

Swimmers face test

By Thomas Clouse
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's swimming and diving team will travel to Minneapolis today to take on five teams in the three-day Minnesota Invitational.

The Cornhuskers will compete against Iowa State, Minnesota, Northern Michigan, North Dakota and Florida Atlantic.

Last week, the women's team rammed Colorado State 164-133, and beat Wyoming 147-77 to advance to a 3-3 dual record.

Nebraska coach Ray Huppert said in a press release that he was pleased with his team's performance.

"We swam extremely well this

weekend," Huppert said. "Our team worked hard to prepare for two duals, and it paid off."

The Huskers were led by junior Michelle Butcher, who swam her best time of the year in the 1,000 freestyle (10 minutes 5.27 seconds) against Colorado State.

Huppert said Nebraska should get a good test from the teams this weekend.

"Although not all of the schools are Division I, they have some very talented swimmers," Huppert said.

This weekend's three-day meet will be good experience, especially for the younger swimmers to see how they handle it, Huppert said.

"This type of format reflects the

same one they will see at the Big Eight meet," he said.

The divers boosted Nebraska's point totals last week by winning the 1- and 3-meter diving events.

Diving coach Jim Hocking said he was impressed with the performances of sophomore Heidi Buchholz and freshman Julie Grimmer and Jennifer Harnley.

"We have a tremendous amount of talent," Hocking said. "They are capable of having at least four NCAA qualifiers."

The Huskers' first win came against Utah, 181-110.

Nebraska's three losses came to Iowa, 154-145; Brigham Young, 155-145; and Kansas, 136-107.

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returned in the second half, but her ankle slowed her down. Beck said the guard is back to 90 percent, but isn't sure of her status for the game.

Beck said she didn't want to push Yedsena's injury because "as she goes,

we go."

Junior Sara Offringa will start in place of the injured Carol Russell. Beck said Russell, who also sprained an ankle against Athletes In Action, has not finished an entire practice since the game Nov. 13.

Beck said transfer Nafeesah Brown's performance in practice has moved her from the forward position.

With Brown at the shooting guard Nebraska will have four 6-footers on the floor, with Yedsena at the point, Beck said.

Brown came off the bench to score 16 points against Athletes In Action.

Last year, the Huskers lost to Creighton, 81-80, in overtime. Jennings led the Huskers scoring 20 points and grabbing six rebounds.

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Nee said. "It is a team that will shoot a lot of three's and get up and down the floor, perhaps show multiple defenses and will just be a very quick basketball team."

Nee said Southern Cal is an athletic team talented at every position. But, he said, junior Harold Miner, a 6-foot-5, 210-pound guard, particularly stands out.

"Harold Miner is a mini-Michael Jordan. He is just a great talent and a great player," Nee said. "He is a go-to player, and he is going to get a lot of points. We just have to try to control

him."

Nee said the Cornhuskers are healthy, including sophomore forward Bruce Chubick, who has been healing a broken foot. Nee said doctors have said Chubick can play, and that he will see some action this weekend. Hughes' ankle, which he sprained earlier this fall, also is completely healthy, Nee said.

NU wrestlers to begin season at UNO Open

By Chuck Green
Senior Editor

Nebraska's 10th-ranked wrestling team begins its season Saturday at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Open.

About 500 wrestlers are expected to compete in the tournament, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the UNO Fieldhouse.

Only individual results will be recorded, and no team scores will be kept.

Nebraska Coach Tim Neumann said the meet will be important for him and his coaching staff.

"This will be a good gauge as to where we are talent-wise on the team," Neumann said.

Neumann said six or seven Division I teams will be on hand, and "a ton of junior college, NAIA and Division II wrestlers" from all parts of the country will also make the trip to Omaha.

The tournament will be divided into two divisions: 17-20 age group and 21 and over.

This will be Nebraska's first trip to the annual meet in three years. The Cornhuskers usually travel to the Las Vegas Invitational, but will not go this year because of travel expenses.

Neumann said he expects the same quality of competition at the

UNO Open as the Huskers would have seen in Las Vegas.

Fifth-ranked Iowa State and No. 6 Northern Iowa will send their teams to the meet, as will Wisconsin, Minnesota and Wyoming, Neumann said.

The weight classes will be crowded, too, he said.

"There will be as many as 40 people in a weight class," Neumann said. "It will give our guys a chance to get a lot of matches in."

Neumann said there could be some good matches in the tournament. The 177-pound weight class will include Nebraska's fifth-ranked Corey Olson, top-ranked Matt Johnson of Iowa State and No. 3 Rich Powers of Iowa.

Nebraska's roster is full of new names this season, having lost six of last season's 10 starters to graduation. Neumann said the tournament will provide a chance for some of the younger Huskers to gain national recognition.

Two he mentioned in particular are 150-pounder Rick Colvet and heavyweight Rulon Gardner.

Neumann said his team is ready for competition.

"We are as prepared as we can get until we see some good competition," he said. "After this meet, we will know more about where we need to improve and adjust."

3 Huskers win academic honor

From Staff Reports

Three Cornhusker football players have earned GTE Academic All-District 7 honors.

Middle guard Pat Engelbert, linebacker Mike Petko and punter Mike Stigge were named to the regional team and will advance to the national academic all-America ballot, from which a panel of sports information

directors will pick the national team.

The academic all-America team will be announced Dec. 13.

To be eligible for the academic all-America ballot, athletes must post at least a 3.2 grade point average, be at least a sophomore in class standing and contribute as a starter or an important reserve on their respective teams.

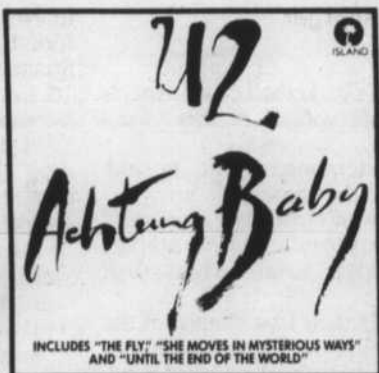
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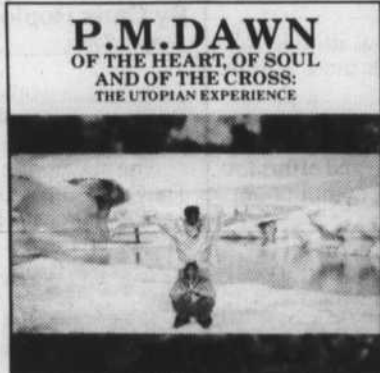
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