

Sports

Cowgirls seek revenge for January loss to NU

By Lisa M. Henkel
Staff Reporter

Oklahoma State will challenge the Nebraska women's basketball team tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Although having home court is an advantage for the home team, the Cowgirls enjoy playing in Lincoln, said Oklahoma State assistant coach Jack Easley.

"We beat them (Nebraska) last year there," he said. "We're coming up thinking we're going to win. We like the facilities. They're the best in the Big Eight."

The Cornhuskers defeated Oklahoma State, 75-70, when the two teams met in January in Stillwater, Okla. Easley said the Cowgirls hope to even that score this time around.

"We felt we had every chance to win last time. If we do the things we're capable of doing, we have a chance," he said.

Oklahoma State has had turnover problems all year.

"If we cut them down we'll be in a

better position," Easley said.

He also said the coaches weren't satisfied with the team's play in the earlier game with Nebraska.

"We had too many turnovers," Easley said. "We didn't play like we're capable of. Nebraska's a good team. They're hard for us to match up with, they're all good shooters. We need to shut them all down."

Turnovers aren't the only problems the Cowgirls have. Oklahoma State will bring only eight players to Nebraska for the game because of injuries and scholastic ineligibility.

"We're down to playing with six people and are just trying to survive right now," Easley said.

Two players still in the game for Oklahoma State play important roles. Clinette Jordan and Jamie Siess have both been consistent players for the Cowgirls. Siess is the leading scorer and rebounder. She's 5-11 and has played nearly every position for them, Easley said.

"We thought she'd be good out of high school. She started for us as a freshman," he said.

Nebraska coach Kelly Hill agrees that Siess and Jordan are Oklahoma State's key players. She said the Huskers will have to keep them both off the boards.

"Jordan had an excellent game (the last time the two teams met)," Hill said.

Jordan scored 19 points in that match-up.

Hill said she considers Oklahoma State a "scrappy team." She said that the Cowgirls took away Nebraska's inside game last time.

"They really sagged in on us. Our perimeter will have to be hot," she said.

The Cowgirls played well enough to win the previous time Hill said but, "they're capable of knocking us off."

"We'll have to rebound better. We'll have to play a consistent ballgame, control Jordan and Siess and hope the others aren't effective," Hill said.

Tip-off between the 10-11 Huskers and the 12-10 Cowgirls will be at 7:30 at the Sports Center.

"I anticipate it'll be a very tough game," Hill said.

Husker women's swim victory snaps 10-year KU win streak

By Dawn O'Malley
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LAWRENCE, Kans. — Both the Nebraska women's and men's swimming teams continued their season-long dominance of the Big Eight conference by sweeping a dual meet at Kansas Saturday.

The Husker women's team, now 10-2, squeaked out a 58-55 victory over the Jayhawks when the Nebraska 400-free-style relay team of Lorie Kappenman, Cindy Hampel, Linda Sabesta and Emily Ricketts edged out Kansas in the meet's final event to secure the victory. The loss snapped the KU women's 10-year win streak in dual meets at home.

Nebraska's Mike Irvin and Doug Hubner each won two events to lead the Husker men's swimming team to a 70-43 victory over the Jayhawks.

The victories raised Nebraska's combined dual meet records against Big Eight Conference opponents to a perfect 6-0 this season.

"We were hoping we had the kind of team who could go undefeated in the Big Eight," Nebraska women's swimming coach Ray Huppert said. "That certainly doesn't mean that everybody will lie down and give us the Big Eight championship. We're going to have to fight for it."

Nebraska men's swimming coach Cal Bentz agreed with Huppert, but also said that his Huskers weren't trying to concentrate on the meet's final score.

"The main thing we wanted to

accomplish in this meet was to swim some good swims," Bentz said. "When we get to the Big Eight championships we will also be concentrating on how well we swim, because if we concentrate on how many points we score or how many Big Eight teams we beat, it's possible that we could win the Big Eight championship without improving our times."

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Huppert said that although the No. 14 Cornhuskers still have a lot to work on in their preparations for the Big Eight championships, he was very pleased with the way Nebraska performed.

"There were several athletes who performed exceptionally well for us," Huppert said. "Kenya Marshall swam really well, although her performances

won't show up in the scorecard, and Shauna Gilmore's third place finish in the 500 freestyle was great because that is an event we don't train her for."

Huppert said that he was also pleased with the clutch performance of All-American Erin Hurley.

Hurley, a sophomore, edged Kansas' Becci Ream in the 200-yard breaststroke to set up the women's come-from-behind victory.

"Erin (Hurley) knew going into that race that she had to win it if we were going to win the meet," Huppert said. "She (Hurley) lost to her (Ream) last year so it was a big win for her."

Bentz said that he was particularly pleased with the performances both Irvin and Hubner delivered in what he described as a "difficult" meet.

