



Wrestling: Coach Orval Borgialli . . . "If we had 5,000 screaming students, we would win our duals Friday."

Grapplers host first home meet

by Gary Seacrest

Wrestling is always a grueling sport. The practices are demanding and making weight can be an ordeal. But wrestling at Nebraska recently has been super-grueling.

Since Christmas the NU wrestling team has traveled 8,000 miles by car to compete in seven dual meets and an open tournament.

While the NU football team took a chartered jet to Miami for the Orange Bowl, Coach Orval Borgialli and his wrestlers drove non-stop in Borgialli's motor home and a van to Miami to wrestle Alabama and compete in the Sunshine Open Tournament. While the football players were staying in a swank Miami Beach hotel, the wrestlers were sleeping in sleeping bags in a church and then later in a converted military barrack at a Miami junior college.

But the traveling is over for the NU wrestling team for the time being. The

wrestlers will be at home for the first time this season Friday afternoon at 2:30 when Kansas State, Minnesota and Missouri visit the Coliseum for a quadrangular meet.

The Huskers will be coming in off a weekend trip which saw them lose to Colorado, 27-15, and beat Wyoming 21-18. Going into the Colorado contest the NU wrestlers were undefeated in five straight duals and the weekend split left the team at 5-3-1 on the season.

"I don't know if it was the altitude or what," Borgialli said, "but we didn't look good the whole trip." Bob Orta, NU's 118-pound wrestler who had a 13-2 record going into the Colorado meet, "was pinned by a kid at Colorado who was 0-5—that shows you how bad we looked," he added.

On the bright side, the wrestling coach had special praise for 190-pound John Bell, who wrestled for the first time for the Huskers over the weekend and won both his matches. "He's a tremendous addition to our team," Borgialli said of Bell, a junior college transfer from California. "He's going to be awfully hard for anyone to beat."

Bell's biggest asset is his speed, according to his coach. "He's the quickest big man we've ever had."

Borgialli, who is in his eighth season at UNL, also had praise for two freshmen on the team—118-pound Gary Harnisch, who owns a 10-3 season record, and 158-pound Steve Ravenscroft, whose record stands at 13-8.

"Over the years we've had many seniors who couldn't win half their matches," Borgialli noted. "Now these freshmen already have good records, which is something to look forward to."

The field for this week's quadrangular is very attractive—all the teams are at .500 or better. Missouri has the best mark at 4-1; its only loss being to Northwest Missouri, 18-17. Kansas State and Minnesota are both 4-4 on the season.

Borgialli would like to see a large crowd for the Huskers' first home meet.

"If we had 5,000 screaming students, we would win our three duals Friday," he said.

Huskers win by one

STILLWATER, OKLA.—"It's a great win for us," said a relieved Joe Cipriano after his Nebraska basketball team squeaked past pesky Oklahoma State 64-63 Wednesday night to keep the Big Eight lead. "I knew it was going to be tough."

Center Chuck Jura, playing one of his best games as a Husker, poured in 34 points and blocked several key shots to lead Nebraska to its third victory over Oklahoma State this season.

Despite Jura's scoring barrage, forward Mike Peterson provided the last-minute heroics. With Nebraska trailing 63-62, Peterson hit a field goal with 45 seconds remaining in the game to give the Huskers their final victory margin.

The Cowboy's Terry Dean had a chance to tie the game when he went to the foul line to shoot one shot with nine seconds left. But his attempt missed and the Huskers claimed their fourth straight conference win.

In the early moments of the game it appeared that Nebraska was going to have an easy night as the Huskers jumped out to a quick 7-1 lead. However, the Cowboys, with the aid of excellent foul-shooting and rebounding, came back and took a 39-33 half-time lead.

However, in the opening minutes of the second half, Jura put on a one-man basketball show, scoring the Huskers' first 13 points, to close the Cowboy lead. The lead seasawed back and forth in the second half until Peterson's game winning shot.

"The lay-off bothered our shooting," Cipriano said of the 11-day break before the Oklahoma State game. "But I think our kids came back and did an exceptional job on the boards in the second half."

Nebraska has little time to enjoy the victory as they go against second place Kansas at Lawrence Saturday night.

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Men's Intramural Basketball Schedule Thursday, Jan. 27

University High: Burnouts vs. Bullets, 5 p.m.; Ballers vs. Derby Stars, 6:30 p.m.; P Street Packers vs. Delta Theta Phi, 7:30 p.m.; Student Vets vs. Spider's Web, 8:30 p.m.; Res Gestae vs. Ram Rods, 9:30 p.m.

Men's P.E.—Court No. 1: Apple Huskers vs. Benton Hall, 5 p.m.

Laurel vs. Bucks, 6:30 p.m.; Nads vs. Phi Zappa Krappa, 7:30 p.m.; Pharm Outs vs. Aurgi, 8:30 p.m.; Hashers vs. C.E.'s, 9:30 p.m.


Men's P.E.—Court No. 2: Panama Reds vs. Astrals, 5 p.m.; Play Boys vs. High Men, 6:30 p.m.; Bombers vs. Super Stars, 7:30 p.m.; Born Boozers vs. Mothers, 8:30 p.m.; Centennial College vs. Roosters, 9:30 p.m.

Varsity Court: B. Gang vs. Born Losers, 6:30 p.m.; Kerngers vs. Celtics, 7:30 p.m.; Twofers vs. Stoned Cowboys, 8:30 p.m.; High Nutters vs. Hustlers, 9:30 p.m.

Freshman Court: Harper VIII-A vs. Harper VI-A, 6:30 p.m.; Harper IX-A vs. Harper V-A, 7:30 p.m.; Harper X-A vs. Harper IV-A, 8:30 p.m.; Harper II-A vs. Harper III-A, 9:30 p.m.

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