

# Big Eight team wins two Grand Prix games

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The Big Eight select women's basketball team, coached by Nebraska's Angela Beck and consisting of two Cornhusker players, returned Monday from Czechoslovakia, where it was treated like royalty.

"We were treated like queens from the moment we stepped off the plane to the moment we got on," Beck said. "It was wonderful. It was definitely the experience of a lifetime. It lived up to its expectations and probably surpassed them."

On the court, the team got a royal treatment of another kind from the three national teams entered in the Grand Prix Tournament. The Big Eight team played six games in six days, losing four.

## Women's team signs recruits

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With the addition of four recruits signed last week, the Nebraska women's track team is having one of its best recruiting seasons in Coach Gary Pepin's 10 years.

The women's recruiting list now stands at 10, and Nebraska assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Mark Kostek, who joined the Cornhusker coaching staff the same year as Pepin, said this class ranks among the top three or four in the Pepin era--one that includes sweeping 10-straight Big Eight indoor and outdoor titles along with three-straight national indoor titles from 1982 to 1984.

The letter-of-intent deadline is Aug. 1.

"We're really, really excited," Kostek said. "It's a young group that could only get better with time."

The latest recruits include sprinter Kelly Westenrieder of Lubbock, Texas, who was rated the nation's 10th-best high school 200-meter runner, and high jumper Destiny "Duff" Liebl of Eads, Colo., who has jumped 5-10 1/2.

Omaha Westside's Jenny Johnson, the Class A 400 and 800 champion, and Grand Island Northwest's Krista Mader, who finished third in the Class B shot put, also signed.

Those four join other signees who also were among the prep best this year.

Kwani Stewart, the nation's number two hurdler; Michelle Johnson, the top 100-meter sprinter in the state of Texas; and Shanelle Porter, who ran the nation's fastest 400, have all committed to Nebraska.

Nebraska also landed one of the premier multi-event competitors in Rita Inancsi of Budapest, Hungary.

Kostek said Inancsi, who will compete in the heptathlon, is ranked upon the top five multi-eventers in the world.

In addition, Kostek said, currently eight walk-ons have said they will come here. Six of those attended Nebraska high schools.

"We're in really, really good shape," he said.

"It was a grueling schedule," Beck said. It started with 110-63 loss to Czechoslovakia, then an 89-58 loss to Yugoslavia, followed by another defeat to Czechoslovakia 93-68. The team finished third by beating the Russian team 83-72, which Beck said was the highlight of tournament.

The Yugoslavian team won the tournament, Beck said, behind a player with the last name of Mujanovic, who stood 6-foot-7 and weighed about 240 to 250 pounds. She was the tournament's MVP with 70 points in three games.

She said the team was "blown out" one more time by the Czechoslovakian team, 118-56, and then beat that country's junior national team 87-60.

The losses didn't bother Beck because the team was up against Olympic-caliber players

and coaches in the national teams.

"I would say the tour was a success," Beck said. "When I measure it as a success, I'm not looking at wins or losses because I didn't think we would win a game."

"I couldn't ask for a better group of girls. They gelled well together. We didn't have one problem. I was pleased with the way they handled themselves and the mature level that they showed on the tour."

She said it was a wonderful time to experience the Central European country because it was the first time in more than 20 years that American basketball had been played there.

The games matched the physical play of the European countries with that of finesse, speed and natural ability of the Big Eight team.

Beck said she was pleased with the play of the Husker players on the team, Kelly Hubert

and Karen Jennings.

Jennings, a sophomore next season, was the youngest player on the team. Beck said she scored a lot of points, played consistently and learned to play more physically.

Hubert, she said, was a role player and stabilized the team's attack with rebounds and screens.

Beck said that although the team was not quite of the same caliber of other teams or what the fans may have expected of an American team, it got top billing with bill boards that read "U.S.A.," and standing ovations and fans swarming the players after games. Moreover, the dollar was up and the player's had a heyday shopping, she said.

"There was nothing disappointing about it," she said. "It was highly successful, and I look for more future success."

