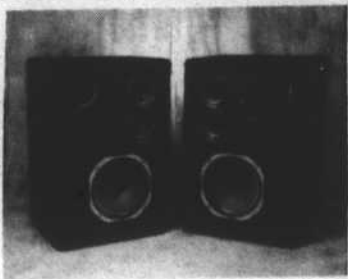


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NU women work to avenge loss

By Mitch Sherman
Staff Reporter

In order to begin the season 2-0, the Nebraska women's gymnastics team will have to win a meet it couldn't pull out last season.

The Cornhuskers, who defeated Illinois 185.2-181.75 last Saturday in Champaign, Ill., take on Southeast Missouri State at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Bob Devaney Sports Center main arena.

Last year, the Huskers lost to the Otahkians 191.5 to 191.15 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Last year's meet would provide incentive for the team, coach Dan Kendig said, but cause no change in the preparation.

"It's not like football or basketball where you go out and plan a strategy around what the other team does," Kendig said. "They talked about (last year's loss) a little bit this week. But you don't change your strategy. All you can do is go out and hit your

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Nebraska women's gymnastics coach

routines.

"In some ways, it will provide some incentive, though, for the girls who were here last year."

It was the women who were not on the team last year that provided the knockout punch in Champaign, Ill., last week. Freshman Shelly Bartlett won the uneven bars with a score of 9.65 and freshman Kim DeHaan placed second in the all-around with a score of 36.925.

"That was kind of a surprise," Kendig said. "But they've been doing real good in the gym all season, and we knew we could do it. It was just a

matter of getting them out there in a meet."

Junior Jennifer Hawkinson won the vault last week with a score of 9.75 and junior Kristi Camp captured the uneven bars by scoring 9.6. Kendig said the Huskers have worked out some kinks this week in practice and will be ready for Saturday.

"Hopefully, we'll see some of the improvement from this week during the meet," he said. "And I think we can keep improving all year. (Southeast Missouri State) scored a 187 last week and we got a 185, so it should be a good meet."

Yedsena adjusting to young team

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

For the first time in her Nebraska career, Meggan Yedsena is playing with unfamiliar faces.

The senior guard from Mahanoy City, Pa., played alongside upperclass students during her first three years on the Nebraska women's basketball team, but this season, Yedsena and Nebraska's only other senior, Nafeesah Brown, are surrounded by youth.

Along with the two seniors, the Huskers' roster is filled with six sophomores and six freshmen.

"When I was a newcomer here, I was surrounded by upperclassmen," Yedsena said. "Actually, I've always been surrounded by upperclassmen, even last year. Now I'm surrounded by a lot of underclassmen, and it's different. I feel like a lot of times the team chemistry just isn't there."

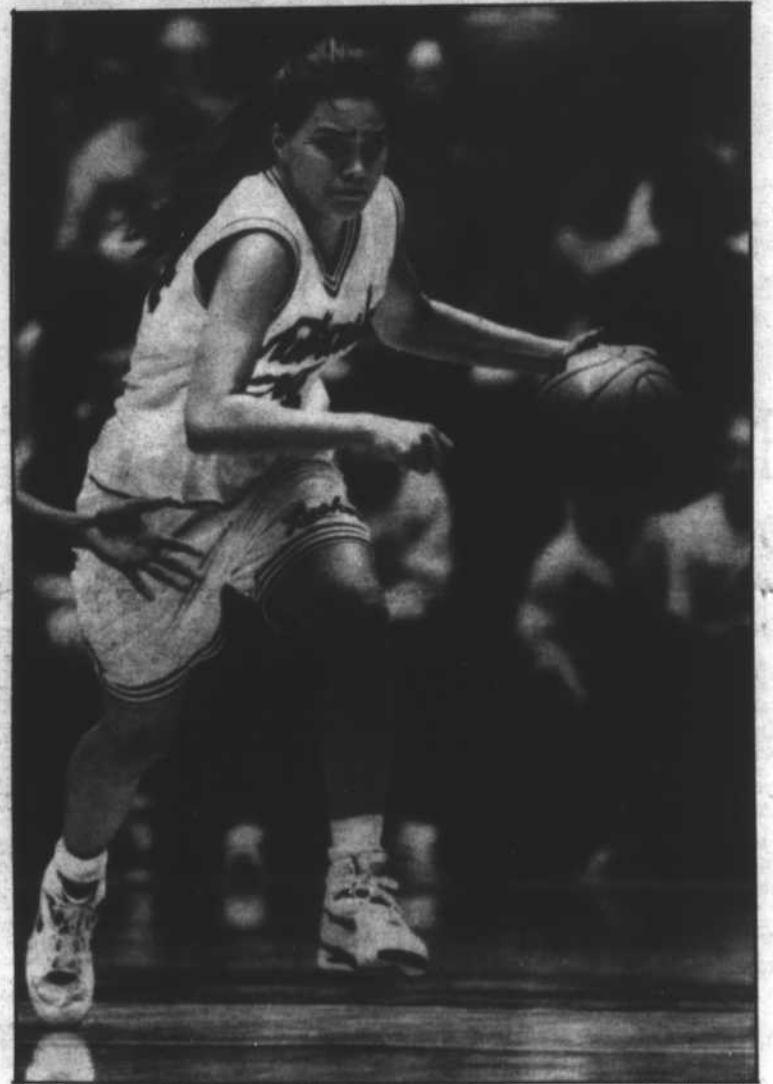
Yedsena said overcoming the problems that came with helping teach young players might be one of the toughest challenges of her career at Nebraska.

