

# Cyclones stay hot at home with 35-10 second-half run

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Myths can be hard to shatter. Just ask the Nebraska women's basketball team and the other six opponents that have ventured into Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum this season.

For three-quarters of the game Saturday, the Cornhuskers seemed to turn the legend of Hilton magic upside down.

But then out of nowhere the eighth-ranked Cyclones released Hilton Coliseum's magic in a ten-minute 35-10 flurry. And before Nebraska could batten down the hatches, Iowa State turned a close contest into a runaway victory.

ISU coach Bill Fennelly said he hadn't seen such a barrage from his team this season.

"I thought the last 10 minutes of the game we played as hard and as well as we have all season," Fennelly said. "I think you combine our effort, our execution and the crowd. It was a great atmosphere at the end."

The Iowa State crowd of 12,134 made the third-biggest in school history. The Cyclone fans, ones who are used to seeing their team score points and deliver knockout blows, spent the early part of the game jeering NU rather than cheering ISU.

This was in part because of 12 first-half ISU turnovers and 12 combined points from leading scorers Angie Welle and Stacy Frese.

But the magic seeped back into Welle at halftime as she scored 20 second-half points on her way to a career-high 24-point afternoon. Her scoring spree picked up after NU center Casey Leonhardt picked up her fourth foul with 12 minutes, 40 seconds left in the

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son. But for three-fourths of the game, NU gave ISU—a team which had beaten home opponents by an average of 31.3 points this season—its first real challenge at home. Unflustered by the crowd and the fact Iowa State hit seven of its first 10 shots and four 3-pointers in the first nine minutes, the Huskers trailed just 33-32 at halftime.

Nicole Kubik answered ISU's 3s with three of her own in the first 6 minutes, 20 seconds of the game. She finished with a team-high 17 points on five-of-eight 3-point shooting. NU's nine 3-pointers made was a season high, its 28 attempts an all-time high.

"Nicole Kubik hit one from the concession stand, I think," ISU Coach Bill Fennelly said.

Sanderford said Nebraska played some of its best basketball of the season in the first half, which is exactly what he said it would take to

even keep NU close. His prophecy of the Huskers getting blown out if they played sub-par came true in the game's last 12 minutes, when they missed 16 of 18 shots and were outscored 35-10.

"We played with so much poise in the first 30 minutes," Sanderford said. "Then we let them hit a couple of easy shots and couldn't get a break on some calls. We panicked—both offensively and defensively."

Although Sanderford was disgruntled with the second-half surge, he saw plenty of reasons to be optimistic about his team's capabilities now that its toughest road challenge is out of the way.

"We're excited about having the opportunity to play them again later in the season," Sanderford said. "I don't think anyone is going to want to play us in March."

Nebraska will try to bounce back with a three-game homestand that starts tonight at 7:05 against Missouri at the Devaney Center.

game and had to go to the sidelines.

Welle said that she had to adjust her game when Leonhardt was in the picture.

"Normally I can usually muscle people, but I couldn't move her," Welle said. "On offense in the second half she was in foul trouble, and that's when we tried to take advantage of her."

With Leonhardt out of the game, NU not only lost a physical presence inside on defense, but also its inside presence on offense. NU's game plan of going inside-out turned into a

perimeter-oriented attack.

ISU feasted on the one-dimensional attack as it scored 21 points off of 16 second-half turnovers by Nebraska.

By the end of the game, it was obvious that ISU's second-half success was not because of magic but turnovers. Fennelly agreed.

"The difference is you turn it over 12 times, and Angie doesn't get it much inside in the first half," Fennelly said. "And the second half we don't turn it over, and she get 20 points and we get some shots at the basket."

# Shot-putter debut a success at first meet

By Jamie Suhr  
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The Nebraska indoor track team opened the season Saturday against Tulsa and Kansas at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Freshman shot-putter Carl Myerscough finished in first place and qualified for nationals with a throw of 64 feet, 4 1/2 inches. The mark was second best in Nebraska indoor history.

Myerscough said qualifying for nationals wasn't as big a concern as the high expectations surrounding him.

"I was very nervous. The nerves might have helped, so I used them to my advantage," he said. "I was very pleased. I like to make a good impression."

Coach Gary Pepin echoed Myerscough's sentiments.

"That was really exceptional," Pepin said. "When you're in a scenario like that, you really want to try to impress everybody and do real well in your first meet."

"Any time a collegiate steps into the ring and the first time they throw it's over 60 feet, that's a pretty big step," Pepin said.

He was also pleased with the performance by freshman pole-vaulter Eric Eshbach, he said.

