

Brown, Kubik lead Huskers to win

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

It didn't look like junior Roquayyah Brown and freshman Jami Kubik were playing their first game for the Nebraska women's basketball team in the Cornhuskers' 84-70 exhibition win over Athletes in Action Wednesday.

Then again, the two newcomers aren't total strangers to the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Kubik, who hit 3-of-4 3-point attempts on her way to a 15-point performance, led Cambridge to the Class C-2 state championship in 1993 and 1994.

Brown, who finished with 17 points and seven rebounds, is the sister of 1993-94 Big Eight scoring and rebounder leader and former Husker Nafeesah Brown.

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said she was more surprised by Kubik's performance.

"Jami showed why she led Cambridge to those championships," Beck said. "She's a competitor and a very hard worker. She plays with a lot of intensity. I really didn't think she would be as solid as she was. I thought Brown would. She's pretty steady."

The fact that this was the Huskers' first action of the season showed early as the Huskers trailed 32-29 at half-time.

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Link's basket put Athletes in Action on top 28-27 with 1:31 remaining in the first half.

The lead didn't last long for Athletes in Action, as Nebraska regained it less than two minutes into the second half and never trailed again.

Chris Dillavou, who also contributed 15 points on the night, scored Nebraska's first seven points of the second half as the Huskers went on a 15-2 run to start the half.

"They are good players that played for good schools," Beck said. "But I don't feel like they could match our conditioning. I think we came out pretty strong."

But it was Nebraska center Pyra Aarden that controlled the second half.

The 6-foot-4 junior scored 15 points in the second half and finished with a game-high 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Aarden, Brown, Dillavou and Kubik combined for 67 points, which

helped Beck forget about the injury bug that has hit her team.

"Pyra Aarden showed she'll be pretty solid," Beck said. "I really saw a developed Pyra Aarden tonight. I feel pretty good about tonight. I think we sent a message that we can score some points without some players. Everybody kind of complimented each other tonight."

The victory may have answered Beck's questions about who will fill the void left by the departure of last year's senior leaders — Meggan Yedsena and Nafeesah Brown.

"We had three goals tonight — No. 1 to show unity, No. 2 to play hard and No. 3 to play smart," Beck said. "I didn't say anything about winning, but we always play to win. I didn't know how we would perform."

"I'm kind of excited. There isn't a specific go-to player, and I think that maybe loosened the players up a little bit."

Coach Osborne receives Giant Steps Award

From Staff Reports

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne left practice early Wednesday night to fly to Boston, Mass., to participate as a member of the Honorary Dinner Committee for the 1994 Giant Steps and Excellence in Sports Journalism Awards Banquet.

Osborne was selected as one of 77 football coaches, basketball coaches, presidents and chancellors, public officials, civil rights leaders, distinguished advisors and players' association directors.

Among the list of 1994 Giant Steps Award winners are: U.S. Senators Bill Bradley, Edward Kennedy and John Kerry; Mike Krzyzewski, Dean Smith, Bob Knight, Michael Dukakis and Jack Kemp.

Osborne and Penn State coach Joe Paterno were the only football coaches selected.

Alberts' arm recovering; early return anticipated

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Linebacker Trev Alberts, a first-round draft pick out of Nebraska who was injured in the Indianapolis Colts' preseason opener three months ago, may be only weeks away from his NFL debut.

Alberts, the Nebraska All-American who was the fifth player picked in the draft, dislocated his right elbow Aug. 5 against Seattle and underwent surgery that was expected to keep him out the entire season.

But his rehabilitation has progressed better than anyone thought possible, coach Ted Marchibroda said.

"The doctor told him he should probably stay off it for another two weeks, but then he can begin practicing at that time," the Colts' coach said. "We view this as very positive news."

"Trev has been wanting to get back out there, and our stance has been to wait until he received medical clearance. I think it would be good for him if he could get on the field this season."

Alberts met with orthopedic surgeon Dr. Frank Jobe on Monday in Los Angeles and was advised to follow a cautious rehabilitation regimen for the next two weeks.

The 6-foot-4 linebacker from Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been an analyst for the ESPN2 network while he has been out.

The Colts, 4-5 on the season, play at Miami on Sunday and have the next week off after that. If all goes well, Alberts could begin practicing the week before the Colts play at Cincinnati and could be ready to play by the Dec. 4 game at Seattle.

Streak

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Huskers have gone 10-0 at home and are 12-0 away from the NU Coliseum.

In that 22-match span Nebraska has lost only five games. The only team in the country with fewer losses is Stanford.

The Huskers continued that string against the Wildcats, and Allison Weston said although the team set a record, it wasn't a major concern.

"We've just been taking it game by game," Weston said. "It feels the same as any other win."

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braska has had this season.

"I don't think we'll focus on losing or breaking the winning streak," Reitsma said. "We're going to focus on winning, and the record really doesn't mean anything."

With only five regular season games remaining — including four of those at home — the Huskers are looking to finish out the season undefeated.

But Reitsma said Nebraska would have to play even better to finish with an unblemished record.

"If we play the best we can play, we have a good chance," Reitsma said. "We know we can play at that level, but now we just have to make sure we do."

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Nebraska trailed 5-2 early in the first game, but then went on a 7-1 run sparked by Weston, who had four kills during the spurt.

Down 12-6, the Wildcats scored two points, but Nebraska middle blocker Peggy Meyer registered two kills and a block to give the Huskers a 15-8 win.

"I just didn't think we worked hard the first two games," Pettit said. "Kansas State worked harder than we did."

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nally got Nebraska on the board. After six sideouts, the Huskers began to roll, cutting the Wildcat lead to 8-7 and tying the game at 10 on a Weston service ace.

The Wildcats could muster only one more point, and in that same stretch, Reitsma, a 6-foot-3 middle blocker from Hull, Iowa, pounded three kills and an ace.

"She's a great athlete," Pettit said of Reitsma, who switched from outside hitter to middle blocker last week when Jen McFadden was lost for the season with a knee injury.

"She has the ability to play any of the three front-court positions. She's going to have to play a more significant role than maybe we thought at

the beginning of the year. Her play tonight maybe tells me she's ready."

Reitsma, who played all of the second game in place of Meyer, said she had been successful because the other team was always looking for Weston.

"I knew that the blockers weren't even paying any attention to me," Reitsma said. "So I was just waiting for the set, because I knew they wouldn't be ready for it."

The Wildcats weren't ready for anything as the third game began. Powered by the serving of Christy Johnson, Winsett and Kate Crnich, the Huskers quickly opened up a 12-2 lead, and with Winsett serving, a Wildcat net violation gave the Huskers the game and the match.

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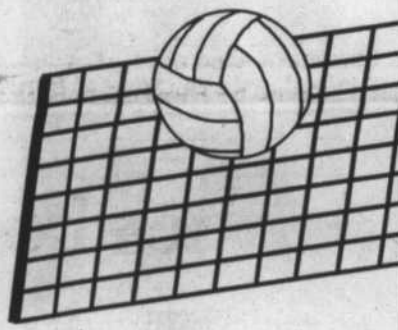
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Connealy wins NACDA award

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Nebraska defensive tackle Terry Connealy has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.

The NACDA awards a scholarship to one player from each of the four teams that participated in college football's two preseason games, the Pigskin Classic and the Kickoff Classic.