

Sports

Swimmers prepare for KU rematch

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The Nebraska women's swimming team will have a chance to avenge an early season loss to Kansas during the Husker Invitational this weekend at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Cornhuskers, 5-1, opened their season by dropping a 144-point decision to Kansas in the Jayhawk Invitational.

But the chance to face Kansas again, coach Ray Huppert said, is an excellent opportunity for Nebraska, since the Huskers are a much-improved team.

"I've seen steady improvement in the team since the season began, so I'm expecting a closer meet this time," Huppert said. "Our swimmers' times are consistently getting faster and our freshmen are starting to get to know the program, so we should be better prepared."

Competing in the friendly confines

of the Bob Devaney Sports Center will give Nebraska, a big advantage, Huppert said.

When the Huskers compete on the road, he said, they must get used to the pool's walls, lighting and platforms.

"Every pool is 25 yards in length, but there is a big adjustment you have to go through when you swim on the road," Huppert said. "Facing both Iowa State and Kansas at home, though, will work to our advantage because we won't have to go through that adjustment period."

Huppert said he is expecting just as much competition from the other six teams in the field as he is from Kansas.

Besides Kansas and Nebraska, the competitors include Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Colorado State, Iowa State and North Dakota.

"Everybody has got individuals, so it's going to be real tough," Huppert said. "With final exams coming up, most of the teams in the meet are going

to be going for the good times."

North Dakota coach Mike Stromberg said that the 2-0 Fighting Sioux will use the invitational as more of a learning experience.

He said North Dakota is at an instant disadvantage going into the meet, since it is a Division II team.

"We like to schedule one meet a year like this just to insure that we do face some top-notch competition," Stromberg said. "There's definitely a difference between Division I and Division II swimming, but we get into this."

Athletes to watch on the North Dakota squad, Stromberg said, include seniors Marry Beth, Genine Owens and Barb Lee.

Beth is the defending Division II national champion in the 100-yard butterfly. Owens and Lee joined Beth as Division II All-Americans last season.

"I feel we have some good talent on this team, but it remains to be seen how we perform against the Division I

schools," Stromberg said. "Either way, it will build our confidence and give us an idea of how our training program is."

Colorado State coach John Mattos said that the 4-0 Golden Rams will enter the invitational with the hope of earning an upset victory.

Nebraska has defeated Colorado State each of the past four years, but Mattos said this year's Ram team is more competitive.

"In the past couple of years we have been down a little bit in talent compared to Nebraska, but this year I feel we have the talent to compete with them," he said. "We're a much-improved team over last year."

Mattos said he considers Val Lang in the breaststroke and Kerry Gillespie in the distance events to be the Rams'

strength.

Lang is undefeated this season in both the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke. Gillespie continues to turn in steady performances, Mattos said.

"We'll definitely be ready for this invitational," he said. "We're going to be fully tapered. Some of our kids may even shave."

Little is known about either Texas A&M or Texas Tech except that both schools have respectable programs, Huppert said. He said that Southwest Conference swimming is very comparable to swimming in the Big Eight conference.

"All of the teams in this invitational are capable of beating one another. It's going to be exciting," Huppert said. "It should be one good invitational."

Hill's last-second shot gives NU women 85-84 victory

Nebraska's Tiffany Hill sank an 18-foot shot from the baseline with :03 to play as the Cornhuskers defeated Missouri-Kansas City 85-84 Tuesday night in Kansas City.

Hill's basket were her only two points of the second half. Hill finished the game with seven points.

Missouri-Kansas City had taken a 84-83 lead with :11 to play on two free throws by Meredith Wilcox.

Nebraska trailed the Fighting Kangaroos 42-40 at halftime. Nebraska assistant coach Mavis Washington said the ball seemed to be bouncing the Kangaroos' way.

"It seemed like they'd get every loose ball," Washington said. "With about three or four minutes left in the game, the ball started bouncing our way a bit."

Maurtice Ivy led Nebraska with 23 points. She fouled out late in the game while attempting to make a steal.

"Maurtice played very well," Washington said.

Angie Miller scored 16 points for Nebraska, including four for four shooting in the first half. Stacy Imming scored 14 points with 11 points coming in the second half. Amy Stephens

scored 12 points, eight in the second half, and Stephanie Bolli added 11.

Washington said Nebraska's largest lead in the game was six points while the Fighting Kangaroos' largest lead was seven points.

UMKC was led in the game by Stephanie Worthy's 32 points.

"She (Worthy) is a very good player," Washington said.

Nebraska, now 2-0 on the season, will host Creighton at 5:15 Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Nebraska will then host Grand View College Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Sports Shorts

The first female member of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team will perform with the group Sunday, Dec. 15 in Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium.

Lynette Woodward, captain of the 1984 gold medal-winning women's basketball team, is the first female to play for the barnstorming troupe in its 60-year history. Woodward played college basketball at the University of Kansas, where she amassed 3,649 career points.

Tickets for the Globetrotters' performance are available at the Pershing box office, Dirt Cheap Record Stores, Pickles Record Stores, Brandeis outlets in Lincoln and Grand Island and at both UNL student unions. Prices are \$9, \$8 and \$7. Senior citizens and children under 12 years old will be admitted for \$2 less. Tip-off if 2 p.m.

Tickets for the Nebraska volleyball team's match with Penn State Satur-

day at 2 p.m. are on sale at the South Stadium ticket office. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door but seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Student ticket sales for the Fiesta Bowl end today at the South Stadium ticket office.

Tickets are \$25 each and only full-time students are eligible. Students who want to buy a block of tickets must all be present at the time of the purchase.

Tickets for the Jan. 1 game that matches Nebraska and Michigan will be on sale from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today. Tickets will be picked up at the time of purchase.

The UNL weightlifting club rolled to second-place at the Western Plains

Powerlifting Championships in Omaha.

UNL's Mark Hentschke won the 132-pound weight class with a total of 1,020 pounds lifted, including a 405-pound squat and a 230-pound bench press.

Kris Kobza, UNL's only finisher in the women's class, earned third place with a total of 775 pounds lifted. Her finish was helped in part by a 340-pound dead lift.

Other UNL finishers included fourth-place winner Steve Pankas and fifth-place winner Mike Kros in the 148-pound weight class. Dolan Smith finished in fourth place in the 181-pound class.

Jeff Isaacson suffered a minor back injury during the competition and ended with a 1,170 total.

UNL's next powerlifting meet will be the State Powerlifting Championships March 1, 1986.

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