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Undefeated Husker swimmers to try KU's depth

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UNL women's swim coach Ray Huppert says he is not taking the University of Kansas (KU) Swim team lightly.

"This will be the first meet where we go against a team that we know is very strong," Huppert said. "Kansas has a lot of depth."

The Huskers will battle the Jayhawks, the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the University of Nebraska at Omaha in the Husker Invitational Relay Meet. The meet begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the UNL Sports Complex.

"Depth is very important in a relay meet," Huppert said. "I think we can match them relay for relay and just

hope we can come out on top." Huppert said Kansas has 20 swimmers and two divers compared with the Huskers' 12 swimmers and two divers.

The Huskers are 3-0 this season in dual meets, having defeated the University of Wyoming 78-44; Kearney State College, 102-28; and Oklahoma State, 70-52.

"The new pool has been a big factor in our swimming," he said. "The pool has wider lanes (eight foot) and calmer water which really makes a big difference in swimming.",

One of the pleasant surprises on this year's squad is freshman Melanie Jakob, Huppert said.

"Melanie is very similar to a utility person," Huppert said. "She can swim any stroke."

Jakob, a Grand Island freshman, said she is satisfied with her swimming this year but added that there is always room for improvement.

Jakob swims the butterfly, breaststroke, individual

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medley and freestyle. However, the butterfly, breast-stroke and individual medley are her best events, she said.

Jakob said she has set her sights on the Assocation of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) national meet this year but added, "I still have a lot of time to cut

Jakob said the major difference between high school and college swimming is the college season is much longer than the high school's. College team members also are closer, she said.

Young Cornhusker wrestling squad gets needed weekend experience

Orval Borgialli says his relatively young wrestling team needs to gain experience.

Borgialli, starting his 13th year as head wrestling coach, is fielding one of his youngest wrestling teams.

The wrestlers competed in the Oklahoma Open during Thanksgiving break. Borgialli said that although he is not satisfied unless his team wins, "their performance has improved from week to week."

"Agron Vasha (freshman from Westland, Mich.) took second in Oklahoma and that's really, a feather in his

cap," Borgialli said. "Dave Finken also did well. He's pinned a couple in every meet we've had so far. He's probably the most consistent of any of our wrestlers." Finken is a freshman from Logan, Iowa.

Borgialli also cited senior Bill Hoffman and junior Bill Karpowicz for their good performances at the Oklahoma Open.

"We've been hampered by some injuries too," Borgialli

siad. "Tim Cahill suffered a concussion earlier and won't see action until this weekcad. And John Olson has had a virus he hasn't been able to shake.'

The Huskers will be in Ames, Iowa, this weekend for the Iowa State University (ISU) Invitational Tournament. The meet will feature teams from Drake University, South Dakota State University, Winona State (Minn.) Univer-sity, the University of Missouri and the host school, ISU.

Preliminaries will be Friday eventer and finals will be Saturday afternoon.

"This is an excellent tournament for gaining experience," Borgialli said. "The meet is set up so that you wrestle for the top 16 places, so each individual will have at least three matches and some may have four or five. You also get a good cross-section of wrestlers at this tournament."

Borgialli added that he hoped to get the wrestlers into their proper weight class at the ISU tournament for the remainder of the season.



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