

# Cold shooting dooms Huskers

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Before the Nebraska men's basketball season began, Coach Danny Nee said the Cornhuskers would live and die by the three-pointer.

During their 11-game winning streak, the Huskers were living right, hitting more than 35 percent of their three-pointers.

But during the Huskers' current three-game losing streak, Nebraska has shot an anorexic 22 percent from behind the three-point arc, and the Huskers' hopes of winning the Big Eight are fading fast.

The Huskers remained ice cold against Oklahoma, shooting just 27 percent from three-point land and 33 percent overall during a 79-76 loss to Oklahoma in front of 14,487 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday night.

Despite the poor shooting, the Huskers, 12-5 overall and 2-3 in the Big Eight, managed to stay in the game with solid defense and aggressive offensive rebounding.

The Huskers held the Sooners, 11-5 overall and 3-2 in the Big Eight, to only 44 percent shooting from the floor. Nebraska also grabbed 24 offensive rebounds, but the second shots weren't enough to give the Huskers a win.

Nee said mistakes late in the game cost the Huskers.

"I was disappointed in how we played," Nee said. "In the second half especially, with the turnovers and the type of turnovers we had, I just feel that we're really out of sync. But when you don't shoot the ball well and miss the shots that we're missing ... we're just not playing well."

Nee said he was happy with his team's effort at times, but it still wasn't enough to overcome Nebraska's poor shooting performance.

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Nebraska had two chances to send the game into overtime.

Down 79-76 with six seconds left, Jaron Boone fired a three-pointer from the left wing, which bounced off the iron before going out of bounds off an Oklahoma player.

Then with two seconds left, Jamar Johnson's three-pointer from the left corner missed everything and continued the Huskers' shooting woes.

Boone finished 1-of-8 from the floor, while Johnson, who was the hottest Husker shooter from the outside on the evening, finished 5-of-14.

Eric Piatkowski, who led the Huskers with 24 points on just 7-of-20 shooting, said the Huskers were frustrated.

"The last couple games we have shot just absolutely terrible," Piatkowski said. "I don't know what it is. We're taking good shots. We're going through a slump, but I think we're mature enough to come through."

"Once we get a game where everybody starts stroking it well, then we're going to be fine for the rest of the season."



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Bruce Chubick (left) battles for a rebound with Oklahoma defender Jason Yanish during Nebraska's 79-76 loss to the Sooners Saturday night.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### NU swim teams drown Missouri

From Staff Reports

Nebraska's swimming and diving teams drenched Missouri on Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

The 21st-ranked women's team, 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Big Eight, won 11 of 13 events on its way to a 149-94 victory over the Tigers.

Meanwhile, the men, 4-3 overall and 2-0 in the Big Eight, handed Missouri a 131-109 defeat.

The women were led by Lezelle Markgraaff, who won the 1,000- and 200-meter freestyle races.

Men's winners included John Arcaroli (one- and three-meter diving), Bjorn Moller (400-meter individual medley relay) and Kyle Seebach (500-meter freestyle).

### Runners lead NU with indoor wins

From Staff Reports

Nebraska's Theresa Stelling won the 3,000-meter run and Jenny Johnson won the 600-yard run to pace all other Cornhuskers at the Sooner Indoor meet Saturday in Oklahoma City.

There were no winners on the men's side, but freshman sprinter Mark Graham got a provisional qualifying mark in the 400-meter dash. Graham finished in 47.69 seconds, placing him second in the event.

Meanwhile, Paul Morrison also got a provisional qualifying mark in the 35-pound weight throw with a toss of 61-3 at the University of Nebraska-Kearney Open. Morrison's mark was a meet record, as was Husker Sandy Fein's finish in the 5,000-meter run at 18 minutes, 21.8 seconds.

## Huskers down ISU for weekend sweep

By Derek Samson

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After routing Iowa State 88-49 Sunday, the Nebraska women's basketball team has picked a perfect time for a winning streak.

The 12-9 Cornhuskers, who have won three straight, have jumped back into the Big Eight race with a 3-4 conference record.

