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Staff photo by John Zoz

Nebraska's Chris Leigh guards Missouri's Joni Davis in a game earlier in the year at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Leigh and her Cornhusker teammates will play Kansas today in the first round of the Big Eight post-season tournament.

Women cagers begin second season

By Ward W. Triplett III

Nebraska's women's basketball team begins its second season at 2 p.m. today in the first round of the Big Eight Tournament.

The Huskers, who finished the regular season 14-13, play Kansas at Norman, Okla. The winner of the tournament receives an automatic bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 32-team tournament.

Nebraska defeated Oklahoma State 96-75 Saturday, mostly due to an impressive first half running game.

"My feeling is that there is no team in this conference we can't beat when we play with the intensity and teamwork we did (Saturday)," Coach Colleen Matsuhara said.

"This is another season beginning in Norman," she said. "We have to get the same kind of play, back to back, that we had in the first half of the Oklahoma State game and we have to do it for three straight games."

Kansas State, ranked ninth in the nation, won the conference regular season schedule with a 12-2 mark. The Wildcats are seeded first in the tournament and will open against Oklahoma State.

Second-seeded Missouri will battle Iowa State while Oklahoma and Colorado will meet in other first-round action.

The Huskers have lost twice to Kansas, losing 100-84 March 1, in Lawrence. The Jayhawks finished the regular season in third place with an 8-5 record, after going 2-9 through the pre-conference schedule.

Freshman Vickie Adkins scored 32 points in the last Husker-Jayhawk match. Adkins, 6-1, who averages 12.3 points per game, will be joined in the starting lineup by 6-6 Philicia Allen (15.4 points per game, 9.6 rebounds per game); 6-0 Barb Adkins (11.8, 6.7); 5-9 Angela Taylor (10.5, 2.3) and 5-10 Angie Snider (19.3, 6.2).

The Huskers will counter with 5-10 Deb Powell (17.6, 5.6); 5-11 Terri Parriot (8.3, 4.4); 6-0 Kathy Hagerstrom (10.2, 4.8); Cathy Owen (8.9, 2.9) and 5-7 Kelli Benson (7.0, 3.1). Crystal Coleman (15.7, 5.2) and Chris Leigh (7.8, 3.5) might be inserted in the starting lineup in place of Powell and Parriot, Matsuhara said.

Coleman and Powell were honorable mention selections to the all Big Eight team. The team, selected by conference coaches, included Oklahoma senior center Molly McGuire, Colorado junior center Lisa Van Gore, Missouri senior forward Lorraine Ferret, Kansas junior forward Angie Snider and Kansas State senior guard Priscilla Gary. The 5-5 Wade Trophy candidate was the only unanimous selection.



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Nebraska's Al Freeman (right) battles with an Indiana wrestler in last year's NCAA championship meet. Freeman will lead the Cornhuskers in this year's meet today through Saturday in Oklahoma City.

Wrestlers hope for high finish in season-ending NCAA meet

By Randy Wymore

It's almost over.

The Nebraska wrestling team enters the first round of the season-ending NCAA wrestling tournament today at the Myriad in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Cornhuskers qualified all 10 team members, a fact Nebraska Assistant Coach Kelly Ward says will be an advantage for the future.

"We're real pleased with that," he said. "It's more of an aid to us for next season."

Ward said underclassmen like Matt Campbell and Mike Knox — who are going to the tournament for the first time — are able to get experience under their belts for the tournament next year.

The favorite for the team title at this point probably would have to be a toss-up between Iowa and Oklahoma State.

The Hawkeyes finished the year as the Big Ten Conference champion with more than 200 points and nine individual championships. The Cowboys, like the Huskers and Iowa, qualified all 10 of their team members. They also go in as the Big Eight champion.

"I think they (Iowa) have a real good change of winning the title," Ward said. "But they'll have to contend with Oklahoma State."

Ward said that Iowa State should finish third, and if the Huskers wrestle up to their capabilities, Nebraska will return to Lincoln with a fourth-place finish.

If, however, the Cyclones have problems during the three-day affair, Ward said that the No. 3 spot is a possibility.

A little added honor was bestowed upon the Cornhuskers last weekend with five of the Nebraska wrestlers being named to the Big Eight All-Academic team.

Campbell (118 pounds), Al Freeman (142), Rory Cahoj (150), Bill Scherr (190) and Knox (HWT) make up one-half of the honorary squad.

Freeman, Cahoj and Scherr are all repeaters to the team.

Ward said that having five people on the conference All-Academic team is also a tool for the future.

"It's something that's a little extra nice," he said. "It's like icing on the cake."

Ward said that credentials like that speak as much for the school and the program as they do for the Husker squad. He said that it really helps in recruiting when a prospect's parents can see that an athlete at Nebraska also gets a quality education.

The NCAA tournament will end Saturday.

How to survive the 'out-of-towners'

News bulletin:

Starting late Tuesday night, high school students from across the state broke new road trip speed records getting to Lincoln for the Nebraska Boys State Basketball Tournament. They are considered armed (usually with two) and dangerous.

It's a shame that there are some people who come into Lincoln and care absolutely nothing about this

hard to collect the fine if the kid is back in North Platte). And restaurants will do more business than Dolly Parton's "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

Despite this economic boom, these out-of-towners will cause nothing but trouble for those of us who like peace and quiet. (OK, this doesn't include Abel Hall and fraternities.)

Most parents don't know the real reasons their little darlings come down for the tournament. They actually think, get this, that these kids are down here to watch the basketball games, and maybe to go to a movie (PG, of course) and get some ice cream later.

Most parents don't know:

1. When the tournament ends, some kids won't get home until some time in May.
2. That their children are even gone.
3. That Rembrandt died in 1669.
4. That most kids don't know the name of the school their team is playing against, and even if they did, it wouldn't matter because they won't be at the game anyway.

But those are the parents' problems. I'm more concern-

ed with the students of UNL. That's me and you, baby.

And you can make it through, if you follow my five-point plan for surviving the state tournament weekend.

1. Wear nothing but rock concert T-shirts so they will think you are one of them.

2. Only eat in restaurants when it is absolutely necessary. And don't order Domino's pizza. Most of the delivery men won't make it through the weekend without being mugged.

3. Go to the high school basketball games. They are entertaining and one place where you can be sure to get away from the high school crowd.

4. You can also escape them in bars and churches. They can't get into the bars, and churches are the last thing on their minds. (A note: Don't confuse the churches with bars. Most priests don't know how to make Moscow Mules.)

5. Lock yourself in your room or apartment until Sunday night. Option B: Lock yourself in with a member of the opposite sex.

That's all I can do for you.



Bill
Allen

campus and the students on it. But let's stop talking about state legislators and get back to high school students.

This weekend thousands of these kids will pour into our city — at the city's advantage. Stores will sell more products (particularly liquor stores). The police will fine many people for parking violations (of course, it's