

# Jayhawks' 'best in years' dumps UNL track team

By Ron Powell

Kansas Track Coach Bob Timmons said he has come into the Nebraska dual meet with good teams before, and then been "kicked" by the Huskers.

But it was the Jayhawks who did the kicking Saturday, as KU defeated UNL 87-44 in their annual dual. Timmons admits, though, that this year's KU track team is the best he's had in several years.

"I was surprised by the score but I wasn't surprised how our guys performed," Timmons said. "We had one of those good days you have one in a while."

UNL Track Coach Frank Sevigne said the Jayhawks are stronger than in recent years.

"They performed a lot better than I thought they would," Sevigne said. "They (KU) said they were going to be tough, but not this tough."

### 'Not good enough'

"The way they (KU) did today, it's going to be hard for anyone to stay with them in the Big Eight. We had some good performances, but they weren't good enough."

One of those "good performances" for the Huskers came from senior Scott Poehling, who was the Huskers' only double winner, capturing the mile run (4:11) and the 1,000 yard run (2:10.15). Poehling's 1,000 time was good enough to qualify for the NCAA Indoor championships.

Poehling said qualifying for nationals wasn't on his mind during the meet.

"Just running in a meet like this, with this competition, the teams run for place and the times will take care of themselves,"

Poehling said.

### Prevent early peak

Normally, Poehling would be running in the 600 and 880 events, but he said he is running longer distances to keep himself from peaking too early in the season. Poehling said it's difficult getting adjusted to pacing himself through the season.

"I've just got to be more patient," Poehling said. "I can't get overanxious."

Two other Huskers qualified for the NCAA meet. Everton DaCosta qualified in the 600 with a 1:10.36 timing, good enough for third place. An upset occurred in the 600 when KU's Mike Ricks beat teammate and defending Big Eight 600 Indoor Champion Lester Mickens.

Husker pole vaulter Randy Raymond qualified for the NCAA meet with his vault of 16-6. Raymond finished second to rival Jeff Buckingham, the Big Eight indoor and outdoor champion, who cleared 17-0 3/4.

Buckingham's vault was one of two new Bob Devaney Sports Center records set in the meet. The other was set by KU's Deon Hogan who ran a :47.64 in the 440.

### Not satisfied

Although Raymond tied his own indoor school record, he said he wasn't satisfied with the vault.

"Things didn't click quite right today," Raymond said. "I know I can clear 17 feet indoors, but the technique wasn't quite there. It's all technique now."

There were two other bright spots for the Huskers. Randy Brooks won the 60-yard high hurdles while Erik Korshoj, Doug Babbitt and Ned Turner took first, second and third respectively in the shot put for the Huskers.

The next action for the Huskers, now 1-1 in duals, is the Husker Invitational Saturday.



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Nebraska gymnast Renee Reisdorff leaps to first place in the balance beam event during the Huskers' narrow victory over Minnesota Saturday.

# Women win, men lose to Iowa State in swim meet

By Frank Hassler  
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The Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving teams split dual meets Saturday against Iowa State, with the women winning, 70-61, and the men losing, 60-53.

It was the first time Iowa State had faced the Husker women this year, and women's Coach Ray Huppert said he was impressed with the Cyclones.

"They're a good team; probably one of the top three in the Big Eight, along with ourselves and Kansas," Huppert said.

Jo Dea Eckstrom, who had been sidelined with mononucleosis, was one of two triple winners for UNL. Eckstrom, a junior from Marshall, Minn., won the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly races in 1:00.1 and 2:09.1, along with the 200 backstroke in 2:13.9.

Sherri Hayward, a freshman from Columbus, Ohio, won the 500 freestyle in 5:09.3, the 100 backstroke in

1:01.3 and the 400 individual medley in 4:36.7.

Rene Sullivan and Carol Hall each won one race and finished second in another. Hall won the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.8, took second in the 50 freestyle. Sullivan won the 100 freestyle in 53.8 and finished second in the 200 freestyle.

Stacey Porter finished second in the three-meter diving, and Carol Berger took third in both the one and three-meter events.

Huppert said he was pleased with the showing of Ann Rinne, who dropped her time down to 1:12.6 to take third in the 100-meter breaststroke.

The men lost to Iowa State, a team they had beaten in their last two meetings; a dual meet during semester break and the Huskers' Mid-Winter Invitational Jan. 19.

The Huskers' strongest showings were in diving. Steve Elliott, Todd Bendkowski and Scott Hinrichs

swept the top three places in one-meter diving. Elliott, Hinrichs, Lance Green and Doug Connors took the top four spots in the three-meter event.


Anders Rutqvist was the other Husker double winner, taking the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races in 1:44.9 and 4:39.3.

Rick Rhodes and Jerry Olszewski took the top two places in the 200-meter breaststroke.

UNL's only other win came in the 400 freestyle relay when Rutqvist, Jim Korff, Tim Boyd and Will Douglass' 3:09.6 topped ISU by almost six seconds.

"That's our best in-season (pre Big Eight meet) time ever in that race," UNL Coach Cal Bentz said, adding that he was not displeased with his swimmers' efforts despite the loss.

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