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brains beat in over there," he said. Nee said he was happy with his team's overall performance.

"I'm just really proud of our basketball team, because I think Iowa State is a hell of a basketball team," Nee said. "But this is vintage Big Eight basketball at its best."

"Our kids just never gave up, the crowd never gave up and we played 40 minutes and found a way to win."

Nebraska used many faces to win its seventh league game in its last nine tries.

The Huskers had four players score in double figures, including Piatkowski, who had a team-high 24 points. Chandler scored 14, point guard Jamar Johnson had 12 and Strickland chipped in 11.

Nebraska also used 78.8 percent free-throw shooting, including shooting 90.5 percent (19 for 21) from the free-throw line in the second half.

Chandler's performance, which included a game-high 13 rebounds, might have been the most impressive.

The 6-foot-10 senior got hit by an elbow from teammate Bruce Chubick late in the first half that forced him to

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leave the game and receive seven stitches over his right eye.

Chandler returned in the game's final 20 minutes to score eight points and grab seven rebounds despite still

feeling the effects of the injury.

"I thought Derrick Chandler played the best game of his career at Nebraska, hands down," Nee said. "For him to have the courage to get hurt, get banged up, get a couple of stitches and come back, that's what it's all about."

Nee said he was also proud of the play of reserve point-guard Andre Woolridge. The freshman scored five points and dished out two assists in his 14 minutes of play in backing up Johnson.

"I thought Andy Woolridge gave us maybe the best minutes of his

career at Nebraska," he said.

Woolridge said he just wanted to do the job necessary to help the team win.

"It might have been my best game; I just tried to contribute," Woolridge said. "I don't know how special it was, I just tried to go out, play hard and contribute to the game."

Johnson said he was happy that all of the individual performances could come together for the victory.

"A win is a win," Johnson said. "That's what Coach Nee kept stressing to us — I don't care if it's by one, I don't care if it's by a half."

Gymnasts plan to score big, win in meet with Spartans, Illinois

Huskers looking for big turnout

By Tim Pearson
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team is going into tonight's Masters Classic with two objectives: to win and to score at least 191 points.

Two Big Ten teams, Michigan State and Illinois, will compete against the No. 8 Cornhuskers in the fifth annual meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center at 7:30 p.m.

"We want to win our own invite and hopefully score over the 190-191 mark to get rid of the 188 from last weekend," Husker coach Rick Walton said.

Last weekend, the Huskers took second place with 188.60 points be-

hind Michigan State in a triangular with Northeastern.

Walton said his team could have performed better if they wouldn't have been tired. Walton said the Huskers, 7-3 overall and 4-0 in duals, were looking forward to meeting the Spartans at full strength.

"We competed at Michigan State on the second day of a two-day road trip," he said. "The girls are looking for the opportunity to show them the kind of team we have."

The Huskers will likely be without the services of Kristi Camp for the rest of the season, Walton said.

Camp, a sophomore all-arounder, injured her knee during warm-ups before a dual against Iowa State Feb. 19.

Walton said that the loss of Camp would hurt the Huskers.

"Obviously it hurts when you take an all-conference performer like Kristi out of the lineup," he said. "Our team depth drops now. She does a lot of good things for us."

Walton said Illinois also would come into the classic fighting injuries.

"They've had a rash of injuries, and they're the team that's been hit hardest by injuries," he said. "Last year they were close with us until the end, and if they have the same personnel, they'll be just as strong."

A big crowd could give the Huskers an advantage in tonight's meet, Walton said.

"We're hoping for a big crowd, but it depends on the weather," he said. "If we get a couple thousand in there, they'll help us like a big crowd at a basketball game."

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Wolverines squeak past Ohio State

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Jimmy King hit two looping jumpers to give No. 5 Michigan a five-point lead, and Jalen Rose kept them ahead with three free throws in the final 29 seconds as the Wolverines beat Ohio State 66-64 Sunday.

Juwan Howard scored 18 points and had 16 rebounds for Michigan (22-4 overall and 11-3 in the Big Ten). Rose added 17 points, and King had 10.

Chris Webber, averaging 19.8 points a game, did not score in the first half and finished with eight points and 11 rebounds.

The victory gave the Wolverines sole possession of second place in the Big Ten, two games behind front-running Indiana and a half-game ahead of Illinois.

Ohio State is 13-11 overall and 6-9 in the Big Ten.

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Big Eight (Tournament). I don't think (Nebraska) is going to fall on their face."

Beck said even though her team is ranked No. 21 she would not believe the Huskers were a lock in the NCAA Tournament just yet.

"I don't trust them," she said. "I will not believe we're in until we win in the first round (of the Big Eight Tournament)."

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