

## Shooting woes doom Buffs

By Joshua Camenzind  
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With every three-point attempt that clanked off Nebraska's home rims Saturday, Colorado might have kissed away its NCAA hopes.

The Buffaloes entered the game still in the hunt for a postseason bid with a 16-10 overall record and 6-7 Big 12 Conference mark. But CU shot 36.5 percent from the field, including one of 20 from beyond the arc on Senior Day at Nebraska.

Those three statistics are not exact-

ly recipes for success.

"It's just one of those days," said CU guard Nick Mohr, who finished with six points with a 0-8 effort on three-pointers. "It was probably in my head. It was probably in all our heads. We just have to step up and shoot."

The Buffaloes entered the locker room at halftime with a five-point lead at 31-26 but were outscored 20-0 in the paint after the break. Jaquay Walls, CU's leading scorer, was held to 10 points and had six turnovers.

Colorado Coach Ricardo Patton said Walls' bad game was not to blame for the loss.

## Seniors finish in style, keep NCAA hopes alive

■ Nicole Kubik rescues Huskers, scoring eight of NU's last 12 points.

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Before his 1999-2000 seniors took to the Bob Devaney Sports Center court for the last time Saturday night, Nebraska women's basketball Coach Paul Sanderford said the home fans

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would remember the seniors most by how they finished. Appropriately, in their curtain call in front of a school-record 13,226 fans, Nicole Kubik, Charlie Rogers, Brooke Schwartz and Cisco Gilmore gave a lasting impression that reflected their final season.

The Cornhuskers didn't make winning easy, but they sure made it memorable.

Nebraska pulled out a dramatic 65-56 victory over Kansas State after failing to put the game away midway through the second half. KSU cut a 13-point lead to two with four minutes left before Kubik stole the show one last time.

The All-American guard scored eight of NU's last 12 points, pulled down four offensive rebounds and grabbed a pivotal steal in the last four minutes. The steal led to a Shahidrah Roberts layup that put NU up 63-56 with 36 seconds left.

It was an act NU fans enjoyed sev-

eral times throughout Kubik's career. It followed a similar path to Wednesday night's 75-71 overtime win over Oklahoma State at home and her 26-point display that shut down KSU 68-61 in Manhattan last month.

"Nicole is a crunch-time player," Rogers said, sitting next to Kubik in NU's post-game press conference.

"She's someone you want on your team in a close game. I couldn't feel any more comfortable in those situations than with Nicole having the ball. She's been huge at the end of the game. She played like a senior."

Kubik - who had her second career double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds - also saved NU's NCAA Tournament hopes. The win kept the Huskers (15-11 overall) tied with Texas for the Big 12 Conference's fifth-place position at 9-6. KSU fell to 12-16 and 5-10.

The one memory that might stick out in Husker fans' minds will be this scene during a dead ball with 13.6 seconds left: Kubik, heading toward the sidelines after Sanderford pulled her out, flailing her arms and acknowledging a standing crowd that included nearly half her hometown of Cambridge (pop. 1,107).

"The thing I'll remember most is when we pretty much had the game won with 13 seconds left," Kubik said. "I looked up and could see people all the way to the top. And, when I think back to the first game we had here, when we maybe had the bleachers filled on the bottom, and with what we've done with this program, you couldn't ask for anything more."

## NU goes 2-1 in weekend UTSA series

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The Nebraska baseball team improved its overall record to 6-3 with a 2-1 performance this weekend against Texas-San Antonio.

The Huskers lost 4-3 Friday after UTSA mounted a three-run rally in the eighth inning.

Senior pitcher Chad Wiles breezed through the first seven innings, allowing just three hits and one run before walking the first batter he faced in the eighth.

Junior Brian Rodaway gave up a single, and sophomore R.D. Spiels (0-1) came in, allowed a base-loaded double and was tagged with the loss.

The top five Husker hitters combined to go one for 19, but left fielder Adam Stern went three for four and first baseman Dan Wright went two for three.

The Huskers rebounded Saturday by pounding out 14 hits to beat UTSA 10-1.

Second baseman John Cole went four for five, stole four bases and scored two runs to pace the offense.

Freshman pitcher Jamie Rodrigue (1-0) picked up the win by allowing just five hits and one run over seven innings.

