Sports

By Richard Cooper Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's and women's gymnastics teams will go on the road for two important meets this weekend.

The women's team meets Illinois State tonight and Penn State Saturday in a double dual with Nebraska Coach Francis Allen's men's team. The Lion's teams are ranked sixth and first respectively.

Women's gymnastic coach Rick Walton said this road trip will be crucial because his team needs to get its total score up. Oklahoma and Missouri have high scores in the 180 range. Nebraska's best has been a 178.80.

We have to start scoring better if we are to be competitive at the Big Eight championship meet," Walton said.

Walton said that for the last week and a half, the team has worked hard on the uneven bars.

"In our last meet against Georgia and Oklahoma State, the one event that hurt us the most was the uneven bars," Walton said. "What we have been doing in practice is reconstructing all the girls' routines."

Walton said the Penn State meet will be the toughest meet all season because Penn State scored consistently on the road and at home.

"When a team can score very well both at home and on the road they must be pretty good," Walton said.

Walton said that for the team to win the meet, they will have to average scores of 9.0 or better on the individual events and 35.00 or better in the all-around.

Allen said his team is ready for their meet against No. 1 Penn State.

"I think we can relly give Penn State a good meet, the team is in the best shape it has been all year," Allen said.

Allen said he will use six all-grounders against Penn State. Mike Bowers is back at full strength after redshirting last season. Junior Wes Suter is ranked fifth in the nation with an all-around score of 56.58.

"Our all-around lineup for this meet is the strongest we have put up all season," Allen said. Allen said Penn State has six strong allarounders, lead by Teri Bariott, who competed for England's national team last year.

Husker bowlers win area tourney

Nebraska's men's bowling team rolled to a first place finish at the fifth annual Kansas/Nebraska Conference-Missouri Bowling Conference Tournament on Jan. 26.

The tournament, held in Jefferson City, Mo., attracted a total of 10 teams from the two conferences. Each team bowled a one game match against the other nine schools. Forty match points were awarded per game, four for each individual triumph and 20 for the team total.

The Huskers scored a total of 9,087 points. They were awarded an additional 288 out of a possible 360 match play team points. Central Missouri finished a distant second with 8,893.

Nebraska's Mike Sander and Russ Leeper won 28 of 36 individual match play points and earned berths on the all-star team.

Gymnasts meet Penn State Netters strive to dethrone champion Oklahoma State

For Nebraska women's tennis coach Kathy 37 and Mooney is at 48. Hawkins, 1985 could be the year not only to improve, but also to dethrone five-time Big Eight champion Oklahoma State.

"With the amount of experience we have returning this year (the lady Huskers return all six players from last year's team), we should be a better team than a year ago," Hawkins said. "With the closeness of all the Big Eight schools in terms of talent this year, anyone could knock Oklahoma State off."

Leading the charge for the Cornhusker attack will be co-captains Jamie Pisarcik and Liz Mooney. The Huskers open their season today at Texas Tech.

Pisarcik, a senior from Pittsburgh, Penn., is the No. 1 singles player on this year's team, while Mooney, a junior, is the No. 2 singles player.

Pisarcik and Mooney combine to form the No. 1 doubles team for the Huskers. "Jamie and Liz are both outstanding players," Hawkins said. 'Both of them are ranked in the top 50 in the NCAA tennis rankings. Pisarcik is at

Aside from Pisarcik and Mooney, Hawkins' Huskers aren't as settled.

"At this time, our three through six singles spots, and our number two and three doubles teams are wide open," Hawkins said. "Anyone of our remaining players could fill any of our singles spots, and any combination of the remaining players could fill the doubles team

Hawkins will choose from junior Lisa Brooks, sophomores Jean Halahan, Cari Groce and Jill Pisarcik (who is the younger sister of Jamie), and freshman Beveriy Roberts, to fill the remaining spots.

"It could hurt us not having set positions, particularly in doubles play," Hawkins said. "We'll just have to try different combinations of people until we find out what works best."

The Husker women also play duals at New Mexico and Texas-Parmion Basin.

The men's tennis team will start its spring season Feb. 22 at Wichita State.

Husker wrestlers to meet Utah state colleges

The Husker wrestling team begins a two- 126 — Wallace Dawkins (5-5-0) match tour of the Morman state tonight with a

dual against Brigham Young in Provo, Utah. Saturday, the Huskers meet the Utah State Aggies in Logan. Both Utah teams have only one ranked wrestler, but arewinning dual records, while Nebraska is 6-7.

