

Wrestling coach wants team to avoid letdown this weekend after early wins

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After seeing his team compete in its biggest meet of the season, Nebraska wrestling coach Tim Neumann is worried about a letdown.

Last weekend at the Las Vegas Invitational, the Cornhuskers finished third in the 42-team tournament and placed five wrestlers in the top six of their weight classes.

Two Huskers -- Jason Kelber at 126 pounds and Joe Malecek at heavyweight -- won their divisions.

Neumann said he isn't sure how to keep his team emotionally high for this weekend's duals against Northern Illinois and Lock Haven.

"Actually, we're planning on being real low-key for this weekend's duals," Neumann said. "We wrestled as good as we could have (at Las Vegas), and I think our guys know that they don't have to wrestle

their very best to win this weekend.

"They still have to wrestle, but I think they can win on technique."

Nebraska faces Northern Illinois at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, and will take on Lock Haven at 8 p.m. Northern Illinois and Lock Haven will wrestle at 5 p.m.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who present their student ID cards will be admitted to the meets for free.

Because Nebraska faces No. 7-ranked Iowa State Dec. 16 in Ames, Iowa, Neumann said, Husker coaches don't want to emotionally drain their team this weekend.

"I don't know if we can get them up for three weeks in a row," he said. "We understand that we have to wrestle these meets this weekend, though."

Neither Northern Illinois nor Lock Haven were among Amateur Wrestling News' Top-25 teams. Neumann

said Northern Illinois has had injury problems throughout the season, "but they're always one of the most physical teams we wrestle."

Lock Haven also is physical, Neumann said.

"They wrestle a completely different style than we do," he said. "They try to pin you all the time. Northern Illinois always tries to throw you."

Neumann said the physical style of this weekend's opponents presents opportunities and problems for the Huskers.

"When they try to pin or throw you all the time, you can execute some moves on them that aren't there for other teams," he said. "But you can get pretty beat up, too."

Neumann said his team is looking forward to making its home debut.

"We're looking forward to being at home, especially after Vegas," he said. "Our kids are healthy and they have a great attitude."

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who have friends and relatives there, too, and that gives them a good excuse to visit and take in a game while they're there."

Tickets for the 1990 Fiesta Bowl

cost \$36. That figure represents a \$6 increase from the 1987 Fiesta Bowl.

Selig said the price increase hasn't affected sales.

"It doesn't appear to be a deter-

rent," he said. "Generally, the ticket price tends to be the cheapest part of the trip anyway. It doesn't appear -- looking at the requests -- that that has affected sales at all."

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mouth," Scheele said. "It certainly didn't do us any good. We damaged ourselves by having that happen."

Tim Dinslage, the Sweet Hogs' team captain, said his team is looking forward to competing in the championships for the second time in three years. The Sweet Hogs also qualified in 1987.

"We didn't expect to qualify at all," Dinslage said. "It was such a turn of events."

In addition to being allowed to compete, Dinslage said the Sweet Hogs were presented with more good news -- Better Quality Cassettes Inc. has agreed to donate \$500 for the team's trip. He said that money will be used along with the \$1,500 stipend provided by the Office of Campus Recreation.

Dinslage said the Sweet Hogs are approaching the championships seriously even though they know they

will be at a disadvantage.

"Most teams down there play football like we play softball," he said. "They play 70 to 80 games a year."

Dinslage said that doesn't mean his team is entering the playoffs with the idea it can't win.

"Last time we went down there, we played mostly for fun," he said. "This time, we want to win a couple games."

in brief

SPORTS

2 teams dominate intramural All-Stars

Players from the Sweet Hogs and the Brew Crew dominated the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's intramural flag football All-Star team that was released Wednesday by the Office of Campus Recreation.

The Sweet Hogs, who defeated Sig Ep B-2 7-0 to win this year's all-university flag football title, used their dominating performance throughout the season to place four players on the team. The Brew Crew also placed four players on the squad, which was divided into eight-player offensive and defensive units.

Players were not selected based on their true positions, as a number of selections spent the season at skilled positions like quarterback or wide receiver. The selections were made by Craig Christensen,

the relations director at the Office of Campus Recreation, and several staff assistants.

The Sweet Hogs who were included on the offensive team were Scott Johnson, Tim Dinslage and Guy Fredricksen, while Craig Moser made the squad as a defensive player. The Brew Crew team members included were Carl Hroza on offense and Devin Kosmiki, Mike Beacon and Todd Lorenz on defense.

The remainder of the team included Sig Ep's Scott Kinnison on offense and Garrett Anderson and Doug Ayer on defense and No Clue's Darren Swanson on offense. Abel 7's Shawn Comstock and Mark Swanson also made the team as offensive players, while ATO's Mike Stephens and Jason Morrissey made the squad as defensive players.

Men's volleyball team to take on UNO

The UNL men's volleyball team will face the University of Nebraska at Omaha on Sunday in Mabel Lee Hall.

The match, which will determine the state's bragging rights, begins at 2 p.m. in gym 313. No admission will be charged.

KSU women's basketball coach resigns

Kansas State women's basketball coach Matilda Mossman has announced her resignation.

Mossman, who began the season with an 80-66 record during her 5-year stay with the Wildcats,

was named the 1987 Big Eight Coach of the Year after guiding her team to a conference championship.

Kansas State finished last season with an 18-11 record.

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guards, Yedsena may have a tough time stepping into the rotation. If the freshman can push her way into the lineup, though, Yancey might team with Yedsena in the backcourt (The "Y's Choice?").

The 1990-91 Huskers will have senior leadership from Dahn, Ann Halsne and Kelly Hubert, inside scoring from Jennings, and shooting and quickness from Hiestand and Offringa.

Hubert was becoming a silent star with her rebounding and intensity before injuring her ankle against Oral Roberts. Sarah Muller could make the same jump as Hubert's replace-

ment. Beck doesn't win all of her recruiting battles. Highly touted Amy Fordham of Lincoln Southeast slipped away and signed with Missouri.

But Beck is getting so many talented players that even if one player stops improving or gets hurt, like Hubert, another player will take her place -- sort of safety in numbers.

As these young players become juniors and seniors, Beck will be safe in the most important numbers of all: wins and losses.

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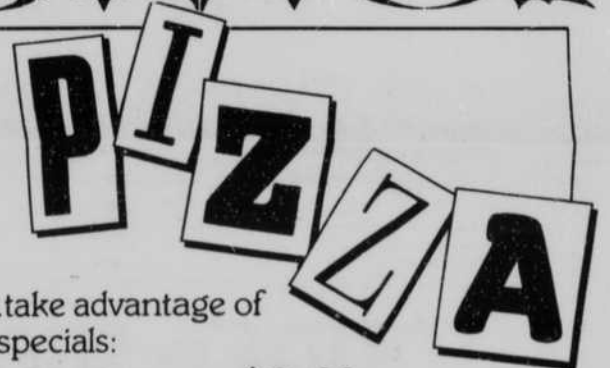
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