

## Swimming powers to test UNL in final home meets

Air Force Academy, possessors of a swimming team which is the caliber of defending Big 8 champion Kansas University, according to Husker Head Coach John Reta, will test UNL's squad tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Coliseum pool.

Air Force, with a current record of 10-0 this season, is "not weak in very many areas," Reta said.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m., in another Coliseum showdown, Reta's team will host Southwest Minnesota State College in the Husker's last home meet of the year.

Reta said Southwest Minnesota has recently erected an outstanding swimming complex and is one school that is putting more money in its swimming program than in other sports. Its swimming team will be the subject of a forthcoming article in *Sports Illustrated*, Reta said.

"I think this meet will be a very interesting one. We both seem to be strong in the same areas," he said.

"This team, as many freshmen teams, has not developed the consistency required to

compete against veteran squads. However, I can see where we have become more consistent in recent meets."

One of the bright spots for the Huskers this season has been in the 500-yard freestyle. Freshman Jack Alexander has swum the distance in a time of 5:01.0, snapping the old Husker mark of 5:03.3 set by Tom Heuke in 1970-71.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Scott Martin, Stuart Waterbury, Paul Duxbury and Bill Davis combined for a time of 1:29.8, well under last year's best of 1:32.9.

"Our medley relay of (Norman) Jackman, Waterbury, (Rick) Redfield and (Steve) Raynor has been consistently improving. At one point, between two meets they dropped their time six seconds," Reta said.

Although UNL's tankers have been improving, Reta said all conference schools are boasting better times.

"We recruited last year, sure, but no conference school stood still. The Big 8 is more balanced and has more quality swimmers than it did last year," Reta said.



Coach Reta instructs his swimmers at practice.

## ATOs top intramural ratings

The intramural supervisors have released the first intramural basketball rankings of the year. Alpha Tau Omega is the top team. Ratings will appear weekly in the *Daily Nebraskan*. Here are the top five teams and the top teams in the three divisions:

### All-University Top Five

1. Alpha Tau Omega (4-0)
2. 69er's (4-0)
3. Bonga (4-0)
4. Glenn (5-0)
5. Alpha Gamma Rho (4-0)

### Fraternity A Division

1. Alpha Tau Omega (4-0)2.

2. Alpha Gamma Rho (4-0)
3. Delta Upsilon (5-0)
4. Alpha Gamma Sigma (4-0)
5. Theta Xi (3-1)

### Dormitory A Division

1. Glenn (5-0)
2. Harper 3 (5-0)
3. Abel 8 (4-0)
4. Harper 2 (3-0)
5. Pershing (4-0)

### Independent & Division

1. 69er's (4-0)
2. Bonga (4-0)
3. Gregg's Gang (4-0)
4. Pack (4-0)
5. Nads (4-0)

## Loss strengthens UCLA cagers' reign

Possessing an image as austere as the New York Yankees pinstripes, the occupation of the top spot in college basketball rankings by the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) has been long and continuous.

UCLA has won eight consecutive NCAA basketball championships and at one point was riding an 88-game winning streak. The school has achieved the stature at which accomplishment becomes commonplace. Winning is no longer cause for celebration or is even news.

As with other American sports dynasties in recent years, the parts have become more interesting than the whole. Subplots are the hot item. The team will win, but what happens offstage? Does John Wooden swing? Does Bill Walton throw tantrums in the locker room? Does Keith Wilkes sleep in the nude? These are the questions the public wants answers to.

## bob hill over the hill

When Notre Dame upset the Bruins, it made for excellent copy. But it also guaranteed the Bruins a ninth straight national championship.

It was good for basketball that the University of Notre Dame won; it renewed interest in collegiate basketball and religion. Many people who had strayed from the church returned, claiming the Irish triumph proved there is a God and that miracles do happen. Why else would a Catholic university succeed where North Carolina State University and Maryland University had failed?

The loss woke up the Bruins and made them a better basketball squad. Until they lost, there was a chance somebody in the tournament would catch them. The possibility of that happening now is almost nil.

The thing that always impressed me about UCLA basketball is its consistently competitive schedule. Wooden deserves credit for taking on Maryland, North Carolina State and Notre Dame during the regular season.

In his position he didn't have to prove anything, but he played them. Once again, UCLA has the team that will go all the way.

## sports shorts

Four more high school athletes have signed Big 8 letters of intent to play football at UNL. They are Rob Link, lineman, Boulder Colo.; Bobby Galano, lineman, Stockton, Calif.; Jeff Hansen, back, Sacramento, Calif.; and Curtis Craig, back, Davenport, Iowa.

Husker cagers staged a comeback late in the second half, but fell one point short and lost Tuesday to Colorado University, 65-64. The Huskers had been behind by as many as 12 points. Jerry Fort led Nebraska scorers with 17 points. The loss dropped Nebraska to fifth place in Big 8 basketball standings.

A football team tournament is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight in the Union game room. Entry fee is \$1.

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