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Gettin' Down and Dirty

Nebraska's Jeff Murphy slides to second base past Peru State's Matt Miller in last Saturday's 9-8 Nebraska win. The Cornhuskers will play the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. A final decision will be made today. The games are scheduled for 2 p.m. each day, with the possibility of a double-header Saturday.

Wrestlers to dual nation's best teams

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

Nebraska's wrestling team will try to improve on its two-year streak of fifth-place finishes at the National Dual Championships this weekend in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Cornhuskers, ranked eighth in the country by Amateur Wrestling News, will be seeded seventh in the 16-team tournament. Nebraska is 6-2 in duals this season.

Husker coach Tim Neumann said he is anxious to see how his wrestlers will compete against the best teams in the country.

"We are looking forward to this meet," he said. "It's one of the premier meets of the year and it's a good format. This will give us a chance to see some people we haven't seen all year."

The tournament consists of teams that finished in the top eight at last year's NCAA championships in Iowa City, Iowa, as well as the national champions from Divisions II and III, as well as the NAIA titlist.

The remaining five spots in the championships are filled by the top-

five point-getters from the NCAA championships that did not finish among the country's top eight.

The only current top-10 team that will not be present at this year's meet is Oklahoma State, because of the ongoing scrutiny of the Cowboys' program by the NCAA.

Nebraska's first dual of the meet will be at 11 a.m. Saturday against defending NAIÁ champion Northern Montana.

Neumann said that dual will be a good opening-round challenge.

"They have some real good people," he said. "They have a lot of guys transfer in from Division I schools, so they will be a quality opponent."

If the Huskers beat Northern Montana Saturday morning, they will face second-ranked Iowa State, which has a first-round bye.

Iowa State beat Nebraska 31-11 last December.

Neumann said he expected a good performance from his team at the meet.

"It's an honor to be selected, but we are definitely looking to come away from the meet with a place," he said.

Recruits

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"The Nebraska players will certainly be underrated," he said. "Some of those services don't think players are any good unless they've got 10 or 11 schools chasing them. But some of the players we got from in the state, if they were in Texas, would be highly-ranked recruits."

The Husker recruit getting the most attention from recruiting analysts and the media is quarterback Tommie Frazier from Brandenton, Fla. He was USA Today's All-America selection and was heavily recruited by Notre Dame, Clemson, Colorado, Georgia Tech and, according to his coach, Joe

Kinnan, Florida State and Miami.

Frazier is one player Osborne said might see playing-time as a freshman.

"He's a very talented player," Osborne said. "Some people are worried that Tommie's too much of a runner and not a thrower. But we wouldn't have recruited him if he couldn't throw."

Larry Townsend, a 6-foot-5, 265-pound defensive tackle from San Jose, Calif., could also see playing-time early, Osborne said.

"We might have three or four guys who can play some next season," he said. "But it won't be until three years from now that this class will make a great impact."

Nebraska gears up for Kansas State

By Chris Hopfensperger
Senior Editor

The last time the Nebraska women's basketball team met Kansas State, Karen Jennings exploded for a school-record 48 points.

But fans shouldn't expect the 6-foot-2 junior to catch fire like that again on Saturday, Nebraska coach Angela Beck said.

Nebraska meets the Wildcats for the second time this season at 2 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The first time the two teams met, Jan. 21, Nebraska won 87-82.

"They had a tough time matching up with us," Beck said. "That allowed Jennings to score so many points."

Nebraska, 15-5 overall and 5-2 in the Big Eight, is in second place in the conference race. Kansas State is seventh at 5-15 and 2-5.

After starting the season 1-9, the Wildcats have won four of their past nine games.

"This team (Kansas State) has really come together well," Beck said. "They were not a good basketball team early."

She said the Wildcats' second-year coach Susan Yow kept the Wildcats close in the first game.

"She made some keen adjustments that threw us off-kilter."

Guard Mary Jo Miller helped the Wildcats as well. Miller scored 25 points and had eight assists against

NU Women's Basketball Starters

Nebraska 15-5 (5-2)		PPG	RPG
G 24	Meggan Yedsena 5-8	Sr.	10.5 3.9
F 42	Sue Hesch 6-1	Sr.	6.6 4.1
C 51	Karen Jennings 6-2	Jr.	26.0 9.2
F 22	Rissa Taylor 6-1	Jr.	9.5 4.7
G 41	Carol Russell 5-11	Sr.	4.0 2.5
Kansas St. 5-15 (2-5)		PPG	RPG
F 32	Leah Honeycutt 5-10	Jr.	10.1 8.0
F 13	Lynn Holzman 5-11	So.	5.8 3.0
C 54	Jennifer Grebing 6-2	Sr.	7.6 4.8
G 21	Mary Jo Miller 5-5	Sr.	15.2 3.8
G 20	Gretchen Bertrand 5-9	So.	6.0 2.4

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Nebraska women's gymnastics team meets rival Oklahoma

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team will face Oklahoma tonight in Norman, Okla.

Nebraska coach Rick Walton said the dual had developed into a rivalry with a long history.

"I've been here nine years and the conference championship has come down to Oklahoma and Nebraska every year," Walton said.

Walton said both teams were in a similar situation in that nagging injuries were keeping both from reaching full potential.

"Oklahoma is not on track either," Walton said. "They have some people who are not healthy and they are also struggling in some of their events."

Nebraska and Oklahoma have the best raw talent in the conference, Walton said, but right now Missouri is the healthiest.

"It will be interesting to see what happens later in the year when both Oklahoma and us are healthy and we can both put our better kids on the floor," Walton said.

Four Husker men's gymnasts to compete in Olympic trials

Four Nebraska men's gymnasts will travel to the USGF Winter Re-Ranking meet in Colorado Springs, Colo., in hopes of making a name for themselves on the national gymnastics scene.

Dennis Harrison, Rick Kieffer, Summer Darling and Richard Grace all will compete in the two-day event this weekend.

The meet is the first preliminary qualifying round for the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games. Harrison, Kieffer and Darling will compete in the 1992 compulsories and Grace will be in the group performing the 1996 compulsories. In the 1992 round, Harrison and Kieffer both have very good chances of making the cut, Nebraska coach Francis Allen said.

"Dennis (Harrison) should place in the top 12 or so," Allen said. In the 1996 round, Allen said, Grace should fare even better.

"Some gymnasts aren't mature enough yet to work in the 1992 compulsories," he said. "Grace opted for the 1996 group and I would say he has a good chance to win it."

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Dirksen said, will be in the women's shot put, men's and women's sprints

and the men's 400. In the shot put, Nebraska's Krista Mader has automatically qualified with a throw of 48-2 1/2 and UCLA has three women who have thrown farther than 50 feet.

The 400 will be highlighted by Nebraska's Mark Jackson and Tamas Molnar, as well as a couple of runners from Barton County Junior College. Dirksen said Brigham Young also has several good sprinters.