



Driving Huskers . . . Jim Damm (left photo) and Nate Branch (right photo) drive for attempted lay-ins against the University of the Pacific Saturday night. Both Huskers missed on these attempts but Branch was fouled by Pacific's Keith Swagerty and picked up two points on free throws.

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NU Record Sophomore Grappler Stands 2-1 After Pacific Captures Lone Trophy

Tom Baack, 6-5 Nebraska forward, matched his season scoring average of 26 points against the University of the Pacific Saturday night to lead the Husker cagers to a 90-78 victory over the visiting Tigers, last year's West Coast Athletic champions. The game was played before 7,460 fans in the Nebraska Coliseum.

Saturday's win pushes Nebraska's record this year to 2-1 while it was the first loss for Pacific which now posts a 3-1 season mark.

Nebraska jumped to an early 2-0 lead but was down to the Tigers until a lay-in by Baack with 13:22 remaining in the first half gave Coach Joe Cipriano's squad a lead which they never relinquished.

The Huskers, employing a full court press, scored four straight baskets in one spree late in the first half and held Pacific to a single free throw. Nebraska took a 40-23 lead with 4:01 remaining and a 44-29 edge at halftime.

After Nebraska surged ahead using the press, the game was on fairly even terms during the last half.

Top scorer for the Tigers was forward Bob Krulish with 24 points. Keith Swagerty, the top point-getter for Pacific coming into the game and WAC's most valuable player last season, netted 17. Husker center Willie Campbell had the job of guarding Swagerty and netted four points before fouling out with 17:41 left in the game.

By Ed Icenog
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Gene Libal, sophomore Husker wrestler, contends that the competition in last weekend's Great Plains Wrestling Tournament is about as tough as it comes.

On the other hand, his competition will say the same thing about Gene.

Libal won five matches Friday and Saturday, compiled the fewest number of "black marks" in the 191-pound weight class and carried off Nebraska's only first place trophy at the meet.

Libal had not expected the championship, but his coach, Orval Borgioli, was not too surprised with the showing of the former Lexington prep standout.

"It's not really a big surprise," Borgioli said. "I suppose the surprise is that he's just a sophomore. Gene's got two things going for him: he's got fine balance for a big wrestler and he's exceptionally strong," he said.

"I wrestled in the Great Plains last year as a freshman and got beat out," Libal recalled.

What's the difference between this year and last?

"I did gain a lot of experience," Gene said, "especially before the Nationals last spring." He credited

ited workouts with Bob Pickens as particularly helpful.

In addition to wrestling in the National AAU Meet, Libal also entered the Rocky Mountain AAU Meet last year, gaining one win, one draw, one loss and more experience. Borgioli pointed out that these AAU matches (11 in all) gave Libal more training than any other Cornhusker sophomore.

"He's the kind of kid you really enjoy working with," Borgioli said. But there are at least five people who didn't enjoy working with Gene — his mat victims at Pershing Auditorium.

Libal took the championship from Jeff Arnold of Pueblo, Colo., in a 2-0 decision in the round robin eliminations.

The three contenders in each weight division with fewest black marks were in the eliminations to settle the top three spots.

Black marks were assessed in the earlier matches. Winning a decision drew one black mark, a drawing was two, losing a decision drew three, and losing in a fall netted four black marks. Six black marks eliminated a wrestler.

Libal defeated his biggest competition, Oklahoma State's Ron Gabbit, who moved to the 191 class from wrestling varsity heavyweight for the Cowboys. OSU had seven champions in the meet.

Winning his division will

probably prove most useful in the spring AAU National Tournament. Libal said he expects to get a higher seeding with the Great Plains title under his belt.

Libal did not wrestle against Iowa State the day before the Great Plains because the Cyclones did not enter a representative in the 191 class, optional in Big Eight duals. The Huskers were defeated by ISU 27-11, with NU winning in three weights.

Carel Stith and Ben Barrends took the heavyweight and 177-pound categories, respectively. Jerry Langdon, the only other Cornhusker to finish in the top four in the Great Plains, captured the 123 match.

Langdon earned third place in the Great Plains after gaining the round robin in finals and then losing his last two matches.

"I'd hoped we'd do a little better," coach Borgioli commented on NU's showing. "But you just never know." Borgioli also praised John McVay, who won four matches as a freshman.

The Huskers will try to improve their Big Eight standing when they take on Missouri and Kansas State this week on a southern trip.

Thursday, Nebraska will invade the Tigers at Columbia and then travel to Manhattan, Kan., for a Friday encounter with the Wildcats.

Against Cougars Tonight . . . Home Court Streak To Hold Up?

The Nebraska basketball team will try to stretch its home court victory record to 14 tonight against the Washington State Cougars at 7:35 in the Nebraska Coliseum.

If they lengthen the string tonight, coach Joe Cipriano's crew will have a chance to make it 15 in a row on the home boards Tuesday against the same team, as the Cougars are in town for a two night performance.

The Pullman, Wash., club, 15-11 last season and an early pick to finish second behind UCLA this season in the Pacific Coast conference, will have the tallest front line the Huskers have faced this season. Coach Marv Harshman's squad boasts 6-9½ center, Jim McKean and forwards Ted Wierman, 6-8½, and Randy Stoll, 6-7.

