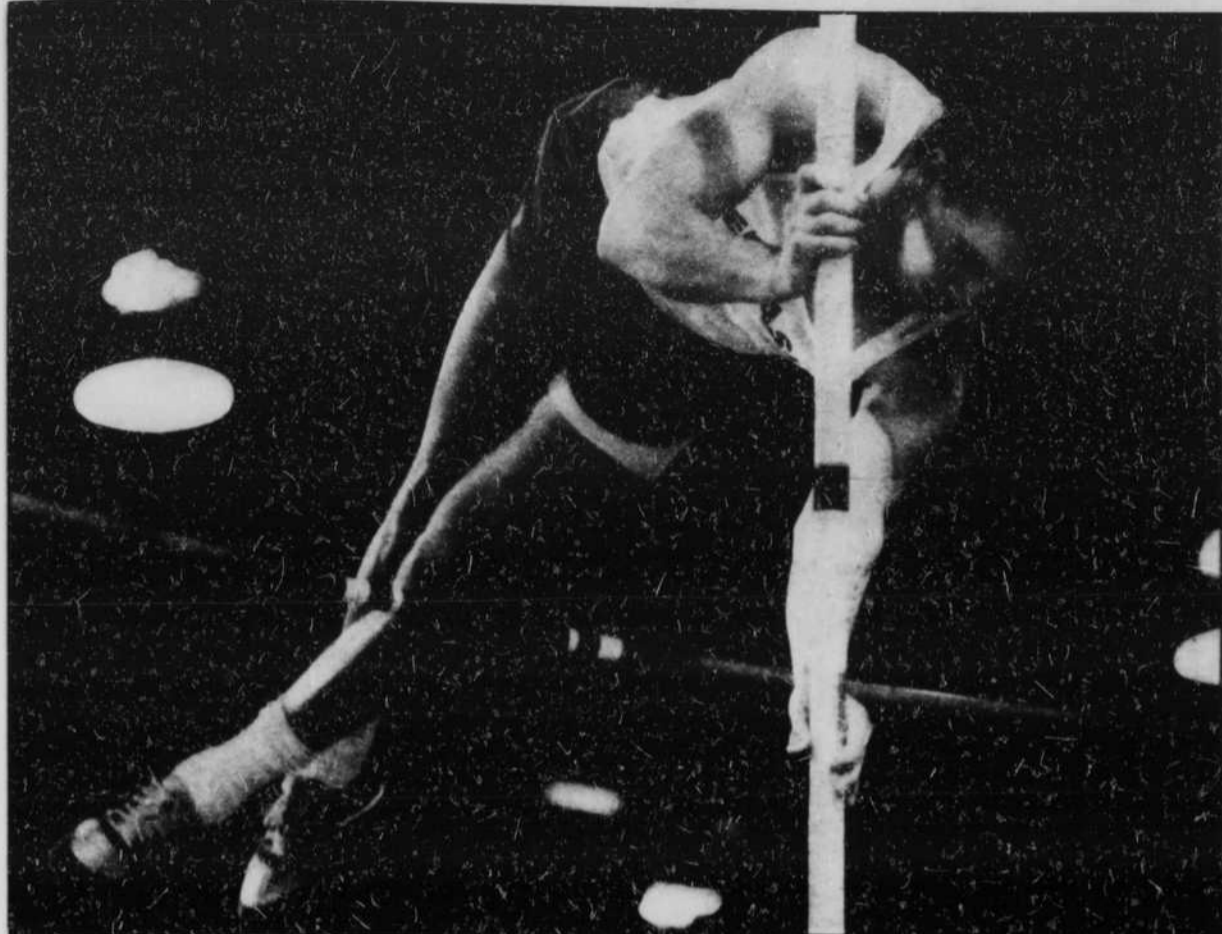


# Husker track teams sweep weekend meet



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Nebraska freshman Brad Weishaar competes in the pole vault event. Weishaar failed to place in the competition, which was won by Wyoming's Beecher Strube.

By Darren Fowler  
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The only competition that the Nebraska men's and women's track teams could find Saturday in a quad-rangular meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center was among themselves.

