

Variety of lineups spark wrestling wins

By Randy Wymore

Competing against the Nebraska Cornhusker wrestling team is sort of like going to a Baskin-Robbins ice cream store — the number of combinations that may be found is endless. Ask any team that has had to wrestle the Huskers this year.

For a more recent opinion, ask Drake University and the University of Northern Iowa.

The Huskers beat Drake 36-10 Friday night while coming right back the following evening to get past Northern Iowa, 23-16. The wins raised their dual record to 18-4.

Against Drake, the Nebraska lineup included three non-starters. Al Francis, at 126 pounds, filled in for Matt Campbell. At 142 pounds, Lance Milsap gave Al Freeman the night off, while Todd Gilliland filled in for Jim Scherr at 177 pounds.

To show the potency of the Husker wrestling "bench,"

two of the three non-starters came away with wins. Francis recorded a 4-37 fall over his opponent, while Milsap earned a close 8-7 win.

Nebraska Coach Bob Fehrs had said earlier in the week that he expected a win over Drake, unless there were to be a serious injury or a mental letdown.

"I think basically things went primarily as we thought, although we did put some different people in the lineup," he said. "We're very pleased with what they did."

On Saturday night, the situation was a little bit different. Northern Iowa brought in the fifth ranked team in the nation to go up against the Huskers and their No. 7 ranking.

Nebraska's lineup wasn't a surprise to anyone. All of the usual Husker starters, including Freeman, Jim and Bill Scherr, Ray Oliver and Matt Campbell, were in uniform.

Nebraska fell behind early, but a win by Freeman and a pin by Roy Cahoj put the Huskers back in the hunt.

At 167, Oliver earned a 10-3 decision, while the Scherr

brothers continued their dominating ways. At 177 pounds, Bill Scherr out scored his opponent 25-13. Jim Scherr dominated his match at 190 pounds, winning 22-6.

Again, as with the match against Drake, Fehrs expected a win. The only question was if Nebraska could wrestle error-free if they needed to.

They needed to — and they did.

The dual brought up the question of what would happen to the ratings. To Northern Iowa Coach Don Briggs, it's all just a matter of simple calculation.

"They've been ranked fifth most of the year," he said. "We've jumped all the way from 21st up to fifth and now I see they're ranked seventh. I'd definitely have to give them the benefit of the doubt and say that today they're the fifth best team in the nation."

In basketball, being able to utilize a number of different team combinations is called a "strong bench." In wrestling, it's called "power."

Just ask Fehrs and the people his team has beaten.

Second halves vital in Husker games

By Ward W. Triplett III

The second half spelled the difference in both of the Nebraska women's basketball team's games this weekend in Oklahoma.

Friday night, the Cornhuskers trailed Oklahoma 50-42 at intermission. The final score was 107-85 in Oklahoma's favor.

Saturday night, the Huskers trailed Oklahoma State 52-51 at halftime. The final score was 101-89 in Nebraska's favor.

Oklahoma used a 16-point and 14-rebound performance by Molly McGuire and 21 points from Lynn McCurdy to beat the Huskers.

"We just did not play a good game," Nebraska Coach Colleen Matsuhara said. "We rushed on offense, and they came out in the second half and hit their shots, while we were just not able to."

Oklahoma shot 54 percent from the field for the game, and out-rebounded the Huskers 53 to 37. In addition to the Sooner's hot shooting, Nebraska was plagued by foul trouble. Both starting forwards, Kathy Hagerstrom and Deb Powell, fouled out, with Hagerstrom playing only five minutes during the game.

"It certainly doesn't help when you've got a starter playing only five minutes," Matsuhara said.

Saturday was a much better game, except for additional foul problems. Powell and Hagerstrom fouled out again, while Terri Parriott, Crystal Coleman and Cathy

Owen had four fouls each.

"The way it was going, I thought we might have to suit up (assistant coaches) Mavis (Washington) and Kelly (Hill)," Matsuhara said. "We only went down there with nine players."

But Nebraska played a lot smarter than the night before, she said, and, despite some poor shooting (Chris Leigh was two for 19), managed to pull away from the Cowgirls for their fourth conference win in 11 tries. The biggest reason was Coleman, who came off the bench to hit 17 of 24 shots from the field, all seven of her free throw attempts and rack up eight rebounds. Coleman's 41 points set a school record, and tied the record for field goals in one game.

"She played a great all-around game," Matsuhara said of the sophomore from East St. Louis, Ill. "I didn't realize she was having that great a game until we looked at the final scoring sheet."

The Cowgirls, last in the conference at 1-10, were led by Charmaine Johnson and Linda Tisdale, who both scored 20 points.

"Their record isn't that impressive, but they are not an easy team to play," she said. "We did all we could on defense, but they just turned around and shot over us."

The Huskers, who will play Missouri before the men's game Saturday, suffered two injuries on the Oklahoma trip. Parriott suffered a possible broken nose at Oklahoma State, while Owen was examined in Norman for a possible pulled muscle in her side.

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A lack of consistency hurt the Huskers in the UCLA Invitational, Allen said. "We just didn't hit some of our routines," he said. "We went out and hit everything in practice the day before. I think we were too loose."

Allen, who has been involved in several controversies in the past with Oklahoma coach Paul Ziert, said it was still fun to beat the Sooners.

"It's lovely," he said. "He (Ziert) doesn't say as much as he used to, but it's still fun. He's a decent coach when he's not talking all the time." Allen noted that, unlike the last time the three teams met, the Huskers were at full strength for this meet.

"We lost last time because we didn't have (Jim) Mikus or (Chris) Riegel in the meet," he said. "It's tough losing two guys like that."

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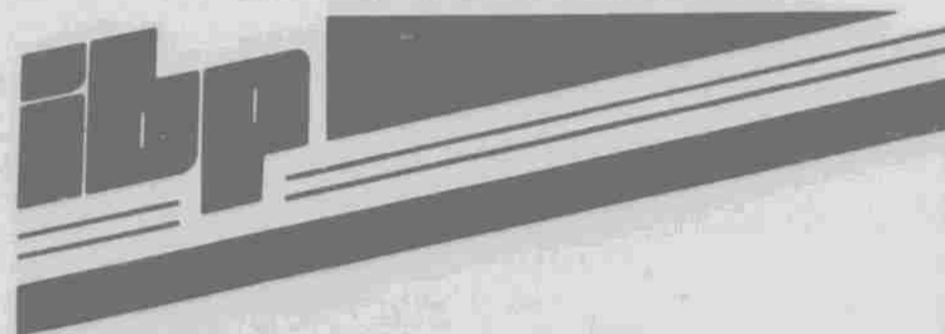
Entries are due Tuesday for Men's, Women's and Co-Rec 3-on-3 basketball.

Entries are due Tuesday for the Co-Rec Indoor Wiffleball Tournament. There will be a managers' meeting Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at Coliseum 7.

Entries are due Tuesday for the Men's and Women's Video Games competition. Entries will be taken at the Nebraska Union Recreation Room.

Top winners in the Feb. 3 Men's and Women's Intramural swim meet held in the Mabel Lee Pool include Amy Maxwell of the Aqua Vitae's who won the 50-yard freestyle, the 50-yard breaststroke and the 100-yard breaststroke. John Ebito won three events in the men's competition. Will Douglass won two events in the competition.

Mike Kerrigan and Phil Streyev of Beta Theta Pi defeated Cal Strong and Mike Schupp of Sigma Phi Epsilon to win the Intramural men's handball doubles championship.



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