

NCAA volleyball match heads sports slate

Even without a Husker football game, it's one of the biggest sports weekends of the year for Nebraska athletes.

The NU volleyball team will try to advance to the NCAA's second round against Pittsburgh at 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$4 for adults. Nebraska is ranked seventh at 27-3. Pittsburgh is 30-7.

Today at 11 a.m., the Nebraska Invitational swimming and diving meet begins at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool. A second session will be tonight at 6, and two sessions are Saturday at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Olympic silver medalist

Ricardo Predo of Brazil and Southern Methodist head the field.

Tonight at 7:30, the Nebraska wrestling team hosts Iowa State in the main arena of the sports center. The Huskers face the nation's fifth-ranked team. The highlight could be the heavy-weight match where top-ranked Gary Albright of Nebraska squares off with Iowa State's 10th-ranked Daryl Peterson.

Saturday night, the Nebraska men's basketball team faces South Dakota at 7:30. The Coyotes will be the second of three NCAA division II teams the Huskers will face this season.

Late losses bring bowl invitations; 'mythical' Falcons top pro ratings

THE BOWLS

When Cherry Bowl officials announced at the start of the season that they would settle for nothing less than the Big Ten's sixth-place finisher, Michigan State knew what it had to do.

The Spartans went on to lose five games, including their finale, to cinch a bid. They oppose Army (6-3-1), which edged out the most obvious choice for the Cherry Bowl — Pitt (3-7-10).

Not just any school can qualify for a bowl these days. Miami (Fla.) (8-4) had to allow 87 points in its final two games to get into the Siesta Bowl. The thinking by Siesta officials was that even if Miami

Bowl: Indiana vs. Columbia.

BRIGHTEST INNOVATION: No couples will be allowed admission when Central University of Iowa meets Augustana (Ill.) in the first-ever post-season game for singles only — the Stagg Bowl.

THE PROS

The question Falcon fans are asking is: Which Atlanta team will show up against San Francisco Sunday? The Atlanta team that turned back the Los Angeles Rams 30-28 earlier this year? This year? Or the 1980 Atlanta team that posted a 12-4 record?

Falcon officials aren't saying. But, whatever, it seems likely that the 49ers will extend the Lost Team of Atlanta's losing streak to eight games, enabling the mythical club to stay on top of the Bottom Ten seedings.

At least three other teams still have shots at the title, however, including Indianapolis (4-9), which is why Los Angeles fans were so disappointed when the Raiders' home game against the Colts was blacked out Sunday. (At the last moment, NBC decided not to buy up the remaining 42,879 unsold tickets.)

Meanwhile, the makers of Trivial Pursuit plan to put out a new edition featuring the quarterbacks thrust into NFL games because of injuries to the starters, including Slingin' Mike Moroski (Atlanta), Slingin' Ed Luther (San Diego), Slingin' Turk Schonert (Cincinnati), Slingin' Joe Pisarcik (Philadelphia), Slingin' David Humm (Raiders), and someone named Danny White (Dallas).

THE RANKINGS

TEAM	LAST LOSS	NEXT LOSS
1) Atlanta (3-10)	14-35 Cinc.	San Francisco
2) Buffalo (1-12)	14-41 Wash.	Indianapolis
3) Indianapolis (4-9)	7-21 Raiders	Buffalo
4) Houston (2-11)	10-27 Cleveind.	Pittsburgh
5) Minnesota (3-10)	3-34 Chicago	Washington
6) Air Defense Coryell (6-7); 7) Cleveland (4-9); 8) Bay (Tampa) (4-9); 9) World Chess Championships (17 consecutive draws at last count); 10) Detroit (4-8-1).		

WILD CARD JOKERS: New Orleans (6-7) (not enough Heisman trophy winners at running back); Bay (Green) (5-8).

QUOTEBOOK: Raiders and Howie Long, to Colt running back Randy McMillan after the Colts' only scoring drive, which covered 1 yard: "Wow, that must have taken everything out of you guys."

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is ahead by 31 points in the fourth quarter, no one's going to leave early.

USC's Trojans (8-3) also dropped their last two to win a spot in either the Rose Bowl or the Ancient Ruins Bowl (against Carthage). BYU (12-0) will be making its last appearance for a while in the Holiday Bowl, which has a rule against the same team appearing more than seven years in a row.

BOWL	THE RANKINGS PERPETRATORS
1) Cherry	Michigan St. (6-5) vs. Army (6-3-1)
2) Siesta	UCLA (8-3) vs. Miami (8-4)
3) Probation	Florida (59 violations) vs. Clemson (150)
4) Powder Puff	La Verne (6-3) vs. Elizabeth State (4-5-1)
5) Rose	Ohio St. (9-2) vs. USC (8-3) or Troy St. (10-1)
6) Blue Bayou	North (0-0) vs. LSU (8-2-1)
7) Holiday	Michigan (6-5) vs. BYU (12-0)
8) Peach	Purdue (7-4) vs. Virginia (7-2-2)*
9) Gator	South Carolina (10-1) vs. Oklahoma St. (9-2)
10) Cereal	Rice (1-9) vs. C. W. Post (5-2-1)

*END OF AN ERA: Virginia is making its first bowl appearance in its 95-year football history.

