

Football awaits NCAA rulings

By Pete Wegman

Some of the record number of rule change proposals facing the 70th Annual NCAA Convention today and Friday in St. Louis, Mo., could affect the future of many UNL sports programs, particularly football, according to Assistant Athletic Director Jim Ross.

Convention delegates will consider 303 proposals, including one to create a division for the nation's "super" football powers. Other proposals will suggest increasing the limit on home and traveling football squads and changing limitations on the number of assistant football coaches.

"We (UNL's Athletic Dept.) would like to see, of course, the limit on coaches lifted. That's one of our primary concerns," Ross said.

A proposal adopted by the NCAA at a special convention in August limits football coaching staffs to one head coach, eight full-time assistants and two part-time graduate assistants.

August inception

If this proposal remains unchanged after the St. Louis convention, the limitations will take effect Aug. 1, 1976.

UNL now has more than eight football assistant coaches. It is not yet known if Rick Duval, recruiting coordinator, and Boyd Epley, strength coach, are considered assistant coaches, Ross said.

"Personally, Rick Duval probably would have to be counted because he is concerned mainly with football," Ross said. "However, Boyd Epley shouldn't be included (in the limitations) because he works with all sports."

UNL assistant coach Mike Church recently accepted defensive secondary coaching duties at Washington State University.

However, Ross said, Church's acceptance of the job is not related to the limitation rule since Church was not a full-time UNL assistant.

Recruiting limitations

The Athletic Dept. also would like limitations on football squads and recruiting visitations lifted. Currently, recruits are allowed three paid visits to a school.

"We feel this limitation puts us at a disadvantage because we rely on a lot of out-of-state recruiting," Ross said.

Delegates also will consider a proposal to divide the

NCAA's 238-school Division I (of which UNL is a member) into Divisions I and I-A.

Ross said UNL would accept the subdivision of Division I into Division IA if that proposal is passed. Then UNL would be in an 81-school division, including schools from the Big 8, Southeastern, Southwest, Western Athletic, Atlantic Coast, Big 10 and Pacific 8 Conferences. Eighteen independent schools and three service academies—Army, Navy and Air Force also would be members.

The convention delegates also will pick a Coach of the Year from nine nominees, including Bud Moore of Kansas and Arizona State's Frank Kush.

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UNL women B-Ballers bounce UNO

By Scott Jones

The women on Nebraska's basketball team probably knew their game with the University of Nebraska-Omaha Wednesday night wouldn't be as easy as the first five minutes.

But it took the Husker women almost 25 minutes to face that fact before they finally defeated UNO, 52-46, at the Coliseum.

Nebraska, now 7-3, scored the first 12 points of the game and threatened to rout the 2-4 UNO team who were scoreless the first five minutes.

The Maverick women then began to display the scrappy defense and inside play that helped them dominate the game until the final eight minutes.

After the quick Nebraska surge, UNO rallied behind the play of 6 ft. 4 in. center Jolene Blass, who had nine first half points, to lead by four points, 28-24, at the half.

Nebraska depended on Darcy Williamson, Arapahoe freshman, for almost all of their first half scoring punch. She had 16 first half points, mostly on long corner shots.

"If she hadn't been hitting we would have been out of it," said women's coach George Nicodemus. "I think in the first half we were hitting pretty well and then we missed four or five in a row and we got a little down."

UNO mounted their largest lead of the game, 32-24, early in the second half before Nebraska staged its own comeback to tie the game at 38 with eight minutes remaining.

Nebraska then finished strong after falling behind 32-24 on three baskets by Kathy Hawkins, an Omaha junior, and one by Brenda Lightbody to establish a 48-42 lead with a minute left.

Lightbody, a sophomore from Lincoln, scored 12 second-half points after replacing Omaha freshman Deb Lee, who fouled out.

"She was a big factor in the win," said Nicodemus, who also praised the rebounding and defensive efforts of reserve Jan Zink. Zink started the second half and helped shut off Blass's inside play.

"I think they came back really well," Nicodemus said, "because we started the second half the same way we ended the first. Outside of our shooting I think we played pretty well."

Williamson finished with 18 points, followed by Hawkins with nine and Jan Crouch with seven for Nebraska.



Photo by Ted Kirk

Darcy Williamson scores two of her 18 points in a 52-46 win over UNO Wednesday.

sports quiz

Pro Football

1. Which was the last NFL team to go undefeated?
2. How many years has George Blanda played professional football?
3. Blanda is the all-time leading professional scorer, going over the 2,000-point barrier this season. Who is second on the career scoring list?
4. Who holds the NFL record for lifetime interceptions?
5. Which of these players once kicked seven field goals in a game? (a) Jim Bakken (b) Garo Yepremian (c) Jim Turner (d) Tom Dempsey
6. Which of these players never led the NFL in rushing? (a) Larry Brown (b) Floyd Little (c) Otis Armstrong (d) Calvin Hill
7. Charley Taylor set the NFL career pass reception record this season. Whose record did he break?
8. Which player has played in the most Super Bowls?
9. One player will appear with his third different Super Bowl team this Sunday. Who?
10. O.J. Simpson scored 23 touchdowns this season to set the NFL record. Whose record did he break?

