

Sports

Swim team drowns opposition with depth

By Kema Soderberg

Coach Cal Bentz said Nebraska's fifth consecutive men's Big Eight swimming title is more important than the others because "we won it as a team."

"It's the most satisfying win because it reflects the most team effort," Bentz said. "We didn't intimidate them, we just beat them."

Nebraska's young team posted five conference championship performances which probably didn't intimidate the other teams. However, the team may have scared their opponents with backup performances. Nebraska's final 514.5 points resulted from a lot of depth in most of the events.

The 1,650-yard freestyle exemplified Nebraska's depth. Ernie Duran won the race with a time of 15:47.01, .02 seconds ahead of Iowa State's Jens Nielsen. Teammates Jon Linder, Jim Fellows and Per Ove Staveland placed third, fifth and sixth respectively in the event. All four of the swimmers are freshmen.

Duran followed Nielsen most of the race. He said he had planned to "hang" with Nielsen for the first 1,000 and

then move ahead. At that point, though, Duran said he was tired and decided to hang with him until the last 100 yards. His victory was Nebraska's first ever in the 1,650 free.

"I knew I could out-sprint him," he said. Duran said he missed his last turn and threw off his momentum, but still managed to turn in his best time.

Tim Brinner's first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 56.89 was also a high point for Nebraska. Bart Thomas from Iowa State was second at 57.92.

Nebraska's 800-yard freestyle relay placed first and the 400 medley and 400 freestyle relays placed second this year.

Kevin Weires, Keith Moore, David Hecker and Chuck Rea turned in a 6:43.41 time in the 800 freestyle relay to better second-place Iowa State's time of 6:44.96.

Nebraska's 400 medley relay team posted a 3:24.03 time following Missouri's 3:01.67 and Nebraska trailed them with 3:02.46.

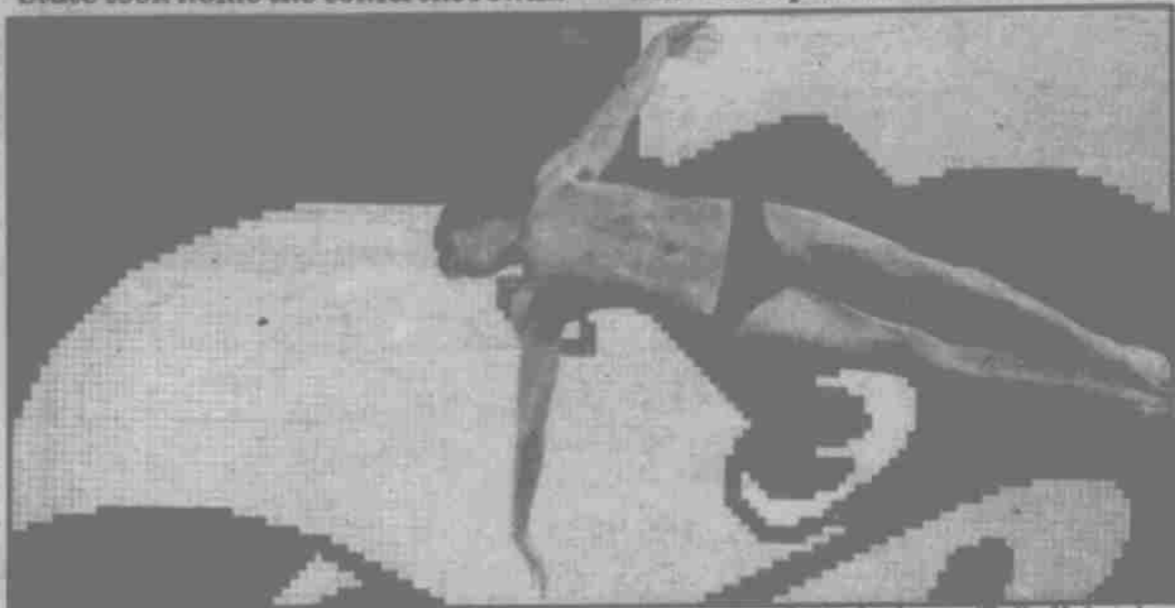
Reynaldo Castro broke a UNL varsity record in the three-meter diving event enroute to a first-place finish.

Castro scored 561.70 points and was followed by teammate Eric Ognibene with 500.55 points. The divers switched places in one-meter diving. Ognibene scored 457.35 points and Castro tallied 457.00 points.

