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Bentz: Second-place win is boost of confidence

By Deb McGinn

according to Coach Cal Bentz.

The Cornhuskers placed second in the five-team meet with 451 points. Southern Illinois was first with 454 points. Kansas placed third with 379, followed by Iowa

Saturday's Nebraska Invitational should help the Husker swimming and diving team gain confidence,



Photo by Jon Natvig

Nebraska's Bill Booth swims the 100-meter butterfly in the Nebraska Invitational meet Saturday. Booth placed second in the event.

Huskies at 7-7 after loss to OSU

The Nebraska basketball team dropped to 1-1 in conference play and 7-7 overall Saturday with an 81-70 loss to Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla.

The Cowboys took control early in the game and opened up a 41-26 lead at halftime. Nebraska had trouble slowing down the tempo of the game after the intermission and never narrowed the gap to less than eight points. Andre Smith led Nebraska with 20 points, followed by

Jack Moore with 16. Smith fouled out with 7:22 remaining in the game.

Matt Clark led Oklahoma State with 25 points. The win left the Cowboys at 2-0 in the Big Eight and 12-2 overall.

The Huskies will face Colorado in Lincoln Wednesday. Tip-off has been moved to 8:10 p.m. to allow for regional television coverage.

State and Minnesota with 284 and 199, respectively.

"I feel that we have worked hard and our team is beginning to gain confidence in what they are doing," Bentz said. "They are realizing that they can control their own performances."

Tim Boyd won the 200-meter freestyle for the Huskies with a time of 1:43.15. Steve Elliot was the only other Nebraskan to win an event. He won the three-meter diving event with 524.70 points.

Nebraska diving captain Dave Keane said he was pleased with the team's showing against what he considered to be tough competition.

"We went against one of the best divers in the nation from Southern Illinois," Keane said. "The best thing we did in this meet was that we never gave up."

Although pleased with the performance, diving coach Jeff Huber said there is still room for improvement.

"We've done better as an entire team," Huber said. "We did show a lot of improvements that we've been working on."

"We've got some tough meets coming up. We can't relax," he said.

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The Nebraska women's basketball team finished seventh in the Big Eight tournament at Lawrence, Kan., Saturday. Janet Smith scored 20 points and Kathy Hagerstrom added 19 in an 87-84 win against Oklahoma State.

The Cornhuskers lost to 15th-ranked Kansas State in the opening round of the tournament, 78-76. Friday, UNL lost to Iowa State, 82-81.

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team placed second in the Minnesota Invitational Saturday with a score of 127.25. Minnesota won the meet with 130.4 points. Iowa State was third with 118.75, and Wisconsin-Madison was fourth with 114.8

Kim Grabowski placed first in vaulting and first on the uneven bars. She was also third in all-around competition.

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