

# Sports

## Young wrestlers gain experience in dual loss

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Nebraska drew the first and last blood in their wrestling match Monday against third-ranked Oklahoma in Norman. Plus, a freshman came from behind in the closing seconds to win another match.

In the meantime, though, the Sooners won seven matches, one by a pin, and easily won the dual 30-9. It dropped Nebraska to a 1-1 dual record for the season, with another bid conference opponent, fifth-ranked Iowa State, scheduled Friday.

Still, the Huskers didn't leave Norman with dashed hopes. Instead, coach Bob Fehrs said there were plenty of good things about the Sooner dual.

"We knew going into the season that we were going to be outmanned," the sixth-year Husker coach said. "We took six freshmen down there, and you don't take six freshman up against the third-ranked team in the country and expect to beat them. What we were looking for was individual improvement. We wanted this match, and Friday's match, to show our people what top-notch competition looked like, and to see those areas we needed to put emphasis on."

The number one area to build on is confidence, Fehrs said. Even against wrestlers ranked among the nation's top five, Fehrs said, it is important that the athletes realized they really aren't that far behind.

"Even if you lose, you can do some individual maneuvers that work," Fehrs said. "It can make you realize you're not far behind this person that beat you, and with a little work and stronger concentration you can catch up to that person."

Nebraska's victories came from one expected source, heavyweight Gary Albright, and Wallace Dawkins, a sophomore who subbed for Matt Campbell at 118.

Campbell and several other Huskers were hit with the flu before the trip, Fehrs said.

Nebraska's other victory came at 126, where freshman Terry Cook scored a takedown on Tim Stingily in the last seconds to win 8-7.

Fehrs used Cook as an example of what matches against top competition could teach his fresh-

men. Stingily was the stronger of the two wrestlers, and used that to gain an early lead.

"As the match went on, with a little coaching from us, Terry learned to use technique against the guy instead of strength. The first part, he was trying to match strength against strength and it couldn't work," Fehrs said.

The other Huskers lost on decisions, except freshman Mike Munfore who was pinned at 142. Albright ended the dual by decisioning Don Branham 4-1.

The Huskers are again a decisive underdog Friday against Iowa State. The Cyclones won the UNO Invite two weeks ago with four individual champions, and beat Drake 40-0 in their first dual of the year. The Cyclones will open their home season Thursday night against sixth-ranked Louisiana State before traveling

to Lincoln.

The Cyclones start two freshmen, Chuck Pearson at 118 and redshirt freshman Joe Ghezzi at 134. A junior college transfer, Larry Jackson, will wrestle at 150, and John Heropoulos, a transfer from Slippery Rock, is expected to wrestle at 190.

The Cyclone inexperience ends there. The other starters have at least one year of NCAA competition behind them. The most notable are heavyweight Darryl Peterson, who started the year at 341 pounds, 1982 All-American John Thorn at 126 and junior Joe Gibbons at 142. Gibbons was fourth in the NCAA last season and finished with a 27-8 record.

The Cyclones, a perennial national contender, dropped a notch last season after losing Nate Carr and others to graduation. They

finished the year with a 14-18 record, and only Gibbons and graduated Kevin Darkus, who had a 47-0-1 record, made their marks at the NCAA tournament.

The Cyclones are coached by Harold Nichols, now in his 32nd year at the school. Aside from his extensive coaching career, Nichols has also made national news for his stamp and pottery collections. Last July, he was a featured guest on the David Letterman show to exhibit his \$250,000, 7-foot vase. Letterman billed it as the "world's largest vase" and had it displayed behind the band for an entire week.

"I believe we have a good chance to return to our old form in both the Big Eight meet and the NCAA championships," Nichols said before the 1984 season started.