Eshbach placed first in the event by vaulting 17 feet, 4 1/2 inches. Tied for second place was freshman Johnathan Henley with a mark of 16 feet, 6 3/4 inches.

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Carl Myerscough  
NU shot putter

good mark," Pepin said. "(Eshbach) was real close to the next mark of 17 feet, 9 inches. That's a really big early season performance."

Senior Dahlia Ingram, a six-time All American, competed in her first event since a car accident took away a month of training in October.

Ingram won first place in the women's long jump and the triple jump.

"I was thinking about redshirting the indoor season, so I used the first meet to see where I was at personally," Ingram said. "I'm doing well for having a month off."

Ingram ran the 60-meter dash for the first time and placed third.

"I wanted to do it to help my speed in the long jump," Ingram said.

Pepin said that he was pleased to see her jump well, considering all of her time off.

# Pine scores three victories

By Brian Christopherson

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Nebraska's and Southern Methodist's men's swimming and diving teams ripped the competition and then ripped into each other in the final event on Saturday night to decide the Dallas Morning News Classic.

Meanwhile, the ninth-ranked Southern Methodist women just plain ripped the Husker women in a dual meet.

The Mustang men broke a 313-313 deadlock with a 1:21.52 time in the 200-yard freestyle. NU's four-man team touched the wall less than a second later with a 1:22.29 mark and lost a meet in the last race for the second time this season.

That less-than-one-second gap in the final race gave Southern Methodist a 337-331 edge over the Huskers in the final standings.

NU may bolster its No. 17 ranking however, as the Huskers placed well ahead of 15th ranked Texas A&M, which finished third with 276 points. The Aggies were followed by 22nd-ranked Florida State (260), No. 19 LSU (256) and 12th-ranked Arizona State (213).

Nebraska Coach Cal Bentz said he left the meet with positive feelings about where the team is heading as the season turns toward the homestretch.

"This was our best meet of the year, with many individual improvements, and I saw a good level of intensity and desire in the team," Bentz said. "This weekend the team really came togeth-

er." Adam Pine put on his usual show, playing a hand in three victories. Pine won the 100-yard butterfly (47.81) and 200-yard butterfly (1:48.08) and was a member of the 400-yard medley race.

Michael Windisch took home two victories in the 400-yard Individual Medley (3:51.64) and the 500-yard freestyle (4:28.78).

Erik Cook placed first and second in the 3-meter and 1-meter springboard events, respectively. Cook continued to shine in only his second meet back from back injury.

Pine earned outstanding swimmer of the meet, with Cook taking home outstanding diver honors.

Also in town were the NU women, who lost a dual meet to Southern Methodist 176-114, dropping the Huskers' dual record to 1-6.

"Not to make excuses, but I think the road trip on Friday took a little something out of them," Bentz said.

However, a few Husker women did perform notably. Shandra Johnson took first in the 400-meter freestyle (4:16.97) and was on the winning 400-meter freestyle team.

Helene Muller also continues to excel, winning the 100-meter freestyle with a 57.43 time.

Bentz is not overly concerned with the 16th-ranked women's poor dual record.

"The dual record only means something in the press guides," Bentz said. "How we do at the Big 12 Conference and nationals is how this season is going to be judged."

# Gomez clinches Husker win

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Seeing his first dual action of the season, 125-pounder Paul Gomez provided No. 7 Nebraska's wrestling team with the boost it needed in the Cornhuskers' 23-15 victory over Wyoming. The Huskers improved their dual record to 3-1.

Gomez earned a four-point major decision, 12-4 over Wyoming's Cisco Gonzalez, and extended NU's 13-12 team lead to 17-12. The Huskers didn't look back after that, capturing the next

two matches to down the Cowboys.

Before Gomez's match, NU had a slim 7-6 lead. But Brad Vering improved his season record to 18-1 when he pinned Craig Rumsey. Vering provided Nebraska with a six-point spark, increasing the Huskers' lead to 13-6. Wyoming's Dave Schenk then pinned Matt Zutavern in the heavy-weight match, making the score 13-12 going into Gomez's match.

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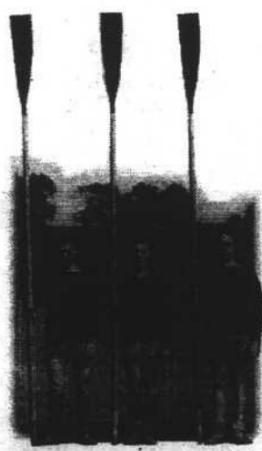


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