

Sports

Nebraska wins, loses at NCAA convention

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The Nebraska athletic department suffered some wins and losses off the playing field last week in New Orleans at the annual NCAA convention.

According to Nebraska faculty representative James P. O'Hanlon, who represented Nebraska at the convention with Athletic Director Bob Devaney and Chancellor Martin Massengale, the biggest victory for Nebraska was the ruling on drug testing before post-season football bowl games.

"I was certainly very supportive of it," O'Hanlon said. "It was up last year and it was felt work was needed on it. Everybody in the conference voted for it."

According to the ruling, 72 players will be tested, 36 from each team. Of these, 22 will be notified before the testing. The other 14 will be selected at random.

It will cost \$200 to test a player, making the total price tag \$14,400. The NCAA will pay for half, the bowl 25 percent and each competing team will pay for 12.5 percent each.

Athletes who test positive will be punished by whatever means their school's athletic office sees necessary.

The list of drugs banned numbered 79, which were classified into seven groups — anabolic steroids, diuretics, psychomotor stimulants, sympathomimetic amines, miscellaneous central nervous system stimulants, substances banned for specific sports and street

drugs like cocaine and marijuana.

The NCAA failed to pass this ruling last year because the program didn't include street drugs.

The NCAA also limited the testosterone and caffeine levels that can be measured in urine samples.

Another victory for the Nebraska athletic department: The failure to pass revisions of Proposition 48, a plan that sets academic standards for freshman athletes entering Division I schools.

According to the guidelines set by Proposition 48, student-athletes must have at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in 11 high school core subjects. Student-athletes must also score a minimum of 700 on the Scholastic Achievement Test or 15 on the

American College Testing exam to be eligible for competition as freshmen. The proposition becomes effective in 1989.

Nebraska's major disappointment was that the NCAA voters rejected proposals to increase the amount of money athletes can receive in Pell grants.

Massengale and Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne had strongly supported the increases.

In other actions, the NCAA also voted to:

- reduce from eight to seven the number of sports needed to remain a Division I-A member
- delay for at least a year a proposal to allow five years of athletic eligibility instead of four

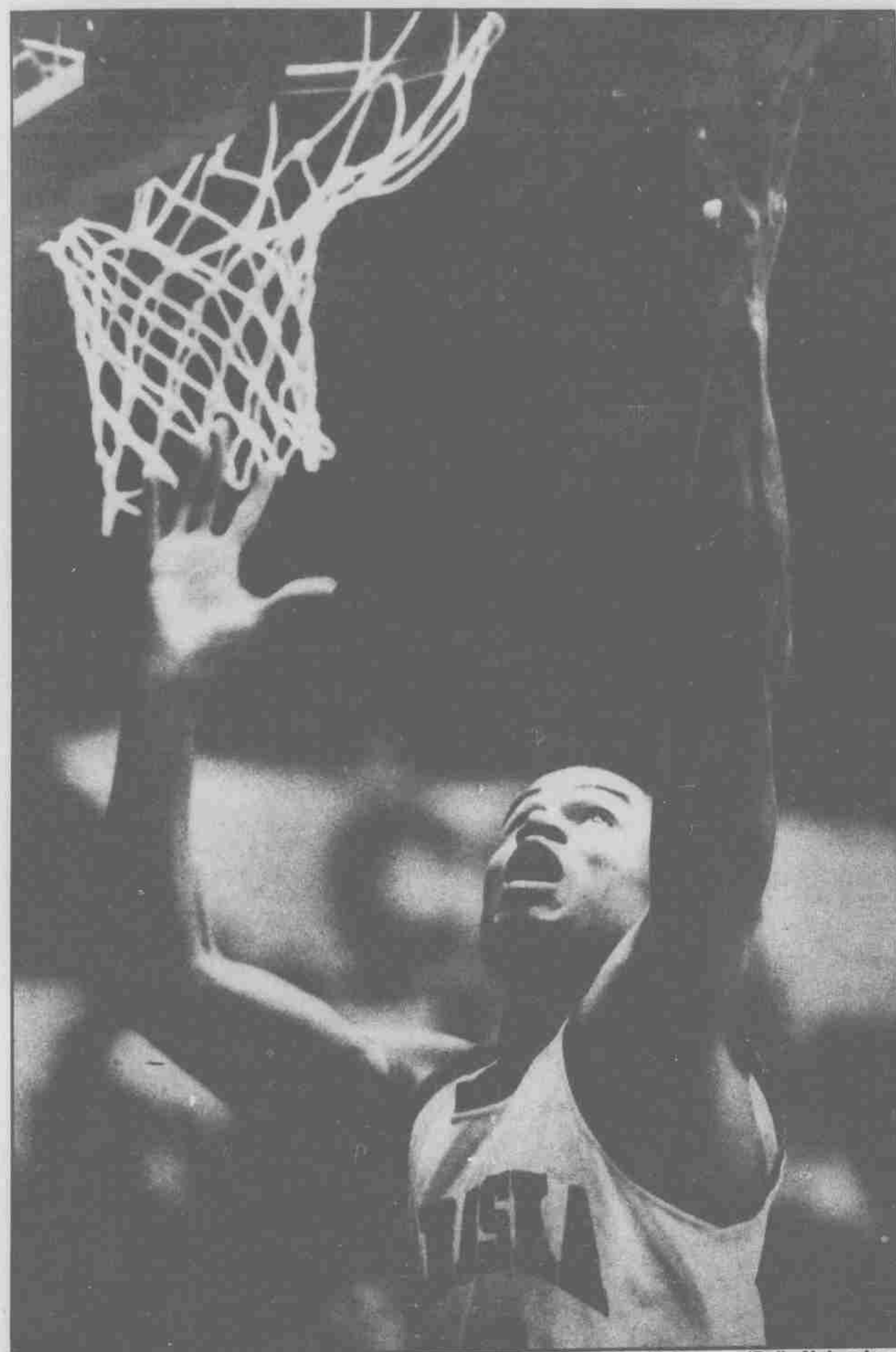
- keep Division I and III men's and women's indoor track championships

- limit to one game or tournament a year that a basketball team may play without it counting toward the maximum games allowed

- approve a resolution calling for stronger federal legislation against gambling on college sports, and

- when circumstances clearly warrant, permit the restoration of eligibility of an athlete involved in secondary or major rules violations.

