

Nebraska takes early lead in Big Eight championships

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rested and I haven't shaved. Most people here are rested."

Irvin said his effort was aided by Kansas All-America selection Glenn Trammel, who finished second with a 1:50.84 clocking. He said Trammel forced him to get out of the starting blocks in a hurry.

"I knew if I was going to beat him I had to take it to him," Irvin said. Bentz also praised the performance of Kollin Kostboth. Kostboth teamed with Williams, Nieuwenhuis and Rick Havekost to form the Huskers' 200-yard free relay team that finished second, then won the consolation heat of the 200-yard individual medley.

Bentz said Kostboth battled back from a disappointing preliminary swim to finish with a time of 1:53.07 in the 200-yard individual medley. "He came back like gangbusters," Bentz said. Bentz said the Nebraska men need to give a better effort in today's preliminary competition. He said the Huskers cannot afford to rely solely

on the performances of a few individuals and expect to win. "We have to decide if we're going to be in the meet," Bentz said. "Everybody else has come here for that purpose." Nebraska women's swimming coach Ray Huppert said he was pleased with his team's performance. The Huskers were led by Julie May,

who won the meet's 1-meter diving competition with 454.35 points, and Lynne Braddock, who claimed the 50-yard freestyle title in 23.69. Huppert praised the performance of Braddock. He said Braddock is "a story in herself" because she has the potential to set several school records even though she was not highly recruited.

NU tennis player sets championship goals

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For his final semester of collegiate tennis, Pat Carson has a definite goal -- two Big Eight championships for himself and one for the team.

Carson has a basis for his optimistic plan. He and partner Ken Feuer won a Big Eight title while playing at No. 3-doubles two years ago, and Carson also finished second in No. 6-singles.

Now, after a redshirt year and a battle for his spot in the line-up, Carson is back in the same slots. Only this time, he said, he is an improved player.

"The redshirt year really helped me," Carson said. "It gave me a lot of confidence."

Carson said he decided to redshirt last year after playing in some pre-season tournaments. He said he spent his

redshirt year practicing every day in an effort to improve his conditioning.

Carson said he also worked on his game over the summer, when he played in a tournament every weekend. He said that schedule was the toughest off-season workout program he had participated in during his five-year collegiate career.

Carson returned for his final year of eligibility last semester, and immediately beat out H.C. Taylor for the No. 6-singles spot. Taylor then quit the team.

Taylor's decision allowed Carson to be reunited with Feuer in doubles competition. The pair of players have compiled a 3-0 record this spring, and are setting their sights on another Big Eight title.

"We haven't lost a match yet," Carson said. "I'm glad we got the opportunity. I think we should definitely win."

Carson said he would like to help Nebraska win a Big Eight title by also claiming a conference crown in singles competition. He said he has confidence in himself.

"Right now I think I'm going to win every game when I walk on the court," he said. "That's the way you've got to feel."

Carson said he lacked confidence just two weeks ago, though, at the Nevada Bob's Doubles Tourney in Las Vegas. Carson replaced an injured Stuart Jung at No. 5-singles.

"It's weird. So much of the game is mental," Carson said. "I won my first match, but I didn't feel like I was playing that good."

Carson finished the tournament with a victory, and he said that boosted his confidence. Now he said he feels he is playing well.

Carson said his confidence has made him more aggressive. He said

aggressiveness is an unusual trait for a No. 6-singles player.

"Most will play the baseline more, and be patient," Carson said. "If you can attack them, put pressure on them, you can make them fold. That's my game, to make them make mistakes."

Carson began his Nebraska career as the Huskers' No. 2-singles player. He said he has moved down in the line-up because Nebraska men's tennis coach Kerry McDermott has done a great job of recruiting.

"The team has gotten better," Carson said. "Not that I have gotten worse."

Wrestlers to race for second place

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say about a 2nd-place Husker finish, Cyclone coach Jim Gibbons said. But Gibbons said he had no illusions about beating the Cowboys. The race for runner up will be Gibbons' focus, he said.

"Yeah, I think that will be more interesting," he said. "But they don't give trophies for finishing second."

Missouri probably won't have to worry about a 2nd-place finish. The Tigers, who finished last at last season's league meet, have two third-seeded wrestlers -- 150-pounder Greg Warren, 19-18-1, and 190-pounder Charlie Sherertz, 20-6.

"We got a real young team," Tiger coach Wes Roper said. "We just want to get through as many matches as we can."

NU team travels despite forecast

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Division I squad. "We need to evaluate as many people as possible," Sanders said.

Northern Colorado returns seven of eight position starters, but only three pitchers from last year's 19-28 team.

Northern Colorado coach John Barnes said his club has a "nice blend" of experienced and new players on this year's 1-2 squad.

Even though Nebraska beat Northern Colorado in all four meetings last year, Sanders said the Cornhuskers won't be taking the game lightly.

"They play hard and they're very competitive," Sanders said. "I just hope we can get some games in. It's worth the chance."

Campus rec events nearing deadlines

Craig Christensen, the Office of Campus Recreation's relations director, said several deadlines are approaching for upcoming events.

Christensen said all University of Nebraska-Lincoln students or faculty members who want to participate in a volleyball marathon or a badminton doubles competition need to sign up by Tuesday.

Christensen said he would also like to remind all intramural basketball teams to check the schedule to see when they play in the post-season tournament. The schedule is posted in the Office of Campus Recreation, which is located at 1740 Vine St.



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