

# Ak-sar-ben hosts grudge match

By Jeff Apel  
Staff Reporter

In what is being touted by horseracing promoters as the greatest race in Ak-sar-ben history, Gate Dancer will face Imp Society Saturday in the \$150,000 Cornhusker Handicap.

Gate Dancer, who is trained by Columbus native Jack Van Berg, has been established as the early favorite in the race at 5-2 odds. He defeated Imp Society in this same race last year by 5 1/2 lengths but Ak-sar-ben Public Relations Director Tim Schmad warns that Imp Society is a different horse this year.

"He (Imp Society) has done a lot in horse racing this year, winning six graded stakes races for a total of \$654,853 in winnings, which is something only him, Foolish Pleasure, Affirmed and Secretariat have ever been able to do in the history of horse racing," Schmad said. "That, along with the fact that Gate Dancer hasn't run yet this year because of a breathing

problem which he is just now getting over, should make it an extremely close race."

Jockey Pat Day, who has led the nation in wins each of the last three years, will ride Imp Society while Chris McCarron, who is leading the nation this year in purse money with over \$12 million earned, will be flown in from California to mount Gate Dancer.

The horses won't be the only ones battling at Ak-sar-ben. Van Berg, who lead the nation in wins last year will be pitting his top horse against Wayne D. Lucas, Imp Society's trainer and who was the leading money earner among trainers in 1984.

"This is not only going to be the greatest race in the history of Ak-sar-ben, but also the most significant race nationally," Schmad said. "Both of these two horses have done well nationally, so it's just a tremendous race."

Gate Dancer and Imp Society will be challenged by a field of six other horses, most of which have also com-

plied impressive credentials.

Eminency, a horse which, like Imp Society, is a multiple stakes winner this year, is being ridden by Ak-sar-ben's leading jockey, Tim Doocy. The field also includes Set Free, a speed horse who is expected to set the early pace and who is being entered as part of an entree (the horse will be coupled with Gate Dancer) by Van Berg.

Bad Wagon Harry and Ten Gold Pots, two horses which finished first and second, respectively, in the Michigan Mile, also will be in the field. Silent King, a horse which ran in last year's Kentucky Derby and Splendid Tab, a horse which is being touted as an extreme long shot, round out the field which will go 1 1/4 miles.

"Any one or more of those horses with the possible exception of Splendid Tab is capable of defeating either Gate Dancer or Imp Society, or both of them," Schmad said. "It's going to be a wide open race with the possibility of almost anything winning, it's going to be one exciting race."

# Rookie cyclist stars at State Games

By Cheryl Petersen  
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The Cornhusker State Games cycling races were a great success according to Skip Pelkey, coordinator of the game's bicycling events. Jeanne Easley of Lincoln would probably agree.

Easley, participating in her first cycling races, placed third in the road race and tied for third in the time trials.

"I can't complain about two third-place finishes," she said. "I was pleased."

"This was just kind of a trial to see whether I wanted to race or not. Now I know what to expect."

Easley said she got interested in racing by "seeing a race or two" and from her co-workers at Cycle Works, 27th and Vine Streets.

"One thing led to another," Easley said. "I trained some on my own and

went on some long-distance rides with friends. But since I'm not licensed, there's been no pressure to train."

Easley plans to be licensed by the United States Cycling Federation next year. This would allow her to race in a greater number of competitive races.

"It's (cycling) just getting started here," she said. "Not that many people in Nebraska are into it yet. The Olympics helped last year, seeing people like Rebecca Twigg."

Easley said she plans to compete in more races this summer. This winter she will run, lift weights and use a wind trainer.

Results of the 10-mile time trial were: **Jr. Women (13-17):** Kalan Kessler, 34:54. **Jr. Men:** Frank Ostrander, 25:47, Sean Weide, 26:49, Eric P a b s t, 27:06. **Sr. Women:** Carol Gebhard, 26:31, Melanie Hitz, 28:47, Kay Jellison and Jeanne Easley, 29:56. **Sr. Men (18-29):**

Michael Sanders, 24:56, Steve Schultz, 25:18, Jerry Pascale, 25:25. **Sr. Men (30+):** Howard Burchett, 26:19, Randall Lear, 26:57, Rich Rodenburg, 27:17. **USCF Jr. Men:** Joe McWilliams, 23:14, Dan Wendling, 23:56, Kent Carney, 24:04. **USCF Women:** Heidi Iratoabai, 26:18, Lisa Bump, 26:42, Rhonda Wescott, 27:39. **USCF Men:** Mark Anderson, 23:23, Ray Frey, 23:44, Kevin Burke, 23:45. **Road race results for USCF Women:** Heidi Iratoabai, Lisa Bump, Rhonda Wescott. **USCF Men:** Gary Mulder, James Fobber, Kevin Burke. **Sr. Men (18-29):** Richard Riche, Jerry Milburne, Jerry Pascale. **Sr. Men (30+):** Howard Burchett, Randall Lear, Ted Parsons. **USCF Jr. Men:** Joe McWilliams, Dan Wendling, Shawn Hinrichs. **Jr. Women:** Kalan Kessler, Janet Smith. **Jr. Men:** Brian Newman, Frank Ostrander, Mark Savey. **Sr. Women:** Carol Gebhard, Jill Garlock, Jeanne Easley.

