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NU swim teams expect challenge

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving teams will hit the waves against the Iowa State Cyclones Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool.

The Cornhusker men (5-3) are ranked 18th after a win over No. 17 Michigan State and a loss to No. 11 UCLA in Los Angeles where they trained during semester break.

Men's Coach Cal Bentz said in a press release that training in Los Angeles helped prepare his team for the Cyclones, who are coming off a win at Minnesota.

"Iowa State covers every event, they have always been very competitive in diving," Bentz said. "They have an excellent group of young swimmers, but we're prepared for a tough meet."

The women's team (3-4) spent the break training in Lincoln, and Coach Ray Huppert said he also expects a tough meet.

"The Cyclones match up well against us because we are both in growing stages, with all of the youth in the program," he said.



Women's Volleyball

1. Abel 7-A (5-0)
2. Alpha Omicron Pi-A (7-1)
3. Alpha Chi Omega-B (5-1)
4. Smith 10 (5-1)
5. Alpha Delta Pi-B (5-1)
6. Atomic Fireballs (4-1)
7. Smashers (4-1)
8. Alpha Xi Delta (3-1)
9. Regulators (5-2)
10. Pound 6 (6-0)

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Atlanta

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Neumann said Tennessee-Chatanooga's strength is its starters in the upper-weights, from 158 to heavyweight — the same strength as Nebraska.

Neumann said he is pleased with the progress of the lower-weight classes, from 118 to 150. All five starters are new faces in the Husker lineup.

But, he said, the progress is going better than he expected at the beginning of the season.

"I'm still concerned," Neumann said. "But I think they're doing more than just holding their own."

Neumann said he is "extremely pleased" with the progress of the team as a whole.

"They've all improved consistently from week to week," he said. "You can't ask for anything more than that."

Notes:

● Nebraska's wrestlers and coaches should feel welcome in Atlanta Saturday.

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln alumni group known as "Georgians for Nebraska" probably will have a large contingent at the meet, Neumann said.

"The last time we wrestled Tennessee-Chatanooga (in Chattanooga five years ago), we walked into the gym and saw about 150 people dressed in red, with a big banner," Neumann said. "We had more fans there than they did."

The chapter's support for the wrestling team, Neumann said, can be credited to its president, former Nebraska Yell Squad member Jeff Casteel, who married a former Husker Wrestling Spirit Leader.

Neumann said he expects the chapter to be out in full force for the meet in Atlanta.

"That makes it a lot nicer for us to go down there," he said.

● Clemson and Tennessee-Chatanooga will have a surprise awaiting them in their first matches against Nebraska.

Jeremie Eckley, who won three consecutive Class B wrestling titles at Sidney High School, will likely be Nebraska's starter at 118.

Eckley quit the team last year, but returned recently after Husker starter John Buxton left the lineup with a knee injury.

Eckley recorded a 120-10 record in high school, including a 96-3 record in his last three years.

Kansas

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"These guys need a lot more training right now," Dirksen said. "A meet right now would hurt us more than help us."

Dirksen said he would send freshman Renier Henning to Kansas to run the mile. Henning needs to get some meet experience, he said.

