

NU men's probable starters

NU vs. Iowa St. Sat. Feb. 22, 1:06 p.m. Hilton Coliseum, Ames, Iowa.



Nebraska (16-6 4-5)				PPG	RPG
F	44 Bruce Chubick	6-7	So.	7.0	5.1
F	21 Carl Hayes	6-9	Sr.	11.6	5.4
C	34 Derrick Chandler	6-10	Jr.	12.4	8.4
G	12 Jamar Johnson	5-11	So.	11.2	3.5
G	52 Eric Piatkowski	6-6	So.	14.3	6.8

Iowa St. (18-7 4-5)				PPG	RPG
F	43 Howard Eaton	6-6	Jr.	8.2	5.3
F	32 Fred Holberg	6-4	Fr.	13.4	5.4
C	42 Julius Michalik	6-11	Fr.	13.6	5.8
G	04 Ron Bayless	6-1	Jr.	11.9	1.9
G	24 Justus Thigpen	6-2	Jr.	16.5	3.4

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Gymnasts to compete in Tempe

By Jason Bruhn
Staff Reporter

Although his team will face tough competition this weekend, Nebraska men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen said he wasn't worried.

The top-ranked Cornhuskers will compete against five Top 20 teams Friday at the Southwest Cup in Tempe, Ariz.

The Huskers are led by All-American sophomore Dennis Harrison and freshmen Richard Grace and Richard Kieffer.

"If we're going to do well, it'll have to be a whole performance. But our three most key people will have to be Grace, Kieffer and Harrison," Allen said. "It's going to be a good match,

but if we perform well we should win this thing."

Also competing in the meet will be No. 3 Oklahoma, No. 7 New Mexico, California (15th), UCLA (17th), California-Santa Barbara (19th) and host Arizona State.

Allen said the tournament would help the young Huskers.

"We're going to use it as training experience," Allen said. "It'll be good to be in a tournament where everything doesn't go your way. These guys are out on the floor by themselves and if they screw up, everybody in the world will see it."

Allen said the Huskers had no major injuries that might hurt their performance in the tournament.

"We're pretty healthy. I would be

surprised if we didn't do really well," he said.

Allen also said several other teams attending the meet were not in as good of shape as Nebraska.

"(Arizona State) doesn't have a bad team, but they are real shallow and real banged up right now, and we are pretty healthy and a lot deeper. They could have given us a run," he said.

Allen said he was optimistic for the future of his squad.

"We're the youngest team in the country that's really good, and the next three years in gymnastics is all NU, as I see it," Allen said. "We'll get beat now and then, but I think if anybody beats us it will be an upset."

"As long as we maintain and hang in there we'll be pretty good."

Cyclones

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Chandler at 12.4, forward Carl Hayes with 11.6 and point guard Jamar Johnson helping the Nebraska cause with 11.2 points and 106 assists this season.

Orr credits his freshman sensation Michalik for the Cyclones' turnaround this year. The 6-foot-11-inch center from Czechoslovakia has been the key for Iowa State all season, Orr said.

"Michalik has been a big surprise and has put us where we are right now," Orr said. "We can't replace him."

NU golfers shoot for Texas

By Thomas Clouse
Senior Editor

The winter is over. Not on the calendar, but it is for the Nebraska men's golf team, which travels Saturday to Lufkin, Texas, for the 36-hole Crown Colony Invitational to open its 1992 season.

Nebraska coach Larry Romjue said he didn't want to predict how his team would perform in the two-day event.

"I am just interested in how we shoot our initial time out," Romjue said. "This tournament will let us see who is playing well, who can handle the pressure and we'll go from there."

The Crown Colony Invitational will include teams from the Southwest

Conference, smaller Texas schools and a few schools from outside the Longhorn state.

The first meet of the season is always different, Romjue said.

"It's still hard to say if we will play good because the first time out is always a mystery," he said. "We've got to break out of the winter somewhere."

The winter has had effects on his players' games, he said.

"The layoff hurts the short game around the green," Romjue said.

But the unusually warm temperatures this winter have given the players a chance to get out, he said.

"At least we've had a chance to get outside some this year," he said. "Anytime we can get out helps."

NU track team to run at Kansas

By John Gardner
Staff Reporter

The Big Eight Track and Field Championships are drawing near, but a few Nebraska athletes will first make a stop in Manhattan, Kan.

A few select athletes will compete Saturday in the Kansas State Invitational to prepare for the conference meet, coach Gary Pepin said. The meet will be a sort of "conglomeration" of things, he said.

"We're using this meet as a three-pronged purpose," Pepin said. "For one, there are some people on the team who need one more meet to get ready for the conference meet."

"Second, there's a competition going on within the team to see who will earn those berths. Then, from this we will determine those who we think have the best chance to score at the conference meet."

Pepin said only 24 men and 24 women are allowed to compete at the Big Eight meet. In Saturday's meet, he said, there is no concern over scoring. It's strictly a qualifying meet.

The areas Nebraska will be keying on, Pepin said, are with shot putter Kevin Coleman, high jumper Petar Malesev and the distance runners.

