

## Sports

# NU wrestlers finish fourth; qualify nine for nationals

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AMES, Iowa — Despite finishing a distant fourth in the five team Big Eight tournament last weekend, Nebraska qualified nine wrestlers for the NCAA championship March 13-15 in Iowa City.

Nebraska coach Tim Neumann said the team had set a goal of qualifying all team members for the national tournament, but came up short when 177-pounder Cody Olsen failed to place.

"I honestly thought we could qualify all ten," Neumann said, adding that Olsen was selected by the Big Eight coaches as an alternate for the NCAA tournament.

Nebraska was led by Terry Cook, Gil Sanchez, and Gary Albright who all had runner-up finishes. Neumann said he felt the team wrestled with intensity

and with a desire to qualify for the national tournament. He said he thought the team wrestled better on Saturday than on Sunday, possibly because they had already qualified for nationals.

In a close race between Oklahoma and Iowa State, the Sooners repeated as team champions this year, edging the Cyclones 85½ and 84½. Oklahoma had to rely on 190-pounder Dan Chaid's 7-4 victory over Iowa State's Eric Voelker to clinch the team title. Chaid is the defending national champion in his weight class.

Oklahoma State finished a distant third with 67¼ points, while Nebraska scored 48 points to finish fourth. Missouri finished fifth with 8½ points.

The meet's pin trophy, awarded to the athlete with the most number of pins in the least amount of time, went to Joe Melchiorre of Oklahoma. Melchiorre, a 118-pounder, had the meet's fas-

test pin, a 1:27 fall against Wallace Dawkins of Nebraska.

The meet's outstanding wrestler award went to 142-pounder Luke Skove of Oklahoma State. After defeating Joe Reynolds of Oklahoma, Skove upset top-seeded Joe Gibbons of Iowa State 5-2. Gibbons was the defending Big Eight champion.

Despite sending six wrestlers into the consolation finals, Nebraska came up with only one third-place finisher, Jeff Coltvet at 158 pounds.

Coltvet lost 9-5 to eventual runner-up Johnny Johnson of Oklahoma in his first match, and then came back to defeat Pat Jansen of Missouri, 6-1, and Angelo Cuzalina of Oklahoma State 6-0.

The Cornhuskers didn't fair any better in the championship matches.

In the 126-pound weight class, Cook defeated Keith Walton of Oklahoma 10-0 to advance to the championship round. Iowa State's Bill Kelly defeated

Cook 12-3 in the championship match.

Sanchez, Nebraska's 134-pound entry, lost a 5-2 decision to Oklahoma's Nick Neville in the final round. Nebraska heavyweight Albright lost to Tom Erickson of Oklahoma State 4-0 after pinning Iowa State's John Heropoulos to advance to the championship round.

Albright said he thought he wrestled "really bad" and let Erickson take too much control of the match.

"That last period, I was dying," Albright said. "I don't know if its from being sick or what."

The Huskers nine national qualifiers include: Dawkins, 118-pounds; Cook, 126-pounds; Sanchez, 134 pounds; Chris Marisette, 142-pounds; Keenan Turner 150 pounds; Coltvet, 158 pounds, John Meyers, 167 pounds; Fritz Stratten, 190 pounds; and Albright, heavyweight.

Nebraska closed out its season rated No. 12 in the nation with a 16-5 dual record.

## Thacker leads Nebraska victory

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Habits are hard to break.

The Nebraska women's track team demonstrated Saturday at the Big Eight Track championships at the Bob Devaney Sports Center that they do not intend to break their habit of winning conference titles.

For the seventh consecutive year the Nebraska women won the indoor title scoring 138½ points. Their nearest competitor was Kansas State with 89 points. Kansas was third scoring 56 points.

For the second consecutive year Nebraska sprinter Angela Thacker won the most valuable performer award. She led the Huskers with wins in the 60-yard dash, 300-yard dash and ran a leg in the winning mile relay.

Thacker's performance was consistent, said Nebraska coach Gary Pepin.

"She sets the tone a little bit for the whole team," Pepin said. "She's a good leader. She possesses those qualities that make a good leader that everybody on the team looks up to."

Going into the meet, Pepin said he thought the team races would be a lot closer. Thacker said she wasn't surprised by Nebraska's performance, and called Pepin a bit of a pessimist.

"I think he comes into these meets and he is not really sure what we can do," Thacker said. "So he comes in a little worried, but he weren't as worried as he was."

The conference meet was Thacker's last indoor meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in a Nebraska uniform.

"It (last meet) didn't really have any bearing on my times because there were some things I wanted to do anyway, but it kind of had that extra... that extra feeling," she said. "There was something there."

Nebraska scored in every event and had six first place finishes. They were tied for first after Friday's competition and had the most qualifiers after Friday's preliminaries.

In Friday's competition, Nebraska sophomore Karen Kruger won the long jump. Kruger decided to compete Wednesday night after the doctors gave her the go ahead. She injured her ankle earlier in the season and reinjured it last week in practice. She also finished fourth in the 60-yard hurdles.

