

Weekend wins raise wrestlers' dual meet record

By Jim Kay

UNL's wrestling team overcame the loss of several seasoned wrestlers at the beginning of this semester to win a double dual at the UNL Sports Center Saturday night.

The wrestlers raised their dual meet record for the season to 5-3 with wins over South Dakota University (SDU), 34-18, and the Colorado School of Mines (CSM), 45-0. The Huskers won six of ten matches against SDU and swept every contest against CSM.

"As young and enthusiastic as these kids are, this was an awfully important win," coach Orval Borgialli said. "They worked real hard during practice last week and I think discovered you only get out of life what you put into it."

The Huskers had seven double winners in the meet, including two freshmen. Winners against both SDU and CSM were junior Mike Vranich, freshman Agron Vasha, senior Pat Arthur, freshman Dave Finken, sophomore Steve Hill and sophomore Jim Calvert.

Borgialli indicated he was pleased with the overall team effort, and particularly with the big winners.

"You have to credit Pat Arthur with the success," Borgialli said. "He had his boxing match and wrestling meet all in the same evening and won all three opportunities. That's really going above and beyond the call of duty."

Arthur won his fight in the Southeast District Golden Gloves Boxing Championships Saturday night in the 139 pound weight division before winning twice for the UNL wrestlers at 134 pounds.

"It's also pleasing that the freshmen won," Borgialli said. "We know we've got an excellent wrestler in Vasha, and we're relying on him for some big things in the future. Last year, Dave Finken wrestled at 105 pounds in high school in Iowa and this year he's winning at 150 pounds for us."

Borgialli also cited Vranich for "executing some real advanced technique" in his matches and Calvert who "performed quite

well and showed some spunk while wrestling at 177 pounds instead of 167 where he had been previously."

"The competition was a little lighter than it will be from here on out," Borgialli said. "But, overall, I was happy with our

performance."

The wrestlers' next action will be Saturday night at the Sports Center against fifth-rated University of Minnesota and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville which ranks high in Division 2 circles in the NCAA.

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Women's gymnastics on up-swing as Kansas, Chadron fall to UNL

By Rob Barney

The University of Kansas (KU) and Chadron State College (CSC) tumbled to UNL's gymnastics team in Friday night's triangular at the Women's Physical Education Bldg.

The Huskers totaled 119.50 points for the four events, (vaulting, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise), outdistancing KU (75.30) and CSC (34.10). However, the Huskers entered four girls in each event while CSC and KU did not.

Despite the Husker victory, UNL's gymnastics coach Judy Schalk said she was not happy with her team's performance.

"We did not perform that well," Schalk said. "We got off to a bad start on vaulting (the night's first event) and that should be one of our strong areas."

Vaulting was the only event the Huskers did not win. Karen Mundy of KU scored an 8.65 in the competition topping Husker Crissy Robertson's 8.60.

Kathi Ruddick topped teammate Peggy Liddick (8.05 to 7.30) to capture the uneven bars title. Robertson gained revenge on KU's Mundy, with an 8.00 to 7.70 victory on the balance beam, and Carrie

Buckley won the floor exercise.

The Huskers swept the top three places in all-around competition. Robertson won it with a four-event total of 32.40.

"I knew she (Robertson) would be strong," Schalk said. "She's a real consistent performer for us."

Buckley, competing in her first meet, finished second with 28.50 while Sandy Czaplewski placed third with 28.40.

"For a first meet Carrie did quite well," Schalk said. "She did well in the floor exercise and the vaulting and she did better on the beam than I expected. She had a hard time on the bars and that eventually should be her best event."

Saturday the Huskers compete in an invitational at Iowa State University in Ames.

Schalk said it will be a tough meet for her team.

"Iowa State has always been good, and they are scoring comparable to what we are," she said. "Drake (University) also will be there. We beat them by two-tenths of a point in a match earlier this season."

"To win we're going to have to do a better job than we did Friday. And we are perfectly capable of doing it," she said.

