

Matman maimed for season

by Kim Ball

Joe Carr did not sound like a typical wrestling fan while he watched his Nebraska teammates defeat Ft. Hays State 31-9 in a dual match Friday night in the Coliseum.

Unlike most fans, Carr wasn't yelling to urge on the Huskers. Silently, he watched from the sidelines, occasionally breaking into a smile when a Nebraska wrestler scored points or pinned an opponent. Wrestling meets have become disappointing affairs for Carr.

Just one month ago Joe was starting to blossom as a Husker matman. Carr, a freshman, was wrestling in the consolation finals of the Sunshine Open Wrestling Tournament in Miami, Fla., when disaster struck.

Carr was ahead, 5-2, and in control, when his opponent stood up and came back down to the mat. Carr followed him down and slammed his left arm on the mat in an attempt to avoid the shift.

That was the last move of the season for Carr. When he came down on his arm, he dislocated his elbow and broke his wrist.

The injury came when Carr was just beginning to come into his own, having compiled a 10-7 record up to that point.

"I was just getting used to college

wrestling," Carr said. "It was quite a change from high school. I kind of felt I was just fitting into the groove."

Carr had success while wrestling in high school. He was named to two high school all American teams. Last summer he won the 138-pound Crown in the National Junior Olympics Tournament in Birmingham, Ala.

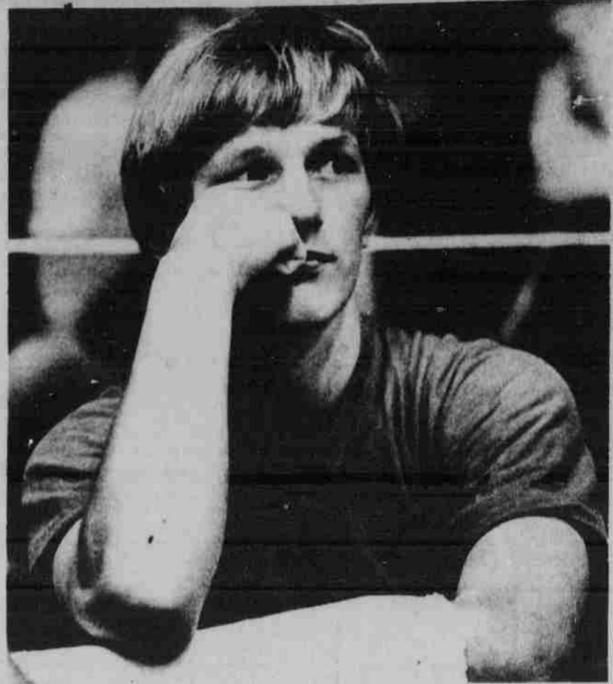
He also accomplished a rare feat as he won state medals for three different schools in two states.

Carr placed fourth in the Nebraska State Meet in his sophomore year, while competing for Lincoln Southeast. He attended Wentworth Military Academy during his junior year and grabbed third in the Missouri State Meet. Last year, wrestling for Lincoln East, he was Nebraska state champion at 132 pounds.

Nebraska wrestling coach Orval Borgialli was enthusiastic in his praise for Carr.

"Joe's probably the most coachable kid I've ever had the opportunity to coach," Borgialli said. "He's so polite, you can't believe how tough he is on the mat. He's really a great one to work with."

Soft-spoken Carr is already looking forward to next season. "I want to have a better season next year," he said.



Although Nebraska's wrestling team is winning, freshman Joe Carr watches dejectedly. . . he is sidelined for the season with a dislocated elbow and a broken wrist.

Kansas drowns Huskers

by Andy Riggs

Lack of experience hurt the NU swimming team Saturday as it opened its season with a 74-39 loss to defending Big Eight champ Kansas.

The team has dropped to ten swimmers, but Coach John Reta says he is still pleased with the effort he is getting from the team—especially co-captain Spencer Luedke, the team's only senior.

Luedke finished second in the 200 yard freestyle, third in the 500 yard freestyle and swam on the winning freestyle relay, one of two events Nebraska won.

The other event the Huskers won was the 200 yard breaststroke where Terry Seymour beat his competitors by a full seven seconds. Seymour also swam in the medley relay and the 200-yard individual medley, placing second in those events.

"The Long Christmas vacation hurt our swimmers," Reta said. "But the kids have worked real hard since we started our two-a-day practices."

"We have an extremely young team," he continued, the majority sophomores and freshman. We do fill out all the events, but in some of them we only have one man. You can't expect a team so young to beat the defending Big Eight champs."

Kansas won 11 out of 13 events. The Jayhawks have won five straight Big Eight championships and boast three individual conference champs. Nebraska did win one relay Saturday, but Kansas did not use its champion relay team against the Cornhuskers.

The team hosts Northern Iowa in a dual meet Feb 2.

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The football jersey numbers of All-Americans Rich Glover and Johnny Rodgers were retired at a football awards banquet Friday night at the Radisson Cornhusker Hotel. Glover's No. 79 and Rodgers No. 20 join No. 60 which was worn by former Husker star Tom Brock as the only jerseys ever retired by the athletic department.

Nebraska All-American middle guard Rich Glover was named Thursday night in Houston as winner of the third annual Vince Lombardi Award as the outstanding national collegiate lineman.

Glover, a 6-1, 235 pounder from Jersey City, N.J., won the honor over three other candidates for the trophy, named in honor of the former Green Bay and Washington coach who died of cancer in 1970.

Runners-up were Tom Brahaney of Oklahoma, John Hannah of Alabama and Jerry Sisemore of Texas. All three were All-Americans during the past season.



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