

Borgialli: wrestling team looks surprising this year

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Nebraska's wrestling team stands a good chance of springing some surprises this season if everybody gets healthy, according to wrestling coach Orval Borgialli.

The Husker wrestlers never have fared well in the talent-laden Big Eight Conference with the likes of Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, and Iowa State as opponents.

However, Borgialli says this year's squad has worked

harder than any he has had in the past and it is capable of being one of the surprises in the conference.

The key to success will be how well the several injured squad members can recover.

Sophomore letterman Rick Pinkerman is sidelined with mononucleosis. William Knippel, a state high school champion last year at Tacoma, Wash., is recovering from a hand injury, but is expected to see action next week.

Tom Furby, a 167 pound

junior, and Mark Traver, a 150 pound freshman, are recovering from operations and will be out at least until second semester.

Bob Orta, a regular last year, won't be eligible until second semester because of scholastic difficulties.

Borgialli does have enough men available to effectively carry out the schedule for a while, as was evidenced last weekend at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Tournament.

The Huskers finished sixth in the meet won by the host school, Joe George was the lone Husker individual champ, winning the 158 pound class.

Jim Haug finished third at 177 pounds. Tom Lotko, 142; Jerry Munson, 167; and Keith Burchett, 190; placed fourth in their classes.

Lotko was a state high school champion last year at Kansas City, Kan.

Schedule

November 28-29 — at University of Nebraska at Omaha.

December 5-6 — at Iowa State tournament; 12-13 — Great Plains tournament; 19-20 — at Colorado tournament at Greeley.

January 9 — at Iowa State; 10 — at Drake; 17 — Missouri and Minnesota; 29 — at South Dakota State; 30 — at South Dakota triangular.

February 7 — at Fort Hays; 13 — at Wyoming; 14 — at Colorado; 26 — Kansas State; 27 — Northwest Missouri.

March 4 — Southern Illinois; 13-14 — Big Eight meet at Kansas State; 26-28 — NCAA meet at Northwestern.

April 16-18 — National AAU Freestyle in Lincoln.

Wrestler	Weight	Class	Points
Mark Behm	134	Fr.	134
Keith Burchett	190	Fr.	150
Rev Christensen	177	Jr.	167
Bobby Cooper	142	Fr.	142
Doug Erickson	134	Jr.	118
Tom Furby	167	Jr.	118
Joe George	158	Soph.	178
Monty Harstead	118	Fr.	167
Jim Haug	177	Jr.	142
Russell Kidare	191	Fr.	142
Dennis Krugman	126	Soph.	150
William Knippel	167	Fr.	124
Tom Lotko	142	Fr.	134
Larry Lyons	167	Jr.	134

Roster	Class	Points
Tim Markley	134	Fr.
Tom Meier	150	Jr.
Jerry Munson	167	Fr.
Allen Murphy	158	Jr.
Bob Nimic	142	Fr.
Bobby Orta	118	Soph.
Dan Petri	126	Fr.
Rick Pinkerman	178	Soph.
James Reeder	167	Jr.
Lee Simmons	142	Soph.
Victor Smith	150	Fr.
Mark Traver	142	Soph.
David Tyler	150	Soph.
William Watson	124	Soph.
Harold Williams	134	Jr.

Runners cap best of seasons

The Nebraska cross country team capped its best season in recent years with a 15th place finish in the NCAA meet on Nov. 24 in New York City.

It was the first time that the Huskers had ever competed in the meet.

Peter Brang was the top Nebraska runner placing 39th in a field of 350. He covered the six-mile course in 30:26.

Husker runners finishing behind Brang were Jim Lang, 111, Greg Carlberg, 127, Mike Lee, 166, and Mel Campbell, 176.

Nebraska had the highest finish among Big Eight entries. Conference champion Kansas placed 21st, six notches behind the Huskers. Missouri finished right behind Kansas in 22nd place.

Texas-El Paso captured the team title with a winning total of 74 points. Gerry Lindgren of Washington State was the individual champion with a time of 28:59.

