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NU falls to hot-shooting Texas Tech

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LUBBOCK, Texas—Texas Tech opened with a trio of 3-point goals and never looked back Saturday, defeating the Nebraska basketball team 87-74 at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

"The two early 3s by Stan (Bonowitz) and slams by Tony (Battie) were the key to the game," NU point guard Tyronn Lue said.

Bonowitz hit his first 3-pointer 1:06 into the game and added his second one minute later. Then at the 17:02 mark, Rayford Young, in his first college start, chipped in another 3, setting the tone for the day.

The Red Raiders (14-6 overall and 6-4 in the Big 12 Conference) won for the first time in four games, sending the Cornhuskers (12-10 and 4-6) to their fourth loss in five games.

Tech sank 11 of 24 3-pointers and shot

Nebraska	74
Texas Tech	87

58 percent in the first half, jumping to a 48-36 lead. A two-handed slam-dunk by Battie excited the 8,174 fans and started an 11-3 Red Raider run, leaving NU in a 24-14 hole 10 minutes into the first half.

The Huskers stayed with the Red Raiders for a few minutes, but Tech came back with 12 straight points to lead 39-21 with 3:31 remaining in the first half.

Cory Carr led Texas Tech with 33 points, Battie scored 11 with 17 rebounds and Bonowitz added 16 points for Tech.

"It was all over in the first half," NU Coach Danny Nee said. "Texas Tech was ready to play."

Mikki Moore scored 20 points for Nebraska, Lue had 19 and Cookie Belcher contributed 13 points.

"We just came out with a lack of enthusiasm," Moore said. "We were not playing

good transition defense. We should have stopped them from getting those easy layups and dunks."

In the first four minutes of the second half, Moore and Belcher sparked Nebraska with dunks and Lue hit a 3-pointer. But Texas Tech's hot shooting prevented Nebraska from cutting into the lead.

"Early in the second half," Lue said, "I thought we would come back when we cut the lead to about 10."

NU equaled Tech's 52 percent from the field, but the Huskers hit only three 3-pointers to the Red Raiders' 11.

After the game, the Huskers flew directly to Manhattan, Kan., where they will play Kansas State tonight at 8 at Bramlage Coliseum. The game will be televised by ESPN2. The Wildcats (8-12 and 1-9) defeated Oklahoma 67-63 Saturday in Manhattan, Kansas State's first victory since Dec. 23.

Men's Basketball Starters

Today, 8 p.m.
Bramlage Coliseum
Manhattan, Kan.

Nebraska 12-10 (4-6)

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
F 4	Venson Hamilton	6-9	240	So.
F 5	Larry Florence	6-5	225	So.
C 32	Mikki Moore	6-11	220	Sr.
G 30	Cookie Belcher	6-3	200	Fr.
G 10	Tyronn Lue	6-0	170	So.

Kansas St. 8-12 (1-9)

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
F 31	Marcus McCollough	6-5	195	Jr.
F 5	Mark Young	6-6	200	Jr.
C 35	Shawn Rhodes	6-10	245	So.
G 12	Ayome May	6-4	200	So.
G 13	Chris Griffin	6-2	200	So.

Swimmers roll to win over Kansas

By JAY SAUNDERS
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving teams accomplished more than just a victory over Kansas Saturday.

By defeating the Jayhawks, both the 16th-ranked Cornhusker men and No. 13 women completed the conference season undefeated (4-0) for the first time since 1993-94.

"It is always nice to beat Kansas," NU Coach Cal Bentz said. "We saw a lot of things we wanted to see. We were pleased down the line."

The men's team (9-2 overall) won 10 of 13 events on its way to a 151-89 victory over KU. It was Nebraska's first dual win over the Jayhawks in four years. The women (6-2) defeated No. 20 Kansas 183.5-97.5.

Helping the Husker men's convincing win were three different 1-2-3 finishes. Sophomore Danny Bergman, who won both the one- and three-meter diving events, was followed by freshman Bert Locklin and senior Kevin Gregory as NU swept the three-meter competition. Bergman has won 21 of the 23 diving competitions he has been in this season.

The Huskers also captured the top three spots in the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley. Winning the 200-yard IM was junior Brian Hein, whose time of 1:53.07 was a career best. Mark Bennett won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 46.90.