Nebraska Coach Jeff Huber was awarded the coach of the year title. Iowa State took home the conference swim-

ming coach and swimmer of the year awards. They were Coach Bob Groseth and Scott MacAdam.

Iowa State finished second in team competition behind Nebraska with 381 points. Missouri followed with 375, Kansas State with 322 and Oklahoma with 155.5 points.



Nebraska diver Eric Ognibene performs a twisting dive in birds-eye view at the Big Eight Championship Meet. Ognibene won the one-meter diving event and finished second in three-meter diving behind teammate Reynaldo Castro.

Big Eight swimming coaches say money is the difference

By Ward W. Triplett III

Kansas men's swimming Coach Gary Kempf raised the white flag as early as Thursday night. Iowa State Coach Bob Groseth called it a meet Friday afternoon. But even as the other conference coaches were conceding the Big Eight Men's Swimming and Diving Championship to Nebraska, they were able to find some good in their teams' performance.

"There's really nothing you can do," Groseth said. "They've got too much depth and too many good people running the program," Groseth said.

The only coach who didn't think Nebraska was going to dominate the meet was Husker Coach Cal Bentz, who thought Missouri's dual success and Kansas' home-pool advantage would give those teams added momentum.

Kempf, Groseth, Goldfarb and Oklahoma Coach Mike Burt each said Nebraska's superiority is directly related to money.

"Money helps," said Burt whose Sooners finished last. "The state of Oklahoma is having serious financial problems. There seems to be no immediate

relief. We just try as hard as we can and be satisfied with that."

While Bentz not only has a recruiting budget larger than anyone else in the conference, he can leave good assistant coaches in control when he leaves on recruiting trips, Groseth said.

Recruiting dollars at Missouri and Kansas are also less than at Nebraska. Nebraska has won so consistently because Bentz is able to recruit in great numbers, Goldfarb said.

"We've won more events than they have," he said. "That means we've got better quality swimming. But we don't have the third and fourth places like Nebraska does."

To catch Nebraska in the near future, each coach said his program will need more money. But, no one has it.

"With that football program, Nebraska will always have that kind of money," Groseth said.

The situation is the same in Columbia, but Goldfarb said he will not give up hope.

"Just look, they've got better equipment, great warm-ups, and higher salaries," he said. "But you never resign yourself to losing. If we can't be the giant, we'll be the giant killer."

Huskers close regular season

UNL's women's basketball team finished its regular season Saturday by losing to Oklahoma at Norman, 97-79.

