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Nebraska coach Danny Nee agrees. "They can make their season in three games, quick," Nee said. A tournament victory would only add to what has been a record-shattering season for Nebraska. The Huskers have already topped the season record for wins in a season and are a lock

for only the second NCAA berth in school history.

The Big Eight tournament, however, has not been a playground of success for Nebraska. In the 14 years since the tournament began, the Huskers are the only team to have never reached the final game.

"Any win down there, I don't care against who, would be great," King said.

Baseball team to play twice

The Nebraska baseball team will play Northern Colorado Saturday and Sunday at Buck Beltzer Field. The games will begin 12:30 p.m. each day.

Northern Colorado is 2-2 on the season entering a doubleheader against the University of Nebraska-Omaha tonight.

The Cornhuskers swept a four-game series between the two teams last season. Coach John Sanders said the Bears, a Division II team, will be competitive.

— Nick Hytrek

NU track teams send 10 to finals

From Staff Reports

Nine Nebraska women and one man will compete today and Saturday at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis.

The Big Eight champion Cornhusker women are led by senior sprinter Ximena Restrepo, who qualified in the 200-meter dash, the 400 and the 1,600 relay. Restrepo will bypass the 200 to focus on the other two events.

Going in, Restrepo has the fourth best time in the nation in the 400 (52.74 seconds), and the relay team (3 minutes, 36.34 seconds), which qualified at last week's Florida Fast Times Meet, owns the fastest time in the country. Shanelle Porter, Kim Walker and Tranquil Wilson also are on the relay team.

Attitude

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"When I didn't produce, and when the team didn't produce, I think a lot of people put some of the blame on my shoulders," he said. "I think I took too much upon myself because I was expecting bigger things."

All of which took the joy away from the game for him.

"There were a lot of times I came into practice with a bad attitude," he said. "I wasn't having fun on the court and I wasn't looking forward to practicing."

Over the summer, Moody worked on his game and spent a lot of time talking to Coach Danny Nee and the rest of the Husker staff.

The result: a clearer understanding of his role on the team and a new attitude.

"It's hard coming from a junior college," Moody said. "It usually takes a year to learn the system so that junior year is tough."

"I think last year I was confused and needed a lot of help from the coaches. I wasn't really sure what the coaches were looking for, so I was trying to do more myself."

After talking with the coaches this summer, Moody said he realized what the coaches expected of him.

"As the point guard you're really not much of a scorer," he said. "If you've got the open shot, you take it. If you're on fire, they'll let you keep shooting. But (Nee) wants you to dish the ball off and get the guys moving and communicating."

"Once we got that agreement, then I had a whole new attitude coming into the season."

The transition from junior college to Division I basketball was only one of Moody's problems last year. He was also making the transition from football player to basketball player.

Moody was recruited to play football as well as basketball when he was a high school senior. He eventually signed a letter of intent to play football with Virginia Tech.

He redshirted his freshman year but left after one semester because of a new coaching staff and grade trouble.

After spending a semester at Northern Virginia Community College to improve his grades, he went to Hagerstown to play basketball. He had to sit out the first semester as a transfer and then

SPORTS BRIEFS

Big 8 announces co-players of the year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Doug Smith of Missouri and Byron Houston of Oklahoma State are co-winners of the Associated Press Big Eight player of the year award, the first time the award has had co-winners.

Jeff Webster, Oklahoma's 6-8 redshirt freshman, was a runaway winner for conference newcomer of the year with 14 votes to two for Oklahoma State guard Sean Sutton.

Husker gymnasts lose star performer

Two weeks makes a difference. The Arizona State women's gymnastics team came to Nebraska Feb. 24 without one of its top gymnasts. Friday, Nebraska will travel to Arizona State to face the Sun Devils without Robin Richter, a three-event performer for the Cornhuskers. Richter underwent

surgery Tuesday to repair her torn Achilles tendon.

Nebraska coach Rick Walton said because of the injury to Richter, senior Nita Lichtenstein will compete on the uneven bars. He said he doesn't know who will replace Richter on the floor.

— Erik Unger

NU tennis team to meet Iowa players

The Nebraska men's tennis team will face its toughest test to date when the Cornhuskers battle Iowa tonight.

The Huskers will be trying to avenge a 5-4 loss against the Hawkeyes last fall and will com-

plete the weekend with a dual Saturday against Gustavus Adolphus in Iowa City, Iowa.

"If we play to our potential, we should win both matches," Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said.

— Jeff Singer

Swimmers get last chance to qualify

Nebraska will host the Cornhusker Qualifying Invitational this weekend at the Bob Devaney pool. It will be held in between the preliminaries and finals of the Big Eight men's championship Friday and after the finals Saturday.

But don't be fooled by the name.

Nebraska coach Ray Huppert said this meet is nothing more than a last chance for swimmers from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa State and Missouri to get the times necessary to qualify for nationals.

— Benji Greenberg

Rec Scoreboard

Results from Wednesday's games.

Men's basketball

Fraternity A

Delta Upsilon 64, Chi Phi 58; Sigma Phi Epsilon A1 107, Delta Tau Delta 52; Sigma Chi A1 58, Delta Upsilon 54; Sigma Alpha Epsilon 76, Farmhouse 64; AgMen 55, Beta Sigma Psi 44; Beta Theta Pi 59, Sigma Nu A1 55; Alpha Tau Omega A2 82, Alpha Gamma Sigma 49; Sigma Phi Epsilon A2 64, Phi Kappa Psi 49.

