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Nebraska's Jeff Coltuet has control (but just barely) over his Iowa State opponent during last Saturday's dual. Coltuet defeated ISU's Bobby Thompsan, 9-7, to help lead Nebraska to a 19-14 victory over Iowa State.

Miami coach says Huskers are 'challenge'

By Mike Kluck
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Miami (Fla.) has already played the current No. 1 team in the nation. In addition, it has defeated a previous top-ranked team, the Southwest conference champion, the Big Ten conference champion and the Southeast conference runner-up.

But in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2, Miami coach Jimmy Johnson said, his team will have the biggest challenge of the season when they face Big Eight champion Nebraska.

"Outside of one quarter of their year I feel (the Cornhuskers are) one of the best teams in the nation," Johnson said in a press conference via telephone from Miami. "Outside of that one quarter, they are a top team in the country."

Miami defeated pre-season No. 1 Florida State 31-0, Big Ten champion Michigan 31-30, Southeast Conference runner-up Louisiana State 44-3, Southwest Conference champion Arkansas 18-16 and lost to top-ranked Notre Dame 31-30.

Now the Hurricanes face another perennial power. And Johnson said Nebraska and Miami both have a claim to be the national champion if Notre Dame falters in the Jan. 2 Sun-ist-Fiesta Bowl against West Virginia.

"If Notre Dame loses, people then should vote for the team they feel is the best in the nation," Johnson said. "Now that could be Miami, Nebraska or West Virginia. I'm just trying to bring to the attention of the voters they should vote for the best team in the nation."

Johnson said Miami was the underdog entering last season's Orange Bow because it was 2nd-ranked and Oklahoma was ranked No. 1. He said the Hurricanes should also be considered underdogs this season even though they are ranked higher than Nebraska.

"Against Nebraska, we'll probably have our most difficult time," Johnson said. "Their strengths match well against our weaknesses. We have a very difficult assignment."

"It is a rare occasion for Nebraska to be the underdog. (Nebraska coach) Tom Osborne knows this, but deep down he knows how strong his team matches up against our team."

Johnson said he is worried Miami will become complacent because of its role as favorite.

He also said Nebraska's size concerns him. The Hurricanes' offensive line averages 265 pounds while the Husker interior defensive line averages 280 pounds.

"I'm just trying to get something to compact Tom's talk about home field advantage," Johnson joked.

Osborne said Tuesday in his press conference that Miami has an advantage because the Orange Bowl is where the Hurricanes play their regular-season games. Johnson said he doesn't think there is a home-field advantage in a major bowl game.

Neumann expects tough time against OSU

By Steve Sipple
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Last Saturday, Nebraska's wrestling team scored a dual victory against Iowa State for the first time in 37 years.

This Saturday, Nebraska will try to end 67 years of dual frustration against Oklahoma State. Cornhusker coach Tim Neumann said he was being realistic when asked about his team's chances of breaking the losing string.

"I don't think so," said Neumann, who is 0-3 against the Cowboys in his three years as Husker coach. "This is the best team I've seen since I've been involved college wrestling."

The 16th-ranked Huskers, 1-0-1 in dual competition, will get an opportunity to defeat top-ranked Oklahoma State, 5-0, when the teams meet at 7:30 p.m. in the track area of the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Neumann said the Cowboys may be invisible.

"This year, it's going to take a grenade in the locker room for anything to go wrong for them," he said.

But Neumann said he may have just the team to bomb the Cowboys, who return six All-Americans from last year's team that finished 1st in the Big Eight and 4th in the nation.

"I don't want to say we don't have a chance," he said. "Seven or eight matches will be real donnybrooks. They'll be good, hard-fought matches."

Neumann became even more optimistic when he learned of injuries to two of Oklahoma State's returning All-Americans -- 158-pound starter Wes White and 177-pound starter Chris Barnes. White is suffering from neck spasms and Barnes is battling a rib injury. Both wrestlers sustained their injuries at the Las Vegas Invitational Dec. 2 and 3.

"That's great. Wonderful," Neumann said when told of the injuries.

Oklahoma State is expected to replace White and Barnes with Jeff McAllister (158 pounds) and Dan Niebuhr (177 pounds). Neumann said the absence of Barnes and White

won't hurt the Cowboys.

