

Women athletes switch championships to NCAA

By Mary Sue Hergert

Nebraska women's athletic teams have switched allegiance this year because, "The AIAW was not productive and alert to women's needs," said Women's Athletic Director June Davis.

The Huskers will play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association national championships rather than the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women.

"A frustration with the AIAW had developed over the past five years and the interest of the women's program was overlooked," Davis said.

Davis said the main differences between the AIAW and the NCAA are in recruiting. Under AIAW rules, visits to the campus by prospective athletes cannot be paid for by the university. An athlete must finance all her recruiting trips.

"Athletes whose parents can afford to fly them around the country to look at different colleges have a great advantage over the lower-income athletes who cannot even afford to take the bus to look at a school," Davis said.

"Under AIAW, you get athletes who accept scholarships at schools they have never visited. If a girl comes and finds out she cannot adjust, then she has wasted one year of her life and we have wasted a scholarship."

The NCAA rules allow three in-person, off campus recruiting visits with the athletes. AIAW does not allow any off campus recruiting.

The NCAA says one expense paid, but on-campus visit to the campus is allowed. AIAW rules say the cost of

travel cannot be paid, but on-campus meals and on-campus lodging can.

More expenses

Davis said more money will be spent in recruiting, but will result in equal opportunity for women. Financially this would be counteracted because unlike the AIAW, the NCAA pays teams for going to its championships. Since the NCAA limit on scholarships is less than the AIAW limit, money also will be made-up there.

"We want to be a member of the best organization with the best exposure and opportunity," Davis said.

Davis said UNL will gain more exposure with the NCAA package because the NCAA has developed an expertise for negotiating television contracts and working with promotion.

"I think the NCAA recognizes the profits in the long run in women's sports and they are willing to tread water with us until we reach that point."

"There has been discussion of the change for about three or four years. Initially, the AIAW had a concern for women, and they wanted to see progress," Davis said. "But as time goes on and you see an organization not working in the best interest of your program, you must move on."

Because of the growing discontentment with the AIAW, the NCAA put together a national championship package. NCAA will offer championships in all women sports except indoor track this year.

Davis said the NCAA, which governs all men's college athletics, developed the women's package as a test. The NCAA wanted to see if the women were interested in the alternative championships. If it gets a good response, it will consider allowing the women to join the NCAA.

Championship choice

Schools can choose whether they want to attend NCAA championships or AIAW championships this year. They can participate in both championships if the dates do not overlap. Davis said Nebraska will go to the NCAA championships only.

"The response to the NCAA has been good. The major colleges are going NCAA. If you want to talk about a national champion, you'll be looking at the winner of the NCAA."

"My gut feeling is that we'll go totally with the NCAA. The switch to NCAA rules would mean a huge growth in the women's athletics over the long term, it would mean equal opportunities for women and men.

"It's hard to coordinate men and women sports when you are working under two separate organizations. You rarely have the chance to hash over problems because you have different frameworks."

Davis said the AIAW will be fighting for its existence and already has filed a lawsuit against the NCAA.

"I bet they will be wishing that they would have done things a little bit differently when we asked for changes earlier, and not have been so inflexible," Davis said.

"We tried to work with the AIAW in the early stages, but they would not change, so there was no other alternative but to try something different," she said.

After this trial year, the women's program will decide whether to change to NCAA rules. If NCAA is chosen, Davis said it will not go into effect until 1983 because of transitions that have to be made.

Husker JV bushwhacks the Cowboys

By Jeff Goodwin

There's an old saying in Chicago politics that goes, "vote early and vote often."

Nebraska's junior varsity football team amended that to "score early and score often" Friday afternoon as it ground out at 34-6 win over Oklahoma State's junior varsity.

Husker Coach Frank Solich was particularly pleased by the quarterbacking.

"We really threw the ball well today," Solich said. "Our passing game has come a long way since the start of the year."

Nebraska opened the scoring on its first possession of the game, driving 50 yards in eight plays. Paul Miles scored the touchdown on a 4-yard run.

Nebraska scored again a few minutes later. Kent McCallum returned an OSU punt 41 yards to the OSU 3-yard line. Roscoe Horn scored on the next play.

After that, the issue was never seriously in doubt. Nebraska scored 13 more points in the second quarter to take a 27-0 lead into the locker room.

One of those scores was made on a 10-yard run by Will Curtis, who tied a freshman record by scoring his seventh touchdown of the year.

"It looked like they lost a little spark when we scored early like that," Solich said. Our defense played a big part with field position and getting us turnovers."

The worst field position Nebraska had in the first quarter was its own 43-yard line.

The Huskers displayed their own version of a two-minute offense in the second quarter after Todd Fisher intercepted an OSU pass and stepped out of bounds at the Nebraska 1.

Nebraska scored in six plays, the highlights being a 76-yard run by fullback Roscoe Horn. Nebraska's touchdown came on a 5-yard pass from Travis Turner to Mike Hager.

Oklahoma State finally got on the scoreboard in the

third quarter after recovering a Nebraska fumble at the Husker 19-yard line.

Nebraska closed out the scoring late in the third quarter on a 13-yard pass from Todd Zart to Mike Kosmicki.

The victory raised Nebraska's record for the year to 4-0. Nebraska's next game will be Oct. 24 at Memorial Stadium against the UNO junior varsity.

sports shorts

The UNL rugby club raised its record to 7-0 Saturday with an 18-16 win against the Omaha Goats on East Campus.

inertube water basketball leagues are due prior to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the UNL Recreation Office.

The Cornhusker volleyball team defeated Oklahoma Saturday in pool play of the Southwest Missouri State Invitational at Springfield, Mo. The Huskers later lost to Texas-Arlington and were eliminated from the tournament.

UNL Athletic Trainer George Sullivan reports injuries were few in Saturday's football game.

Sullivan told the *Omaha World-Herald* that defensive tackle Toby Williams suffered a bruised leg and defensive tackle Henry Waechter re-sprained an ankle.

Kansas State defeated the UNL women's cross country team 39-20 Saturday at Manhattan, Kan. Sara Stricker led the Cornhuskers with a fourth place finish of 17:57.

The Husker volleyball team will play Drake Thursday at 7 p.m. in the UNL Coliseum.

Entries for men's, women's and co-recreational

Nebraska's softball team will compete in the Creighton Invitational Saturday and Sunday at Omaha.

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	Conference	All Games
Iowa State	.0-0-1	3-0-1
Oklahoma	.0-0-1	1-1-1
Kansas	.0-0-0	4-0-0
Missouri	.0-0-0	4-0-0
Oklahoma State	.0-0-0	2-1-0
Nebraska	.0-0-0	2-2-0
Colorado	.0-0-0	1-3-0
Kansas State	.0-0-0	1-3-0

Saturday scores:

Iowa State 7, Oklahoma 7
 Kansas 17, Arkansas State 16
 Missouri 14, Mississippi State 3
 Nebraska 17, Auburn 3
 Oklahoma State 9, North Texas State 0
 Tulsa 35, Kansas State 21
 UCLA 27, Colorado 7

Games Oct. 10:

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