Nebraska followed up its 85-73 victory over Southern Utah Friday by jumping all over the 6-13 Cyclones early. Nebraska went on a 13-1 run for a 22-6 advantage in the first nine minutes.

Coach Angela Beck said she wanted her team to rout Iowa State.

"We wanted to have a solid victory," she said. "We thought we were a better team. We know they're young, and we wanted to get a

solid win. We haven't had a solid blowout, so we wanted to put them away."

Beck's point was well taken by the Huskers, who rolled to a 41-19 lead at intermission.

Nafeesah Brown and Meggan Yedsena combined for all 16 points during a 16-6 Nebraska run midway through the half.

Lis Brenden led all scorers at the half with 10, while Nebraska limited the Cyclone offense to four field goals.

Nebraska did not let down during the second half, as it began the half with an 18-4 run. Brown, who finished with a game-high 21 points, scored the Huskers' first eight points of the second half.

Meggan Yedsena capped off the afternoon, when her free throw with 6:18 remaining put her at 1,000 career points. Yedsena was pre-

sented with the game ball and received a standing ovation from the crowd of 2,020 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"It's really special to me because a lot of people don't look at me as a scorer but just as a point guard," Yedsena said. "It made it better that it came in a win. This year, I think we're going to surprise some people down the stretch. We're starting to read each other out there."

Beck said both victories over the weekend were important, but the key games would come this weekend when Oklahoma and Oklahoma State come to Lincoln.

"We got two good back-to-back wins here, and it's nice to win three straight," Beck said. "If we get Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, I'll feel more comfortable. I think it's set up nice now coming down the stretch."

## Confidence leads gymnast to title

By Mitch Sherman

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For the second straight week, Joy Taylor won the all-around at a Nebraska women's gymnastics meet.

Taylor, a 5-foot-2-inch sophomore from New Palestine, Ind., scored a 37.925 to lead the Nebraska women to a 188.525-184.5 victory over Missouri Friday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

She edged out Cornhusker freshman Shelly Bartlett, who scored a 37.725.

"Confidence is everything," Nebraska coach Dan Kendig said. "And Joy has it right now. She's confident and she did really well."

Kendig said the Huskers, who scored 191.550 points in their victory over Southeast Missouri State last week, improved but didn't hit as many routines as cleanly. Despite some of the missed sets, Kendig said, the Huskers' score seemed a little low.

"I'm not really allowed to talk about the judging," he said. "I think they just tried to point out to us that we have a lot of things to work on."

"Maybe there were some low scores relative to last week, but we really can't control that."

Along with Taylor and Bartlett, juniors Kristi Camp, Martha Jenkins, Jennifer Hawkinson and Nicole Duval performed well for the Huskers.

Despite her lowest all-around finish of the season, freshman Kim DeHaan continued to carry a big load for Nebraska by winning the uneven bars with a 9.75.

Camp finished second in the uneven bars (9.65) and won the balance beam with a 9.6. Jenkins won the vault with a 9.725, and Hawkinson finished second in the beam with a 9.45.

But the performances of Bartlett and Taylor carried the Huskers.

Bartlett won the floor exercise with a 9.725, finished third in the bars (9.55) and placed third in the vault (9.6). The freshman from Spokane, Wash., set personal records in three of four events.

Taylor finished second in the vault (9.625), third in the floor (9.5) and fourth in both the bars (9.5) and beam (9.3).

## Early lead gives win to wrestlers

From Staff Reports

Nebraska won five of its first six matches to take a 22-6 lead on its way to a 25-20 victory over No. 9 Oklahoma in a dual matchup Sunday in Norfolk.

Scott Gonyo, at 118 pounds, and Justin Ware, at 142, each earned pins to help Nebraska gain the early lead.

Coach Tim Neumann said the crowd of 1,500 also aided Nebraska in its victory.

"The crowd was outstanding," he said. "We needed a crowd like that to wrestle like we did."

Nebraska's dual record improves to 9-4, while the Sooners dropped to 4-3.

Nebraska will travel to Minnesota Thursday to take on the fifth-ranked Gophers.