Picking up a conference win at this point in the season, Bentz said, definitely gives the Huskers confidence going into the Big Eight championships.

"That's our focus for the season, the Big Eight championship and the nationals," Bentz said. "We're four weeks away from the conference championships, so we've got a lot of work ahead of us."

Kansas coach Gary Kempf said that although both his men's and women's squads came out on the short end of both meets, he was pleased with the way that the Jayhawks performed.

"Nebraska is a good club," Kempf said. "We never should have lost (the women's portion of the meet), but we didn't push them (Nebraska) to the hill."



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Missouri's Renee Kelly tries to block Maurice Ivy's shot in Saturday's Missouri-Nebraska game at the Harnes Center.

Tennis team drops its season opener

The Nebraska men's tennis team opened its 1986 spring season by losing a 5-4 decision to the Wichita State Shockers. The match was played at Wichita.

In individual matches winners were:

Singles

Number One — Jeremy Grubi, WS, defeated Craig Johnson, NU, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

Number Two — Steve Jung, NU, defeated Steve Salthouse, WS, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Number Three — Robert Sjolohn, NU, defeated Andy Winrich, WS, 7-5, 6-4.

Number Four — Chris Braaten, WS, defeated Mike Marsh, NU, 7-6, 6-4.

Number Five — John Thorpe, WS, defeated Stuart Jung, NU, 6-3, 6-7, 6-0.

Number Six — Jon Errson, WS, defeated Pat Carson, NU, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles

Number One — Johnson-Sjolohn, NU, defeated Grubi-Winrich, WS, 7-5, 6-3.

Number Two — Salthouse-Thorpe, WS, defeated Jung-Jung, NU, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Number Three — Marsh-Carson, NU, defeated Braaten-Errson, WS, 6-4, 6-3.

Nebraska will play its next match Feb. 20 against Bethany College at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The match begins at 2 p.m.

UNL sponsors diverse break trips

By Doug Carroll
Staff Reporter

Come spring break, instead of sitting around the same old hometown, you could be snorkeling in the Sea of Cortez, backpacking in the Grand Canyon, or whitewater canoeing in Arkansas.

Those are some of the activities offered through UNL's Office of Campus Recreation. The biggest trip offered over spring break will be to the Islands of the Baja. The trip costs \$750, which includes air fare and will involve camping on a desert island 18 miles offshore of La Paz, a city in Baja, Calif., Mark Ebel said. Ebel is the outdoor recreation coordinator for the rec office and is the leader of the Baja trip.

Activities for the trip include snorkeling, fishing, whale watching, traveling to other islands, and a "variety of other ocean activities," Ebel said.

The less adventurous can work on their suntans because all activities are optional, Ebel said. The trip leaves March 22 and will return March 30. A deposit of \$375 is required by Feb. 21 for those wishing to go and the sign-up is on a first come-first served basis. Ebel stressed that no previous experience is required for this trip, but participants will need a birth certificate or passport.

The rec office is also offering a backpacking trip to the Grand Canyon. The trip has been offered several times in the past and has been one of the office's most popular, Ebel said.

The trip costs \$225, which Ebel called "reasonable and a real bargain." The cost of all the trips includes all travel, food and equipment on the trip, except for meals en route.

The backpacking trip will include hiking from the canyon rim to the bottom and then making excursions from a base camp. Ebel said four people have already signed up and the minimum

number required for the trip is eight. The trip will be led by Dan Klammer, a natural resources major who has worked with the outdoor program for two and a half years. No experience is required for this trip.

The third trip offered by the outdoor recreation program is Ozark whitewater canoeing. The canoeing will take place on the Buffalo River in Arkansas, the nation's first national scenic riverway. Ebel said the river combines the beauty of the Ozark mountains with a moderate degree of whitewater. Some previous canoeing experience is recommended for this trip, Ebel said. The trip will be led by Bruce Rischar, an animal science major who has been working for the Office of Campus Recreation for two years. Because of only moderate whitewater, Rischar said the trip will provide a good introduction to whitewater canoeing for those people who have only canoed on slow waterways. The deadline date for this trip is March 6. The cost is \$205.

For those people who can't afford these trips, or who have other plans for spring break, several other trips are planned for this spring, most of them offered after spring break.

For those people who can't wait that long, there is "Birds! Birds! Birds!," a canoe trip down the Platte River when the migration of waterfowl is at its peak, Ebel said.

The trip will be March 7 through 8. Canoeers will camp overnight and get up before dawn to see the birds while they're still on the river. The canoe route is about 15 miles long and provides an "excellent opportunity for photography," Ebel said. Some of the birds that will be seen include sandhill cranes, Canada geese, ducks and perhaps bald eagles. The cost of the trip is \$35 and the deadline is March 6.

For more information about these and other trips, contact Mark Ebel at the Office of Campus Recreation, 1740 Vine Street. The telephone number is 472-3467.