

NU looks to rebound from first loss

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Staff Reporter

After losing for the first time on Saturday, the Nebraska women's basketball team wants to get back on the winning track tonight against Kent State.

But Nebraska coach Angela Beck said the 4-1 Cornhuskers would face a difficult assignment in the 7 p.m. game at Kent, Ohio.

"We're going to have to really come ready to play," Beck said. "It's going to be an extremely tough road trip for us. It's going to be a big game for us to get, so we just have to regroup and refocus."

After a 24-point loss to No. 16

Oregon State, Beck said the Cornhuskers spent an hour and a half in team meetings to re-establish team goals and roles.

But the Huskers are now focused on dealing with the 2-1 Golden Flashes' pressing and attacking man-to-man defenses. Two statistics about Kent State stand out in Beck's mind. Kent State averages 11 steals a game and forces its opponents into 20 turnovers.

"When I saw the number of steals Kent State averages a game, that made me kind of ill because that's a weakness for us," Beck said. "We're going to have to do a better job of taking care of the basketball down there."

Nebraska is averaging 23.8 turn-

overs a game while forcing its opponents into 27.2 turnovers.

Kent State coach Bob Lindsay said he expected the Golden Flashes to perform better than they did last year in Lincoln during their 91-66 loss to the Huskers. A win tonight will give Lindsay his 100th career coaching victory.

Lindsay said the Golden Flashes would have to control Nebraska's Tina McClain and Anna DeForge. DeForge is averaging 19 points a game for the Huskers, while McClain is averaging 10.8 points. Both are averaging 6.8 rebounds a game.

"They're a team with a couple of players that can cause you trouble,"

Lindsay said. "McClain is a good athlete, and I wish we had her on our team."

The Golden Flashes return all five starters from last year's 17-10 squad, but sophomore Gwen Harley is out with a knee injury.

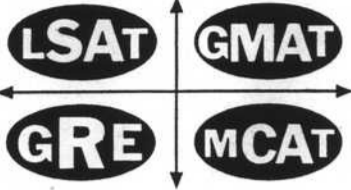
The Golden Flashes do return Mid-American Conference Player of the Year Amy Sherry, who is averaging 20.3 points and 10.3 rebounds a game and has scored in double figures in all three games.

"Amy Sherry is really a nice player," Beck said. "She can create, and she scored 27 points in their last game. She is a real tough player."

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attack, just as Colorado did. Against the Buffaloes, the Huskers threw for 241 yards and ran for 226, their second lowest rushing total of the season.

"I don't think there is really any team that can stop the option," he said. "They might be able to stop it 30, 40, 50 percent of the time, but as far as

going out there and stopping it consistently, I don't think any team in the country can do that."

Based solely on statistics, however, Nebraska's pass defense appears to be faced with just as many problems as the Gators' rush defense. Husker foes have completed 50 percent of their passes for an average of 215 yards a game.

Florida's passing attack ranks second in the nation behind Nevada, averaging 361 yards a game. Gator quar-

terback Danny Wuerffel, also a Heisman finalist, completed 64.6 percent of his passes this year, threw for 297 yards a game and 35 touchdowns.

In addition, Wuerffel broke former BYU standout Jim McMahon's NCAA pass efficiency record with a rating of 178.4, all of which left Osborne shaking his head after watching a limited amount of Gator film.

"All you can do is make your adjustments and hope you guess right," he said.

Benavides wins best swimmer for November

From Staff Reports

Nebraska junior swimmer Juan Benavides was named Big Eight swimmer of the month for November, the conference office announced Tuesday. Benavides, who leads the Big Eight in the 100-meter freestyle and the 50-meter freestyle, has earned 13 individual or relay victories in seven meets this season for the 24th-ranked Cornhuskers.

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