

one at a time | NCAA's scholarship limits, budget rules don't fool OU

By Jim Zalewski

Whether it is caused by Arab oil prices, President Gerald Ford's economic policies or the declining market for ceiling wax, the economic crunch is affecting everyone, including collegiate sports. The NCAA has tried to limit scholarships and travel rosters, and anything else that might slow down big-time spending by big-time college sports.

Apparently, Nebraska football fans and the Indiana and UCLA basketball fans will find a way—through increased ticket prices, benevolent alumni or slight rule evasion—to continue their high-octane pace. Jack Lambert will do a pantyhose commercial before Nebraska goes to small-time football.

But what about nonrevenue sports like wrestling? Will UNL coach Orval Borgialli's grapplers be able to compete effectively—or even exist—once the 11-scholarship limit goes into effect Aug. 1, 1976?

Statistics seem to indicate schools like UNL will benefit for once from a scholarship limitation. The current Husker wrestling team has eight members on full scholarship, with a total of 17 receiving some type of aid.

In contrast, tradition-rich University of Oklahoma (OU) had 40 wrestlers on various scholarships this year. On the surface, the rule would appear to cut drastically OU's accumulated talent. In reality, they may not be affected at all.

"Those who were enrolled in school by Jan. 1, 1973, will not be counted in the 11-man limit," Borgialli said. "In addition, it seems like those who want to spend the money will spend it somehow. They may use government grants or some alternate financial aid, but they will find them regardless."

Borgialli, who started at UNL 12 years ago with two-and one-half scholarships, said he has built his program without flaunting any regulations.

"The scholarship limit is not going to hurt NU, if it is applied fairly," he said. "It is bound to help a person like myself, eventually."

"Applied fairly" are the key words in that paragraph. Rumor has it, and it seems to be more than a fleeting rumor since Borgialli also has heard it, that Oklahoma will create a lacrosse or soccer team next year, stocking it with baseball players and wrestlers.

Only one or two scheduled games are necessary to qualify the lacrosse players as legitimate scholarship

athletes. Of course, they strangely may be persuaded to "walkon" in either wrestling or baseball during their free time.

Now who is fooling whom? In effect, the NCAA is just regulating what sport is indicated on a person's scholarship, not how many. It seems the Sooners learned their lesson from the Kerry Jackson incident. You don't break the rules—you just bend them to fit your needs.

I don't mean to imply Oklahoma is the only meanie in college sports. I'm sure other coaches have devised more devious schemes to accommodate their needs. The NCAA never will regulate collegiate sport spending until everyone agrees to abide by the limits as stated. And we all know when that will be.

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husker galaxy | Four-year veteran swims career high in KU meet

By Susie Reitz

"I was so excited—about halfway through the meet we knew we were going to beat KU," said UNL swim team captain Ruth Spencer, discussing UNL's 71-60 win Sunday over defending Big 8 Conference champion Kansas University.

Spencer, the team's only four-year veteran, swam a career best 1:13.8, to win the 100-yard breaststroke. She also won the 50-yard breaststroke and is this week's athlete of the week.

UNL also beat Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and Kansas State Universities Saturday at Manhattan, Kan., with Spencer taking first and second in the 50- and 100-yard breaststrokes, respectively.

"The meet Saturday didn't tire us out," Spencer said. "It made us look forward to Sunday."

Ever since UNL's second-place finish to KU in the Big 8 Relays in December, Spencer said she knew UNL could beat KU in a dual.

The Huskers are "a lot more competitive this year," she said.

Qualified for nationals

"When I first came here, we swam against Kearney

(State College), Creighton and Concordia," she said. "My first year, I didn't even realize there was a national meet."

Spencer changed that, qualifying for nationals in the 50-yard breaststroke her sophomore and junior years. She is four-tenths of a second short of this year's qualifying time of 33.1 seconds.

The improved competition has brought more talent to the UNL team, she said. Mikki Crosby, a sophomore who won the 50-yard butterfly Sunday, came last year, and freshmen Ellen Hollander and Lise Magee, who won the 100-yard backstroke Sunday, joined the team this year.

"With so many good swimmers it's more fun because everyone is scoring and you're not the only one winning," Spencer said. "But it makes me work harder."

The senior physical education major came to UNE on a National Merit Scholarship and has a 3.795 average, supporting her claim that "all athletes aren't dumb." After graduation, she plans to teach or go to graduate school, while working with the Navigators, a Christian organization.

Last year she received one of UNL's first women's swimming scholarships.

Family sport

Spencer said she started competitive swimming at 11. Her talent in the breaststroke "sort of runs in the family," she said. She has three brothers who swim the breaststroke, for Northwest Missouri State University and another at Omaha South High School.

Her mother started the family swimming young, she said.

"With six kids in the family, there wasn't a lot to do in the summer," Spencer said, "but we always had swimming lessons."

Other nominees for athlete of the week were women's basketball guard Kathy Hawkins, junior from Omaha; gymnast Kathi Ruddick, sophomore from Omaha; wrestler Bob Johnson, senior from Gordon; gymnast Duane West, junior from Lincoln; basketball forward Bob Siegel, junior from Fairbury, and track medley relay team members Chuck Malito of Lakewood, Colo., junior Matt Reckmeyer of Mt. Morris, Ill., sophomore Harold Stelzer of Scituate, Mass., and freshman Ron Fisher of Ottawa, Canada.

1641 tops intramural ratings

Ratings through Feb. 5 for intramural basketball teams have been released by Gale Wiedow, intramural coordinator.

No. 1 team is 1641, last year's all-university champion. Second are the Thunderchickens.

Intramural basketball has five divisions: A, B, C, small fry and open leagues. Open league teams were not considered in the ratings, which were based on observations of teams by intramural supervisors and by team performances in previous tournaments.

About 35 of the 278 teams competing still are undefeated, Wiedow said. Between 3,200 and 3,500 students are participating.

Top Ten	
1. 1641	4-0
2. Thunderchickens	3-0
3. Beta Theta Pi	4-0
4. Aces	4-0
5. Beta Sigma Psi	3-0
6. Top of the Tower	4-0
7. Theta Xi	3-0

8. Cather 8	4-0
9. Abel 5	3-0
10. Kappa Sigma	3-0

The Dental College team won the intramural swim meet last Thursday with 90 points, followed by Abel 5 with 54 points. Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta were third and fourth respectively with 43 and 41 points.

Bill Flory of Phi Delta Theta and Tom Heuke of the Dental College were double winners. Flory won the 50-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley. Heuke won the 100- and 400-yard freestyle events.

Tom Price of B.V.T. finished first in the 100-yard backstroke, second in the 100-yard free style and third in the 50-yard freestyle. Mike Culp, also of B.V.T., won the 200-yard freestyle and was second in the 400-yard freestyle.

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