Sophomore boosts Cornhuskers to win

By Richard Cooper Staff Reporter

Frank Graham got the ball rolling for the Nebraska men's track team at the Big Eight Track and Field Championships Saturday at the Bob Deva-

ney Sports Center. Graham, sophomore from City, Nebraska won the mile in 4:08.20 minutes, to finish .72 seconds ahead of Craig Kansas' Watcke and Iowa Ronald State's Pauwels.



Graham

Teammate Jacques van Rensburg finished fourth out of 13 runners as the Cornhuskers scored 14 points in the second running event.

Nebraska track coach Gary Pepin said Nebraska's distance runners did well in their races because they scored 24 points. The men's team scored 114.66 points to win the Big Eight Championship, while Iowa State finished second with 96.66.

Nebraska cross country coach Jay Dirksen said he's proud of his runner's contributions to the second consecutive Big Eight Indoor title for the Huskers. He said that because the cross-country season lasted until November, the runners didn't have time to get in shape and work on speed for the indoor season.

"We had to hold up our end of the

stick in this meet," Dirksen said. Graham, who was seeded sixth entering the race, said he wanted to increase the Huskers' momentum because they seemed dull after Friday's competition. Nebraska was in third place with 12 points, behind

Iowa State's 14 and Kansas State's

"I guess that all I wanted to do was get things rolling, and I did," he said. "After I won, we got 10 points in the 55-meter dash and 10 points in the high jump so I kind of got the ball

"I wasn't expected to do as well as I did," he said. "I think all the coaches expected out of me was a sixth-place finish.

Pepin said he didn't expect Graham to win the mile.

"I think one of the great efforts of the meet was in the mile," Pepin said. 'Graham just ran a super race. We had hoped he would place well but we didn't figure he would do that well.

"His win really helped bring the team's spirit and attitude up," he said. "When a guy who wasn't favored won - that was a big lift.'

Graham said he stuck with the leader's pace to win. He said nobody wanted the lead because the leader

"I knew I couldn't go out too fast or too slow, I just had to stay with the pack," Graham said.

Graham said another reason he didn't want to lead the race was because the other runners were more experienced. He said the last 400 meters, he ran hard to win.

Graham said his indoor season is over because he didn't qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships March 11-12 in Oklahoma City.

He said the fall cross-country season prepared him for Saturday's

"Cross-country gave me the strength to run fast," Graham said. "I don't like running indoor track because the turns are too tight. I'm glad

Pepin said the Huskers had to do well in the distance events and not let Iowa State dominate the meet like they have done in the past.

I felt like our guys really came in there and added to the team," Pepin

Dirksen said he is glad the indoor season is over because it slows his runners' progress. He said he will need a month to get his runners ready for the outdoor season, which begins April 2. Nebraska will face Kansas State and South Dakota at Ed Weir Stadium to open the season.

'We'll get a good distance base down for the runners in the next month and then start working on speed," Dirksen said.

He said the young runners were not in shape for the indoor season but they got experience during Saturday's meet.

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presses," Beck said. "I wasn't pleased on how we attacked it because I thought we could have flushed it out and scored some easy layups.

Nebraska built its lead to 21-16 and then ran off 12 straight points before the Cyclones' Lynn Lorenzen scored on two free throws to narrow the gap to 33-18. Center Kim Harris and guard Amy Stephens each had four points in the run.

than 11 points behind Nebraska as the Huskers' lead increased to to 15 halfway through the second half.

Wettig said the confidence made the difference.

The Cyclones ended the regular season 13-13 overall and 5-9 in the Big Eight.

"We have good players that are not playing very well at all," Wettig said. "I think we can match up with them.'

Beck said Nebraska's work paid

"We had the motto 'ITHWTBAC'

champion," Beck said. "I think those kids worked very hard. We've thought about being a champion all year long.

Nebraska will face Kansas State in the first round of the Big Eight tournament Saturday in Salina, Kan. Ivy said the Huskers will prove their regular season championship wasn't an accident.

"We're picked as the underdog," Ivy said. "They picked us not to win the tournament so we have to surprise some more people. I guess we like

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By Mike Lange Staff Reporter

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Championships at the Bob Devaney

Sports Center.

The vocal battle, which was si-lenced after Oklahoma proved Nebraska's claim of being No. 1 was erroneous by handing the Corn-huskers a 17-7 loss, was rejuvenated after the Sooner's Steve Lambeth dropped his baton in the backstretch See CONTROVERSY on 10

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