# 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 affect 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.

25 schools were Although 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 pro-gram 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

"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

Veteran Lincoln Northeast swim coach Ken Wall also credited NU's ancient pool for causing promising Nebraska prepsters 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 threemeter 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 cach 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 deficiences 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 1925 The Huskers have placed second 1963, 1948, 1947 and 1938 only and have

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

captured just 4 Big Eight meet vice

This January, Nebraska defeated lowa State at the Coliseum pool for the first time in almost a quarte century, giving promise to Retain 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

Nebraskan Staff Writer

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 Hsukers 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, hi\* "7 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 cetting three fouls after only 12 minutes of play," continued Cinriano.

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

It was Scantlebury, however, who sent the game into overtime. With a minute left in regulation play, guard Mary 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

IN THE OVERTIME period, Gratoop hit a lavin with 21 seconds to go. Jowa State. down by a noint, calmly drove down court, fed Cain and his little fade away iumnshot banked in. Cipriano detected some bright spots



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

"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 Hsukers had enough shots Saturday, 67, but failed to connect.

THE ONE offensive bright spot for the Huckers was Stewart who hit 32 points, the top NII total this year. Stewart tied a Nebraska record for field goals in a game with 14 by hit-

ting 70 nor cent Stewart is showing a lot of improvement Cipriano eaid 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 Cipriano said. Guards game " Scantlebury and Stewart will probaby

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

#### 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 Kansaat 2 p.m. Saturday at the Men's Physical Education Building. The wrestlers mee the University of South Dakota at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Seminar planned on Unicameral A Unicameral seminar Rasmussen said.

sponsored by Young Demo-crats of the University and Seward Concordia College will be held Sat., Feb. 22, according to Jan Rasmussen, University YD president.

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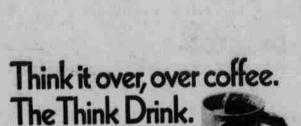
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Clerk of the Legislature, Hugo Srb, will explain the passage of a bill through the Legislature. A panel of lob-byists will discuss the role

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Three Princeton University students are leading a drive to rave 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 tion in fares.

fares to exist, nassengers must be charged different amounts for "substantially similar" services.

The students don't think the services for full and halffare passengers are similar because of inconvenineces. 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. 1958, which prohibits mreasonable" discrimina-"This blatantly profit-ID RM. SANS WEDNESDAY KFMQ PROGRESSIVE ROCK FM95,

FOR DISCRIMINATION in 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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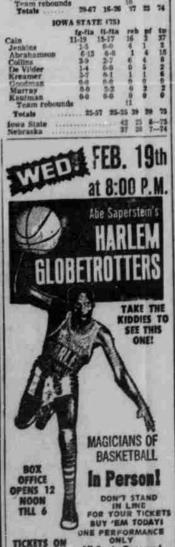
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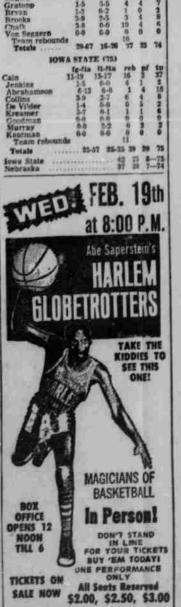
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