Sunday, the Huskers won 3-2 behind the strong pitching of sophomore Shane Komine, who pitched the Huskers' first complete game of the season.

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## -MEN'S GOLF- Romjue: NU needs time to develop

By Brian Christopherson  
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Larry Romjue realizes his kids just have to grow up.

The Nebraska men's golf coach is putting this season into the hands of four freshmen and one sophomore, and coaches know that growing pains will follow such inexperience.

Today and tomorrow, the Cornhuskers will compete at the University of Texas-San Antonio Invitational featuring 18 teams, including the likes of conference brethren Baylor and Texas A&M.

Many of those same teams took Nebraska to the woodshed, as NU finished in 15th place at the Southwest Classic last week.

Romjue is learning to have patience with an inexperienced team.

"You want the time to be now, but we're just lacking experience," Romjue said.

"It's difficult to be as ready for the spring season as many of the schools we're competing against because of the winter here," Romjue said. "But we need to learn how to pick it up and play the same as we were at the end of last season."

Freshman Rob Arthur is coming off a solid performance, finishing tied for sixth at last week's tournament.

A potential boost could come from two new arrivals from England, freshmen Marty Smith and Himesh Patel.

Both transferred to Nebraska at the semester.

"A month from now, I expect us to be a lot better," Romjue said.

## NU beats Texas for Big 12 titles, restores dominance

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weight throw by tossing an NCAA automatic qualifying mark of 66-2½, out-distancing the next-best score by more than three feet. In addition to winning the title, the throw moved Price from No. 12 in the country to No. 3 weight thrower.

"I've never thrown that in practice," Price said. "It raises my expectations. Now I expect to place high at nationals."

Price said it was important for her to rebound from what she called a "nightmarish" conference meet last year.

"This was a lot about revenging last year," Price said.

Throws Coach Mark Colligan said he thought Price was ready to make a splash at the conference championships. Colligan and Price both credit her distance to how hard she worked on a new throwing technique.

Freshman Emily Waibel made her presence felt by placing second in the 60-meter hurdles, scoring a personal-best 8.28.

"I was pretty nervous coming in because there was so much pressure to do well," Waibel said. "I really wanted to do well for everyone who has worked so hard this season."

Leann Boerema, another freshman, stepped up for the Huskers. She posted a personal-best 51-5¾ in the shot put.

NU withstood a late run by Texas, which trailed the Huskers 61-10 after the first day of scoring. Texas rallied with 27 points scored in the 200-meter dash by sweeping the first three places in addition to sixth.

However, the Huskers put Texas away by placing second in the final event of the day - the 4-by-400-meter relay. The Longhorn relay squad finished first but was later disqualified for stepping outside the track, ending any hope it had of completing the comeback.

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be the best of all of them."

In the long jump, Hutchinson jumped 25 feet, 2½ inches Friday night to claim the title, but then topped that feat with his leap of 53 feet, 9¼ inches on Saturday.

Coming into the triple-jump field, Hutchinson was ranked third in the Big 12. His performance on Saturday was a personal best and an NCAA automatic-qualifying mark.

All together in the triple jump, the Huskers dominated the field by sending all four of their jumpers to the finals. NU racked up a total of 19 points in the triple jump.

Hutchinson said with the loss of Myerscough he and the rest of the triple-jumpers knew they had to pick up the slack if NU wanted to win the team title.

"It makes us all feel so good to win the team title, a lot better than it feels to win an individual title," Hutchinson said.

Another top performance for Nebraska came from Shaun Kologinczak in the high jump.

Kologinczak, a sophomore from Spring, Texas, jumped a mark of 7 feet, 2¼ inches to claim second place in the high jump for the Huskers.

Kologinczak lost to defending national champion Mark Boswell of Texas, who jumped 7 feet, 6½ inches.

"I felt great to get second," Kologinczak said. "My goal was to get second. Pretty much the whole field was battling for second place."

Other top finishers for NU in Ames included freshman Eric Eshbach, who took fourth in the pole vault, senior Dwayne McClary, who took fourth in the 200 and sophomore John Shovlain, who finished fourth in the shot put.

The Big 12 title was Nebraska's first since the 1998 season and third indoor title overall. Next year, the Big 12 Championships will be held in Lincoln.

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