

KU, Missouri renew rivalry

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The tail end of the college football season usually brings big-time rivalries.

This weekend is no exception. Though it might not get the attention of a Michigan-Ohio State game, Saturday's Kansas-Missouri matchup at 1 p.m. in Columbia, Mo., has a long history as well.

Missouri has won 48 games, lost 47 and tied Kansas nine times in the series, which began in 1891. The two teams have played every year since, except 1918 and 1923.

"I have known about the KU-Missouri game for a long, long time," Jayhawk Coach Glen Mason said. "The rivalry was made a long time ago, and we are just charged for carrying it on."

This will be the last game of the season for each team, both of which are 4-6 overall.

"This is a game where you throw everything out the door on the rest of the season," Smith said.

Huskers to open season on road

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The Nebraska women's basketball team is opening its season today in an unfamiliar place: on the road.

The Cornhuskers will play Illinois State at Redbird Arena in Normal, Ill., at 7 p.m. Nebraska is 10-0 in openers under Coach Angela Beck, but all 10 of those games have been at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Beck was not around when the Huskers last opened on the road in 1977, but she knows it's a tough task for a young team trying to build a foundation.

"We don't want to open the season on the road," Beck said. "I would have to give the upper hand to Illinois State. They are very tough and competitive at home."

The Redbirds won't have to worry about first-game jitters. Illinois State opened in the preseason NIT with a 75-57 loss to No. 6 Iowa.

NU will lead offensively and defensively with Anna DeForge and Tina McClain, the Huskers' top two scorers and rebounders from last year.

"Defense will be the backbone of our team," McClain said. "Defense wins ball games."

The combo also has a talented supporting cast, led by Emily Thompson and LaToya Dodge, who will help shoulder the scoring load.

Beck also has the luxury of a talented freshman class, which she expects to make an immediate impact. Guard Nicole Kubik will start, earning the spot ahead of her older sister, Jami.

"(Nicole) has totally impressed

Basketball Starters

Nebraska			
No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
F 22	Tina McClain	5-10	Sr.
G 20	LaToya Dodge	5-6	Sr.
Illinois State			
No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
F 40	Val Trame	6-0	Jr.
G 23	Jenny Schmidt	5-9	So.

me," Beck said. "She is a sweet offensive player."

Along with Nicole Kubik, guard Brooke Schwartz and forwards Charlie Rogers and Cisco Gilmore — all true freshmen — will see playing time for the Huskers. What they lack in experience, Beck said, they make up for in talent.

"We feel all of those guys will contribute this season," Beck said.

The Huskers, who were 2-0 in the exhibition season, finished last season 19-10, losing to Colorado State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Illinois State was 19-13 a year ago.

"We are as ready as we can be," Beck said.

NU swimmers to play host to a pair of meets

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The Nebraska swimming and diving teams have a full schedule this weekend, entertaining some of the elite teams in the nation, who will come to Lincoln to compete in the Nike Sprint Classic and the Husker ShootOut.

Top programs from Auburn, Southern Methodist, Florida State and Arizona State will converge at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool today, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Nebraska Coach Cal Bentz said he's excited to play host to some of the best talent in the country.

"Without a doubt," Bentz said, "this is going to be a fantastic weekend for the fans. You're going to see some great swimming."

The same teams will stay in Lincoln for the Husker ShootOut, which will be Saturday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m.

The format for the Husker ShootOut is fairly complicated, with a large number of events for both the sprinters and distance swimmers.

Points are awarded to each swimmer in every race, keeping the team scoring close throughout the meet.

Nebraska, whose men rank No. 16 and women rank 11th, are limited to 13 swimmers on each team. However, with the addition of several other heats,

just about every Husker swimmer will be involved this weekend.

"Right now, we're thinking about getting ready for the big meets at the end of the year," Bentz said. "Particularly Texas. So winning the ShootOut isn't our most important objective."

But just because it isn't a top objective, Bentz said he's not ruling out a Nebraska victory.

"Due to the nature of the scoring system," he said, "we could easily be right at the top when all is said and done."

Swimmers defeat ASU

The Nebraska men's swimming and diving team upset No. 7 Arizona State Thursday night 139-102 in a dual meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

NU divers Danny Bergman, Kevin Gregory, Eric Cook and Bert Locklin led the Husker charge, sweeping the diving competitions.

Other Nebraska winners included Juan Benavides, Josh Mathias, Michael Windisch, Adam Pine, Eric Rasser, Conny Wennberg, Alex Shleifman and Carlos Asarta.