Fehrs said Nebraska's best

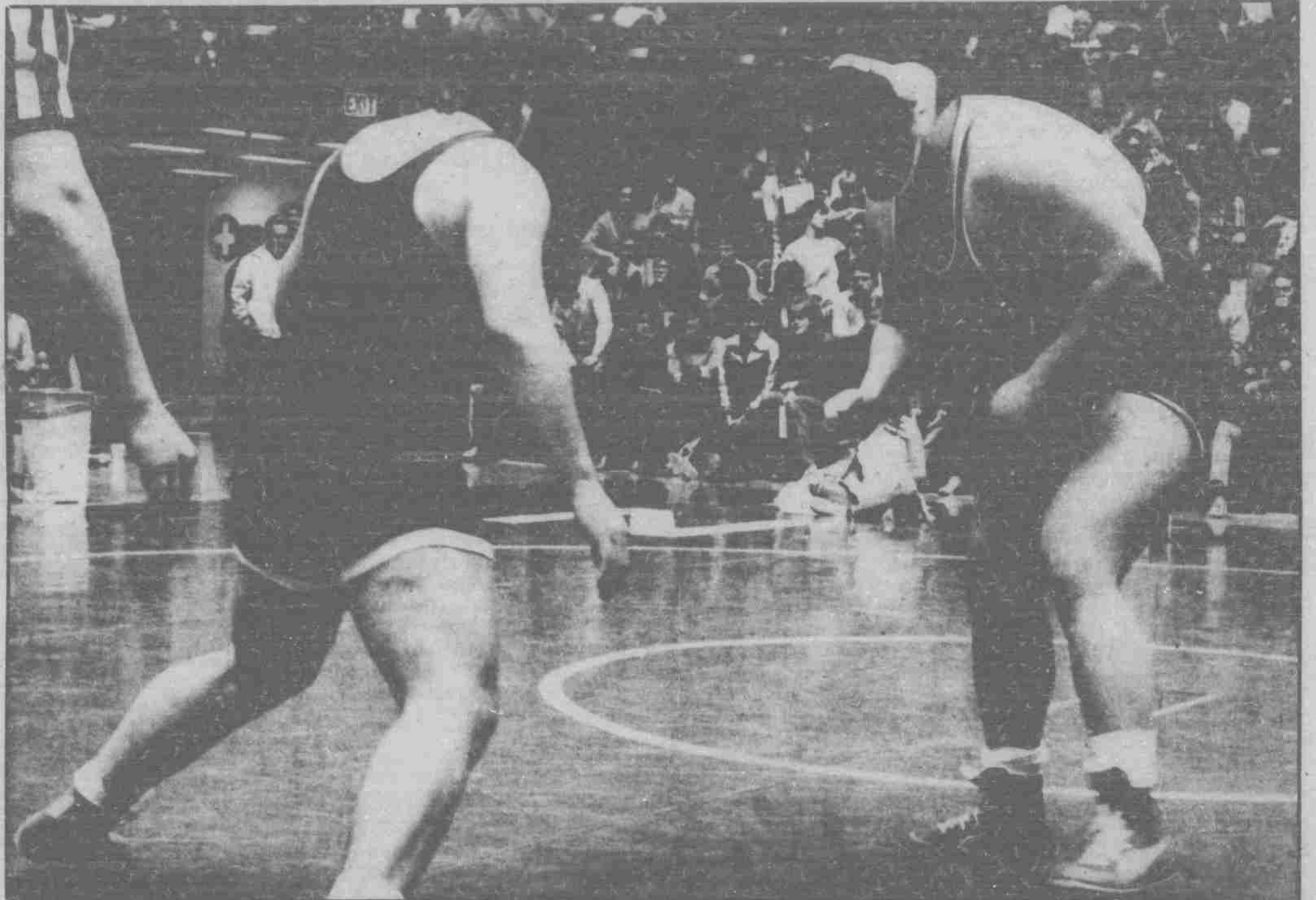
chances were at 126 where Cook will meet Thorn and heavyweight, where Albright and Peterson will dual. He also said Gibbons versus Bill Ferrie at 142 could be a match highlight.

"Last year, Iowa State was in kind of the same position we're in now," Fehrs said. "They didn't have it as bad, but they did have to start four freshmen."

Fehrs said this was yet another match he would look at for experience rather than an upset.

"Every match this first semester we have to take as experience," he said. "Hopefully, we can win some of them, but we're taking every one as just a personal stride to become more mature."

The match will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Admission will be free to UNL students presenting a current student I.D. card.



Nebraska heavyweight wrestler Gary Albright squares off against an opponent.

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## Husker cagers draw mixed reviews

By Stu Pospisil

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Opening night for the Husker men's basketball team drew mixed reviews for three newcomers to the Nebraska stage.

Receiving rave reviews was Harvey Marshall. Marshall poured in 20 points in the Huskers' 117-49 rout of the outmanned Windsor Basketball Club. The 117 points was an unofficial school record.

Marshall made 53 percent of his long-distance shots (8 of 15), and the 6-3 guard said he felt "right at home" before the Bob Devaney Sports Center crowd of 7,547.

"I just wanted to play in front of a crowd," said Marshall. "I wasn't nervous at all. I thought I would be."

One who did experience the jitters was Bill Jackman. Jackman seemed to be pressing to please the home folks in his first game as a Husker after transferring from Duke.

"I felt pretty good before the game," Jackman said, "but I think

I tried too hard. I don't think I made an outside shot all night."

Jackman recovered from a three-foul, 0-for-4 shooting performance in the first half to score eight points and grab seven rebounds. Two points came on a slam-dunk late in the game as the Huskers successfully prevented Windsor from breaking the 50-point mark.

Jackman and Joel Sealer, Nebraska's only instate freshman from Millard South, said they were not aware of a local promotion that awards free Runzas to Husker ticketholders if Nebraska holds its opponent to under 50 points.

"I didn't have any idea what they were cheering about," Sealer said. "A couple of the guys explained it to us afterward."

Sealer had been plagued by shooting problems as a high school senior, but his first shot — to the left of the key — had perfect rotation as it gave Nebraska a seven-point lead midway through the first half. He finished with six points and six assists.

"It helped when we came in that the starters had given us a lead," Sealer said. "Of course, with Harvey hitting everything, it was a lot easier."

Nebraska Coach Moe Iba used all 12 players. The most intriguing lineup he sent on the floor consisted of 6-11 center Dave Hoppen, 6-9 forward Ronnie Smith, the 6-9 Jackman, point guard Brian Carr and either Marshall or Curtis Moore, who scored 14 points and had nine rebounds.

Those six players scored 78 of Nebraska's points, and had 38 of its 58 rebounds.

Chris Logan, another juco player, scored 13 points in eight minutes of playing time. Logan had been suspended during the preseason by Iba to clear up academic problems.

Demetrius Buchanan, the only Husker not to score, missed Sunday's practice with a 102-degree fever and played only two minutes Monday night.



John Matzke knocks the ball away from a Windsor player in Monday night's 117-49 victory.

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