"They're going to lose a little bit, but those two guys (McAllister and Niebuhr) would make the lineup of 95 percent of the teams in the country."

Nebraska took advantage of injuries to two Iowa State starters in its 19-14 victory at the sports center. Tim Krieger, a 150-pound former National Collegiate Athletic Association champion, and Eric Voelker, a 190-pound wrestler, missed the dual with rib and leg injuries, respectively.

Neumann said defeating the Cowboys will be more difficult than

knocking off the Cyclones.

"ISU had a couple of holes where we knew we would win at a weight or two," he said. "For this meet, I'm not 100 percent sure of victories at any of the weights."

The victory against Iowa State gave Nebraska added confidence going into Saturday's match, Neumann said. He said he feels more comfortable going into this weekend's match than he did heading into the Iowa State dual.

"Honestly, I didn't sleep much before the ISU dual," he said. "Now

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Big Eight Wrestling

Nebraska (#16) vs. Oklahoma State (#1)
Tonight, 7:30 p.m.
Bob Devaney Sports Center

Jim Sanchez (11-6) --118--	Cory Baze (13-1-1)
Jason Kelber (13-5) --126--	Kendall Cross (10-0)
Dave Droegemueller (6-4) --134--	Chuck Barbee (12-2)
Layne Billings (10-5) --142--	Charles Royer (7-3)
Paul Herrera (3-3) --150--	Todd Chesbro (13-2)
Jeff Coltvet (11-4) --158--	Jeff McAllister (9-4)
Scott Chenoweth (11-3-1) --167--	Mike Farrell (16-0)
Cody Olson (9-3) --177--	Dan Niebuhr (9-2)
Tommy Robbins (9-5) --190--	Randy Couture (14-2)
Sonny Manley (12-5-1) --Hwt--	Don Frye (9-5-1)

Nebraska (1-0-1)
Oklahoma State (5-0)

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Husker declared ineligible for this season

By Mark Derowitsch
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Nebraska men's basketball coach Danny Nee announced Friday that Cornhusker freshman Carl Hayes was declared academically ineligible for the 1988-89 season.

Nee said Hayes is now considered a Proposition 48 victim, and will have to pay for his education at Nebraska.

"The NCAA declared him ineligible," Nee said. "I just don't understand it."

Nebraska assistant Athletic Director for Administrative Services Al Papik said last month that the NCAA was reviewing Hayes' high school

transcripts. Apparently, the NCAA had a question with his core courses he took in high school, Papik said. He also said the NCAA had Hayes' file in October.

Hayes said he wasn't looking forward to hearing the NCAA's decision.

"I didn't want to find out because I knew something bad was going to happen," Hayes said. "I can't do anything about it now, I guess."

But unlike most Proposition 48 players, Hayes will be able to get some financial aid, Nee said.

"We're in the process of getting financial aid for him," Nee said. "He can get a cell phone, other things and

a national student loan."

Nee also said Hayes, a 6-foot-8 forward from Chicago, can get a part-time job during the school year and during semester break.

"He's not under the jurisdiction of the NCAA," Nee said. "All he has to do is (complete) 24 hours and have a 2.0 (grade point) average to regain his eligibility."

Hayes, who hasn't declared a major, said his school work has gone well.

"This semester, I believe my grade point average is between a 2.5 and a 3.0," he said.

Hayes said he has no plans of dropping out of school and going to a

junior college.

"I plan to come back for the second semester," Hayes said. "I'm going to stay at Nebraska the whole four years."

Until next season, Hayes said he will work out with Lewis Jeter, another Husker Proposition 48 player.

"I can't practice with the others, but I've been lifting weights," Hayes said. "I need to get bigger and stronger so I'm working hard."

"I worked out with Lewis -- we've shot around at the Coliseum a couple times. We'll probably lift weights together, too."

Hayes was an consensus all-state and all-Chicago selection during his

senior year at Westchester St. Joseph High School, averaging 22 points and nine rebounds per game. For his efforts, Hayes was named the most valuable player in the East Suburban Catholic League.

Nee said Hayes' situation isn't as bad as it appears.

"He's doing well academically," Nee said. "He has to sit out for a year, but it's over half done. In another four months, it's over."

Hayes, who is from the same high as Husker guard Clifford Scales and Detroit Piston guard Isiah Thomas, recorded 80 blocked shots and 80 goals during his senior year.