

Volleyball team to tackle Illini first

By Tim Pearson
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The Nebraska volleyball team won't be caught looking ahead to the Big Eight tournament Tuesday night in their 7:05 match against Illinois at the NU Coliseum.

The seventh-ranked Cornhuskers end their regular season against the 16-10 Fighting Illini. The match will be televised by Nebraska Educational Television.

Then on Friday the Huskers will take on Oklahoma in the first round of the Big Eight tournament. Nebraska is the second seed in the tournament behind conference champion Colo-

rado, which finished with an 11-1 conference record.

The Buffaloes will face fourth-seed Iowa State. The Cyclones tied with Kansas for fourth place, but because of the tie-breaking system, Iowa State received the tourney berth.

But junior middle blocker Kim Tonniges said the Huskers couldn't overlook Illinois, which defeated Nebraska twice last year, including a three-game sweep in the NCAA Midwest Regional semifinals.

"We've got to continue heading in the direction we're heading," she said. "We're getting together and turning up all areas of the game."

Illinois, which is ranked No. 24,

isn't anywhere near their 32-4 record of last season.

Illinois and Nebraska have met 16 times, with the Huskers holding an 11-5 edge.

Tonniges said the Huskers are hoping to use the Illinois match as a tune-up for the Big Eight tournament and their rematch against Oklahoma.

The Huskers and Sooners have split both of their matches. Last Saturday Nebraska defeated Oklahoma in four games at the NU Coliseum.

Saturday's win over the Sooners gives the Huskers added confidence, Tonniges said.

"We feel a lot better about the match (in the Big Eight tourney) after

we beat them," she said. "We wanted to set the tone. It'll have an affect on Oklahoma mentally, and it made them aware of what they'll have to deal with."

Husker coach Terry Pettit said the Oklahoma win was important going into Friday night's match.

"If we play hard and stick to the game plan, we have a pretty good chance of winning," he said.

Sooner coach Miles Pabst said he expects to see his team improve after their loss to the Huskers.

"My team is tired, but they're not afraid to play against Nebraska," he said. "We're going to give those guys all they can handle."

Win

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scoring the first five points to pull out to a 55-46 lead. But Marathon Oil didn't quit, sticking within 10 points of the Huskers until Badgett hit a three-pointer to make it 77-67.

The game belonged to the Huskers after that. Strickland stole the ball and tossed a behind-the-back pass to Chubick for a dunk to make it 79-67.

Then Jaron Boone continued the

dunk-fest with another dunk to put Nebraska up by 14 with 8:54 to go in the game. Moore then scored eight of the Huskers final 18 points, all on layups and dunks, to put the game away.

Nee said he was happy that his players stepped up their play against a tough Marathon Oil team.

"I was pleased with it," he said. "Without Piatkowski, it gave other people more responsibility. It was a good learning experience."

Strickland

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"My teammates got me the ball, and I just kept cutting hard and getting the baskets," he said. "My teammates were just finding the open man, and a lot of those times I was the receiver."

Nee said Strickland was hard to stop when he was playing at his best.

"I really liked how Strickland came in and contributed," Nee said. "He is a very explosive player and when he

gets on a role, he can lift a team."

For Strickland, who set Nebraska's single-game freshman scoring record last year against Missouri with 28, scoring points is not everything.

"I think defensively I have to be a leader," he said. "I have to be an emotional lift to the team when I come in, no matter what I'm doing."

"As a player, I'd rather get a good assist than two points. That's more important to me. My attitude is pretty much team-orientated."

Samson

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a John Elway-like final drive and scored with no time left for a 24-21 victory.

But, this season is strangely different.

Don't look for the Huskers' luck to run out, yet.

Look for Cale Gundy, who might have grandchildren watching, pass at ease, despite the sub-zero degree weather and ice-covered field. Look for another nailbiter of a game to be decided late in the fourth quarter.

Look for the Nebraska defense, once again, to come through for the Huskers. Maybe even look for a parachutist to float down into Memorial Stadium, only to be beaten senseless by referees in the third quarter.

But one thing that is guaranteed is another Husker victory, barely. Look for Nebraska to finish its regular season undefeated and escape with a 28-24 win.

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Beck says NU to look for outside shot more

By Tim Pearson
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In the span of two weeks, Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck's views of her team changed drastically.

The Cornhuskers, without All-American Karen Jennings, hope a new offense will provide them with the spark they need to improve on last year's 23-8 record.

"My mood has changed from very somber to very enthusiastic about the season," Beck said.

The Huskers play their second exhibiton game against the Russian Select Team on Tuesday night. Tip-off in the Bob Devaney Sports Center is at 5:30 p.m.

Without Jennings, Beck said the new offense will use the team's outside shooting ability.

"This is what I like to call the motion offense of the '90s," Beck said. "Last year with Karen we ran a lot of quick hits."

"This year the offense will give an equal opportunity for all. We can keep the scoring pretty well balanced."

But Beck said the team could struggle at the beginning with 12 underclassmen and only two seniors.

"I have to be patient," she said. "We're going to miss some shots early, but we'll be real exciting to watch. Obviously having 12 underclassmen is a negative, but two of the freshmen are ready to play now."

The two freshmen are guard Tina McClain and 6-foot-3 center Emily Thompson.

Without Jennings, Beck said Thompson would provide the Huskers with height and versatility.

"She reminds me a little bit of Jennings," she said. "I think she'll break in the top eight."

"She can jump, she's versatile, and she can shoot the three-pointer."

Beck said she expected the two seniors — forward Nafeesah Brown and point guard Meggan Yedsena — to play a big part in the Huskers' success.

Brown averaged 13.4 points per game last season, second on the team to Jennings. Yedsena, who an All-Big Eight player, is the all-time assists

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leader at Nebraska with 527 in three seasons.

But Brown said she didn't feel any added pressure.

"It's different from last year, but I'm sure we can step it up," Brown said. "My role should definitely step up this year. Last year I could depend on somebody else doing something."

Sophomore guard Kate Galligan is almost fully recovered from surgery on her knee that she injured last season, Beck said.

"Kate Galligan is 85 percent right now," she said. "She's looking good."

Galligan said she was eager to get back out on the court.

"My shot's looking a little better," she said. "I'm hoping to start this season where I left off last season."

"It's been a long, long time, and I'm excited to be playing again."

NOTE:

●Jennings was presented the 1993 Wade Trophy at halftime of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic on Sunday. The trophy is presented annually to the nation's outstanding female collegiate basketball player. The trophy is named to honor Lily Margaret Wade, the coach of Delta State University and one of the first women to be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Jennings, who is currently playing professional basketball in Europe, also was among the eight finalists named for this year's NCAA Today's Top Six award.

Two wrestlers win titles at UNO meet

From Staff Reports

Two Nebraska wrestlers won individual titles at the UNO Open Saturday.

Mike Eierman won the title at 142 pounds by beating Jason Gregersen of Wyoming, 20-11, in the finals.

True freshman Temoer Terry, who was named Outstanding wrestler of

the meet, beat Northern Iowa's Doug Kjeldgaard 4-3 in the finals.

"Temoer Terry was just exceptional," Nebraska coach Tim Neumann said. "He wrestled like a fifth-year senior."

Four other Nebraska wrestlers finished second at the meet: Scott Gonyo at 118, Frank Velazques at 134, Jason Kraft at 158 and Chad Nelson at 167.

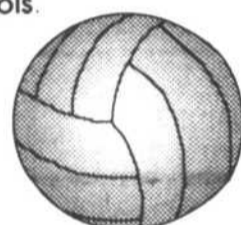
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