

Sports



Staff photo by Dave Benz

Scott Lin swims in the 200-yard individual medley during the Husker's meet with USC and South Illinois Thursday night.

Swimmers win, lose at meet

By Mark Quandahl

Husker Men's Swimming Coach Cal Benz thought his team was "coming along just fine" after last night's 58-55 dual victory over Southern Illinois and 65-48 loss to the University of Southern California.

"Anytime we get a chance to split two good teams like these, I'll take that," Benz said.

Nebraska started by capturing the sophomore Cliff Looschen's lead off time of 50.40 set a Nebraska pool record and was also a NCAA qualifying time.

Southern Illinois' Auderz Guillhammer followed up by winning the 1000-yard freestyle in 9:23.02. USC ended up on top in the 200 freestyle with a Glenn Gehan time of 1:40.35. Husker Kevin Wieres was second with 1:40.49.

USC also won the 50 free with Chris Cavanaugh's 20.55. Looschen was right on his tail with his second place time of 20.63.

USC's Ken Fitzpatrick came back to snag the 200 individual medley crown in 1:55.17. Husker Rick Gilbertson was fourth out of the field with a 1:55.75, with teammate Matt Rye close behind in seventh place with a 1:58.02.

USC continued to dominate by winning the 200 butterfly. Southern Cal's John Yocovelle was tops with a time of 1:54.40.

Southern Illinois All-American Keith Armstrong came back to win the 100 freestyle with a 45.34, followed closely

by USC's Cavanaugh with a time of 45.49. Huskers Wieres and Jim Korff picked up the fifth and ninth spots respectively with times of 47.45 and 47.80.

Looschen shattered the previous Bob Devaney pool record to win the 200 backstroke. His time of 1:50.23 was also a NCAA meet qualifying mark. Freshman teammate Dave Hecker was third in 1:55.23. Guillhammer of Southern Illinois took the 500 freestyle 4:34.60 and Pablo Restrepo of Southern Illinois won the 200 breaststroke in 2:07.33.

The 400-yard freestyle relay was won by the Southern Illinois team 3:04.39, USC was second with 3:05.56 and the Huskers were fifth.

Diving Coach Jeff Huber said he was "very happy" with his divers' performance. On the 1-meter board Husker Reynaldo Castro was first, followed by teammate Dave Goodwin.

"Getting second to Reynaldo, is good enough," said Goodwin, who felt the Huskers' success should carry through to the Mid-Winter Invitational.

"We should handle the competition as well as we did today," he said.

In the 3-meter board Goodwin came out on top with a score of 320.10 followed by Castro with a 311.80, both of which are NCAA qualifying marks.

"I think all four divers did very well," Huber said.

The Huskers next event is the Mid-Winter invitational, which starts at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool tonight at 6. Two more sessions will be held Saturday starting at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Bear's attack taken seriously

By Kevin Warneke

Although the Southwest Missouri State University basketball squad might not have the reputation of being a basketball powerhouse, the Nebraska Cornhuskers cannot afford to take them lightly.

"We'd better not or they will be a basketball name soon enough," Assistant Husker Coach Charlie Spoonhour said.

"They are a very, very good team on the offensive end," he said. "They shoot the ball well."

The Southwest Missouri club, in its first year as a NCAA Division I, have a 7-6 record including four consecutive wins. Those wins have come against the University of Texas-Arlington, Oral Roberts, Arkansas State and most recently in a 89-83 defeat of Western Illinois.

The Huskers and the Bears have met one common opponent — Arkansas. Both teams lost road games to the Razorbacks. Nebraska was defeated 64-58, while Southwest Missouri State was defeated 87-66.

The Bears have the distinction of having three of their starters averaging in double figures. Forward Joe Ward leads the Bear attack averaging over 15 points a game. Forward Bobby Howard and guard

Anthony Boggs also contribute over 10 points a game to the Bear cause.

The other starters for the Bears are 6-9 center Ricky Johnson and guard Brian Smith. Johnson leads the squad in the rebounding department with seven per game.

"They have two good forwards on their team," Spoonhour said. "They're good shooters — they bring the ball down and shoot."

"Their forwards are our size, but they're quicker than ours," he said.

Spoonhour also said that their guard Boggs is a good, smart basketball player.

Husker Coach Moe Iba said at the present time there will be no lineup changes for the upcoming game and also that he could not tell if the playing time of certain players would increase or decrease.

"It depends on the game situation," Iba said.

With the conclusion of the Southwest Missouri State game, the Huskers will close out their non-conference season and will begin conference play on Jan. 18 against Iowa State.

"If we can win this one, we'll finish the pre-season with a 9-3 record and that will give us momentum going into the conference season," Iba said.

Women cagers face Cyclones

By Ward W. Triplett III

After sneaking past Oklahoma Wednesday night, the Nebraska women's basketball team will try for two straight Big Eight victories this Saturday when 4-9 Iowa State comes to town.

The Cyclones and the 10-3 Huskers will meet at 5:15 p.m., prior to the men's basketball game against Southwest Missouri State. Four more conference double-headers against Kansas, Colorado, Missouri and Oklahoma State are scheduled.