Answers

1. Miami Dolphins, 17-0 in 1972.
2. 26.
3. Lou Groza, with 1,349 points.
4. Emlen Tunnell, with 79.
5. (a) Jim Bakken
6. (d) Calvin Hill
7. Don Maynard.
8. Marv Fleming (Green Bay in 1967-68, Miami in 1972-74).
9. Preston Pearson (Baltimore in 1969, Pittsburgh in 1975, Dallas this year).
10. Gale Sayers (Chuck Foreman tied Sayers' old record of 22 touchdowns this season).

sports shorts

Big 8 officials attending the NCAA Convention in St. Louis, Mo. decided Tuesday to switch this year's conference outdoor track and field meet from Iowa State to UNL's Ed Weir Stadium. The meet will be May 14 through 15.

Officials said they wanted the meet on an all-weather track since it would help Big 8 athletes meet Olympic qualifying standards. Iowa State has a cinder track, while UNL's track has a tartan surface.

Any women interested in participating on the women's track and field team are invited to attend an organizational meeting today at 4:30 p.m. in the Men's Physical Education Bldg. 101 A. The team's first meet is Jan. 23 against Missouri in Columbia.

Women's fund drive plans marathon

An organizational meeting for a women's athletics fund drive sponsored by Uncle Sam's Saturday at 3 p.m. at the 2440 O St. discotheque.

A \$50,000 fund drive organizer.

Fund drive events will be discussed at the meeting. Massengale, an Omaha junior, said the meeting is open to all interested persons as well as women athletes.

The first event scheduled is a five-city marathon Jan. 23 through 29. Runners will leave Lincoln at midnight Jan. 23 and run to Grand Island, Columbus, Fremont, Omaha and return to Lincoln. A torch lighting, symbolic

of the Olympic torch ceremony at Uncle Sam's, will mark the finish, Massengale said.

The runners, followed by buses, will run five at a time, she said. Sixty women have volunteered to run, and Massengale said she hopes to get 100 runners and per-mile sponsors for the event.

In February, a benefit basketball game followed by a sock hop in the Coliseum is planned. UNL women athletes will play a team of KFMQ radio disc jockeys, Massengale said. The date has not been announced.

Another project is a raffle for a seven-day Hawaiian vacation. Second prize will be a Kawasaki motorcycle.

Meet at Iowa State to be upstream swim for UNL

By Jim Hunt

UNL's swim team will open its dual season Saturday against the Iowa State University (ISU) Cyclones at 2 p.m. in Ames.

"Iowa State is a team that has good depth and balance," UNL swim coach John Reta said. "They have good men in each event and have excellent divers in both the one and three meter events. We are looking forward to a tough meet."

Reta said he was surprised that with the Cyclones' good swimmers, its team did as poor as they did in last semester's Big 8 Relays at Boulder, Colo. In the relays, Iowa State finished sixth and Nebraska seventh.

"It will take a total team effort for us to win the

meet," Reta said. He explained that UNL lacked back-up strength.

Reta said some of the top ISU individuals are Tom Marantz in the 1,000-yd. freestyle, Dexter McBride in the 200- and 100-yd. freestyle, Ralph Mundt in the 50-yd. freestyle and Mark Croshier in the 200-yd. backstroke and 200-yd. individual medley.

Reta said the top individual performers for the Huskers are sophomore Pat Murphy from Coronado, Calif., in the 1,000- and 500-yd. freestyle; junior Bill Davis from Harvey, Ill., in the 200-yd. freestyle; freshman Mark Crowder, also from Harvey, junior Paul Duxbury from Minneapolis and freshman Jeff Barnard from Ann Arbor, Mich., in the 50-yd. freestyle; senior Scott Ruser from Omaha in the individual medley; junior Pat DiBiase and

sophomore Bryan Moss, both from Omaha, in the breast-stroke; and senior Dave Watermeier from Lincoln in diving.

The Huskers practiced twice daily last week, Reta said. The swimmers worked hard, Reta said, adding that most have improved from last year.

One of the reasons for the improvement is the all-season weight program started last semester, he said. In the past, the swim team quit weight training early in the season, but will continue this semester until about three weeks before the Big 8 meet, Reta said.

Motivating the swimmers poses no problems, according to Reta, because they want to get in shape and they know the Big 8 is tough.

Last year the Huskers dropped a dual meet to the Cyclones, 82-31 in Lincoln.