

# Iowa State captures track title

By Jeff Korbek  
Night News Editor

Iowa State sprinter Danny Harris' most important race probably came in the Cyclone's winning distance medley relay Saturday at the Big Eight Indoor Track championships at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Behind the performances of Harris, an Olympic silver medalist, and distance runner Raf Wyns, the Iowa State men's track team won the conference title by scoring 116 points. Oklahoma finished second with 92 points, and Nebraska, the pre-meet favorite, finished third with 77 points.

As of Saturday morning, Harris wasn't scheduled to run the 400-meter leg in

the medley race. But when he found out that his running could help Wyns and the rest of the team, he decided to run even if it meant sacrificing time in his 600-yard run later in the meet.

Iowa State coach Bill Bergan told Harris Saturday morning that he thought Nebraska would run Regis Humphrey in the 400. Iowa State didn't want to be too far behind and have Wyns "work too hard in the mile" and hurt him for the two-mile run later in the meet, Bergan said.

"We talked to Danny this morning and wanted him to think about it, and we asked if it's going to help the team," Bergan said. "We told him it would help the team because it will help Rath not be so tired and he said 'There's no

question, I'm doing it.'"

Harris told Bergan that the team came here to win and that he would do whatever it takes to win. That included his victory in the 600-yard run and running a leg on the winning mile relay. His performance earned him the trophy for most valuable performer.

Harris said the team started planning its strategy Saturday morning after Friday's preliminaries. Iowa State held a two-point lead over the Huskers after the long jump and three-mile run Friday night. Iowa State qualified seven for Saturday's events and Nebraska six. Oklahoma had 10 qualifiers.

"We woke up this morning and the first thing everybody started talking about was us and Nebraska, and I felt everybody on our team was really up for the challenge," Harris said.

Iowa State scored in all but four of the 17 events and won eight of them. Wyns led the way with victories in the three-mile and two-mile run. Mark Thomas won the 440-yard dash, Leroy Dixon the 330-yard dash and Joe Hoo-gensen the 880-yard run.

Pepin called Nebraska's performance disappointing. The men didn't have any event winners, but had seven second-place finishers including Von Sheppard in the long jump, James Blackledge in the high jump, Kurt Russell in the mile, Humphrey in the 600, Mark Colligan in the shot put and Mark Perlinger in the 880. The distance medley foursome of Mike Herrell, Humphrey, Jean Verster, and Leon Havenga also finished second.

"We felt like we were contenders in the meet," Pepin said. "We felt like we would really have to have an outstanding meet going in and we didn't. Iowa State had a really good meet and Oklahoma had a fine meet."

Despite the third-place finish, Pepin said he was pleased with some performances, especially Colligan in the shot put. Pepin said Colligan threw in the 53-foot range last year. In Saturday's meet, Colligan threw 60-8 1/4. His 60-foot throw was the first of his career and he called it "a real thrill." Both Colligan and Mike Schnebel have thrown over 60-foot this year.



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Danny Harris of Iowa State crosses the finish line to win the men's mile relay at the Big Eight Indoor Track championships at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Harris is a former Olympic silver-medalist in the 400-meter hurdles.

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## Recruiting coordinator becomes second staff member to resign

By Jeff Apel  
Senior Reporter

Recruiting coordinator Steve Pederson became the second Nebraska football staff member to resign this year when he announced he was quitting to accept a job with the Dean Witter Reynolds firm of Lincoln.

Pederson said that his new position with the national firm will require him to work in the stock brokerage business.

Pederson joins former Cornhusker secondary coach Bob Thornton as the second staff member to resign this winter. Thornton resigned earlier this year to pursue a career in the business field.

"I always knew that I would pursue a career in business sometime," Pederson said. "I see this as a great opportunity, although there is a lot of things I am going to miss at Nebraska."

Pederson said that he sees Nebraska's 1985 recruiting class as the highlight of his four-year career with the Huskers.

The class, which included such players as quarterback Steve Taylor, defensive end Broderick Thomas and linebacker LeRoy Etienne, was rated No. 1 in the nation.

"The reason I see that recruiting class of 1985 as the highlight of my career here is because I was directly responsible for it and there can only be one number one recruiting class," Pederson said. "Us being number one on the field is something I'm not really responsible for."

Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney said Pederson will be hard to replace.

"We really hate to lose Steve because he was such a hard working individual," Devaney said. "We'll have to go through the university's standard procedure before we can hire a new on-campus recruiting coordinator, although hiring someone on an interim basis is always a possibility."

## Husker gymnasts win weekend meet

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team defeated Minnesota in a dual meet Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The Cornhuskers came away with an impressive 280.50 to win against the Gophers 273.70.

The Huskers took the two top spots in the all-around. Sophomore Tom Schlesinger was second with a score of 56.90 and senior Wes Suter was first with 57.35.

Nebraska coach, Francis Allen said he was happy with his team's performance in the meet.

"I'd like to see (Terry) Gillespie do a little better, but he's just a freshman and with a little more time, he'll do fine," Allen said. "The other five all-rounders (Kevin Davis, Neil Palmer, Mike Epperson, Schlesinger, and Suter) are doing a good job of hitting their routines. This meet was a good stepping stone to the Big Eight championships."

"Our long-range goal is to take the Big Eight on the way to the NCAA Championships. We have to get past Southern Illinois next week, but if we can stay healthy, we should go into the NCAA meet top-ranked."

Allen said he thinks Nebraska will be in the thick of the NCAA championship race, which will be held in the Bob Devaney Sports Center April 4 and 5.

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