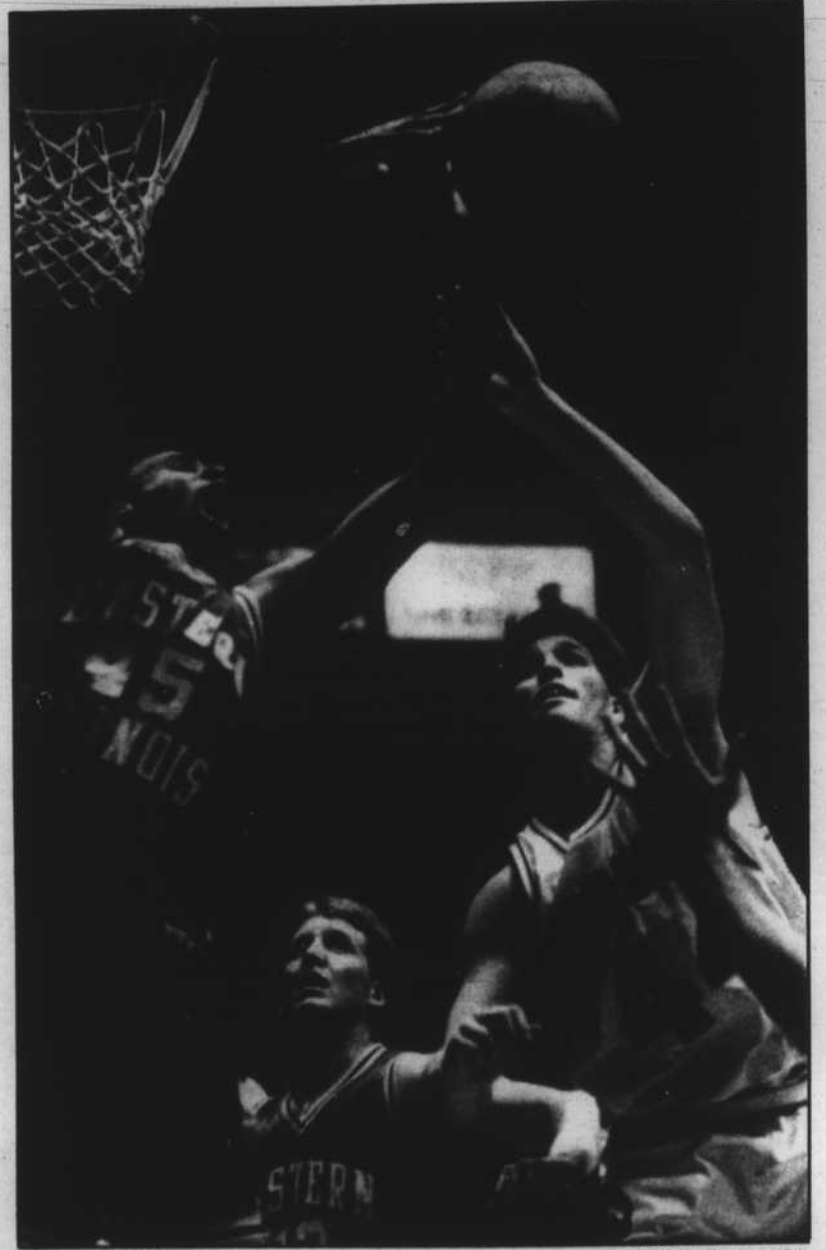
No women distance runners will compete.

But Dirksen said he would have everyone ready by the Nebraska Open on Jan. 25.

The women, shooting for their 12th consecutive Big Eight title, will send all their sprinters.

Women's sprints coach Steve Rainbolt said he wanted his runners to get some experience and familiarize themselves with the conference track.

"A lot of people will be running two or three events down there," Rainbolt said. "Hopefully we'll be able to place everyone in an event after that."



Michelle Paulman/DN

Nebraska's Bruce Chubick moves in to contest Eastern Illinois' Derek Kelley for a rebound in the Cornhuskers' 81-68 win earlier this season. Nebraska will be looking to extend its 13-game home winning streak Saturday against Missouri.

Missouri

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loes 84-74 and improve its Big Eight-leading three-point percentage to nearly 45 percent.

Nee credits his long-range shooters Eric Piatkowski, Carl Hayes, Chris Cresswell, Jamar Johnson and Michael Hughes for Nebraska's success from three-point range.

"We've got five players who feel comfortable shooting the shot, so we've basically given them the green light," Nee said.

Along with maintaining their home winning streak, Nee's Huskers will try to hit another milestone on Satur-

day, as Nee attempts to win his 100th game at Nebraska.

Nee, who is in his sixth season coaching the Huskers, would join Joe Cipriano and Moe Iba as the only 100-game winners in school history.

If Nee reaches his milestone on Saturday, he will do it before a sold-out Devaney Center. The Huskers are on pace to break last season's attendance record, which Nee said was a credit to his team's exciting play.

"I think the home crowd here is a compliment to the program and the players," Nee said. "Nebraska will support a basketball team that plays an up-tempo style of play, and I think our team is very entertaining and people like watching them play."

Tigers

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Beck said the Tigers have two key players.

Ericka Fields, Missouri's only senior starter, is second in the Big Eight in scoring and rebounding. Her 21 points a game trails Nebraska's

Karen Jennings' 25.5 point average. "She's a very tough, very hard-nosed player inside," Beck said.

Vantrece Williams, a junior-college transfer, is scoring 14.5 points and grabbing 7.8 rebounds a game.

Nebraska's Kristi Anderson, who missed the Huskers' game against Colorado with back spasms, is questionable for Saturday's game, Beck said.

NU women's basketball starters

NU vs. Missouri

Nebraska 11-3 (1-0) PPG RPG

G 24	Meggan Yedsena	5-8	So.	10.0	3.6
F 42	Sue Hesch	6-1	Sr.	6.4	4.0
C 51	Karen Jennings	6-2	Jr.	25.2	8.3
F 22	Rissa Taylor	6-1	Jr.	9.8	4.9
G 20	Kim Yancey	5-6	Sr.	4.6	1.9

Missouri 10-4 (1-0) PPG RPG

F 25	Ericka Fields	6-2	Sr.	21.0	11.1
F 34	Vantrece Williams	6-2	Jr.	14.5	7.5
C 44	Lynette Linneman	6-2	Jr.	5.6	6.8
G 24	Amy Fordham	5-10	So.	7.2	4.1
G 31	Stacy Williams	5-6	So.	9.3	3.4



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