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# Wins against Oklahoma teams could cure Beck's ailments

## Huskers have second chance in home games

By Trevor Parks  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said she had been feeling sick all week.

About the best cure for her would be two wins this weekend, Beck said.

This weekend the Cornhuskers, 11-10 and 2-7 in the Big Eight, will play their final two home games of the season.

Nebraska plays host to Oklahoma State at 7 p.m. Friday and at 2 p.m. Sunday against No. 24 Oklahoma at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Senior Tanya Upthegrove will be playing her final home game as a Husker. Upthegrove has been injured throughout her career, and she underwent an emergency appendectomy three weeks ago. The 5-foot-7-inch guard has played in 10 games and has averaged 3.9 points per game.

Beck said that even though Upthegrove hadn't had a stellar career, she had really helped the Nebraska program.

"Her coming off the bench has been a big positive," Beck said. "She stuck around when the going got tough and a lot of people left."

Beck also is going through a tough time, suffering from the flu and an ear infection.

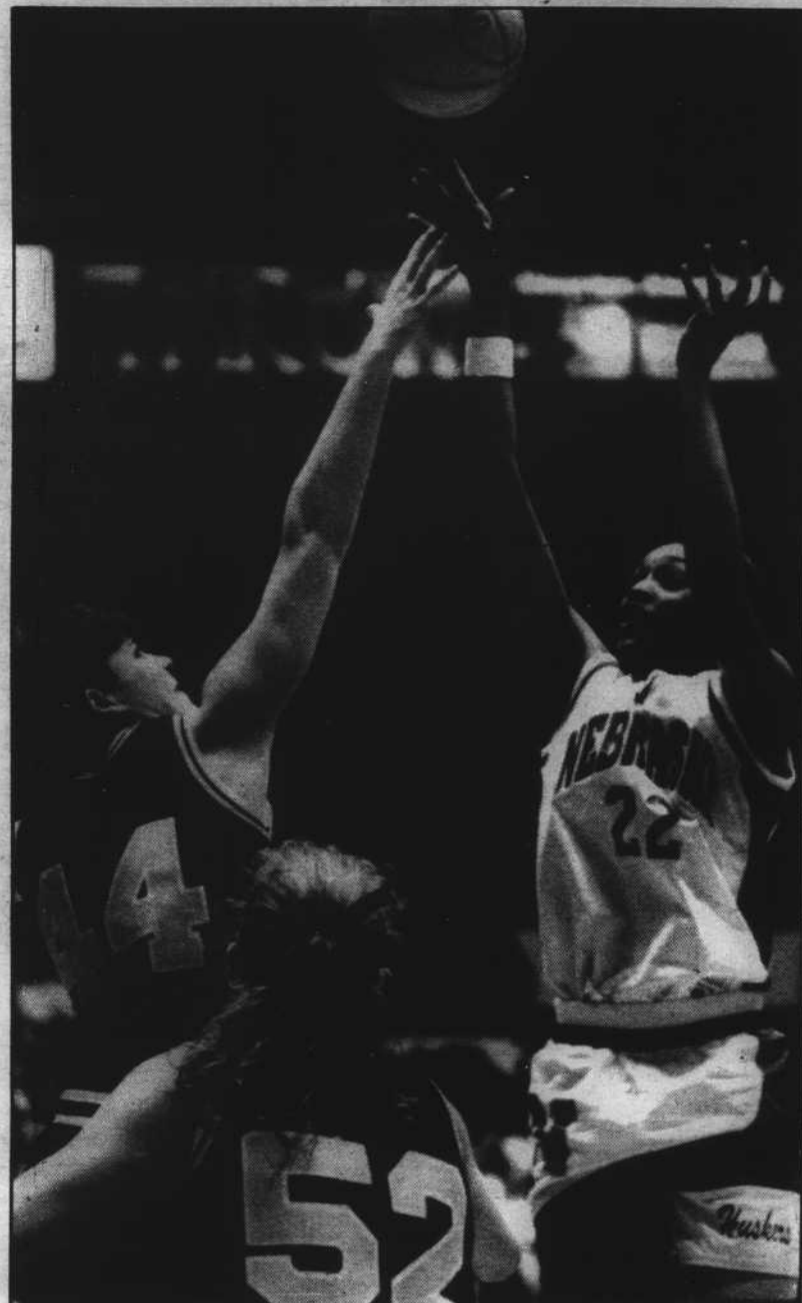
The illness caused her to miss practice Tuesday, the first time she has missed a practice in her nine-year coaching career at Nebraska.

Along with her illness, Nebraska's 2-7 conference record has been hard on Beck.

"I'm sure I would probably feel better if we were winning," Beck said. "I'm sure it is kind of magnified because of us losing."

The Huskers are coming off a 53-50 loss at Kansas State in which Nebraska led by 11 points in the second half.

Now the Huskers again face opponents they had a chance to beat earlier



Scott Bruhn/DN

Nebraska guard Tina McClain shoots over two Colorado players in a Husker loss Jan. 22. The Huskers will face Oklahoma State and Oklahoma this weekend. McClain injured her knee the last time the Huskers faced Oklahoma State.

this year. Nebraska lost a tough 63-62 game at Oklahoma and then lost at Oklahoma State 69-52.

In the game against the Cowgirls, guard Tina McClain suffered a knee injury, which Beck said was the major factor.

The Sooners, 15-5 and 7-2 in the Big Eight, are on a roll, winning 11 of their last 13 games, with those two losses coming to Colorado.

Oklahoma State limps into Friday's contest losing three of its last four games.

Even though these two teams come in on different streaks, Beck said this weekend would be a tough assignment for her team.

"It's not going to be an easy home stand," Beck said. "We just really need to try and play some Nebraska basketball."

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