Husker coach Frank Sevigne said he was pleased with his team's finish, but he had hoped for a finish in the top 10.

Team Standings: 1. Texas-El Paso 74; 2. Villanova 88; 3. Oregon 113; 4. Washington State 187; 5. Illinois 203; 6. Western Michigan 223; 7. Minnesota 255; 8. Pennsylvania 299; 9. Bowling Green 335; 10. Penn State 352; 11. Connecticut 386; 12. Houston 387; 13. Miami, Ohio 401; 14. Manhattan 408; 15. Nebraska 420; 16. Providence 420; 17. Long Beach State 420; 18. Tennessee 443; 19. California State Poly 463; 20. Princeton 498; 21. Kansas 512; 22. Missouri 543; 23. Georgetown 549; 24. Cincinnati 560; 25. St. John's N.Y. 571.

Basketball predictions

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The only emotionally-charged segment of Nebraska's first basketball game was a fist-to-fist scuffle under California-Irvine's basket midway through the second half.

The odd thing about the skirmish is not so much it transpired, but the time at which it developed. The game had been—at best—lackluster, a fact, perhaps, which may have triggered tempers.

Veteran Nebraska coach Joe Cipriano and rookie UCI pilot Tim Tift may have been more relieved than overwrought after the Huskers' 3-point decision.

In fact, Tift found reason to be funny. Claiming Nebraska's noisy crowd had him under control, Tift joked, "They hollered sit down, coach so I sat down. If they'd have hollered 'put in the subs' I'd have put in the subs."

Nebraska's basketball crowds, however, deserve more than casual mention. Husker fans may be significant contributors to a potential NU national ranking. That is, if games materialize in the Huskers' favor to warrant such consideration.

To be sure, Nebraska starts its season with an attractive sequence of non-conference and conference games at home. If the Huskers can gain any substantial momentum in these early tests, they obviously will be in better position to challenge for a possible title when they face tough road assignments later.

For instance, Nebraska will play three of the country's pre-season top 20 teams in December. One of those games is slated against Duquesne Dec. 9 in Lincoln. The other games will be road engagements against Houston in the Bluebonnet Classic at Houston and against Colorado in the Big Eight Conference tournament at Kansas City.

The strength of the Nebraska schedule, appears to be its conference slate. The Huskers get Kansas State, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri at home before tackling them on the road.

This weekend's Big 8 foes, as a group, represent the most talented non-conference opposition of the season. If Big 8 clubs can manufacture a number of upsets, conference prestige may soar much higher than in recent years.

The forecast sees:

Nebraska, 5 points over Wichita State — The Wheatshockers whipped Oregon, 97-84 earlier this week. The hunch here is that the Huskers will not stumble on the road before meeting even tougher opponents.

Southern California, 10 points over Colorado

—The weekend headliner pits the defending Big 8 champions against what many basketball experts consider to be the country's second best college team. Too bad Colorado coach Sox Walseth doesn't get a shot at the Trojans in Boulder.

Nevada Southern, 10 points over Oklahoma — Playing in Nevada is somewhat of a gamble most of the time. In this case it is not because Southern is talented; Oklahoma is not.

Arkansas, 3 points over Oklahoma State — Arkansas gave Missouri fits this week, and Mizzou, on paper, seems a better team than Oklahoma State.

Iowa State, 6 points over Drake — This game always is close, despite how much better one team is than the other. The Cyclones may have better material, but they'll see if that means anything at Drake.

Kentucky, 15 points over Kansas — Imagine, if you will, playing away from home against one of Adolph Rupp's best teams ever. The KU deficit even could be worse.

Creighton, 6 points over Kansas State — Omahans say new Bluejay coach Eddie Sutton is something else. He'll have to convince Manhattan people of that, however.

Missouri, 8 points over Indiana — This should supply a clue to the relative depth of the Big 8 and Big 10 conferences. Mizzou gets the favored role because of its home court advantage.

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