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(Neb.)-Spartans upset Husker women

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EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Annalise Pickrel and Aerial Powers each scored 17 points as Michigan State opened its Big Ten Conference home schedule with a 70-57 upset of No. 16 Nebraska on Thursday night.

Michigan State (10-5, 2-0) never trailed, and led by as many as 25 in the second half. The Spartans finished the first half on an 8-0 run, led by six straight points from Pickrel, to go up 37-24 at halftime.

Powers had 15 rebounds in the game while Pickrel grabbed 10. Tori Jankoska and Becca Mills each added 10 points.

Jordan Hooper led the Cornhuskers (11-3, 1-1) with 21 points. Emily Cady added 16 points and 12 rebounds while Rachel Theriot contributed 11 points and eight assists.

Nebraska had its five-game winning streak snapped and was playing on the road for the first time since a loss at No. 18 North Carolina on Dec. 4.