



Mikke Crosby is a member of the women's swimming team which will meet Kansas Saturday.

## Swimmer eager for season

This Saturday the UNL women's swimming team opens its season with a home meet against Kansas in the Women's P.E. Building.

One of coach Pat Sullivan's swimmers who is eager to hit the water is freshman Mikki Crosby.

The 18-year-old physical education major foresees a successful season for both herself and the team this year.

"I think we have a good chance to qualify some people for the national meet this season," she said. "I hope I'm one of them."

Crosby is one of the few scholarship athletes on this year's squad. However, the financial boost was not the primary reason she came to UNL since she didn't get the scholarship until after she had enrolled.

"I narrowed my choices down to Kearney State and UNL," she said. "But I have always wanted to go to

Nebraska."

Crosby, who is from Omaha, has been swimming competitively since her freshman year in high school. She said an exciting event in her underwater career was at a Thanksgiving meet last year when she set a state record in the 200-yard breast stroke. Her time was 2:40.4.

Crosby said the team is hoping for a good turnout Saturday because crowd noise and encouragement inspire a swimmer.

Though it is a lofty goal for a freshman, Crosby's fervent desire is to make it to the nationals.

Beyond that, her long range goal is to become the first woman garbage collector in Colorado.

Obviously, Crosby isn't serious but you can bet she will be when she joins her teammates in challenging Kansas Saturday.

## Stardom not part of Reckeway career

A time came during Kent Reckeway's basketball career at UNL when he had to decide if he needed to change his attitude.

Earning the reputation of being one of the most prolific scoring threats in high school, Reckeway came to Nebraska as a two-time all-state basketball star from Lincoln East. He led the Spartans to a Class A basketball title in 1972 while setting three scoring records in the state tourney.

In his freshmen season, he led the frosh unit with a 19.8 scoring average. Then, during the next two seasons on the varsity, Reckeway saw limited action, averaging only 4.5 points in the games he played.

"Not playing is a tough situation," Reckeway said. "Somebody has to make an adjustment to not playing, readjusting his goals because not everybody can be a star. I decided I was one of those people."

Reckeway, a 6 ft. 1 in. senior guard, saw considerable action in the Huskers' 87-72 opening victory over South Dakota State, scoring 12 points, while coach Joe Cipriano cited him for his defensive play.

### Emphasis on defense

"There's no way I could have battled it unless I changed my attitude," Reckeway said. "Sure I'd like to score 25 points a game, but I had to be realistic. If I'm going to play I've got to do things exactly as the coaches tell me."

Defense seems to be Reckeway's biggest improvement. It had to be to play at Nebraska where the emphasis is on defense, Reckeway said.

"Because we're smaller than most schools we have to work as a team both on defense and offense," he said. "Defense is 95 per cent psychological. Speed and quickness are important attributes, with these plus a little desire and aggressiveness one can learn to play good defense."

Offensively, Reckeway said the biggest problem is adjusting team's pattern.

### Tough weekend

"It involves finesse, unselfishness and teamwork," he continued. "One has to recognize that others may get more shots during the game." Reckeway said he has been working on his shooting and his aggressiveness on defense.

Reckeway, who has 3.9 grade average, says he hopes to enroll in medical school next year. This weekend's trip to Arizona for the Sun Devil Classic in Phoenix and a game Tuesday at North Texas State University was termed "a bummer" by Reckeway because it's so close to finals.

"In Phoenix there'll be more to do than just study," he said. "We'll just have to find time when we can, even though it will be hard to nail yourself to a book. But everybody on the team this year is pretty study-minded and may get good grades."

In regard to the Sun Devil Classic, Reckeway said it will be a tough weekend.

"We could have a real good team," he added. "We'll find out a lot of things about ourselves this weekend. We may even surprise a few people."

## Turn-over in football coach staff possible

Every time the unpredictable Cornhuskers botched a game this season, all loyal and diehard Nebraska fans screamed for UNL defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin to take the head coaching duties off the hands of Tom Osborne before he did any more damage.

Kiffin may not be around much longer to hear their pleas. Neither may wingback-tight end coach John Melton, defensive backfield coach Warren Powers or offensive backfield coach Mike Corgan. These men are being considered for head coaching positions throughout the Big 8 and at other nonconference schools.

Kiffin is being eyed by three major colleges. Sources say Kansas athletic director Clyde Walker has contacted Tom Osborne for permission to negotiate with Kiffin about the Jayhawk job following the resignation of their head coach Don Fambrough.

Kiffin also is being pressured by two other notable football powers. South Carolina and the University of Washington are without head coaches for next season. Athletic directors at both schools have placed Kiffin high on their prospect lists.

## becky morgan jock talk

Wingback coach John Melton's written application is among the 50 received by the University of Wyoming in response to their search for a new head man.

Mike Corgan has not applied formally with Wyoming but he also is being considered for the job.

"We are still in search stage right now. We haven't asked anyone for interviews. But we have had a great number of telephone calls from some of our people about Melton and Mike Corgan from your Nebraska staff and about Jimmy Walden who played for us and was a coach at Nebraska for a while," George McCorty, Wyoming athletic director said.

Corgan said he was contacted the week of the Nebraska-Oklahoma contest by Wyoming acquaintances involved in landing a new head coach.

Warren Powers, defensive backfield coach also is on the list of schools needing a new head coach. If Oklahoma's Barry Switzer, Big 8 coach of the year, takes over the head duties of the Atlantic Falcons and OU defensive coordinator Larry Laceywell goes to K-State, Powers may end up a Big Red coach further south.

A lot of ifs are involved in the selecting of new head coaches, but, if only 50 per cent of them become realities, Nebraska's coaching staff could be picked pretty clean.