"Anytime you can defeat a team like Arizona State," Husker Coach Cal Bentz said, "it's a good win for you."

Inexperienced Huskers to face No. 17 Texas

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Reggie Freeman, who averaged 22 points in Texas' exhibition wins.

Last year, Freeman, a 6-foot-6 senior from Bronx, N.Y., scored 22.4 points per game for Texas, which went 21-10 and lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to Wake Forest.

Texas might be without sophomore point guard DeJuan Vazquez against the Huskers. Vazquez has been battling a groin injury and did not play in Texas' second exhibition after starting 25 games last year.

Because of the Longhorns' experience, Nebraska Coach Danny Nee said his team will be at a major disadvantage. Texas's pressing offensive and defensive style also create problems, Nee said.

"As far as an opening game goes, it's as tough as it can be, because we think Texas is a quality basketball team," Nee said. "They are very hard to simulate and prepare for."

In Penders' eight seasons, UT is averaging 89.4 points per game. Texas averaged 24 3-point attempts and 81.8 points per game last season.

The Longhorns lost 85-69 to NU in Lincoln last year. Texas turned the ball over 24 times in that game and shot only 28 percent — its lowest percentage in Penders' career at UT. The Longhorns also were a dismal 2 of 17 from behind the 3-point arc.

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Texas basketball coach

youngsters struggle like his team did last year.

"Hopefully, they will be nervous as hell," Penders said. "Tyronn Lue, Mikki Moore and Bernard Garner, I remember them well from last year's game. Those three are big players for Nebraska."

"I also remember we set the game of basketball back years with our performance."

Two years ago, Texas routed No. 19 NU 102-78 at the Erwin Center. The Huskers have never won in Austin in three tries.

Nee said his team has steadily improved through fall practice and the exhibition season, in which the Huskers picked up wins over Pella Windows and Marathon Oil.

"It's harder than I'd like," Nee said. "It's a big game, but I would have loved to play them the third game and get one or two under our belt before we went down there."

"It has gotten us a little bit more focused. They are ready to play, and they are anxious to play Texas."

NU to honor two seniors

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both remain focused on the team's goals, they could not help but reflect on their last four years at Nebraska.

"It went by so fast I can't even comprehend it," said Hedbeck, a defensive specialist from Sollentuna, Sweden. "It will be nice to be a regular student and do things I've never been able to do, but I wouldn't change anything about these past four years."

Crnich, an outside hitter from River Forest, Ill., said it's difficult to think about ending her career at Nebraska.

"From the first time I stepped onto the court," Crnich said, "I knew that this was one of the greatest things I'd ever do."

"These have been some of the best times in my life. I'll never experience anything like this again."

NU out to prove win was no fluke

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winning goal against Minnesota, said she isn't fooled by Duke's record.

"They've had a tough schedule," Uppinghouse said. "The regular season doesn't mean anything now. It's been a fight for them throughout the season."

Duke has lost to No. 1-ranked North Carolina twice, Nebraska and Texas A&M. The Devils have defeated Virginia twice, Florida and Clemson. Duke also tied Portland, the nation's No. 3 team which will play Vanderbilt on Saturday for the right to face the Duke-NU winner.

"Interestingly enough," Walker said, "Duke has had a role in us getting to where we're at right now. We really look at them as a program to look up to. It's ironic that we now face each other again. They had the toughest schedule in the country, bar none."

The Huskers point to their early-season win in Durham as the victory that set the tone for their perfect season. At the time, Duke was ranked fifth and Nebraska 25th.

"It boosted our confidence," striker Lindsay Eddleman said. "It made us realize we have the potential to beat the best teams. This weekend, they're going to come out hard as ever."

Becky Hogan, a sophomore midfielder, said the Huskers are out to prove that the win over Duke was not a fluke.

"We're going to have to focus on proving it wasn't a fluke when we beat them," Hogan said. "You're never going to know how good you are unless you take the hard road."

Sunday's game figures to be played in front of another large crowd. The Huskers drew a school-record 1,544 fans for the first-round win over the Golden Gophers.

"I think the big crowd helped us," striker Kristen Gay said. "It just makes us want to go out and play harder."

Football Picks

The Daily Nebraskan sports staff members pick the winners in both of 10 college football games this weekend. The staff is 89-31 this season and was 7-3 last week.

Kansas	at	Missouri
Texas Tech	at	Oklahoma
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Auburn	at	Auburn
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