

Sports

Thacker's injury ends UNL track team's reign

The Nebraska women's track team's string of three national indoor championships might not have ended if Angela Thacker had been able to compete in one event, Coach Gary Pepin said.

Nebraska finished fourth in the NCAA meet at Syracuse, N.Y., behind Florida State, Texas and Louisiana State. The difference between first and fourth place was eight points. A victory in an event scores 10 team points.

"If Angela could have competed to her capabilities in one of the events, we would have won the meet," Pepin said.

Thacker bruised her kneecap in practice Tuesday. She tried to compete in Friday's preliminaries but was unable to.

Nebraska did get one win when Rhonda Blanford ran the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 7.57. Marcia Tate finished second in the 500-meter run to score eight more points for Nebraska. The team finished with 26 total points.

"The kids had a really good indoor year," Pepin said. "One meet does not a

year make."

The Nebraska men's team scored 10 1/4 points to finish in 14th place. It was the first points Nebraska had scored in the national meet since 1981.

"We were real pleased (with the men's finish)," Pepin said. "There were some officiating problems that kept Von Sheppard from advancing to the long jump finals."

Nebraska's Jeff Loescher finished fourth in the high jump. Brian Tietjens of Iowa State won the event with a leap of 7-5. Nebraska's Darren Burton finished sixth. Pepin said he had hoped Burton might do better.

"I don't know what the problem was with Darren," Pepin said. "Maybe he was nervous being in the national meet, but I don't know."

The distance medley relay team of Glenn Cunningham, Gerard O'Callaghan, Dennis Wallace and Jean Vester finished third behind Wisconsin and Arkansas. Wisconsin won the distance medley relay in the Husker Invitational earlier this year.



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Nebraska pitcher Mori Emmons readies a pitch to a Barton Community College batter in last weekend's four-game sweep by the Huskers. Nebraska won 11-0, 2-0, 7-0 and 4-0. The Huskers play in the Sooner Invitational this weekend, before travelling to California and Nevada.

Ruggers begin spring with win over Kansas

After a disappointing fall season, the UNL Rugby Club started its spring with a bang. The team shut out the Kansas Jayhawks 24-0 in Lawrence, Kan., on Saturday.

The UNL team never let the Jayhawks get closer than five yards to its try-zone.

Scrum-half Drew Lyons said the game was won by the scrummies, although the backs made most of the points. Many members of the scrum were inexperienced, but they prevented the Jayhawk scrum from moving the ball downfield, which was a problem in last season's matchup, which UNL also won.

Winger Rob Kortus scored a try (like a touchdown, equal to four points) early in the game. Back Lane Liley ran in two tries. Hooker Jeff Epperson scored one try. John Sonderman, fullback, scored two points on a conversion kick and three on a penalty. Back Scott Johnson scored three points on his third drop kick.

The NU B team beat KU 4-0. Winger Eric Marshall scored the only try.

The NU Rugby Club will play the Omaha Rugby Football Club Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on East Campus, near the College of Law.

Rec Scoreboard

BASKETBALL

Fraternity A
Phi Kappa Psi 39 (4.2), Sigma Phi Epsilon 34 (4.2)
Beta Theta Pi 60 (4.3), Kappa Sigma 58 (4)

Fraternity B/C
Sigma Chi 24 (3.7), Sigma Alpha Epsilon 19
Phi Kappa Psi 46 (4), Sigma Alpha Epsilon 27

Independent B/C
Hosers 48 (3.2), Droopy and the Dogs 41 (2.2)
Sweets Two 68 (2.7), Marlboro Man 42 (2)

Lightweight
Temporary Heroes 51 (3), Sigma Phi Epsilon 43 (2.2)
Hosers 74 (3.2), Sweets 63 (3.5)

Small Fry
Hanski Kids 63 (3.5), Scum of the Earth 44 (3.5)
Average White Kids 58 (4.3), Alpha Tau Omega 55 (3.7)

WHIFFLEBALL
Looking for Oogonias 11, Bloom County 2
NU Avengers 8, Dull Pencils 6
Dull Pencils 9, Looking for Oogonias 3
America's Team 6, Bloom County 3

Women earn tennis split

The Nebraska women's tennis team kept their record at .500 this weekend by splitting a pair of home duals with Drake and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Huskers, 5-5, beat Drake 7-2 and lost to SIU-Edwardsville 5-4. Those scoring wins in both matches included

Liz Mooney, Lisa Brooks, and the doubles team of Brooks and Jill Pisarcik.

Also winning against Drake were number one player Jamie Pisarcik, Cari Groce, Beverly Roberts, and the doubles team of Mooney and Jenny Martell. Martell teamed with Groce for the other win against Southern Illinois.

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