"We're expecting a tough game here," Cornhuskers coach Colleen Matsuhara said. "I've always said Iowa State plays the best defense in the conference, and I'll have to see differently to change my mind."

Matsuhara's praise comes at a time when Iowa State Coach Debbie Oing is questioning her defense.

"We're trying to become more aggressive on the defensive end," Oing, a former All-American at Indiana said. "Right now, teams are shooting great percentage-wise on us, but most of that has been due to us. We haven't been giving them many problems."

Oing's Cyclones were much like the Huskers at the beginning of last year, with five returnees and seven freshmen.

Unlike Nebraska, only two of those freshmen returned.

With a total of six letter-winners back, Oing again has seven freshmen suiting up, and another rebuilding year.

The best of the returnees is sophomore center Tonya Burns, (16.3 points per game, 8.2 rebounds). The 6-1 Burns is flanked at forward by 6-1 senior Margaret Elibee (5.1; 3.3), and senior Robin Sawyer (5.3; 4.1). Sophomore Cerita Cain, 6-0, averages seven points off the bench as a frontline sub.

At guard, the Cyclones boast three-year letter winner Jolene Leseman (14.8; 6.0), whom Oing said has been the one consistent player over the last few games, and freshman Jane Lobenstein (7.6; 3.2).

"We were 4-4 at Christmas break," Oing said. "But since that lay-off we've had a difficult time coming back. We went up to Michigan State, then down to Texas, so we haven't been playing cake teams either. We simply haven't been playing very well."

Nebraska's team was reduced from 12 to 10 players since January, as senior Amii Beiriger received her degree in education in December, while freshman Stilin Woodberry was declared academically ineligible.

1983 Super Bowl may be a 'Battle of the Sunbelt'

For some reason the National Football League moguls have decided to call the NFL playoffs this year a "tournament." I don't know why. Probably to jazz up an already jaded season. It's not going to work, boys. But, as a friend of mine said the other day, "I've gotten pretty interested in the NFL playoffs this year. I think it's because I've realized there isn't going to be any more college football this year."

And for all of you who are wondering how this all is



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going to turn out, well, here's the answer. You can engrave it in soap.

National Football Conference: Minnesota goes to Washington to take on the Redskins, and the Packers renew an old rivalry with the Cowboys.

The Vikings are one of those what-are-they-doing-here teams. They just manage to scrape by.

The Redskins, on the other hand, have probably been the most impressive team in the NFC this year. Of course, none of that means anything in this game. As the saying goes, "On any given Sunday/Saturday any team can beat

another. Blah, blah, blah."

As any fool can tell you (any fool can tell you, but not always in print), experience is the key to the playoffs. Neither of these teams has any great experience in the playoffs, but the Vikings have made the playoffs more than the Skins have. (Even if they did lose all of those Super Bowls.) Plus the Vikings have a stronger bench. They, after all, have Jarvis Redwine. No other team in the NFL can say that. Therefore: Minnesota 24, Washington 21.

The Cowboys and Packers meet in the playoffs again after many years. The last time these teams met in the play-offs, Bart Starr and Don Meredith were at quarterback instead of Lynn Dickey and Danny White.

There are two keys to this game. The first is the Packers' offensive line. They allowed 30 quarterback sacks this year, third highest in the NFC.

Then there's the experience of the Cowboys. Guys like Harvey Martin, Drew Pearson and Randy White have been through this many times before. If the game comes down to a critical play, they aren't going to choke. All of this adds up to: Dallas 24, Green Bay 14.

As for the championship game, well, it's been awhile since the Cowboys have been to the Super Bowl, and NFL bylaws say they have to appear at least once every four years. Ergo: Dallas 28, Minnesota 10.

Now to the American Football Conference. San Diego goes to Miami in a rematch of last year's classic. The Jets

boogie out to Los Angeles to play the Raiders.

Air Coryell pulled out a win last week against the Steelers, but they'll have trouble doing that against the Dolphins.

The Dolphins' defense has been tough all month. Of course, nobody can shut the Chargers out, but the Dolphins will slow them down enough for Andra Franklin to wear down the Chargers. The Dolphins get revenge: Miami 31, San Diego 24.

The Jets almost made the Bengals extinct last week. The Raiders aren't extinct, but they are unloved.

Scorned in Oakland and not accepted in Los Angeles, the Raiders are still undaunted. Marcus Allen has picked up in the pros where he left off at Southern California and Jim Plunkett has had a solid, if unspectacular, year.

The Jets have a solid attack, balanced between the running of Freeman McNeil and the passing of Richard Todd. And they have the hot dog of the Western World in Mark Gastineau.

But the Raiders advance to the championship: Los Angeles 28, New York 21.

In the championship game the Dolphins travel to the Coliseum to play Los Angeles. The Dolphins won't have much trouble adjusting to the different time zone since they play a lot of late afternoon games anyway. And Los Angeles has almost as many palm trees as Miami: Miami 20, Los Angeles 17.

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