## Nebraska Track Recruits

Name	Hometown	Events
<b>MEN</b>		
Marlon Jones	Peoria, Ill.	Middle Distance
David Itetta	Fremont	Long Distance
Phouphet Singbandith	Anaheim, Calif.	Triple Jump
<b>WOMEN</b>		
Jenny Johnson	Omaha	Sprints; Distance
Krista Mader	Grand Island	Throws
Kelly Westenrieder	Lubbock, Texas	Sprints
Duff Liebel	Eads, Colo.	High Jump
Rita Inancsi	Budapest, Hungary	Heptathlon
Michelle Johnson	Bonham, Texas	Sprints; Jumps
Shanelle Porter	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Sprints
Nikywa Prevost	L.A. Valley Jr. College	Sprints
Theresa Stelling	Auburn	Distance
Kwani Stewart	Yuba City, Calif.	Hurdles



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## Three athletes commit to Cornhusker men's team

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The Nebraska men's track recruiting list may be short, but that does not mean it is short of talent.

With the signing of middle distance runner Marlon Jones of Peoria, Illinois, last week, the Cornhuskers now have commitments from three athletes.

"The three men's signees we feel are quality athletes who can make an impact at the Big Eight level in a year or two," said Mark Kostek, a Husker assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

Jones had an impact at Limestone High School where he captured the Illinois Class A 800-meter run title, and more impressively, owned the nation's second fastest prep time in that event this year.

Another impact performer, who signed earlier, is Phouphet Singbandith of Anaheim, Calif. Singbandith was the nation's second best prep performer in the triple jump this year.

Fremont distance runner, David Itetta, who also signed earlier, could

be a top performer if he develops, Kostek said.

"With David we really don't know how good he is going to be and neither does he," he said. "We feel he is going to be a very, very fine runner."

"I know (distance) Coach (Jay) Dirksen is real excited to have him as a member of the cross country team next year."

Kostek said that currently 12 walk-ons have said they will compete for the men's team this year. Four of those hail from Nebraska.

The reason the number of men's recruits is so much lower than that of the women's team, with 10, Kostek said, is because there was not a high turnover of seniors this season, so the amount of money for partial scholarships is limited.

The deadline to sign men and women to letters-of-intent is Aug. 1. How many more Nebraska signs will depend on the amount of allotted scholarship money that remains and how much of it coaches want to offer a particular athlete.

## Cornhusker coach announces men's, women's track team award winners

The Nebraska men's and women's track team award winners for this year were announced last week by Cornhusker coach Gary Pepin.

Named the Most Valuable Performers and the Most Outstanding Track Athletes for their teams were senior Sammie Gdowski and sophomore Tamas Molnar.

Gdowski earned two All-America awards, won three Big Eight titles and broke five school records.

Indoors, she won Big Eight titles in the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs and was the runner-up in the 5,000 at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Outdoors, she was the Big Eight's 5,000 champion, and she was fifth in 10,000 at the NCAA Championships.

Her school records came in the

3,000 and 5,000 indoors, and the 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 outdoors.

Molnar, who also earned to All-America awards, was the Big Eight's indoor and outdoor 200 and 400 champion.

At the NCAA Outdoor Championships he became the Husker men's first All-American sprinter since Charlie Greene in 1968. He also anchored an all-sophomore 1,600 relay team to a third-place finish.

He set records in the outdoor 200 and in the 400 both indoors and outdoors.

The other award winners for the men's team: sophomore Gerry Marsee, Most Improved Track Athlete; sophomore Rick Schwieger, Most Improved Field Athlete; and Anthony Adkison,

Most Outstanding Newcomer.

Marsee, with Molnar, was a member of 1,600 All-American relay team. Schwieger won All-America honors in the decathlon--the first Husker to do so--and Adkison was the Big Eight's outdoor 100 champion.

On the women's side: Lisa Darley, middle distance, Fran tenBensel, distance, and Denise Lucas, sprints, shared the Most Improved Track Athlete award; Meredy Porter, an All-American in the high jump, and long and triple jumper Shanta McGlothlin shared the Most Outstanding Field Athlete award; and Kim Walker, an NCAA qualifier and Big Eight outdoor champion in the 200, was named the Most Outstanding Newcomer.

## Moseke named Grand Marshal

Former Nebraska women's track coach Carol Moseke Frost has been named the Grand Marshal of the sixth-annual Cornhusker State Games to be held July 16 to 22.

Frost, of Wood River and a teacher at Grand Island Senior High, coached the Nebraska women to their first Big Eight championship in 1980 by sweeping the indoor and outdoor titles.

Frost is a member of the national AAU Hall of Fame in basketball.

As Grand Marshal, she will lead the opening ceremonies parade July 20 at Seacrest Field, and give the Athletes' Oath to State Games competitors, which will be televised on NETV.