

## Wonder Women confident of state swim title

Husker athletic fans may be fretting because of a relative lack of activity in Lincoln this weekend. The track and wrestling squads are out of the state striving for Big 8 championships. The basketball team will travel to Kansas State University for a Saturday game.

But fans, take heart. There is one varsity team in action this weekend—the women's swimming team. The Wonder Women, as they call themselves, are hosting the state college swimming championships Saturday in the Women's Physical Education Bldg. pool.

"We've never taken the state meet before," UNL Coach Pat Sullivan said. "We're really anxious to keep that trophy here."

The first year mentor is confident that her team will accomplish that feat, although she said it should be a close race with Kearney State College. Other teams entered are Creighton University and Concordia College.

Starting with preliminaries at 9:30 a.m., the meet closes with a final session starting at 1 p.m.

Individually, the Wonder Women, 6-2, are led by Ginny Kincade and Ruth Spencer. Both women have qualified for the national women's swimming championships at Pennsylvania State University

expressed confidence.

"I haven't been beaten in any of the events," she said, adding that she was more concerned with the team taking the championship than with her individual performances.

Kincade will enter the 1- and 3-meter diving events. Others Sullivan said have a good chance of winning are Liz Gross in the butterfly events, Phyllis Thagard in the freestyle and Debbie Petersen in the backstroke.

"Almost everybody on the team is going to be in the finals," Sullivan said.

The balcony overlooking the pool has been virtually filled at home meets this year, a considerable improvement over previous seasons.

Hopefully, the attendance trend will continue Saturday, and Husker fans will find out that men aren't the only ones who can produce athletic championships at UNL.

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"Ruth stands a good chance to win every individual event she enters," Sullivan said. Spencer will compete in the 50- and 100-yard breaststrokes and the 100-yard individual medley. She also

of the night," Johnson said.

Johnson said the team has showed signs at practice this week that they were starting to get fired up.

Even if the youthful Huskers reach an emotional peak this weekend in the Norman, Okla., tournament they'll have a tough time taking the title from defending Big 8 champion Oklahoma State University.

Returning from last year's unit for the Cowboys are defending conference champions Billy Martin, at 126 pounds, and Rick Jones, at 177 pounds.

Borgiagli warned that the dual season

record is not an accurate indicator of the meet's outcome. "It will be purely an individual thing down there," he said.

For the Huskers, top individuals include Johnson, at 190 pounds. He can expect trouble from Alex Maculoso of OSU, ISU's Al Nacin and Tom Cook from the University of Missouri; Bruce Conger, heavyweight, who posted the second best individual record on this year's Husker team; Gary Harnisch and Tony Jennings, who both have shown much improvement at the end of this season, according to Borgiagli.

## Emotions may affect wrestlers' success

By Larry Stunkel

When UNL wrestling Coach Orval Borgiagli was asked about his team's chances in the Big 8 tournament Friday and Saturday, he said the Huskers could finish anywhere from second to last place, depending on their emotional pitch.

Sophomore co-captain Bob Johnson said the best way to measure how fired up a team was is by the amount of sleep the wrestlers get the night before the match.

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## Cagers try charm breaker

The Kansas State University basketball team, ranked 15th nationally, will be in search of its 23rd consecutive home victory when the Wildcats face the Huskers Saturday.

The teams' meeting marks the third confrontation between the two schools this season. In the first round of the Big 8 tournament last December, KSU outscored UNL, 68-47. Then on Jan. 22, UNL's unbeaten home victory string was snapped in a come from behind 73-65 Wildcat victory.

KSU will be starting four seniors. They are probably the strongest team offensively of any in the conference, according to Husker Coach Joe Cipriano.

KSU downed the University of Missouri, 69-67, Tuesday, bringing its first place conference record to 11-1 and overall record to 18-5. UNL, after dropping a 51-48 decision to the University of Kansas, remains fourth in the conference with a 5-6 record. The Huskers are 12-11 overall.

The Wildcats will start last year's conference Player-of-the-Year in 5 ft. 11 in. guard Lon Kruger. He will be joined in the backcourt by 6 ft. 3 in. senior Danny Beard. The Purple Pride's center will be 6 ft. 8 in. senior Gene McVey, and the forwards are 6 ft. 9 in. senior Larry Williams and 6 ft. 8 in. freshman Dean Harris.

Cipriano indicated that he would stick with his usual starting five—guards Jerry Fort and Tom Novak, forwards Steve Erwin and Brandy Lee and center Larry Cox.

The Huskers junior varsity squad, 6-4, will close out its season in the 5:15 p.m. preliminary game when it takes on KSU's junior varsity.

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