

# Coach sees great possibilities for 8-7 Husker women

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The Nebraska women's basketball team didn't slow down during the winter break, playing six of seven games on the road and competing in the San Juan Shootout.

Coach Angela Beck said the 8-7 Cornhuskers were showing positive signs, even after losing their first two Big Eight games last weekend to Oklahoma State and Oklahoma.

"I think we did well, getting three wins," she said. "We did what we expected to do. Oklahoma and Oklahoma State still went well even though we didn't win."



Beck

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"I think we have a pretty good basketball team and I'm pleased with what I've seen so far."

Beck said she hoped her team was not discouraged by its 0-2 start in conference play.

"From what I've seen, this league looks pretty strong," Beck said. "We just haven't put together a 40-minute game yet. I think we have the potential to stir things

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Nebraska faces only one more non-conference opponent, Southern Utah, in the remainder of its schedule.

Beck said the team's inexperience had shown in some close games early in the season. "We're not just young, but we lack experi-

ence," she said. "We lost three starters. I thought we might be a little better, but we've lost quite a few close games."

After losing to DePaul in the first round of the San Juan Shootout, the Huskers came back to defeat Interamerican University and the Puerto Rican Nationals.

"San Juan was a lot of fun and I think it was good for us," Beck said. "We lost the game we really needed, which was DePaul, but we cruised after that."

Nebraska will play host to Kansas Friday and Kansas State Sunday.

## Runners gain academic honors

From Staff Reports

Nebraska cross country coach Jay Dirksen saw three of his runners named to the Academic All-American squad by the Cross Country Coaches Association.

Theresa Stelling and Kris Ellenbecker each received the honor after leading the Nebraska women's team to a 20th-place finish in the NCAA Championships and a Big Eight title.

Stelling, an All-American after a 24th-place finish in the NCAA Championships, is a senior elementary education major from Auburn with a

3.84 grade point average.

Ellenbecker, a junior from Sioux Falls, S.D., has a 3.57 GPA in biological sciences.

"They are typical of the type of student-athletes we've tried to recruit here," Dirksen said. "It is quite an honor to have the two named to the team."

On the men's side, Kevin Miller was named to the team. The junior from Rugby, N.D., finished 10th at the NCAA District V Championships to help the Cornhuskers earn the third-place award.

Miller carries a 3.42 GPA in mechanical engineering.

## Huskers 15th in cup standings

From Staff Reports

Nebraska finished 15th in the USA TODAY/NACDA Directors' Cup Top 25 poll for the fall all-sports competition.

USA Today and NACDA—which stands for National Association of College Directors of Athletics—award points based on the schools' finishes in the most popular men's and women's sports.

Nine sports—five men's and four women's—have been completed in the fall competition. Penn State won the fall competition with 344 points, while Notre Dame finished second with 324.5. Wisconsin, North Carolina and Stanford rounded out the top five. Nebraska placed 15th with 147.5 points.

Colorado, which placed seventh, was the only other Big Eight school in the Top 25.

The standings will be updated in June to name a 1993-94 champion.

## NU wrestlers among top 15

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska wrestling team was one of four Big Eight teams rated among the top 15 in the latest wrestling rankings.

The Huskers checked in at No. 11. Oklahoma State was the top-ranked team, and Iowa and Oregon State finished off the top three.

Other Big Eight teams ranked included Oklahoma at No. 9 and Iowa State at No. 13.

The 11th-ranked Huskers are preparing a dual meet against Indiana on Jan. 15 and for the National Dual Championships in the NU Coliseum Jan. 22-23. Nebraska's first-round opponent will be sixth-ranked North Carolina.

## Replacements

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Orange Bowl.

Benning collected 323 yards and four touchdowns on 55 carries during the regular season.

"When Calvin was hurt, it got us all a lot of playing time and that should really help next year," Phillips said. "I think the Orange Bowl boosted up my confidence. It meant a lot playing a top-ranked team."

Both backs know the road ahead of them and understand what they need to do in the off-season.

"I look to take things more as they come and try to relax," Benning said. "I wasn't as relaxed this year as I should have been. I'll be more comfortable with everything next year and be able to relax more and play better."

Phillips also pointed out areas for improvement in his game.

"I can use some working on my ball control," he said. "I was having kind of a hard time holding onto the ball and that's something I'm planning to work on."

Phillips, a 6-foot, 200-pound true freshman from West Covina, Calif., said he was especially glad he played this season.

"They came to both Clinton (Childs) and myself at the beginning of the season and asked us to redshirt,

## The Replacements

I-backs Lawrence Phillips and Damon Benning will contend for the spot left vacated by Calvin Jones, who has entered the NFL draft.

How Phillips & Benning Compare:

Regular Season				
	Att.	Net	Av.	TDs
Calvin Jones	185	1,043	5.6	12
Tommie Frazier	126	704	5.6	9
Lawrence Phillips	92	508	5.5	5
Damon Benning	55	324	5.9	4
1994 Orange Bowl				
	Att.	Net	Av.	TDs
Jones	9	28	3.1	-
Frazier	14	77	5.5	-
Phillips	13	64	4.9	1
Benning	5	5	1	-

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but neither of us wanted to," he said. "If I would have, I wouldn't have gotten that experience this year, and now with Calvin leaving, I would have been behind next year."

Benning assured Nebraska fans that Jones' departure wouldn't hamper the Huskers.

"You always miss a player like Calvin, but I don't think we're going to be hurt by it," he said. "I think we're still very talented. We're going to be very talented on defense and with Tommie having two years under his belt, we'll be strong on offense."

"We'll still be tough."

## Cuts

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school like Nebraska—where the football program is a main source of revenue—the plan will backfire, he said.

"They're doing it in the name of cost reduction," he said. "But common sense tells you that is not the way you go about cost reduction. To try to undercut your biggest revenue-producing mechanism is not a very cost-effective way of doing it. But that's basically what they have done."

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