Nebraska track coach Gary Pepin said he was pleased with the Cornhuskers' performance in their second meet of the season. He said the performance was especially pleasing because Nebraska was uncontested in a lot of events.

The Nebraska women tallied 94 points to outdistance 2nd-place Washington, which finished with 63. Colorado State finished 3rd with 31 points, while Wyoming tallied 21 and Wichita State 14.

The Nebraska men also outdistanced the five-team field, as they won nine events to finish with 108 points. Washington finished 2nd with 53 points, while Colorado State was 3rd with 29. Wyoming and Wichita State rounded out the scoring with 25 and 20 points.

"All of them did it on their own, without much competition," Pepin said. "In some events it was us against our own guy."

Pepin said the Huskers still have room for improvement.

"Both teams have a lot of potential and we have enough good ath-

letes to win the conference meet," he said. "But we're going to have to get better and improve and get some people healthy."

"I thought we did better than we did a week ago and I thought most of our athletes trained pretty hard through the week."

Pepin said freshman Yvonne van der Kolk and Joanne Gomez had outstanding performances. Gomez qualified for the NCAA championships by leaping 40-11 1/2 in the triple jump, while van der Kolk joined her as an NCAA qualifier by running 800-meters in 2:08.16.

Pepin said van der Kolk's and Gomez's performances were impressive because they weren't competing against a lot of tough competition.

"Yvonne's was a national qualifying performance absolutely on her own," he said. "And it was kind of the same with Joanne Gomez. She was ahead by more than two feet of the whole field in the triple jump and qualifies for nationals, so that was a heck of a performance."

Pepin also praised the performance of senior Linetta Wilson.

Wilson won the 400 with a time of 55.14 and anchored Nebraska's 1,600. She teamed with freshmen Denise Lucas, Fran tenBensel and Tanya Lidy to win that event in 3:54.06.

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# Dutch freshman qualifies for NCAA track championships

By Paul Domeier  
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Yvonne van der Kolk qualified for the NCAA Championships Saturday in her first indoor race as a member of the Nebraska women's track team.

Van der Kolk, a freshman from Hilversum, Netherlands, ran the 800-meter dash in 2:08.16 minutes, narrowly finishing under the NCAA-qualifying time of 2:09. She said, however, that she was not satisfied.

"It's terrible," van der Kolk said. "I expected to run a 2:07 or 2:08. If I wouldn't have qualified, then I would have really been upset."

Van der Kolk said she ran the 800 in under 2:05 last year. She said she hopes to reach that mark by the conclusion of Nebraska's indoor season.

Van der Kolk said she skipped Nebraska's season-opening meet last weekend because she suffered from jet lag during her first days back from Christmas break, and then injured her

hamstring. She said that she decided to run in this meet on Thursday, and never gave a thought to holding back, even though she finished nine seconds ahead of her closest competitor.

Her hamstring feels fine now, she added.

The meet was van der Kolk's first indoor meet, but not her debut as a Husker. She said she ran in four cross country meets last fall to face some competition and to help the team.

But van der Kolk's experience

extends far beyond those five collegiate meets. When she started running at age 8, she won her first meet, and she's been running international events since 1985.

Van der Kolk said she was contacted by Nebraska two years ago. Last April, she went on a recruiting trip, and she chose Nebraska over Boston because of the coaches, facilities and a major that the university offered.

"I want to be an international

business major," van der Kolk said. "Studying is as important as running -- maybe more important than running."

Van der Kolk said her best events are the 800 and the 1,500. She will be running her first mile, the indoor equivalent of the 1,500, in a couple of weeks, she said. She expects to qualify easily for that event, too, now that she has the first race under her belt.

"My first race is always kind of difficult," van der Kolk said.

# Big 8 victories build prestige

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - There's probably not a Big Eight official alive who would admit how he really feels about Kansas State's win over Kansas Saturday. It would be like the governor of Oklahoma taking sides in an Oklahoma-Oklahoma State football game -- political suicide.

But secretly, they must all be delighted. They might also, if their innermost feelings were known, be pleased as punch that Oklahoma State beat Iowa State in such convincing fashion.