Nebraska's Tammy Thurman finally reached the 6-foot mark in the high jump with a winning jump of 6-0½. Her jump qualifies her for the national meet later this month. It also breaks the sports center record and ties the Big Eight record.

Nebraska's Sha-ri Pendleton won her second consecutive indoor triple jump title. Pendleton, a senior, started triple jumping only a year and a half ago. She began when the coaches asked her to triple jump in the Big Eight outdoor meet two years ago to get some points.

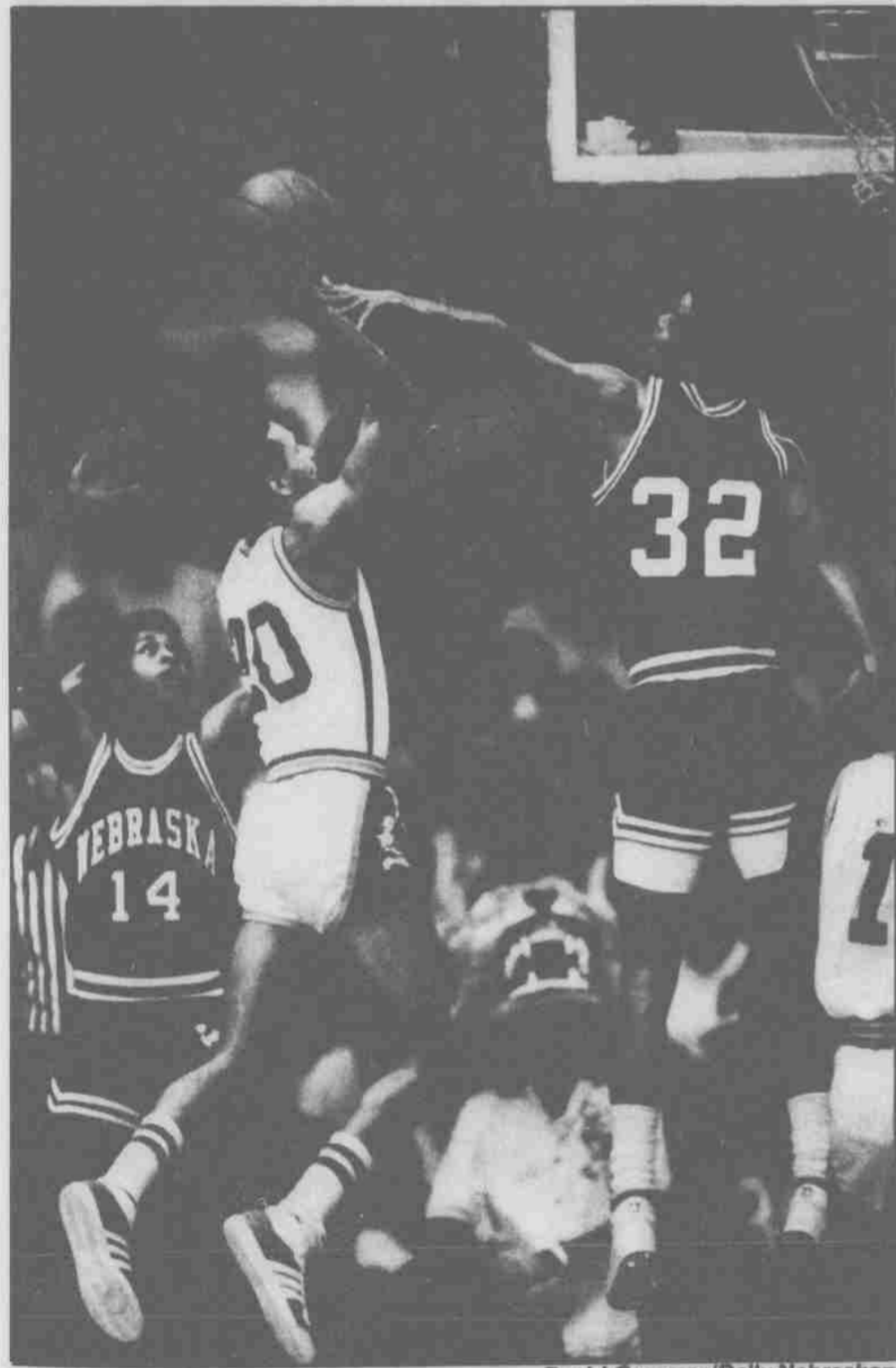
"I tried it and I wound up taking second," she said. "I jumped almost 38-9. They thought I was doing so well they wanted me to compete. That's the same thing that happened to me in the long jump yesterday."

Pendleton finished fifth in her first long jump competition.

The mile relay foursome of Michelle Milling, Vicky Johnson, Thacker and Linetta Wilson won the final event of the day, breaking the Big Eight conference record.

## Logan dominates game

# NU spoils Hartman's farewell



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Kansas State's Joe Wright goes up for a shot with Nebraska's Chris Logan, right, defending at Ahearn Fieldhouse in Manhattan, Kan., Saturday. Anthony Bailous is at left.

