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Nebraska-Missouri coverage 'up in the air'

The chances of a televised Nebraska-Missouri football game probably were lessened when ABC decided to cover the Tigers' game with Kansas State, according to UNL Assistant Sports Information Director Bill Bennett,

"ABC says they have televised games back to back," Bennett said, "but we would feel more comfortable about it if Missouri wasn't going to be on (television) this weekend."

The method of selecting televised games has changed in recent years, according to Don Bernstein, ABC college football media director.

Many of the games were announced before the season began, but now, nearly all are announced on the Monday prior to the game.

"Everything is up in the air right now. There is a very, very strong possibility that we may go national on Nov. 1 with the South Carolina-Georgia game," Bernstein said,

"If we do go national with that game, we probably won't be showing any other games that day.

"If we decide to go with regional coverage, the Nebraska-Missouri game would certainly be one of the games we would consider.

ABC is also faced with a difficult decision on Nov. 22. Ohio State-Michigan, Oklahoma-Nebraska, Baylor-Texas and Florida-Florida State are all games which could be televised that weekend, Bernstein said.

"Our options are many. We might go with two of the four or any other combination of games," he said.

Although covering the Nebraska game at Iowa State would be a possibility on Nov. 15, Bernstein said ABC hasn't done too much planning for that weekend.

A decision on the coverage of the Nebraska-Missouri will be made Monday, he said.

Coach sees tough Big Eight meet

The UNL Women's Cross Country team is ready to compete in this weekend's Big Eight Conference meet at the University of Missouri campus, according to Head Coach Linda Zeck.

Zeck, however, said the team will be in tough competition. Iowa State, which has never lost a conference championship, will be the team to beat, she said. Zeck said she also expects Kansas State, Missouri and Oklahoma to battle for the top spot.

Competing for the Huskers at the conference meet will be Lisa Kramer, Sarah Stricker, Tammy Essington, Pam Schubarth, Nancy Popkin, Sally Snellerand and Julie Seton.

"I very much want to improve on last year's performance," she said. "Individually, I would be very happy if Lisa (Kramer) and Sarah (Stricker) could get into the top 10."

Zeck said the team has usually been near the bottom of the conference standings, but added, "We hope to change that.

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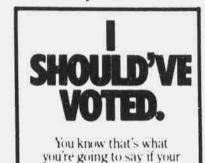
"This is close to being our best season ever," she said. "Our girls are ready to run."

Team hopes for fifth title

The Nebraska volleyball team will attempt to win its fifth consecutive Big Eight title this weekend at the UNL Coliseum.

Games will be played all day Friday and Saturday, with the Huskers opening play today at 3:30 p.m. against the Jayhawks. Kansas will face Nebraska Missouri at 6:00 p.m. "Hosting the tournament is great," Head Coach Terry Pettit said. "It offers some definite advantages."

Only seven teams will be participating because Colorado did not field a team this year.



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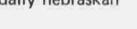


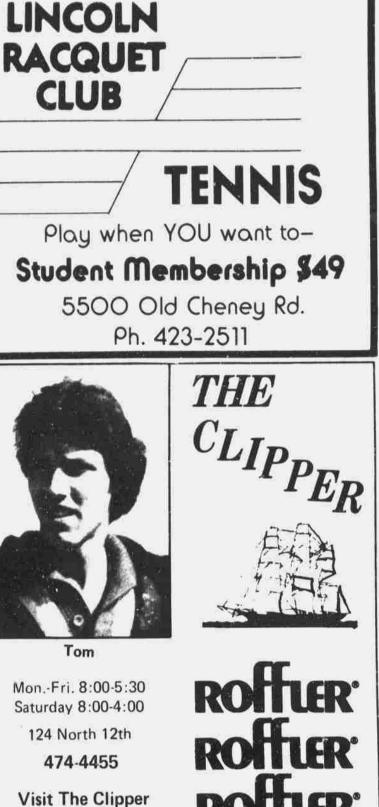
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