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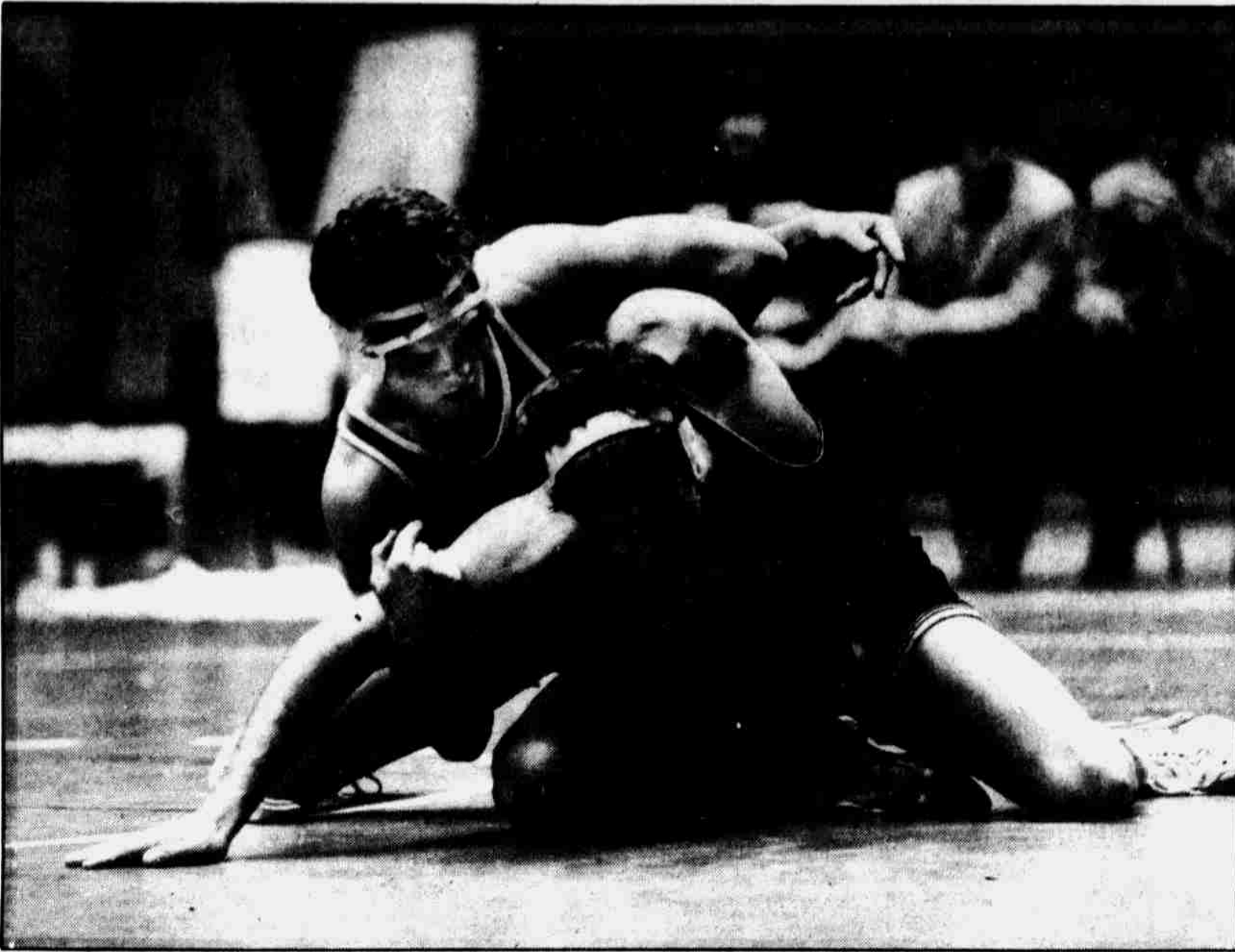


Photo by D. Eric Kircher

Nebraska's Bill Scheer wrestles to a 13-4 win against Missouri's Brad Mosley in a 190-pound match earlier this season. The Huskers meet Central State Oklahoma Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Wrestlers face formidable opponent in meet with Central State Oklahoma

By Jeff Goodwin

With no Big Eight schools on the rest of the schedule, you would think Nebraska wrestling Coach Bob Fehrs could relax.