Fraternity C

Chi Phi by forfeit over Sigma Phi Epsilon C1; Delta Tau Delta C1 49, Lambda Chi Alpha 43; Farmhouse C1 by forfeit over Sigma Alpha Epsilon C2; Phi Kappa Psi 38, Triangle 36; Beta Sigma Psi 56, Phi Gamma Delta 51; Chi Phi C2 61, Sigma Alpha Epsilon C1 60; Farmhouse C2 67, Sigma Nu C1 39; Sigma Phi Epsilon C2 by forfeit over Kappa Sigma; Alpha Tau Omega C1 44, AgMen 41; Delta Upsilon 80, Acacia 25.

Residence B

Abel 7 46, Harper 2 31; Schramm 2 66, Burr 1 West 30; Burr 3 West 52, Abel 12 45.

Liteweight

Falstaff 54, Traingle 41; Alpha Tau Omega 56, Beta Sigma Psi 42; Dawgs 58, Chi Phi 2 31; Phi Delta Theta 69, Rodent Express 54; Vanilla Gorillas 41, Sigma Nu 39; C&S Express 61, Chi Phi 1 56; Delta Tau Delta 57, Selleck 8300 40.

Small fry

Beta Sigma Psi 49, Dawgs 46; Air Bisquits 81, Chi Phi 1 49; Sigma Nu 57, Primetime 53; Untouchables 80, Kappa Sigma 36; GC Brownstars 48, Triangle 45; Beer Nuts 90, Chi Phi 2 43; Beta Theta Pi 76, Sigma Phi Epsilon 48; Phi Kappa Psi 66, Delta Tau Delta 54.

Soccer

Fraternity A

Beta Theta Pi 2, Lambda Chi Alpha 1; Delta Upsilon by forfeit over Phi Gamma Delta; Alpha Tau Omega 4, Triangle 0; Phi Delta Theta 7, Sigma Phi Epsilon 2.

Fraternity B

Kappa Sigma 2, Alpha Tau Omega 1; Delta Upsilon by forfeit over Chi Phi B; Farmhouse B 6, Beta Theta Pi B2 1; Sigma Phi Epsilon 3, Beta Theta Pi B1 0.

Fraternity C

Sigma Alpha Epsilon 6, Chi Phi C 1.

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R E G I S T E R N O W

aggressive mistakes as far as attacking and pushing the ball up the court, things like that."

Moody said he tries to inspire his teammates with his aggressive play.

"I like to think of myself as a spark plug, a sixth man coming off of the bench when the starting unit is kind of at a stalemate with the opposing team," he said. "I come in and get the ball and take off, get the fast break going, get the guys talking on defense and create a different mood from the starters."

"I think the guys know my role well, and when they see me come into the game they know the tempo is going to pick up."

The fans have come to expect the same and Moody has become a favorite. A chorus of "Moooddy" usually follows his entrance into a game.

It is a welcome change from last season, he said.

"It's given me a lot more confidence knowing that the crowd is behind me," he said. "A lot of times I'm on the bench and hear the crowd calling my name saying, 'Put Moody in!' and it gives me confidence where I'm so relaxed on the court and I'm not afraid to make a mistake."

At the end of Sunday's game against Kansas, Moody gave something back to the fans. As he came out of a game for the last time at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, he started dancing on the sideline.

"That was a show of my appreciation towards everybody for my two years of being here," Moody said, laughing. "Last year was rough and the fans stuck with me. Now things have been going great and it's been the same."

The win over Kansas was a fitting end to a regular season full of unexpected success for the Huskers, and Moody might be the happiest of them all.

"It's always been a dream of mine to play Division I basketball," Moody said. "Not only did I get to play two years of quality Division I basketball, but another dream of mine is being fulfilled: That's going to the NCAA Tournament. I always wanted the chance. We've worked so hard and now we're there."

Next season, Keith Moody will be gone, but he said he hopes he has left a lasting impression on the Nebraska program.

"I want to be remembered as a guy who gave 110 percent every time he was out there, and when things were going bad he was still hustling his butt off trying to make things go right," he said.

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Moody
NU basketball player

averaged 13.4 points per game, helping lead Hagerstown to the national junior college tournament.

Despite being away from football for two years when he came to Nebraska, he still showed the signs of his football days. The years of weight lifting for football were still evident.

"It was a hard transition for me because I was still kind of bulky from football," he said. "I felt slow most of last year and it was hard losing that weight."

Moody said that the football weight is gone and that his body has become adjusted to basketball again.

"(The weight loss) has helped my quickness a lot, especially in the open court," he said. "Now I don't feel a step slower than the guys I face like I did last year."

Even though the weight is gone, the football player stigma remains, Moody said.

"I think I'm always going to have that because of my size," he said. "I'm short, I'm a compact guy and I'm strong for my size."

But the weight training Moody went through as a football player did give him some freedom this summer, he said.

"Coach Nee told me not to bother lifting any weights this summer, so I just worked on my shot more than anything else," he said.

Moody was recruited in a summer league in Omaha and got the chance to work on his shot as well as his quickness and ball handling against players from Creighton and the Omaha Racers.

All of that work has paid off, he said.

"When I'm out on the court, I don't make the mistakes and the turnovers like I did," he said. "I don't take the bad shots and get beat on defense."

"Now the mistakes I make are