

Development of prep swimmers hindered by lack of facilities

Editor's note — This is the first in a three-part series on minor sports in Nebraska high schools and their effect on NU's success.

by Mark Gordon
Sports Editor

When NU swimming coach John Reta looks for prospects in Nebraska high schools, he can only investigate 15 schools. Therein lies the biggest weakness with Nebraska high school swimming.

Although 25 schools were represented at last year's state swim meet, only 15 schools have swimming pools. This Reta claims, is the most acute problem in producing top-notch competitors. He added that in swimming-minded states such as Michigan, Illinois or California, almost all schools have pools.

"I try to get the best boys I can from wherever they are," he said. "But it's hard to get good swimmers from Nebraska since we don't have a big population."

RETA SAID NU down through the

years has lost outstanding prospects because of the outmoded, ancient Coliseum swimming pool. He added that other Big Eight schools with better facilities such as Kansas and Missouri can attract the potential championship swimmers.

Besides poor facilities across the state and on campus, Reta said a lack of professional attitude by high school coaches hinders the development of prep swimmers. He claimed that many schools hire football coaches to teach swimming simply because no one else is available.

"Swimming isn't a seasonal sport. Swimmers must swim all the year around," he said. "We need more summer programs to develop a program comparable to other states."

THE FORMER COACH who guided Lincoln Southeast to eight straight state swimming titles said there was a marked difference in NU's swimming attitude the past two years. Reta added that it takes time to develop a tradition.

"We had a tradition at Southeast that was built up over the years," he said. "At NU we are beginning to build a tradition and with tradition better results can be achieved."

He added that NU has serious competition from schools with better facilities and stronger swimming traditions such as Stanford, Indiana or Iowa State.

"YOU CAN GET the kids, but you need a program for them," he explained. "Within the Big Eight we are going to suffer if we have to compete with other schools with so much better facilities in the next few years."

Veteran Lincoln Northeast swim coach Ken Wall also credited NU's ancient pool for causing promising Nebraska preppers to leave the state.

"Kansas State dropped swimming this year because of inadequate facilities," he said. "I hope NU doesn't have to eliminate the sport

because of an outmoded pool."

NEBRASKA ALSO lacks a three-meter diving pool, he said, adding that the University has fallen behind both the high school swimming facilities in Lincoln as well as community pools. Wall added that organized swimming is gaining strength across the state with swimming clubs operating in both Lincoln and Omaha.

"But many school boards across the state feel that a swimming pool is an unnecessary expense," he said, explaining that a good pool costs between \$160,000 and \$170,000.

Lincoln East swim mentor Dennis Vokolek listed improvements ranging from a fall water polo program to upgraded summer swimming programs as steps Nebraska must implement immediately to keep pace with surrounding states.

"A WATER POLO program that

is typical in the Big Ten, junior colleges and major colleges would definitely enhance the quality of swimming in the state," he said.

Although adequate summer instructional programs are open to youngsters in the 8-10 age category, Vokolek explained that summer programs are lacking for high school and college-age swimmers.

He added that two full-scale clinics featuring well-known speakers and swimming authorities should be held in Nebraska each year.

"There's a lack of unification between the kids swim program, the high schools and the AAU in Nebraska," he said.

A SWIMMING aide for three years at the University of Iowa, he said Iowa maintains a unified cooperation among its swimming programs, but this does not exist in Nebraska.

The results of these deficiencies in Nebraska's swimming structure from

the small isolated school to the lack of adequate facilities in Lincoln and Omaha on the University's swimming team is simple.

NU last won a Big Eight swimming crown in 1937, when it put together three straight titles beginning in 1935. The Huskers have placed second in 1963, 1948, 1947 and 1938 only and have captured just 4 Big Eight meet victories.

IN CONTRAST Iowa State holds 16 meet wins and Oklahoma has won the tourney on 15 occasions. But the picture is not quite so bleak.

This January, Nebraska defeated Iowa State at the Coliseum pool for the first time in almost a quarter century, giving promise to Reta's hope that NU may eventually be rated among the league's powers.

"Of course, I'm optimistic toward the future," he said. "I can only see the program going up."

Next —Wrestling.

After defeat by Cyclones . . .

Nebraska begins preparation for Jayhawks at Lawrence

by John Dvorak
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After bowing to Iowa State's sparkplug Cyclones 75-74 in overtime Saturday, Nebraska begins an upward preparation for the Kansas Jayhawks at Lawrence next weekend.

NU coach Joe Cipriano, disappointed after his Huskers failed to contain Cyclone Bill Cain, described KU's 6-9 Dave Robisch as the man the Huskers must stop if they are to win at Allen Fieldhouse. He added that NU must also halt 6-5 forward Bruce Sloan to take its sixth victory in 22 years at Lawrence.

BUT THE HUSKERS couldn't stop the big man Cain Saturday. The Cyclone center, who looks gigantic and imposing despite being only 6-6, hit 77 points.

The only other Cyclone in double figure was guard Jim Abrahamson with 18 points.

"Early foul trouble did hurt us, especially with Leroy Chalk setting three fouls after only 12 minutes of play," continued Cipriano.

CHALK FORWARDS Jim Brooks, Bob Gratto, Kenny Cauble and guard Tom Scantlebury all had four fouls for the Huskers when the game ended.

It was Scantlebury, however, who sent the game into overtime. With a minute left in regulation play, guard Marv Stewart hit a jumpshot to make it 67-65 Iowa State. Then with five seconds to play, Scantlebury was fouled and had a one and one.

Attempting to upset Scantlebury, Iowa State coach Glen Anderson called two time outs before the free throws. The 6-3 guard swished both free tosses.