Wrong. Nebraska's opponent this weekend — Central State Oklahoma — should be a tough one, Fehrs said.

"Central State is an excellent team," Fehrs said. "They were the NAIA national champions last year and they have six wrestlers on their squad who were national champions last year."

Fehrs said he thinks the Huskers can beat Central State, but it won't be easy.

"They're not in the same category as Oklahoma or Oklahoma State," Fehrs said. "We can beat them, but we'll have to prepare ourselves mentally and physically."

Fehrs said the Huskers have been getting good performances out of five wrestlers — Johnnie Selmon at 142, Ray Oliver at 167, Jim Scherr at 177, Bill Scherr at 190

and heavyweight Gary Albright.

"We expected them to do well," Fehrs said, "but we've been pleased and a little surprised at how well Albright has done, considering he's a freshman."

Fehrs said Selmon, Oliver, the Scherr brothers and Albright have good chances of going to the NCAA championships.

He said the meet also offers the Huskers a chance to get another win under their belts before the Big Eight championships Feb. 27 and 28 in Lincoln.

Fehrs was realistic about Nebraska's chances of winning the Big Eight championships.

"When you look at the fact that we will be wrestling against the top three teams in the country, you would have to say our chances of winning the tournament are literally none," Fehrs said.

However, the competition should help to bring out the best in his team, he said.

"It definitely presents a challenge to our wrestlers."

Following Drake loss, Husker women ready to take on Bearkittens

By Ward W. Triplett III

After a 102-74 loss at the hands of Drake Saturday night, the Nebraska women's basketball team will play Northwest Missouri State with hopes of improving an 11-13 season record. Tipoff is at 7:30 tonight in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"Northwest has very good shooters and previously beat Iowa State, who finished fourth in the Big Eight, by 18," UNL Women's Basketball Coach Colleen Matsuhara said.

"I talked to some people at Central Missouri and they said Northwest was a really scrappy, hustling type of team," Matsuhara said.

The Bearkittens, who carry a 16-9 record into tonight's contest, are averaging 73.8 points per game while allowing an average of 64.7. The team is led by 5-11 forward Jodi Giles, who scores an average of 18 points per game. Four other Bearkittens also average in double figures and the team has been out-rebounding opponents by five a game.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to utilize our press more than in the past few games. We spent a lot of time in practice Monday with it, because if we're going to press, we should be able to see some benefits," Matsuhara said. "We need to start getting some steals off it."

Matsuhara said she hopes the Huskers can put the Drake defeat behind them in time for tonight's game and the weekend road trip to Iowa State and Drake.

Drake, who improved its record 19-5 with the Saturday win, was led by Lorri Bauman, a 6-3 sophomore all-American candidate who scored 41 points. The 41 broke Andre Smith's scoring record of 34 for the Bob Devaney Sports Center, and Bauman's 15 for 15 performance at the free throw line tied Jack Moore's free throw accuracy record set last week against Oklahoma State.

"Bauman got a lot of her points just going over our players," Matsuhara said. "Devensively, our players did everything they were told to. Bauman just scored anyway."

"We were just plain overpowered, out-shot, out-rebounded, and out-hustled. That basically says it."

The Huskers will go with Kathy Hagerstrom, Janet Smith, and Cathy Owen in the starting lineup, with Debra Powell, Chris Leigh and Kelli Benson the candidates for the last two spots.

"Cathy Owen has been playing a lot more assertively lately and Janet Smith has been going to the boards a lot more as well. We still need some scoring out of Janet though," Matsuhara said.