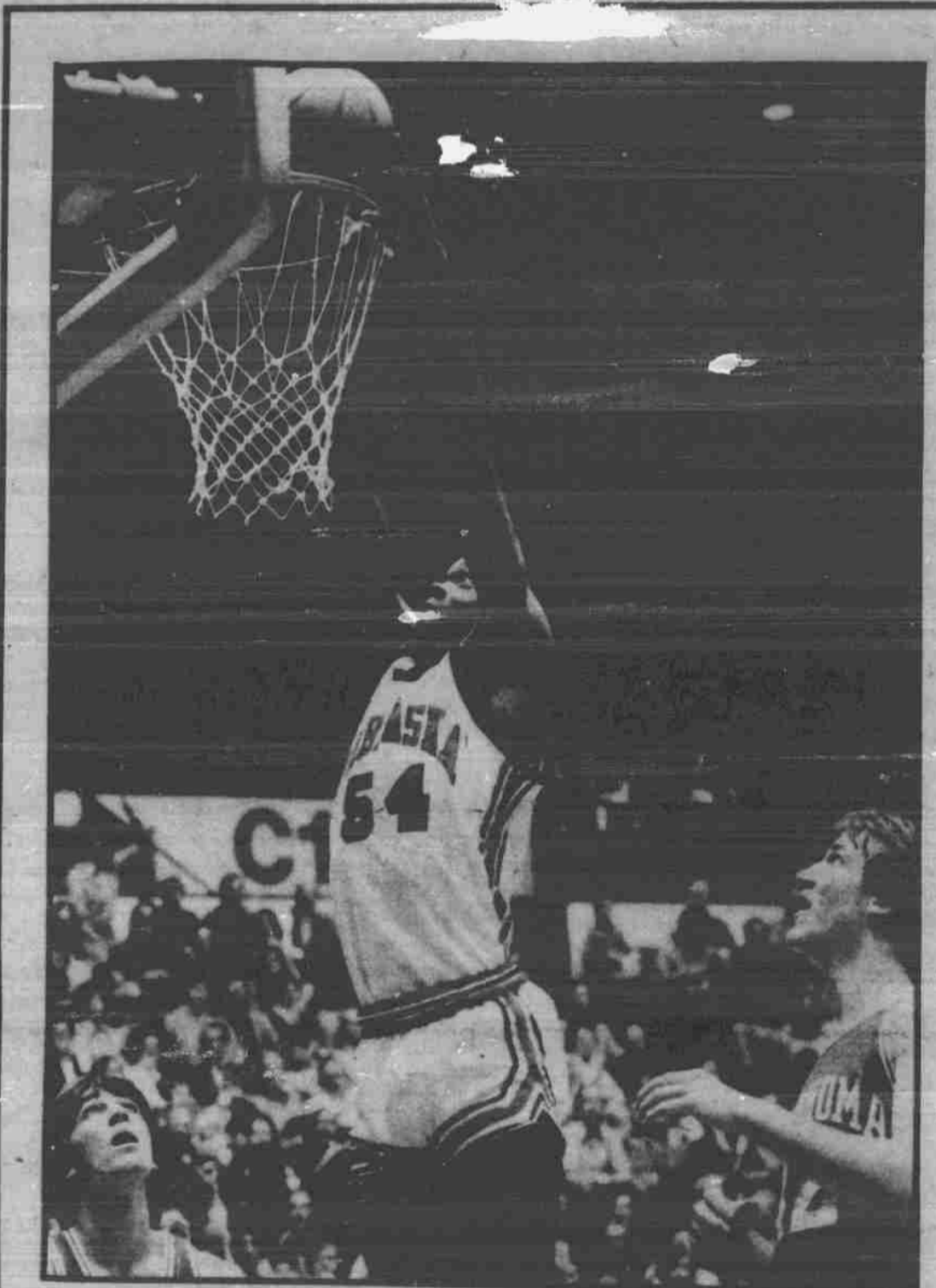


Photo by Ted Kirk

Husker center Carl McPipe didn't have much luck when he missed this stuff shot against the University of Oklahoma. The Huskers didn't have much luck Saturday either losing to the University of Missouri, 76-63.

Swim team loses, but Reta gets wish for improvement

By Kevin Schnepf

UNL swim coach John Reta said he wanted improvement, and improvement is what he got when his Huskers swam against the University of Missouri Saturday at the UNL Sports Complex.

Although the Huskers lost the dual, 66-46, Reta said he was pleased with the Huskers' performance.

"I don't like to lose," Reta said, "but Missouri has a fine team. We can see some improvement in our times at every meet now."

One improvement was another record-breaking swim by freshman Robbie Ingle. He broke his own UNL record in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:49.854. Ingle broke the 4:53.7 mark he set last week.

Reta also said he was pleased with Pat Murphy's performance in the 1,000 yard freestyle.

"Pat improved his time by four seconds," Reta said. "That's what we're looking for, improvement and consistency."

Team worked hard

Murphy, who finished third in the event with a time of 10:17.5, said the whole team had been working hard the week before Saturday's dual.

"I felt really good today," he said. "I think that's the fastest I've swam in a dual meet."

Murphy said MU is one of top teams in

the Big 8 Conference along with Iowa State and Kansas Universities.

Reta agreed that MU was a contender in the Big 8 race, but said the Tigers won't win the conference.

"This was one of our tougher meets of the year, but Missouri doesn't have the depth that Iowa State has," he said.

The Huskers, now 1-2 in dual action, grabbed first and second places in two events, the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard breaststroke.

Paul Duxbury was first in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.218, followed by Husker Mark Crowder with a time of 22.2.

First place

In the 200-yard breaststroke, Pat DiBiase finished first with a 2:11.980 time and Bryan Moss placed second with a 2:14.406 time.

Husker diver Rick Grahn also was a first place finisher with his 201.65 point performance in the three-meter diving competition.

Reta also praised Clay Smith for improvement in the 500-yard freestyle. Smith placed third with a time of 10:31.6

MU's depth was visible as seven different swimmers were first place finishers. MU also won the 400-yard medley with a time of 3:40.787 and 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:16.134.

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UNL's basketball team lost its second game in a row Saturday against the University of Missouri, 76-63.

Kim Anderson led MU in scoring with 27 points and the Huskers were paced by Bob Siegal, Allen Holder and Brian Banks with 14 points each.

UNL's women's basketball team captured second place in the Big 8 Conference tournament in Boulder, Colo., this weekend.

The Huskers lost Saturday to Kansas State University in the finals, 60-50.

Jan Crouch was named to the All-Tournament team after scoring 51 points in the tournament.

Two school records were broken Saturday as the UNL women's swim team defeated the University of South Dakota, 116-15 at a dual meet in Omaha.

Huskers Melanie Jakob and Cindy Agee broke UNL records. Jakob set a record in the 100-yard individual medley with a time of 1:03.3. Agee set her school record with a time of 0:30.6 in the 50-yard backstroke.

Husker gymnasts Larry Gerard and Duane West each won two events as the Huskers took a 211.45-196.45 victory over the University of Colorado in Boulder Saturday.

Gerard won the still rings and the high bar events and West placed first in the vaulting and floor exercise.

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