# Basketball schedule released

Nebraska women's basketball coach Kelly Hill has released the Cornhusker's basketball schedule for the upcoming season. It includes a dozen home games; seven single games and the remainder double-headers with the men's basketball team.

For the first time in a long while, season tickets for women's basketball will be available this fall. Previously, only those who had a men's basketball ticket were able to see the women play.

The seven home single games include five Big Eight matchups as well as non-conference games against Grandview College and Eastern Kentucky. Prices for season tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. They can be purchased at the South Stadium ticket office.

The Huskers open the season on Saturday, November 23 with a 5:15 p.m. game against Washburn University. The men's team will follow with a game against Wisconsin-Stout.

Nebraska will open its Big Eight season at home against Kansas on Tuesday, January 14.

Hill returns nine players from last year's 10-18 squad. Starters Angie Miller, Stacy Imming and Maurice Ivy will return along with letterwinners Annie Adamczak, Shelly Block, Stephanie Bolli, Ann Costello, Pam Fiene and Lisa LaGuardia. There are no seniors on this year's squad.

Five new Huskers will make their debut this season, including Nebraska Super-Stater Amy Stephens of Alliance. The others are Robbie Garcia, a transfer from Dodge City, Kan., Tiffany Hill, a transfer from Colorado and freshmen Wendy Kriebel and Lisa Soulliere. Kriebel, who stands 6-3, is the tallest player the women's team has ever had.

All home games for the Husker's schedule are listed in bold face.  
**\*Nov. 23, Washburn, Lincoln, Neb., 5:15 p.m.**  
Dec. 3, Missouri-KC, Kansas City, Mo., 7:30 p.m.  
**\*Dec. 7, Creighton, Lincoln, Neb., 5:15 p.m.**  
Dec. 9, Grandview, Lincoln,

**Neb., 7:30 p.m.**  
Dec. 13-14, Illinois Tournament (BYU, Ill., Neb., Miami (Ohio)), Champaign, Ill., time to be announced.  
**\*Dec. 20, Nebraska-Omaha, Lincoln, Neb., 5:15 p.m.**  
Dec. 29, Texas Tech, Lubbock, Tex., 3:00 p.m.  
Dec. 31, Texas A&M, College Sta., Tex., 7:30 p.m.  
**Jan. 2, Eastern Kentucky, Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.**  
Jan. 6, Creighton, Omaha, Neb., 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 9, Delta State, Cleveland, Miss., 7:30 p.m.  
Jan. 19, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., 7:30 p.m.  
**Jan. 14, Kansas, Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.**  
**\*Jan. 18, Missouri, Lincoln, Neb., 5:15 p.m.**  
\*Jan. 22, Oklahoma State, Stillwater, Okla., 5:15 p.m.  
**\*Jan. 25, Iowa State, Lincoln,**

**Neb., 5:15 p.m.**  
\*Jan. 29, Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., 5:15 p.m.  
\*Feb. 1, Colorado, Boulder, Colo., 5:15 p.m.  
**Feb. 4, Kansas State, Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.**  
\*Feb. 8, Missouri, Columbia, Mo., 5:45 p.m.  
**Feb. 11, Oklahoma State, Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.**  
Feb. 18, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.  
\*Feb. 22, Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 5:15 p.m.  
**Feb. 25, Colorado, Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.**  
\*Mar. 1, Kansas State, Manhattan, Kan., 5:15 p.m.  
Mar. 4, Big 8 First Round, time and location to be announced.  
Mar. 7-8, Big Eight Championships, Kansas City, Mo., time to be announced.  
\*Doubleheader with men's basketball team.

# Mulder...

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mile tracks or even around city blocks, range from anywhere from 25 to over 100 miles. Road racing consists of off-track countryside racing, and stage racing is a race run in different stages over a period of time. Mulder said the prize money is in the criterium races.

Last year Mulder competed in 85 races from March to October. His only difficulty is having to travel outside of Nebraska to find distance races.

"It's (biking) pretty popular here but not as popular as in Colorado or California," Mulder said. "There are a lot of good riders in Lincoln but it is still a minor sport."

Nebraska sponsors the state championships at Branched Oak Lake and last week's Cornhusker State Games. Mulder won the 25-mile United States Cycling Federation Men's Road Race at the games. From July 8 to 13, Mulder competed in Italy in the Tour of Umbria. He was the top foreigner for a couple of days in the stage race and finished 16th overall, the highest American.

His success has brought him a

sponsorship from the Turin Tycos racing club in Chicago. The club pays for his expenses nationally and internationally. Mulder said he felt he is having a good year. He said he has come close to winning several major races, has made money and will be competing for the national team in a stage race this fall.

"I have more endurance," the seven-year racing veteran said. "In the past I have either over-trained or under-trained. I push myself all the time and I do everything I can. I've put in a lot more effort and it's paid off."

For distance racing Mulder sets a 400-mile-a-week minimum for his training schedule. Humidity and the lack of trees in Nebraska create problems in Mulder's training.

"It's dry in Italy, Mexico, Colorado and California...it's really hard to get going here," he said. "Because of a lack of trees, I'm always fighting the wind. It's really a chore to train in Nebraska."

Mulder pedals a Basso bicycle made in Italy. He uses the same bike to compete in different races, but he said some bicyclists use different ones for different races.

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