Following the two games with Washington State, the Huskers will see their next

action at the Vanderbilt Invitational Tournament Friday and Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

Cipriano said of the Washington State team, "This will be one of our greatest tests before going to the tournaments." The Husker coach has indicated Nebraska will press and fast break as much as possible against the Cougars to counteract their height advantage.

Nebraska drew a tough

LaSalle team in the first round of the Vanderbilt tournament. The Explorers have all five starters returning from last year's club and sport an All-American guard candidate in six-foot senior Hubie Marshall.

'Irish' Rank High In OU Slate

Notre Dame landed 11 of the 22 positions on Oklahoma's all-opponent football team named Wednesday.

Three of Notre Dame's front four were named to the honorary team, including the only unanimous selection, end Alan Page.

Colorado, with five selections, easily was runnerup to the Irish in the balloting. The Buffaloes had three of the four offensive backs.

OFFENSE
Ends — Jim Seymour, Notre Dame and Eppie Barney, Iowa State.

Tackles — Bob Pickens, Nebraska and Paul Seiler, Notre Dame.

Guards — Tom Regner, Notre Dame and John Beard, Colorado.

Center — George Goeddeke, Notre Dame.

Quarterback — Dan Kelly, Colorado.

Halfbacks — Nick Eddy, Notre Dame and William Harris, Colorado.

Fullback — Wilmer Cooks, Colorado.

DEFENSE
Ends — Alan Page, Notre Dame and Bill Fairband, Colorado.

Tackles — Pete Duranko, Notre Dame and Kevin Hardy, Notre Dame.

Middle Guard — Diron Talbert, Texas.

Linebackers — Jim Lynch, Notre Dame, Leon Ward, Oklahoma State and Danny Lankas, Kansas State.

Halfbacks — Charles Greer, Colorado and Tom O'Leary, Notre Dame.

Safety — Tom Schoen, Notre Dame.

Swimmers Sixth At Big 8 Relays

NEBRASKA	Fr	Fa	Fr	Fr	Rb	Pt	Tp
Baack	11:22	4:4	8	3	26		
Lantz	9:20	2:3	9	3	20		
Branch	3:15	9:12	13	2	15		
Damm	2:10	3:3	2	6	0	7	
Campbell	2:7	0:0	3	4	6		
Empley	3:4	0:0	6	1	0	6	
Simmons	3:8	0:0	1	0	6		
Loimer	1:1	0:0	1	1	3		
Shaver	0:0	0:0	0	1	0		
Wagner	0:3	2:2	0	0	2		
Strand	0:1	2:1	1	1	2		
Stone	0:1	2:2	1	1	2		
Totals	34:92	22:29	33	30	90		

PACIFIC

Fr	Fa	Fr	Fr	Rb	Pt	Tp
Krulish	11:16	2:3	11	5	24	
Swagerty	8:16	2:4	12	3	17	
Ferguson	4:9	3:7	6	2	11	
Foley	3:12	3:1	2	1	8	
Fox	3:7	0:1	2	2	1	
DeWitt	2:4	0:0	3	4	4	
Parsons	2:4	0:0	0	3	4	
Bob Jones	0:0	0:2	0	0	2	
Selm	1:5	0:1	0	1	2	
Totals	31:73	16:31	44	23	78	

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Iowa State, Mizzou Pick All-Opponent Grid Teams

ISU Names Mackenzie Best Coach

Iowa State gridgers named a 131-man all-opponent squad and listed three coaches for it.

No non-conference opponent made a first team in the final balloting but Richer of Wisconsin and Reed of Colorado State just missed.

Jim Mackenzie drew 34 of the 36 votes as coach of the year with the other two split between the Colorado coaches: Ed Crowder and Mike Lude.

Here are the results of the balloting:

Best offensive lineman — Kosmos, Oklahoma (5).

Best offensive back — Davis, Kansas State (6).

Best defensive lineman — Meylan, Nebraska (12).

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Best sophomore — Davis, Kansas State (16).

Coach of the year — Mackenzie (34).

Offensive Team

Ends — Jones, Kansas State (22); Hart, Oklahoma (18).

Tackles — Pickens, Nebraska (10); Csikos and Montier, Colorado (8).

Guards — Kosmos, Oklahoma (13½); Allers, Nebraska (9).

Centers — Peterson, Nebraska (14).

Quarterback — Kelly Colorado (16).

Backs — Davis, Kansas State (21); Hinton, Oklahoma (16); Shotts, Oklahoma, (13).

Defense

Ends — Coleman, Nebraska (17); Harris, Colorado (16).

Tackles — Tittsworth, Oklahoma (5); Donley, Colorado (16).

Middle guard — Meylan, Nebraska (20).

Linebackers — Ross, Oklahoma (12); Lanaks, Kansas State (8).

Halfbacks, safeties — Wachholtz, Nebraska (19); Crosswhite, Oklahoma (8).

Colorado and UCLA each got four spots on the team with no other school getting more than two positions.

Most respected against the Tigers, offensively, were ends John Wright of Illinois and Eppie Barney, Iowa State; tackles McKinley Boston, Minnesota, and Ed Hall, Oklahoma; guards LaVerne Allers, Nebraska, and Kirk Tracy, Colorado; and center Kelly Petersen, Nebraska.

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