"When you look at the specifics, we lost a lot of things," O'Hanlon said. "I felt reasonably good about the convention. There were some disappointments. When you're voting on 11 things, you're going to win a few and you're going to lose a few."



Nebraska's Chris Logan goes up for a shot against Missouri Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Costello walks on to success

By Kristi Reetz
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Walk-ons making it big on the Nebraska football team are a common occurrence. But walk-ons succeeding on the women's basketball program is another matter.

One walk-on who has played well is Ann Costello, a 5-8 junior guard from Leawood, Kan.

Costello attended Shawnee Mission East, a three-year high school. While there, she played volleyball, softball and basketball. She earned seven letters.

"I continued with basketball in college rather than the other sports because basketball's always been my favorite," Costello said. "When I was growing up, it seemed like I was always playing basketball."

Deciding where to play college ball really wasn't a problem for Costello, she said.

"I came to Nebraska partly because I wanted to get away from home for a while," Costello said.

"I also liked the school a lot when I visited here."

Nebraska women's basketball coach Kelly Hill said Costello is a valuable player for the team.

"So far this season, Ann's performance has been great," Hill said. "She can make big contributions to our team because she makes few mistakes and she's a real good leader. The strongest part of her game is her outside shooting. She's also very smart offensively and is so consistent."

Costello said she's made a contribution to the team but that her defense needs work.

In the Cornhuskers' 74-68 win against Missouri on Saturday night, Costello scored 10 points for Nebraska.

"The past few games we've played really well as a team," Costello said. "If we continue playing as we are, there's no reason why we shouldn't be in Kansas City in March to play in the Big Eight final four."

Huskers try to bounce back from league losses at home NU, OSU shoot for first conference win

Probable starters:

Oklahoma State (9-6)

- F-Andre Ivy 6-4 Jr.
- F-David Taylor 6-5 Sr.
- C-Alan Bannister 7-4 Fresh.
- G-Terry Faggins 6-5 Sr.
- G-Melvin Gilliam 6-1 Fresh.

Nebraska

- F-John Matzke 6-5 Sr.
- F-Bernard Day 6-4 Jr.
- C-Dave Hoppen 6-11 Sr.
- G-Harvey Marshall 6-3 Sr.
- G-Brian Carr 6-1 Jr.

Tip-off: 7:35 p.m. at Gallagher Hall in Stillwater, Okla.

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Nebraska and Oklahoma State have taken similar paths to identical 0-2 Big Eight conference basketball records.

Oklahoma State, 9-6, dropped a 55-51 decision to Missouri, then lost 92-75 to Kansas.

Nebraska, 10-5, lost 81-70 to Kansas, then dropped a 67-66 decision to Missouri on a last-second shot by Tiger guard Lynn Hardy.

Although both of the Cowboys' conference losses were on the road, Oklahoma State assistant coach Mickey Weiberg said he sees similarities between the two teams.

"We like the Nebraska basketball team. We think they are one of the best in the Big Eight," Weiberg said. "They're similar to us in that they have good, all-around athletes who can really play the game of basketball."

Weiberg said that stopping Cornhusker center Dave Hoppen will be Oklahoma State's No. 1 priority.

Hoppen, a senior, leads the Big Eight in scoring plus-22 points a game.

"Their big man (Hoppen) is definitely one of

the premier players in the nation," Weiberg said. "The problem you run into when you try to defend against someone like him is if you try and collapse on him, Nebraska has got such fine outside shooters that they will hit from the outside and force you to come out and cover their guards and forwards."

The Cowboys lost their leading scorer, junior Muhammad Akbar, because of academic ineligibility after the first semester.

Another player, guard Nolan Richardson, also was declared academically ineligible.

Despite these losses, Weiberg said, the Cowboys are actually a better team now than they were when they had Akbar in their starting lineup.

"I think primarily we have a better team now because we have more of a true team effort," he said. "The players relied on him (Akbar) a little bit too much, so without him in our lineup, we've been getting better production out of our other players."

Nebraska basketball coach Moe Iba said he has been trying to stress to the Cornhuskers just how important this game is in terms of the Big Eight standings.

When you're 0-2 in Big Eight conference play, Iba said, each game is critical.

"The biggest thing we have to do to be successful against Oklahoma State is cut down on the number of turnovers," Iba said. "Turnovers are just killing us right now."

Iba said that he is anxious to see how Hoppen matches up with Alan Bannister, Oklahoma State's 7-4 freshman center from England.

In the Cowboys' loss to Kansas earlier this season, Bannister scored 26 points, even though he was covered by the Jayhawks' Greg Dreiling and Danny Manning.

"He (Bannister) is kind of an unknown quality," Iba said. "It should be a challenge for Dave (Hoppen) to cover him because he (Bannister) has got a lot of potential."



Nebraska's Ann Costello is covered by Missouri's Eileen Keene in the Cornhuskers' 74-68 victory on Saturday.