IN THE OVERTIME period, Gratto hit a layin with 21 seconds to go. Iowa State down by a point, calmly drove down court, fed Cain and his little fade away jumpshot heaved in. Cipriano detected some bright spots



photo by John Nollendur

Cornhusker Marv Stewart is a bit hemmed in by Iowa State Cyclones as he heads for a basket in Saturday night's tilt at the NU Coliseum.

in the third straight overtime loss to Iowa State.

"We had more discipline," he said. "And we seemed to be tougher at times. But many times we just didn't move the ball well enough."

The offense, in this game as well as throughout the season, has not been consistent, he continued. The Huskers had enough shots Saturday, 67, but failed to connect.

THE ONE offensive bright spot for the Huskers was Stewart who hit 32 points, the top NU total this year.

Stewart tied a Nebraska record for field goals in a game with 14 by hitting 70 percent.

Stewart is showing a lot of improvement, Cipriano said. Forward Ken Cauble, who started the game,

is also showing significant improvement, he added.

Things now get even tougher for the Huskers, who stand 2-7 in Big 8 play and 9-12 overall.

KANSAS, HOWEVER, took it on the chin Saturday afternoon from the Missouri Tigers. Mizzou's one point victory kept the Kansans in second place in the conference race.

"We'll stick with the running game," Cipriano said. Guards Scantlebury and Stewart will probably start.

"Now that Jojo White is gone, maybe the press will hurt them more," the NU mentor theorized. "But then we tried the press against the Cyclones, and it didn't seem very effective."

NEBRASKA (7-1)									
Player	fg	ft	reb	pt	st	bl	tr	tot	pts
Martin	6-13	0-0	0	12	0	0	0	0	24
Moller	6-8	0-0	0	12	0	0	0	0	12
Seward	14-20	4-7	5	32	2	4	1	7	63
Scantlebury	4-14	5-7	2	24	4	1	0	5	19
Gratto	3-6	0-0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
Cauble	1-5	5-5	4	4	0	0	0	0	7
Brwen	1-2	0-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brooks	2-8	5-5	3	4	0	0	0	0	8
Chalk	3-8	0-0	10	4	0	0	0	0	6
Von Seggern	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team rebounds	28-47 16-26 17 23 74								
Totals	29-47 16-26 17 23 74								
IOWA STATE (7-5)									
Player	fg	ft	reb	pt	st	bl	tr	tot	pts
Cain	12-19	15-17	16	37	0	0	0	0	77
Jenkins	2-5	0-0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
Abrahamson	6-13	0-0	1	14	0	0	0	0	12
Collins	2-3	2-7	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
De Wilder	1-4	0-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Kremer	2-7	0-1	1	4	0	0	0	0	4
Goodman	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murray	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaufman	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team rebounds	25-57 25-35 39 75								
Totals	25-57 25-35 39 75								
Iowa State	42 23 40 85-84								
Nebraska	37 23 39 75-74								

Princeton students organize to protect youth airline fares

Three Princeton University students are leading a drive to save youth fares for airline travel and have begun a nationwide campaign to save the fares. Their action was prompted by last month's announcement that youth fares would be eliminated Feb. 20 unless reviewed by the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB).

The three began their efforts after speaking with Arthur Present, the CAB examiner whose ruling called for an end to the special youth fares.

Present told the students that he ruled against the fares for violating section 404 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, which prohibits "unreasonable" discrimination in fares.

FOR DISCRIMINATION in fares to exist, passengers must be charged different amounts for "substantially similar" services.

The students don't think the services for full and half-fare passengers are similar because of inconveniences. They include no reservations, the possibility of being "bumped" in flight, the unavailability of special fares during peak traffic periods and the fact half-fare passengers are not served if there is a meal shortage.

THE STUDENTS say that the charges of discrimination have been made by the bus companies in an attempt to discourage young people from flying and force them to travel by bus.

"This blatantly profit-

motivated act which totally disregards the general welfare of millions of young people cannot be permitted," the students argue.

The CAB has agreed to review the ruling and will begin hearings on Feb. 26. The Princeton students are urging other concerned students to write a letter to the CAB in Washington, D.C. or circulate a petition on behalf of the youth fares.

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Wrestlers, gymnasts lose matches

Husker wrestlers and gymnasts had trouble Saturday with Coach Jake Geier's gymnasts losing to Minnesota 140-975 to 138-95 while Coach Orval Borgialli's crew lost 27-11 to Northwest Missouri State.

Hastings senior Steve May sparked the Huskers by winning the all-around title and the rings, but a Gopher sweep in the parallel bar event sent NU to its fourth dual defeat in five outings. Husker Bruce Kempkes won the high bars.

NU second places were achieved by Tom Traver in the side horse and May in the long horse.

Three Huskers drew with their Missouri foes and one won by a pin as NU fell behind 21-0 in wrestling at Maryville Saturday.

Drawing were Joe George at 160, Ron Povandra at 167 and Gene Libal at heavyweight while Jim Haug at 177 pinned his opponent in three minutes.

The gymnasts face Kansas at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Men's Physical Education Building. The wrestlers meet the University of South Dakota at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Seminar planned on Unicameral

A Unicameral seminar sponsored by Young Democrats of the University and Seward Concordia College will be held Sat., Feb. 22, according to Jan Rasmussen, University YD president.

The seminar in the Nebraska Union will be open to anyone interested in learning more about the Nebraska Legislature, Miss

Rasmussen said. Clerk of the Legislature, Hugo Srb, will explain the passage of a bill through the Legislature. A panel of lobbyists will discuss the role

of the lobbyist in the Unicameral.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Nebraska Union. The registration fee including lunch is \$2.

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