Hagerstrom is the team's leading scorer. The No. 2 and 3 scorers, Powell and Crystal Coleman, were listed as unlikely starters as of Monday. Powell "hobbled around" practice Monday, Matsuhara said, and Coleman has been slowed by fatigue caused by improper diet.

"Coleman is almost certain to be doubtful for all of our games this week," Matsuhara said. "If her condition doesn't improve, she's not going to make the trip to Iowa. It would hurt us because we really need her passing and speed out there," Matsuhara said.

Woman consumer sees runs in Olympic hose

The scene: A department store, any department store. A young woman named Janice goes into the store with the intent of buying a pair of pantyhose. Should be easy, she thinks. But as she reaches for her standard brand, she is blocked away from it by a man's hand that suddenly appears. She turns to see a man dressed in a blue suit with a United States Olympic Team emblem over the pocket.

"Who are you?" Janice says.

"Never mind who I am," the guy says. "Suffice it to say that I am somebody who is interested in seeing the



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United States bring home gold medals in the 1984 Olympics."

"Then you're in the wrong place," Janice says. "This is a department store, not a gym."

"Oh, no, I'm in exactly the right place," he says. "And just in time, too. You almost bought the wrong pair of pantyhose."

"I always buy these," Janice says.

"I'll bet you do, and that's why the Russians beat us in the Olympics."

"That's a lot of responsibility to put on a pair of pantyhose," Janice says.

"Oh, it's just not your pair of pantyhose, it's every pair of pantyhose that is not the official pantyhose of the United States Olympic Team."

"What do they do, have tryouts?" Janice says.

"Oh, no. They donate money to the United States Olympic Committee to help cover the cost of training the best possible team for 1984," the guy says.

"You sound like a brochure," Janice says.

"In a way, I am a brochure; a brochure of products that have the official seal of approval of the United States Olympic Team. Like these pantyhose," he says, snapping up a package with a little red, white and blue emblem in the corner. "See that patch? That tells you that these pantyhose are helping to support our Olympic team. You do want to support the Olympic team, don't you?"

"Abbaduurbababa . . ." says Janice cleverly.

"Good," the man says. "Here, take two. You can never have enough nylons. But what good are pantyhose for your legs if you don't have shoes for your feet, right?"

"Well, I had been thinking about maybe getting some new shoes in a month or two," Janice says.

"No time like the present," the man says. "The Olympic Games are not going to wait for you to buy shoes. Now come along over here," he says, grabbing her by the arm and whisking her along. She doesn't touch ground again until they reach the shoe department. The guy grabs a pair of, you guessed it, official Olympic shoes, and shows them to her.

"Great shoes, aren't they? People tell me that they are more comfortable than anything you'll ever wear, too."

"They don't go with any of my clothes," Janice says.

"Oh, well we can do something about that, too!" the guy says. "We'll have you and your whole family outfitted in Olympic fashions in no time at all."

"I don't do a lot of that outdoor stuff, especially in winter. I'm kind of a homebody."

"Homebody, huh? I'll bet in this weather you've had to shovel more than your share of sidewalks and driveways, eh?"

"I have," she says, hesitantly.

"Well shovel no more, because in this very store we can fix you right up with the official snowplow of the United States Olympic Team!"

"Snowplow, huh?"

"Sure. And anything else for the complete homebody; barbecue pit, carpeting, appliances, furniture, wallpaper and paint, woodworking tools, pet food, plant fertilizer, anything at all. And after a long day of working around the house, you can collapse in comfort on the official mattress of the United States Olympic Team."

"Do the athletes get any of this money I'm spending?"

"In a way. We finance their training, or something. I don't know myself, I just know we need the money."

"Wouldn't it be easier if we just paid the athletes and eliminated all of this hocus-pocus with the products?"

"Are you kidding?" says the man. "If we gave our athletes money to train, it would ruin the spirit of the Olympics."

"I guess not," Janice says. "But I bet for a modest donation you would explain it to me."