"Petar wants one more good jump going into the conference meet," Pepin said.

Malesev has been slowed by a sprained ankle. Pepin said Malesev's ankle is still a little swollen, but it's getting better.

The distance runners will all run in shorter races to lower their times, Pepin said.

Freshman triple jumper Robert Thomas won't compete this week, but he has some help right here at home, Pepin said. Edrick Floreal, a world-class long and triple jumper from Canada, has been helping the Nebraska jumpers this past week.

"Robert is really excited about having Floreal around," Pepin said. "It's going to help him a lot."

Wrestling

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to wrestle No. 6 Dave Malecek. Nelson is ranked seventh.

Nebraska improved to 11-4 Wednesday night after beating Minnesota 21-18 in Minneapolis. The Huskers trailed the Golden Gophers 18-3 at one point in the dual, and

needed a pin from heavyweight Rulon Gardner to win.

Neumann said that even though he was happy with the win, the lack of intensity worried him.

"Our upper weights came through for us once again," he said. "Our intensity wasn't what it has been in past matches. That's something we need to work on and fix real soon."

Neumann said strong performances

will be needed by his wrestlers at the lighter weights for Nebraska to be successful.

"We need our kids to continue wrestling like they did at the national duals and against Oklahoma," he said. "They have started to realize that they aren't freshmen anymore, and instead of respecting guys they wrestle, they are going out on the mat with the idea of winning."

Women's tennis to face Drake

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

Revenge is on the minds of Nebraska women's tennis team members as they prepare to battle Drake on Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Cornhuskers played the Bulldogs earlier this month at the Gopher Doubles Classic in Minneapolis. Drake got the best of Nebraska by sweeping all three doubles matches.

But Nebraska's Rachel Collins, who plays No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles with Ann Flannery, said the Huskers would be ready for Drake this time.

"When we played them in Minnesota, we hadn't played much doubles," Collins said. "But this time we'll be a lot stronger and I think

we'll surprise them."

Collins' teammate Tina Coutretsis agreed, saying the Gopher tournament wouldn't be a factor.

"Now we've had more time to practice," said Coutretsis, who plays No. 6 singles as well as No. 3 doubles with Jane Startin.

The Huskers now hope to make it 2-0 against Missouri Valley Conference teams. Nebraska won its season opener 8-1 against Creighton last weekend.

Nebraska coach Scott Jacobson said he thought this weekend's match would be a good indicator of the type of opponents the Huskers would be playing against the rest of the year.

"Drake is very good, and I think the match will let us know what the Big Eight will be like," Jacobson said.

Men's tennis opens dual season

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

It's spring tune-up time for the Nebraska men's tennis team.

The Cornhuskers will open their dual season today at 7 p.m. with the Creighton Bluejays at Woods Tennis Center.

Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said despite Creighton's lack of talent, the match should be beneficial to the Huskers.

"They lost their top three players from last year, so we shouldn't have much trouble with them," McDermott said. "It will be a good mental tune-up and will help us with the rest of the matches that we'll play."

Nebraska beat the Bluejays 9-0 last year in Lincoln, but Husker junior Karl Falkland said he wanted an even bigger win this season.

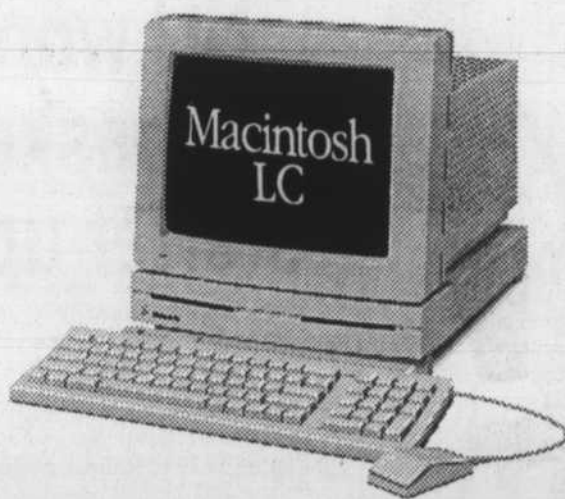
"Last year we beat them 9-0, but this year we should beat them worse," said Falkland, who will play No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles with the Huskers' top player, Joseph Rahme. "It will be a good first match."

Nebraska's lineup is full of new faces, as the Huskers are starting three freshmen in singles. Andy Davis, a native of Scottsdale, Ariz., will start No. 3 singles, while former Nebraska high school state singles champion Mike Garcia of Lincoln plays No. 4 and Christopher Nielsen of Sioux Falls, S.D., competes No. 6.

Rahme, who is returning after redshirting the 1991 season because of a military service requirement in his native South Africa, will anchor Nebraska's lineup at No. 1 in singles. The other singles player for the Huskers is sophomore Todd Bray, who will play No. 5.

As for the doubles play, the lineup includes the freshman duo of Davis and Garcia at No. 2 and Nielsen and Alliance native Jay Segrist at No. 3.

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