

Some Nebraskans swim out of state

By Todd Aron
Staff Reporter

The loyalty shown by many Nebraska high school athletes toward attending home state colleges isn't necessarily found in swimming.

Take for example Marcie Herrold from Columbus; Chris Wright from Lincoln Southeast; Wendy Dickenson from Lincoln East; Chuck Jones from Bellevue and Cathy Day from Papillion.

All five athletes swam in the Big Eight championships last weekend at

the Bob Devaney Sports Center, but none represented the Cornhuskers. All, except Iowa State's Cathy Day are part of the Kansas team.

One reason the Kansas team is so appealing to the Nebraska natives is Kansas coach Gary Kempf, Dickenson said.

"I like the coach a lot," she said.

Herrold agreed.

"He's the ultimate," she said. "He understands you and feels when you reach your goals."

Herrold also left for financial reasons. "My folks put a lot of money in my swimming," he said. "I thought I had to pay them back. Nebraska didn't offer me a scholarship, Kansas did."

During the Big Eight championships Herrold qualified for the NCAA meet in the 1,650 freestyle while they set the Big Eight record with a time of 16:44.74. She also finished first in the 400 individual medley and 500 freestyle and finished second in the 200 individual medley.

"I wasn't satisfied with my performance so far in this meet so I decided to scratch the 200 IM and go for it in the 1,650 freestyle," Herrold said.

Herrold said she loves coming back to Nebraska to swim. "This pool is kick-ass," Herrold said.

She also gets a boost from her family, who came down to watch her.

The return to Lincoln brings mixed feelings for Dickenson.

"It feels good to swim in this pool," she said.

But performing in front of relatives and friends makes her nervous, she said.

Dickenson finished fifth in the 500 freestyle and was on the 400 freestyle relay team that won the last event of the meet Saturday night.

Wright, who swam on a Lincoln Southeast class A state championship team during her senior year, said Nebraska showed little interest in her. That made the decision to attend Kansas easier, she said.

"I like coming back as a Jayhawk

and representing Kansas," Wright said.

Not all the natives left the state for athletic reasons. Day chose Iowa State because of its chemistry and ROTC program.

Floor hockey entries due today

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. today for those wishing to participate in the instrumental floor hockey tournament.

The tournament will include men's, women's and co-rec events. Entry fee is \$15 per team. The tournament will be in Mabel Lee Hall, Friday-Sunday. Those wishing to enter teams can do so from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today at the Campus Recreation Office, 1740 Vine St.

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