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — It was "Jack Hartman Day" across the state of Kansas on Saturday, but the Nebraska basketball team spoiled most of the festivities. They beat Kansas State 64-60.

Hartman, who was appearing in his last game at Ahearn Fieldhouse, said that he wasn't disappointed in the outcome.

"I don't know if there is any particular way it was supposed to end, but I would have liked to have won the last one for the seniors," he said. "They played hard and gave a good effort. When they do that there won't be any problems with me."

The victory revenged a 64-54 loss to Kansas State earlier in the season, the first game Nebraska played without Dave Hoppen.

On Saturday, Kansas State played without the help of its top player, the Big Eight's leading scorer Norris Coleman. Coleman was ruled ineligible this past week by the NCAA.

"Kansas State played a good ballgame under a bad situation without Norris Coleman," Nebraska coach Moe Iba said. "They played better in here than they did in Lincoln."

Nebraska had four players score in double figures, but Chris Logan, who scored all seven of his points in the second half, stole the show.

The 6-5 senior grabbed 17 rebounds, the most for a player in the Big Eight this year. It is also the most for a Nebraska player since Andre Smith had 17 against Nevada-Las Vegas in the 1978-79 season. He also led the Huskers with eight assists and possibly made the biggest play of the game with 3:21 left in the contest.

With Nebraska up by two, Wildcat Ben Mitchell blocked three Nebraska shots in a row before Logan made the

basket and was fouled. He completed the three-point play, and Kansas State came no closer than the final score.

Overall, Nebraska outrebounded the Wildcats 37-23, something the Huskers haven't done lately.

"The series of three straight blocks was a great play, and fortunately we came away with the basket," Iba said. "We hit the boards down the stretch and that made the difference."

The rebounding edge offset Kansas State's 60 percent shooting in the second half, and 51 percent for the game. Mitchell and guard Joe Wright combined to score 46 of the Wildcats 60 points.

"We knew we were going to have to rely on Ben and Joe. Those things aren't going to change. We've been relying on two scorers all season," Hartman said.

Harvey Marshall led the 18-9 Cornhuskers with 16 points, followed by Bernard Day with 13. Brian Carr and John Matzke both added 12.

The victory also raised Nebraska's record to 8-6 in the conference.

However, if Kansas State forfeits all the games Coleman played in, the Huskers would move to 9-5, giving them a share of second place in the Big Eight.

The chances of that are good unless Kansas State appeals the forfeits, and six of the conference's eight faculty representatives uphold the appeal.

With the forfeit, and an Oklahoma State win over Oklahoma tonight, Nebraska could end up with the number three seed for the Big Eight tourney. A forfeit win and an Oklahoma victory would cause a coin toss between the Huskers and the Sooners to determine the third seed.

Without the forfeit win, Missouri would probably be Nebraska's opponent in the first round of the tournament, which starts Friday.

## Huskers end season, 11-16

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — After the Nebraska women's basketball team's 101-63 loss to Kansas State Saturday, Nebraska coach Kelly Hill stood outside of the visitor's locker room, straining to think of something to tell her players. Then, she glanced upward and walked briskly into the locker room with assistant coaches Mavis Washington and Sue Hansen following closely behind.

"We're pretty devastated right now," Hill said. "Kansas State just played real well, and we weren't well enough

prepared. I'll take responsibility for that."

"They've always had the talent. They were a completely different team."

"We tried to pressure and they burned us pretty bad. And then when they put on the circus act, the clock didn't go down fast enough," she said.

The 38-point loss was Nebraska's worst since the 1981-82 season, when the Huskers lost to Long Beach State 110-71.

The Lady Wildcats started quickly, and took an 18-6 lead on a Sue Lieding jump shot with 13:50 remaining in the first half. Kansas State then outscored Nebraska 31-20 to lead 49-26 at halftime.

Kansas State shot 65 percent from the field in the first half compared to 36 percent for Nebraska.

The Lady Wildcats continued their hot-shooting, outscoring Nebraska 52-37 in the second half.

Kansas State coach Matilda Mossman credited the win to rebounding and balanced scoring. Six Kansas State players scored in double figures, led by 5-9 junior forward Carlisa Thomas, who scored 17 points. Amanda Holley, Cindy Durham and Theza Fitzpatrick added 16 points each. The Lady Cats also outrebounded the Huskers 48-29.

"Everything we were doing offensively was right," Mossman said. "We were

well prepared. We played so poorly in Lincoln that we had to come out and play well."

Earlier this season, Nebraska defeated Kansas State, 73-70, in Lincoln.

With the loss to Kansas State, Nebraska finished its season at 11-16 overall and 4-10 in the Big Eight for seventh place. Kansas State finished its season with a 15-12 record and a sixth-place finish in the Big Eight with a 6-8 record.

Nebraska will play Colorado in Boulder Tuesday night in the first round of the Big Eight tournament.

"It's upset time for us," Hill said, "if we want to go anywhere this year."