**Traditional Bottom Ten joke. OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Explorers Bowl: Livingstone vs. Lewis & Clark or Drake; Ancient Ruins Bowl: Carthage vs. Troy State or USC; Woes

Swimmers to host invitational

The Nebraska men's and women's swimming teams will host the Husker Invitational today and Saturday. Today's sessions begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Saturday's schedule begins at 11 a.m.

The men's team will face Southern Methodist, Iowa State, Iowa, Missouri and North Dakota. Kansas and Arkansas will send divers to the meet. The women will face Iowa State, and partial teams from Kansas and North Dakota.

Olympic silver medalist Ricardo Prado of SMU is scheduled to compete in the 400-meter individual medley. Big Eight conference swimmer of the year Scott McCadam and diver Ron Meyer of Arkansas are other top competitors expected at the meet.

The men's team lost to SMU, 68-54, and beat Texas Christian, 78-33, two weeks ago. The women's team defeated Colorado State, 76-64, Wyoming, 84-58, and won the Wyoming relays in their last competition.

Nebraska men's coach Cal Bentz said he expects a fast meet. "Since we'll be having the Big Eight meet in Lincoln this year,

there isn't much concern about making NCAA standards early," Bentz said. "Which is not to say that this meet shouldn't be fast. With the caliber of swimmers that are coming in, this should be a fast meet."

Nebraska women's coach Ray Huppert said some members of the team will go into a full taper. A full taper gives the swimmer the chance to rest and cut times by shaving down the body and wearing skin suits.

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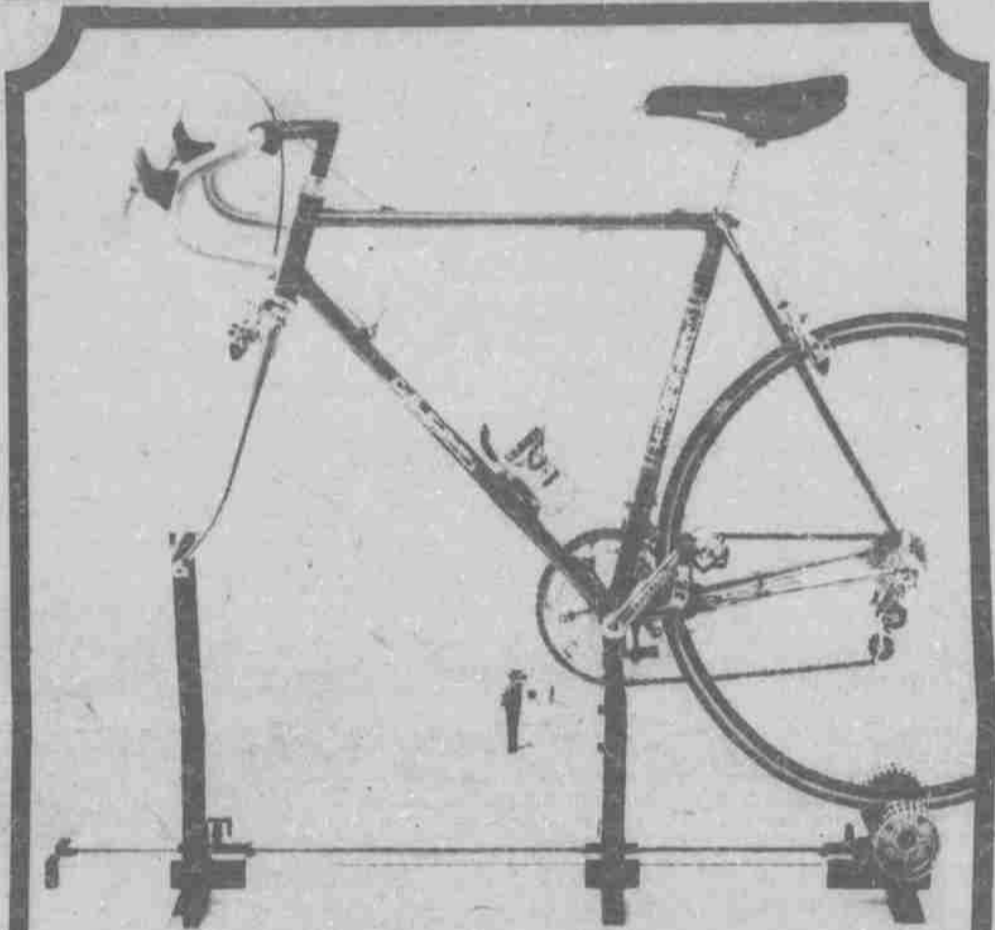


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