The women's team also ran away with the meet with solid individual performances. Senior Julia Russell notched wins in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard butterfly. Russell's career-best time of 1:01.65 in the breaststroke was a Devaney Center pool record.

Like Bergman on the men's side, sophomore T.D. Rowe swept the one- and three-meter diving competition's. Rowe has won both diving events in the last three Husker duals.

But more important than the vic-

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LaTOYA DOAGE defends Texas Tech's Cara Gibbs Sunday. Doage had four points and four assists in NU's win over the No. 13 Red Raiders.

Huskiers outlast Tech

NU makes 7 of 8 free throws down stretch to ice Red Raiders.

Texas Tech	57
Nebraska	62

By MIKE KLUCK
Senior Reporter

While reviewing videotape of Texas Tech, Nebraska Women's Basketball Coach Angela Beck knew her team would face a problem defending Red Raider forward Alicia Thompson on Sunday.

Beck thought about using Jami Kubik to defend Thompson, a 6-foot-1 All-America candidate, who was coming off a career-best 47 point effort Wednesday against Texas. In that scenario, NU lost Kubik's help-side defensive ability that would be greatly needed against Thompson.

Finally, Beck turned to senior Tina McClain. McClain, a 5-foot-10 forward from Montrose, Mo., had averaged only four points in the last two Cornhusker games — both Nebraska losses. This came after a time earlier in the week when Beck gave McClain an ultimatum to change her attitude or be benched.

Beck went with her instincts and McClain played with her new attitude, scoring a season-best 21

points as the Cornhuskers upset 13th-ranked Texas Tech 62-57 Sunday in front of a season-high crowd of 8,637 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

NU pleased what is believed to be the largest crowd to ever attend a Nebraska women's basketball home game improving its record to 17-3 overall and 7-3 in the Big 12 Conference.

Nebraska is fourth in the conference, one game behind leaders Texas, Colorado and Kansas. The Red Raiders fell to 14-6 and 6-4 in the conference.

"I think, putting (McClain) on the block, because we run a four-out one-inside offense, was the difference maker," Beck said. "She got comfortable early and I don't think they respected our post game."

Texas Tech Coach Marsha Sharp said the Red Raiders' goal was to eliminate the Huskers' perimeter game. Tech succeeded as Nebraska was 0 of 7 from 3-point range.

Sharp said she was surprised at McClain's performance and Nebraska's success inside.

"She did a great job," Sharp said. "They took it inside and tried



EMILY THOMPSON (left), Cisco Gilmore and Charlie Rogers celebrate NU's win.

to attack us."

McClain's impact was felt in the opening minutes of the second half. Thompson made a 3-pointer with two seconds left before the half to tie the score at 30.

In the first three minutes of the second half, McClain was involved in eight of NU's 10 points of a 10-1 that put the Huskers in front 40-31. McClain had two baskets, made two free throws and had an assist

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Records fall; NU shines at Invite

Huskiers Lavy, Wright and Fish win invite titles.

By ANDREW STRNAD
Staff Reporter

Every year track and field athletes point to the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational as their ticket to the NCAA indoor Championships.

And this time was no different from the previous 22 invites as a meet-record 119 NCAA qualifying marks — 29 of those automatic — were set at the Bob Devaney Sports Center track Friday and Saturday.

"We had just a tremendous meet, not just for Nebraska, but for track and field as a whole," NU Coach Gary Pepin said. "It's just great to bring the best athletes in the nation to a meet during the season and watch them compete against one another."

Among the records set at the Husker Invite, the two set by Pittsburgh's Trecia Smith stood out the most.

Smith set two Devaney Center track records. The first in the long jump and the other in the triple jump.

Friday night, Smith's jump of 21 feet, 9 inches broke the week-old record set by Nebraska's Angee Henry of 21-8.

Smith bettered her first feat on Saturday by jumping 45-3½ feet in the triple jump, earning the women's most valuable performer for the meet.

On the men's side, taking MVP honors was UTEP's Obadele Thompson. Thompson won the 60-meter dash for the third straight invite with a blazing time of 6.60 seconds.

For the Husker men, sophomore Shane Lavy — last year's Husker Invite MVP — won the high jump with a leap of 7-4½. It was the fourth consecutive year that a Husker has won the high jump at the meet.

"I didn't even think about it," Lavy said. "I just wanted to out-jump ev-

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