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NCAA rulings never please everyone, former NU academic counselor says

By Kip Fry
Senior Editor

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is a "pure democracy," said Ursula Walsh, director of research and sports science for the organization, which governs all college athletics.

Some people will always be dissatisfied with NCAA legislation even though the NCAA is run like a New England town meeting, said Walsh, a former academic counselor for the

Nebraska athletic department. Walsh spoke Friday at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Walsh said the NCAA doesn't make its legislative decisions from its central office in Mission, Kan. She said the decisions are made after representatives vote on issues concerning schools in their divisions.

Walsh said it's the NCAA's job to enforce its rulings, whether it's suspending former Indiana and current Dallas Maverick guard Steve Alford

for appearing on a charity sorority calendar, or not allowing a college basketball coach to watch his son play in a high school tournament because it violates NCAA recruiting regulations.

Incidents such as these, Walsh said, have led to the joke that the two biggest lies are "the check is in the mail" and "I'm a representative from the NCAA and I'm here to help you."

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"You've got to expect to get banged up here," he said. "Everybody's working pretty hard."

Droegemueller said the eight losses he sustained before suffering a 10-5 setback to Arizona State's Glenn McMinnis Saturday at the Cowboy Duals in Stillwater, Okla., weren't because of his back injury.

"I beat myself in a lot of those matches," Droegemueller said. "Those losses were all within one or two points, so it was a matter of me and not my back."

"I was a little tentative at the start of the season," he said, "like when someone would throw their legs into my back or something. But I'm used to it hurting now."

Droegemueller, a sophomore, has set some clear-cut, long-range goals for the remainder of his college career.

"I want to be a national champion at my weight class," he said. "I've got two more years to accomplish that. It's been way too much work, here and in high school, not to go for No. 1."

"It's just like anything else. If you don't go for the top, why bother to do it at all?"

Two solid halves of basketball add up to NU win at Kansas

By Mark Derowitsch
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For the first time this season, Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said, the Cornhuskers were able to put together two solid halves in the same game during their 80-64 victory over Kansas Saturday at Allen Field House in Lawrence, Kan.

"I thought we put them away when we had the chance," Beck said. "We were ahead by seven points in the first half and secured the win in the first 10 minutes of the second half."

"I was very pleased with our effort," Beck said the Husker bench also played a major role in the victory. Substitute guard Sabrina Brooks scored a game-high 20 points, and freshman center Ann Halsne added 16.

"I felt that both Sabrina and Ann Halsne played well," Beck said. "We need Sabrina's speed and her penetration. I think she played her best game of the season. Her defense came through for us."

Brooks, who transferred this season from Moberly (Mo.) Junior College, said she is adjusting to her reserve role this season.

"At first, I didn't like it," Brooks said, "but now I've learned to live with it."

Beck said Halsne keyed the Husker defense



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that yielded a season-low 64 points to Kansas. "Halsne played their big people very tough," Beck said. "She made a couple of big steals for us."

Beck said although the win against the Jayhawks was a big one for Nebraska, the next two games will clear up the picture in the Big Eight. The Huskers, 14-2 overall and 4-0 in the conference, will play at Oklahoma Wednesday night and at Colorado Saturday.

"I think this is our biggest win of the year," Beck said. "But right now we're in the big part of our season. This year, those road games become oh so important."

"These next two road games are the most critical games of our season."

Beck said the Huskers have some work to do in some aspects of their game. She said rebounding will play a big part in the next two road games.

"I still think rebounding will be a key down the stretch," Beck said. "We need to cut down on opponents' rebounds."

Although the Jayhawks out-rebounded Nebraska 47-44, Beck said that statistic was misleading.

"They shot only 32 percent and they bricked almost everything they threw up," she said. "They were pulling down a lot of long rebounds, and we're not used to rebounding like that."

Amy Stephens scored 16 points for Nebraska, and Maurice Ivy added 13.

Reader says sports should be intramural

It's time for Nebraska to admit that its football program has peaked. Nebraska will always be No. 2 and Oklahoma No. 1.

Nebraska doesn't have to be ashamed. It just seems to me that when you've peaked it's time to go on to something else. I'd like to see all sports be reduced to intramural programs.

I think it would be nice for Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne to enter politics (to run for some high-level political office). My relatives in Nebraska like him and would vote for him. First, I think he would win and, second, I think he would do a good job. Osborne is very popular in Nebraska and has national recognition.

There is far too much media hype in sports today (Nebraska vs. Okla-

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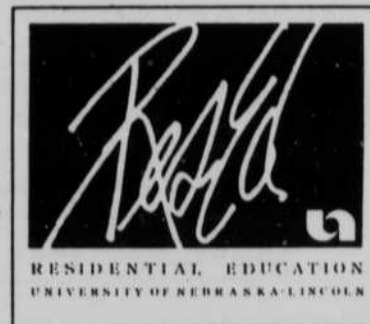
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