

Men win Big Eight title; women swimmers, second

By Thomas Clouse
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Thirteen in a row — barely. The Nebraska men's swimming and diving team won its 13th-consecutive Big Eight Championship over Kansas 684.5-667.5, but the Jayhawk women's team overpowered the Cornhuskers 741-586 Saturday night in front of 823 spectators at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Pool.

The Husker men's win would have gone the other way had it not been for a Kansas mistake.

The Jayhawk men's 400-yard relay team was disqualified Thursday because of an illegal lane change-over, which cost Kansas 26 points. Nebraska's margin of victory was 17 points.

Nebraska men's coach Cal Bentz said the meet was too close for his own comfort.

The men's score was tied at 623 with the 400-freestyle relay and the three-meter diving left in the meet. But Nebraska outscored Kansas 61-44 in the last two events.

Kansas coach Gary Kempf, who was voted the Big Eight men's and women's coach of the year, said he had no regrets after the narrow loss.

"How many times do you see a pass intercepted to win the game?" he said. "Those things happen. We came up here and did what we wanted to do."

Nebraska's Seddon Keyter was voted the Big Eight Outstanding Performer after two close victories Saturday that gave Nebraska the title. He won the 100 backstroke, 50 freestyle,

Final swimming team standings

WOMEN	
Kansas	741
Nebraska	586
Iowa State	354
Missouri	211
MEN	
Nebraska	684.5
Kansas	667.5
Iowa State	344
Missouri	189



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100 freestyle and he was a member of the winning 400-freestyle relay.

Keyter said the title was a good ending to a great year.

"We really had to fight hard because Kansas was awesome this year, but we managed to pull off the victory," he said. "The level of competition was a lot higher than in the past. It was a real war."

Kempf said the outcome of the women's meet was what he expected. "We are one of the best women's teams in the nation, and I expect a lot out of them," Kempf said.

Kansas swimmer Krisa Cordsen was awarded the Big Eight Outstanding Performer after winning the 200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke and the 100 freestyle.

Ray Huppert, Nebraska women's

the key to their win.

"(Kansas) came here ready to swim, and we swam well, but (the Jayhawks) won it because they have more bodies right now," he said.

The margin of the women's score wasn't surprising, Huppert said.

"Kansas didn't have a lot of swimmers in the consolations," he said. "Most of their swimmers were in the finals."

Huppert said he was happy for Kempf.

"We stole (the title) away from them for two years, but this year (Kempf) had his swimmers ready," he said.

Nebraska men's results Saturday

1,650 free: 2, Justin Switzer, 15:38.77. 3, Doug Humphrey, 15:39.46. 6, Emmett Clark, 16:02.58.
200 backstroke: 1, Jonathan Kerr 1:50.97. 2, Kary Albertyn, 1:51.36. 6, Pat Kavan, 1:52.52.
100 free: 1, Seddon Keyter, 46.87. 200 fly: 3, Steve Keller, 1:49.49.
200 breaststroke: 1, Will Campbell, 2:00.48. New Big Eight record. 4, Ryan Maza, 2:04.94. 6, Anders Bengtsson, 2:05.15.
3-meter diving: 2, John Arcaroli, 511.10. NCAA qualifying mark. 6, Kevin McMahon, 420.65.
400 free relay: 1, Kelsey, Albertyn, Humphrey, Keyter, 2:59.23.