It's not that anybody's mad at Kansas or Iowa State. It's just that with all of this NCAA money and prestige on the line, conference unity can be hanged.

The NCAA tournament selection committee is getting ready to make its annual judgment and fill out its 64-team bracket.

And the Big Eight, which had five teams in last year's tourney, could be in dire peril of having its representation shrink to two.

After that, who knows? The best chances would seem to be Kansas State and the young and talented Oklahoma State squad.

But with plenty of action still to come, every victory is vital to both teams. That's why it was important for the Big Eight to see Kansas State beat Kansas and Oklahoma State beat Iowa State.

The Wildcats rallied behind bulky Fred McCoy in the second half to beat the 18th-ranked Jayhawks 71-70. In other games involving Big Eight teams, Oklahoma State defeated Iowa State 90-88 and Missouri clobbered Nebraska 89-72.

# NU defeated by Tigers; Big 8 record falls to 0-4

By Nick Hodge  
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The frustration of the Nebraska men's basketball team continued Saturday when Missouri defeated the Cornhuskers 89-72 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

With the loss, the Huskers stretched their winless Big Eight record to 0-4. Nebraska has lost eight consecutive regular-season conference games dating back to the final four games of last season.

Nebraska sophomore forward Beau Reid said he doesn't understand why the Huskers have been shut out in league play.

"It's frustrating because we have the people to match up physically with anyone," Reid said.

Saturday's sports center crowd of 13,066 witnessed a match up that featured a frustrated Husker squad against a talented, high-powered Tigers team which is ranked No. 5 by The Associated Press.

Nebraska fell to 12-8 overall. Missouri, which has won its last nine games, improved to 18-3 and 4-0 in conference play.

Husker coach Danny Nee said he is frustrated by Nebraska's lack of success in the conference.

"We can't get consistency in what we do," Nee said. "It's really disappointing because we have good crowds, and we have a lot of enthusiasm, and we just can't get over the hump."

Nee said Missouri has a very

good basketball team.

"I was thoroughly impressed with Missouri from top to bottom. I still feel they're a real quality team. They have so many ways they can beat you," Nee said.

Neither team shot well in the first half, but Nebraska kept pace with the Tigers until hitting a dry spell in the final minutes. The Huskers scored four points in the last five minutes of the half to fall behind 37-31 at halftime.

In the first half, the Huskers connected on 11 of 26 shots for 42.3 percent, while Missouri made 14 of 37 field goal attempts for 37.8 percent.

Both teams' shooting improved in the second half, but Missouri shot better. The Tigers hit 69 percent of their second half shots by connecting on 20 of 39 field goals attempts. Meanwhile, Nebraska made 15 of 34 shots for 44.1 percent.

However, the Huskers continued to battle Missouri in the early stages of the second half before foul troubles sidelined centers Rich King and Richard van Poelgeest. King fouled out with 13 minutes left and van Poelgeest was whistled for his fifth foul with 10 minutes left in the game.

Back-to-back three-point baskets by Reid and Eric Johnson pulled Nebraska to within a point of the Tigers at 56-55 with 12:06 remaining in the game.

In less than a minute, the Tigers reeled off eight-straight points to



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Nebraska's Peter Manning tries to block a shot by Missouri's Mike Sandbothe.

take a 63-55 lead with 11:17 remaining.

Missouri never looked back. The Tigers steadily increased their lead, and at one point led 89-66.

Missouri coach Norm Stewart said his Tigers were able to overcome the determined Husker play early in the game to win.

The Huskers were led by Reid's 16 points. Senior forward Pete Manning added 14 points and van Poelgeest scored 13 points.

Manning pulled down a team-

high 11 rebounds, while Johnson contributed a game-high eight assists for Nebraska.

Missouri guard Byron Irvin led the Tigers by scoring a game-high 22 points. Meanwhile, forward Nathan Buntin added 14, guard Lee Coward added 13, and guard Anthony Peeler and forward Mike Sandbothe each scored 11 points for Missouri.

Nebraska will try to vent their frustrations Tuesday at Ames, Iowa, when they play Iowa State.