West
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's basketball team has found its way back to the top. After a sweep of Colorado and Missouri — two of the Big Eight's top teams — last weekend, the Cornhuskers returned to the Associated Press Top 25 at No. 25 this week.

"We played like a top 10 team this weekend," Coach Angela Beck said. "I admired the team's effort."

"We are moving forward and playing with confidence."

The Huskers, 13-4 overall and 4-2 in the conference, will close the first half of their Big Eight schedule Sunday in Ames, Iowa, against Iowa State. Game time is 2 p.m.

The Cyclones are 2-16 overall, and 1-6 in the Big Eight.

But Beck said with former Nebraska assistant Theresa Becker now the head coach at Iowa State, the Cyclones would be emotionally ready.

"This will be an emotional game," Beck said. "Some of our kids got really close to Coach Becker."

However, "it would take a lot of emotion from them to beat us," Beck said. "They are not as talented as us."

Beck said it would be a huge surprise if the Cyclones pulled off an upset against Nebraska.

"If our defense shows up, we should win," Beck said. "Knowing us is easy; stopping us is what's difficult."

Beck said the win was a must for the Huskers if they were to stay in contention for a Big Eight championship and an NCAA Tournament berth.

"We got the NCAA committee to look at us," Beck said. "This is a very important win we must get. We need to focus on Nebraska this week and play with the same determination as we did this weekend."

One negative for Nebraska is the



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Nebraska's Meggan Yedsena drives past Colorado's Stephanie Mack during a game last Friday. The Cornhuskers will play at Iowa State Sunday.

absence of freshman guard Kate Galligan. Galligan, a starter who was averaging six points per game, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee against Missouri and will be out for the rest of the season.

Senior Sara Offringa, Nebraska's third-leading scorer, will start for Galligan.

Beck said if her team could control the tempo, play defense and rebound

well, the Huskers should win the game. "I just want us to play Nebraska basketball," Beck said.

NOTE

The Huskers will enter this battle without the services of freshman guard Kate Galligan. She suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee during the first half of the Ne-

braska-Missouri game on Sunday. The freshman started 14 of 16 games and was averaging 6.6 points, 2.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists a game. Galligan is a former Iowa High School Female Athlete-of-the-Year and will most likely have to sit out the remainder of the season for the Huskers. Sara Offringa will re-enter the starting position in place of the injured Galligan.

Allen

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Last week in a triangular with Oklahoma and Iowa State, individual events were dominated by Nebraska. Che Bowers, the defending national champion on the pommel horse, was first in the event. Dennis Harrison was first in the rings, and sophomore Richard Grace was the all-around champion.

Allen singled out the performance of Jason Christie last week and added that he was pleased with the freshman's performance.

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We want to send a message to other teams around the country.

--Allen
NU men's gymnastics coach

This weekend, however, the opponent is much more formidable. Ohio State finished third in the national championships in Lincoln last year.

The Buckeyes return 12 lettermen to a team that lost only two gymnasts from last season.

"I'd like to keep the same scoring pace that we've had to start the season with," Allen said. "Ohio State is a good team, and they will definitely provide a challenge for our guys."

Following the meet in Columbus, the Nebraska men will host defending Big Ten champion Minnesota at home on Feb. 13.

"Preparing for regionals and nationals is very important and we want to keep our kids on a strong pace to not only go undefeated, but produce a national champion caliber squad," Allen said. "We have young guys on this team and this type of road schedule will prepare them for the end of the season."

Nee says team improving, taking 'one game at a time'

By Phil Carter
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Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee said that his team may have saved itself by winning a Big Eight game Monday at Colorado.

The win improved the Cornhuskers to 1-3 in the Big Eight and 13-6 overall entering Saturday's conference showdown with Missouri.

"0-4 and it's a whole different posture," Nee said at his weekly press conference Thursday. "But this is the same position we were in a year ago, and we just have to take them one game at a time."

Last year, Nebraska started the Big Eight season 1-3 before rebounding to finish 7-7 in the conference and gaining a second-straight trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Despite a skid that has seen the Huskers lose five of nine games, Nee said his team is finally coming around after lackluster practices at the

beginning of the month.

"I see things that are improved about Nebraska basketball," Nee said. "Cutting down on our turnovers. I think the free-throw shooting is improving. I think the field-goal percentage for a majority part of the team is improving."

Nee said the chemistry on his team has also improved since the win at Colorado.

"A chemistry thing is that the five individuals blend together and act as a unit," Nee said. "If one player is not knowing what the others are doing on the court, that can destroy chemistry."

"It's a very delicate thing," he said. "I do think you need it, but I think it's really overstated."

Nee also said that junior forward Tom Best will miss Saturday's game with a back injury. Best has played in 18 games this season, but missed the Colorado game with the same injury.

13 win Hall of Fame honors

LARCHMONT, N.Y. (AP) - Coaching great Bo Schembechler, wide receiver Lynn Swann and defensive end Alan Page are among the 13 newest members elected to the College Football Hall of Fame by the National Football Foundation.

The list also includes former Nebraska guard-linebacker Bob Brown, who played for the Cornhuskers from 1961-63.

Schembechler compiled a 234-65-8 record in 27 years of coaching at Miami of Ohio from 1963-68 and at Michigan from 1969-89. He ranks sixth all-time in victories and 18th in winning percentage (.775) among Division I head coaches.

Seventeen of his Michigan teams went to bowl games, including 15 straight from 1975-89. His teams either won or tied for 13 Big Ten Conference titles.

Swann played at Southern California from 1971-73 and helped the Trojans to an 11-0 season and the national championship in 1972. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1974 and was a member of four Super Bowl

championship teams.

Page, now in the first year of a six-year term as a Minnesota State Supreme Court judge, played at Notre Dame from 1964-66. He helped the Irish to a three-year record of 25-3-2 and the 1966 national championship. Page, elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1988, spent 15 seasons in the NFL and played in four Super Bowls as a member of the Minnesota Vikings.

Joining Schembechler, Swann, Page and Brown in the College Hall of Fame are Dick Anderson, Colorado safety from 1965-67; John Cappelletti, Penn State running back, 1971-73; Steve DeLong, Tennessee guard, 1962-64, and Buddy Dial, Rice end, 1956-58.

Also, Harry Gilmer, Alabama halfback, 1944-47; the late Pat Harder, Wisconsin fullback, 1941-42; Dick Modzelewski, Maryland tackle, 1950-52; J.D. Roberts, Oklahoma guard, 1951-53, and the late Bobby Dodd, Georgia Tech coach, 1945-66.

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