The Husker line-up and records: 118 — Matt Campbell (18-3-0)

134 - Mike Monfore (5-15-0)

142 — Mike Balestrini (7-2-0) 150 — Keenan Turner (17-6-0)

158 - Jeff Coltvet (9-14-1) 167 — Dan Boardman (8-9-0)

177 — Jake Sabo (8-7-1) 190 — Cody Olson (6-15-2)

HWT — Gary Albright (13-2-1)

Pepin hopes weekend meet improves team

Nebraska's men's and women's track teams are at a point in the season where they will need to improve, Coach Gary Pepin said.

Nebraska will get a chance to show what they have accomplished when they compete in a triangular meet against Wyoming, Kansas and Drake Saturday afternoon at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The meet will be a homecoming

of sorts for Pepin. He will be coaching against Kansas Coach Bob Timmons, whom he coached under for nine years.

"Bob was my boss for nine years and I have great respect for him," Pepin said. "I have tremendous respect for him as a person and am thankful for the opportunity that he gave me."

Kansas is strong in the field events because of the jumping abili-ties of Ann O'Connor and the throwing of Clint Johnson.

Kansas women's team also has a very good shotputter in Stein Luhrdahl from Norway, Pepin said.

Little is known about the Wyoming teams except that Gothenberg native Jay Novacek, whose brother Bump recently has made an oral commitment to play football for Nebraska, will participate in the meet. Todd Loescher, cousin of Nebraska high jumper Jeff Loescher, will be another participant in the meet with Nebraska ties.

Most of the meets prior to the conference and national meets don't concern Pepin.

"Our emphasis and goals are to get ready for the conference and national championships," Pepin said. "Winning is not a high priority. The only meets that mean something are the conference and national championship.

Pepin said the meet this week-

end will not be too competitive.

Iba ponders Jayhawk's 'two-way' attack

By Brian Keenan Staff Reporter

Nebraska will take a 13-5 and 3-2 conference record to the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday night against Big Eight power Kansas. Tip-off is set for 7:40 p.m.

Kansas, 16-4 and 4-1 in conference play, is ranked 19th in the country and is coming off a big win against arch rival Kansas State, 75-57, Wednesday 24.5 points a game. night.



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Ron Kellogg

"Kansas can hurt you two ways. They have a good inside game with (Gregg) Dreiling and (Danny) Manning and a good outside game with (Calvin) Thompson and (Ron) Kellogg," Nebraska Coach Moe Ibs said.

Kellogg, a native Nebraskan, is the leading scorer for the Jayhawks with 17.6 per game. Another Nebraskan, Cedric Hunter, is second on the team in assists in a part-time starting role.

"I don't think we'll use a sone and 2-3 in the conference after losing at because they have those two good out- Iowa State Wednesday.

side shooters and two good big men inside." Iba said.

According to Iba, the way to stop Kellogg is to play aggressive defense and keep him off the boards. He said Kellogg kills teams with his aggressive offensive rebounding.

The Kansas defense has a similar task in stopping the Nebraska offense. Nebraska is led by Dave Hoppen, who is second in the Big Eight in scoring with

"The offense has to be prepared for the Jayhawks' changing defenses," Iba said. "They'll use both man-to-man and zone.

The tandem of Dreiling and Manning concerns Iba, but he said Hoppen can do well.

"David will have to play aggressively to be effective," Iba said. The Kansas and Nebraska women play before the men's game at 5:15 p.m. The Lady Jayhawks, 12-6 overall and 2-3 in the conference, are coming off a 76-65 victory over Kansas State.

The Jayhawks started the year with one senior and eight freshmen. The experience problem has been reduced somewhat by the return of two seniors, Barbara Adkins and Phyllicia Alien.

Adkins, whose sister Vickie is the team's leading scorer and an all-conference selection last season, stayed home first semester. Allen, who at 6-6 is the tallest woman in the conference, has had academic problems and was out a full year before returning in

"Nebraska upset Kansas State and Missouri in the past two weeks and they have gained a lot of confidence even though they've dropped a few games," Kansas Coach Marian Washing-ton said. "There will be a lot of action."

The Husker women are 7-11 overall



Nebraska's John Matzke attempts to block Iowa State's Jeff Richard Wright/Dally Rebrasks Grayer (44) Wednesday night, Looking on are Huskers Dave Hoppen (42), Curtis Moore (30) and Brian Carr (20). ISU won the game 76-65.