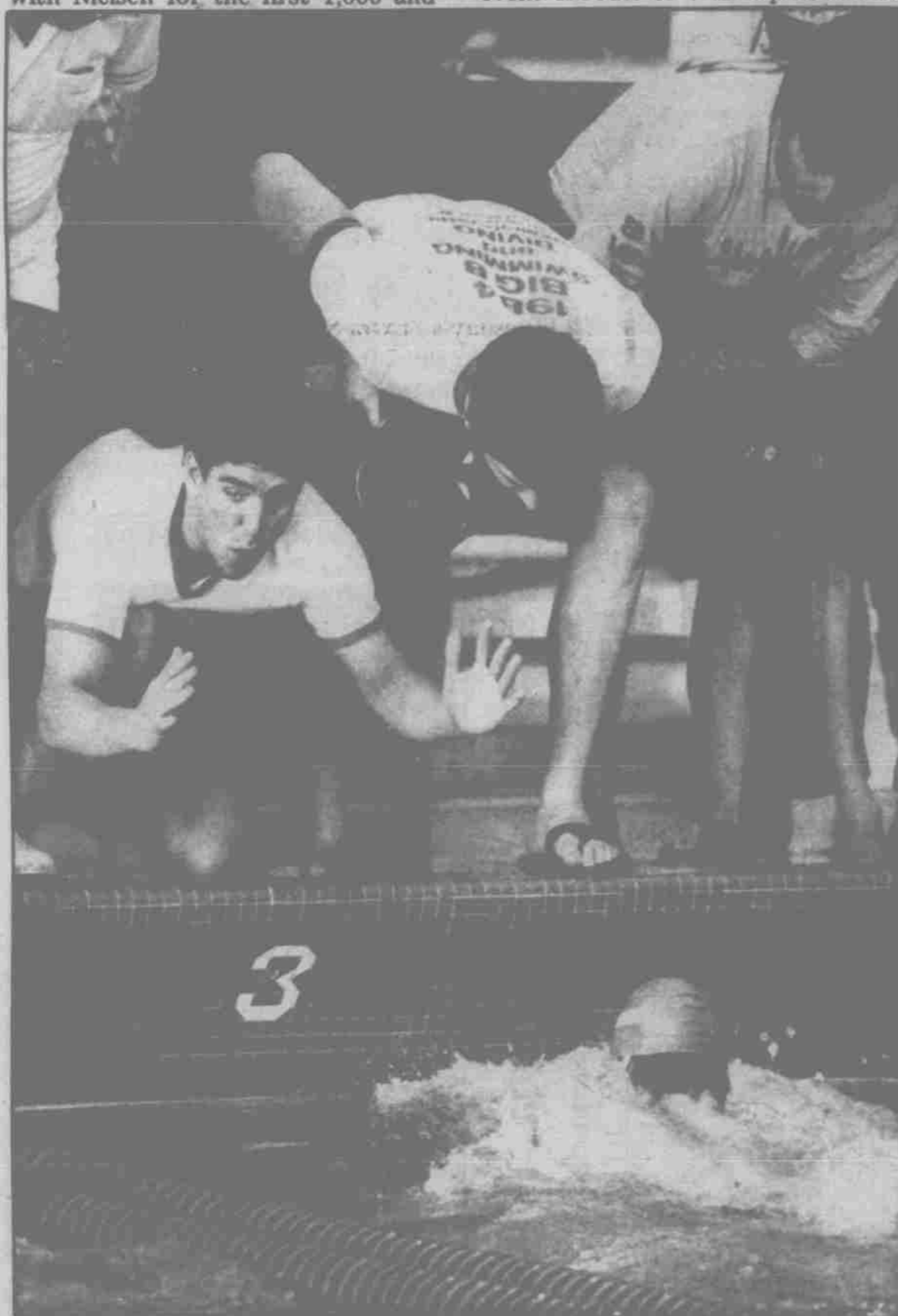
The Huskers finish the year with a 16-11 overall record and sixth in the Big Eight with a 6-8 conference record. They will play Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Tuesday, in the first round of the Big Eight tournament.

Nebraska never led in the contest despite shooting 51 percent from the field. OU shot 43 percent from the field, but put up 91 shots compared to Nebraska's 53.

Stacy Imming scored a career-high 22 points to lead the Huskers. Center Angie Miller added 16, Debra Powell 14 and Cathy Owen 12.

Toni Eldridge and Lynn McCurdy led the Sooners with 20 points each. Oklahoma plays Kansas in Norman Tuesday.

Conference co-champions Kansas State and Missouri will host first-round games against Iowa State and Colorado, respectively. The Wildcats defeated Missouri in Manhattan Saturday to tie for the championship.



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Bob Czeranko, Todd Walter and Bob Snodgrass spur on a teammate in breaststroke preliminaries Saturday afternoon.

Corrections

In "Controversial NSSA role topic at debate" (Daily Nebraskan, March 2), the Daily Nebraskan misspelled the name of the ASUN party, Fashin.

In the same issue, a story about the Open League Intramural basketball championship mistakenly identified Neil Harris as Nate Mason. Also, the story about Oklahoma's men's basketball victory against Nebraska contained quotes taken from KFAB radio's

"Moe Iba Show." No credit was given in the story.

In the Sports Shorts of that day, we mentioned the women's soccer club of the Capital Soccer Association, but forgot to give the phone number to contact. Anyone interested in playing soccer this spring can call Allison Jameson at 475-1833 or 475-2932 anytime this week.

Rec Scoreboard

(Sportsmanship ratings in parentheses)

- Men's Basketball Division Championships Faculty and Staff
- CBA One (3.0) 46, Wreck Crew (3.7) 30
- Fraternities A
- Beta Theta Pi (4.3) 67, Delta Tau Delta (4.0) 37
- Fraternities B/C
- Sigma Chi C (3.0) 33, Delta Sigma Phi B (3.7) 32
- Residence Halls A
- Harper Eight (3.7) 50, Harper Five (4.0) 55
- Residence Halls B/C
- Cather Three B (3.5) 56, Selleck 8300 B (3.5) 36
- Small Fry
- Average White Team (3.5) 56, Alpha Tau Omega (3.7) 48
- Lightweights
- Hosers (3.5) 61, Basketball (4.0) 52
- Independents A
- Norgas (3.5) 54, Shrooms (3.7) 53
- Independents B
- Panthers (3.7) 62, Jammers (3.7) 50