"It has been frustrating, but also exciting," she said. "I might get on the underclassmen too much or get on them at times I shouldn't. I have to realize that they don't have the experience that the people I've played with in the past have had."

"Then again, it is exciting when we go to Oklahoma and only lose by one point. It's exciting when we do those things that aren't expected of us."

Yedsena, who is Nebraska's all-time assist leader and ranks second in career steals, said the Huskers' inexperience was most obvious in close games.

"We need to learn how to win and how to keep a lead," she said. "That comes with experience. We just have to keep our heads and learn how to



DN file photo
Nebraska point guard Meggan Yedsena will lead the 9-8 Huskers this weekend in games at Colorado and Missouri.

keep a lead."

With Nebraska's 1-3 start in the Big Eight, Yedsena said the Huskers might play a much different role than last year, when they finished as con-

ference runner-up.

"We feel like we can be a spoiler right now," she said. "It might be kind of out of reach to win the conference, but we know anything can happen."

Recruit

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a great player, and he's a great kid, too. We think he can contribute well at Nebraska."

McFarlin will try to fit into an experienced secondary, led by Barron Miles and Tyrone Williams. Five of Nebraska's top eight defensive backs will return next season.

In addition to the 10 high school athletes, Nebraska has also received commitments from baseball player Darin Erstad, who will kick, and Arizona State transfer John Livingston. The Huskers have 13 scholarships remaining this year.

Although the class has been slow in committing, recruiting coordinator Dave Gillespie said, it appears to be developing nicely.

"It's not quite the same in terms of numbers," Gillespie said. "But we're still waiting on a number of very good players. Things just kind of broke down a little different this year."

Gillespie said Nebraska expects 11 or 12 athletes to visit the campus this weekend.

NU's New Recruits

The following players have given verbal commitments to Nebraska:

In State

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
Ted Butler	L	6-2	238
Lincoln Southeast			
Travis Toline	L	6-4	210
Wahoo			
Brandt Wade	L	6-3	270
Springfield Platteview			

Out of State

Tray Crayton	DB	6-3	170
Oceanside, Calif.			
Constantine Dumitrescu	OL	6-5	310
Hayward, Calif.			
Jon Elder	QB	6-3	195
Sioux City, Iowa, West			
Jay Foreman	QB-RB	6-3	190
Eden Prairie, Minn.			
Octavius McFarlin	DB	6-1	180
Bastrop, La.			
Dorrick	TE	6-4	218
Inglewood, Ill.			
Mike Ruckelshaus	DE	6-5	215
St. Joseph, Mo.			

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78-58 rout.

Beck said she was hoping for a replay of her team's performance against Kansas State and not Kansas.

"We're going to have to get more mentally focused going into this weekend," she said. "We did not play on the aggressive against Kansas. We have three good perimeter shooters, and they have to shoot like they did against Kansas State to open up the inside game."

Beck said Nebraska would get its biggest test against Colorado, the defending conference champs.

"We're optimistic as an underdog to go in there and surprise them a bit," she said. "We play a lot looser and harder as an underdog. They have a great tradition and they'll be tough at home. You always want to keep their crowd out of the game."

"We just have to try to keep it close. If we can shoot better from the floor and get some confidence in our shots, we can give them a game."

In the least, Beck said, Nebraska will benefit from the tough games.

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