



Photo by Dave Bentz

Nebraska's Dan Churilla clears the high bar at 6-11 in Saturday's dual track meet against Kansas in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The Jayhawks defeated the Cornhuskers 75-55.

Huskers drown Sooners 86-27

Nebraska's chances for a Big Eight championship remained intact as the Huskers defeated Oklahoma 86-27 in a dual men's swimming and diving meet Saturday afternoon at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Huskers were never threatened during the meet, winning every event but for the 200 backstroke, which was won by the Sooners' Bob Zeuger.

Nebraska got off to a quick start, setting a new dual record of 3:30.61 in the first event, the 400 medley relay. The relay team was made up of Cliff Looschen, Matt Rye, Earl Welliver and Kevin Weires.

The Huskers then won the next seven events, ending the streak with Zeuger's victory in the 200 backstroke.

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Furman won the all-around with a 36.75, ahead of Minnesota's Kari Ploof (35.70), and teammates Kim Grabowski (35.60) and Pam Bussard (35.05). Bussard scored a 9.1 on the vault and a 9.0 on the floor exercise to aid her score, while Grabowski's highest score was a 9.1 on the vault. Ploof's 9.25 on the balance beam was the only score above the nine mark for the Gophers.

Schalk hoped to have a healthy team for the Minnesota meet, but all-arounder Annette Madigan was injured in a balance beam fall during practice and didn't compete. Schalk said Madigan should be back for the match with Illinois Chicago-Circle and Iowa State Saturday. The 1 p.m. match is part of UNL's Sports Jamboree, which will allow spectators to see up to six events for one admission price.

"I set up the schedule so the girls would be able to compete at home for the rest of the year," Schalk said. "This way they can get their studies back up, concentrate on gymnastics more, and build on their confidence," she said.

"Plus it was kind of ironic that the men's team wasn't able to go to LSU and were here for this meet. Our team is very close to the men's team, and it was an extra boost to them to have the guys here cheering for them," she added.

The meet gave Husker Coach Cal Bentz a chance to experiment with his lineup.

"We were trying to do a lot of things," Bentz said. "They (Nebraska's swimmers) were swimming events that either directly relate to what they'll be swimming in the Big Eight championships or events that give us a chance to see what they might do in some other events. Under those circumstances I would expect some of our performances to be erratic or subpar."

Leading the Huskers was Russ Scheffer, who won the 200 and 500 freestyle events and swam a leg in the 400 freestyle relay.

Bentz said he was happy with the performance of Nebraska's divers who placed first and third in both the one- and three-meter diving events.

"I'm pleased our divers were able to win because we had four divers at the Canadian international meet," Bentz said. Bentz was referring to the Pan-American Invationals in Winnipeg, where Husker divers took the first four places.

Bentz also had praise for senior Guy Foster who won the 200 individual medley, setting a new dual record of 1:58.95 in the process.

Nebraska has its final dual meet of the season Saturday against Kansas. The meet begins at 3 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

A win over Kansas would give the Huskers nine dual wins for the season, tying their all-time high.

Women's track team wins Saturday meet but men's team loses

By Bob Asmussen

If Saturday's track meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center is any indication, the battle of the sexes at Nebraska is being won by the women.

The Nebraska women won their quadrangular by scoring 104 points. Their total easily outdistanced Drake's 58 points. Western Illinois followed with 37 points and Wichita State scored 15.

The men's team didn't fair quite as well as the women's, losing to defending Big Eight indoor champion Kansas. The score in the dual was 75-55. It was the third consecutive time the Huskers have lost in duals with Kansas.

The highlight of the men's meet was a Big Eight record in the pole vault by Kansas' Jeff Buckingham. Buckingham broke the record with a vault of 17-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ breaking his own mark set two years ago. On his second attempt to clear 18-1, Buckingham barely grazed the bar failing to become the first Big Eight vaulter to clear 18 feet.

"We're really thrilled with Buckingham's vault," KU Coach Bob Timmons said. "All of us feel he can go higher than that."

Individual winners for Nebraska were Joe Staub in the shot put, Randy Brooks in the 60-yard dash, Tim McCashland in the 1000 and Norman Mills in the triple jump. The Nebraska mile-relay team defeated Kansas and qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Besides Buckingham, Kansas got standout performances from Warren Wilhoite, Rodney Bullock, and Tim Tays. Wilhoite set a Sports Center record in the long jump with a leap of 25'7". Bullock won both the 300- and 600-yard dash. Tays was the other double winner for Kansas winning the mile and the two mile.

The women's meet started off well for Nebraska as they broke a Sports Center record in the 4 by 1 lap relay. The relay of Merlene Ottey, Janet Burke, Alicia McQueen and Rhonda Blanford also qualified for the AIAW indoor championships.

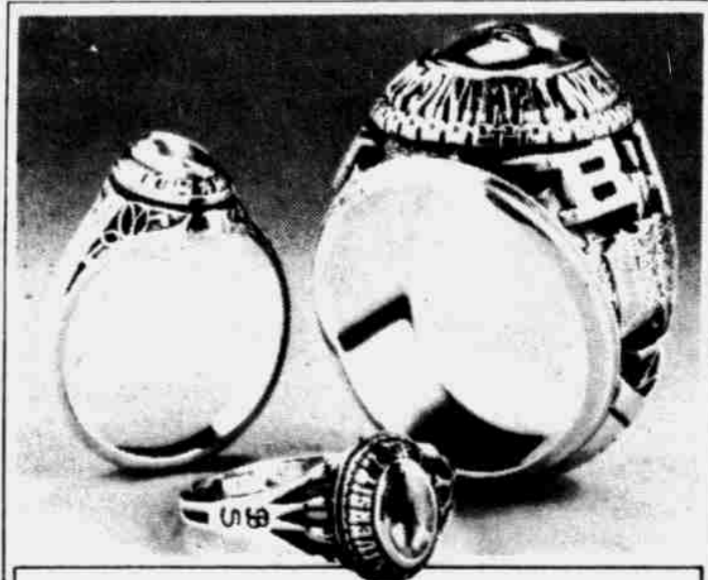
"We got done most all of the things we wanted to," Nebraska Women's Coach Gary Pepin said. "We still want to get a mile-relay team qualified. We hope to do that next week in the Husker Invitational."

Blanford qualified in the 60-yard high hurdles with a school record :07.92. Marcia Tate also qualified for the AIAW championships in the 600 with a school record time of 1:22.14.

Nebraska finished the meet with 10 individual winners in 12 events. The three mile and the mile were the only events the Huskers failed to win.

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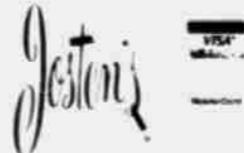
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