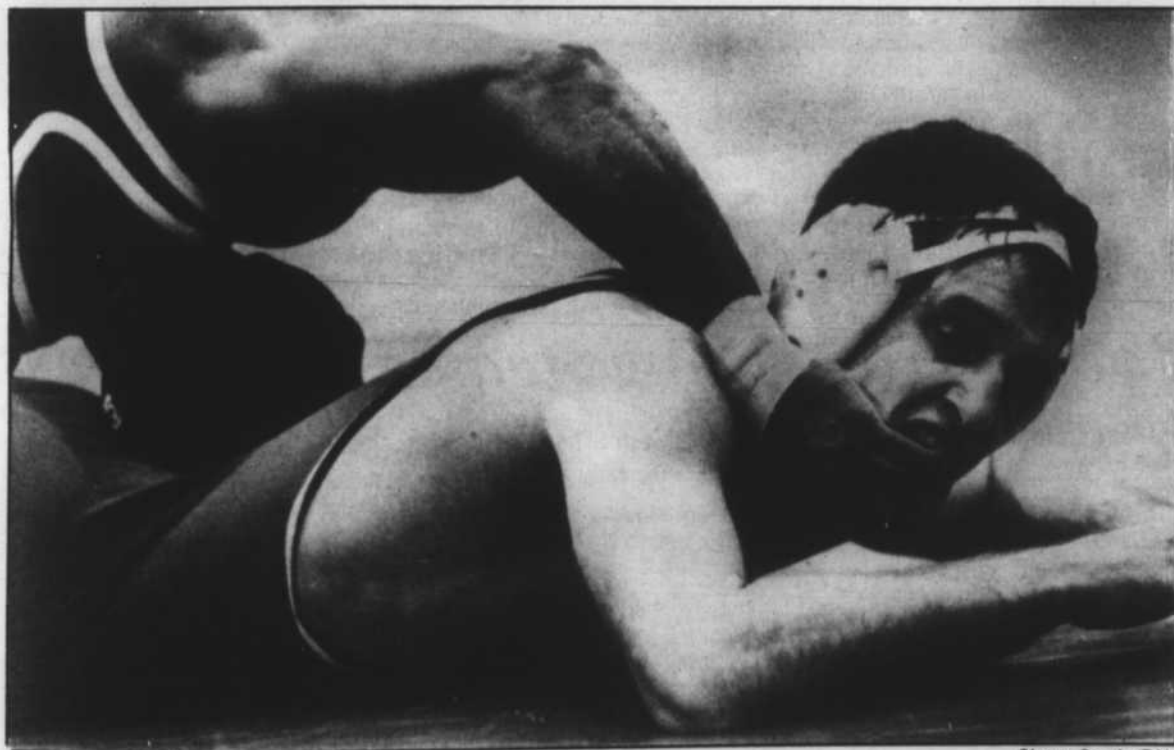
Nebraska women's results Saturday

1,650 free: 1, Michelle Butcher, 16:40.03. 5, Jenny Melrose, 17:23.47.
200 back: 1, Kris Haws, 2:04.01. 3, Marci Bodner, 2:04.83. 5, Julie Riegal, 2:06.34.
100 free: 4, Heather Erickson 52.24. 6, Chris Frederick, 52.52.
200 fly: 5, Charlene Bowser 2:06.61. 6, Jenny Melrose, 2:12.33.
200 breaststroke: 1, Leane Maruk 2:19.97. 5, Carrie Kerns, 2:27.08.
400 free relay: 3, Erickson, Crooks, Sides, Melrose.



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Nebraska diver John Arcaroli competes in the 3-meter diving event at the Big Eight Swimming and Diving Championships that took place this weekend at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Arcaroli finished second in the event and qualified for the NCAA Championships with a score of 511.10.



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Nebraska's Joe Stephens wrestles Oklahoma's William Gay Saturday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Gay won the match 7-6, but Nebraska won the dual 28-9.

Dual features hot temper, cool effort

By Chuck Green
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Nebraska's 28-9 win over Oklahoma's wrestling team Saturday night was fueled by a walk-on freshman's win and a temper tantrum by Sooner coach Stan Abel.

And both came in the same match. After Nebraska's Jeremie Eckley lost a 6-4 decision to Oklahoma's Eric Irvins in the 118-pound weight class, Cornhusker freshman Jared Johnson faced Shawn Harrison at 126, in what appeared to be a mismatch.

Johnson, a freshman from Renner, S.D., had walked-on to Nebraska's team two weeks after practice had begun, and had a 5-12 record going into the match. Harrison, on the other hand, was ranked 11th in the country,

had a 28-8 record and qualified last season for the NCAA tournament.

"That was a match that, on paper, you had to give to them (the Sooners) before the match started," said Nebraska coach Tim Neumann.

With Harrison leading 4-1 after the first period, it looked as though Neumann was right. But an escape and takedown by Johnson cut Harrison's lead in the second period.

Then it all began. After the two wrestlers were ruled out of bounds by the referee, Harrison removed his headgear and remained on the mat. Johnson was awarded a point for Harrison's stalling, and Abel called a timeout to discuss the call with the referee.

A few seconds later, Harrison was again called for stalling, and this time

two points were awarded to Johnson, giving him an 8-6 lead with less than one minute left in the match.

Harrison was disqualified when Abel pulled him off the mat to protest the call. The result was six points for Nebraska in the team score, giving the Huskers a 6-3 lead.

The Sooners were unable to recover after that. The Huskers, 10-4 on the season, won six of the remaining eight weight classes, and breezed to their fourth consecutive win against the Sooners.

Neumann said he thought the referee's call was the right one.

"He was delaying the match," he said. "That was the whole thing. When the ref says, 'Get back to center,' you

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NU men's probable starters

NU vs. IMissouri Mon. Feb. 17, 8:39 p.m. at Hearn Arena, Columbia, Mo.



Nebraska (15-5 3-4)		PPG	RPG
F 00 Dapreis Owens	6-8 Sr.	11.6	7.0
F 21 Carl Hayes	6-9 Sr.	11.5	5.2
C 34 Derrick Chandler	6-10 Jr.	12.4	8.0
G 12 Jamar Johnson	5-11 So.	11.3	3.6
G 52 Eric Piatkowski	6-6 So.	14.9	7.0

Missouri (17-3 5-2)		PPG	RPG
F 32 Jamal Coleman	6-5 Sr.	9.7	4.6
F 45 Jeff Warren	6-8 Jr.	10.1	6.8
C 00 Jevon Crudup	6-9 So.	15.2	8.5
G 15 Melvin Booker	6-1 So.	12.8	4.1
G 44 Anthony Peeler	6-4 Sr.	22.3	5.7

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NU basketball team back in action tonight at MU

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

After enjoying an eight-day break from Big Eight play, the Nebraska men's basketball team will kick off the second half of its conference schedule with a rigorous, three-game, six-day campaign beginning tonight at Missouri.

The Cornhuskers, who will also play Kansas and Iowa State later this week, play the ninth-ranked Tigers at 8:30 tonight at Columbia, Mo.

The game will be televised as part of ESPN's "Big Monday" basketball package.

Nebraska, which wrapped up the first half of Big Eight play at 3-4 after a disappointing 70-66 loss to Kansas State last week, will try to rebound with a successful week against some of the conference's elite teams, Nebraska coach Danny Nee said.

"I feel confident because I still believe we have a good basketball team and can play better than we're playing," Nee said. "We're certainly going to be tested and find out."

Nee said the 15-5 Huskers will be successful in the second half of the season if they work on their field goal percentage.

"My confidence as we go into the second half of the season rests on (how) we're going to shoot the ball. And when we do shoot the ball, we're damn good and competitive with anybody," Nee said.

Nebraska has had trouble with its free throw shooting, and Nee said his team had to overcome it.

"It's certain factors that you don't have control over because they only happen in game situations," Nee said. "At this level with the athletes of this

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