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good shape for a high seed in the conference tournament and an NCAA Tournament bid, he said.

"We're controlling our own destiny."

Nebraska 33 47 — 80
At Iowa State 32 38 — 70

Nebraska — Chubick 1-2 0-0 2, Hayes 5-12 1-2 11, Chandler 6-9 0-0 12, Johnson 6-10 5-8 17, Piatkowski 9-12 4-4 23, Owens 3-9 0-0 6, Hughes 0-1 0-1 0, Cresswell 3-7 1-2 9. **Totals 33-62 11-17 80.**

Iowa State — Eaton 4-8 2-3 10, Hoiberg 2-5 0-0 4, Michalik 2-9 0-0 4, Bayless 7-15 0-0 16, Thigpen 6-19 1-2 17, Pearson 0-0 0-0 0, McCoy 0-5 0-0 0, Bergman 3-4 0-0 8, Meyer 4-9 0-0 8, Pippett 1-4 1-2 3, Beechum 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 29-80 4-7 70.**

Three-point goals — Nebraska 3-10 (Chubick 0-1, Hayes 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Piatkowski 1-2, Cresswell 2-5), Iowa State 8-27 (Hoiberg 0-2, Michalik 0-2, Bayless 2-5, Thigpen 4-11, McCoy 0-2, Bergman 2-3, Pippett 0-1, Beechum 0-1). **Rebounds** — Nebraska 47 (Chubick 13), Iowa State 35 (Eaton 7). **Assists** — Nebraska 19 (Johnson 8), Iowa State 17 (Bayless 5). **Total fouls** — Nebraska 17, Iowa State 21. **Turnovers** — Nebraska 26 (Piatkowski 7), Iowa State 16 (Bayless 4). **A** — 14,326.

Tennis teams split wins with rivals

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

It was a split weekend for the Nebraska tennis teams.

The men easily defeated Creighton 9-0 in their annual season opener against the Bluejays at Woods Tennis Center, while the women fell victim to Drake for the second time this month, losing 5-4 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The men got straight-set singles victories from No. 1 Joseph Rahme, No. 2 Karl Falkland, No. 4 Andy Davis and No. 5 Troy Bray, as well as sweeping all three doubles matches in two sets apiece.

Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said the key to the dual for the Cornhusker men was being mentally prepared against an inferior

opponent.

"We knew before the match we were going to win, but I was proud of them for staying focused and not making fun of their opponent," McDermott said.

On the other side of the net, the women managed just two singles victories against the Bulldogs, from No. 3 player Rachel Collins and No. 4 Ann Flannery, in their loss to Drake.

The women did take two of the three doubles matches, but they were one short of leaving Iowa with a victory.

The Huskers were unable to avenge an earlier loss to the Bulldogs three weeks ago at the Gopher Doubles Classic in Minneapolis, and Nebraska's record dropped to 1-1.

Track meet preparation for athletes

By John Gardner
Staff Reporter

With just one week remaining until the Big Eight Indoor Championships, the Nebraska track and field teams made a much-needed pit stop in Manhattan, Kan.

Nebraska sent a select few athletes to the Kansas State Invitational. They competed to prepare themselves a little more for the conference meet.

"This was kind of a 'need-to' meet," assistant coach Jay Dirksen said. "Athletes only went if they needed to."

Of those athletes, shot putter Kevin Coleman and the 3,200-meter relay team shined the brightest.

Coleman continued to dominate the shot put, winning the event with a toss of 62-2.

"Kevin really looked good, Dirksen said. "He had a great series, consistently throwing over 61 feet."

The men's 3,200-meter relay team won in 7:33.51, which ranks as one of the top 10 times in Nebraska history.

"They really didn't have any competition in the race, so the time could have been even better," Dirksen said. "All four guys ran very well."

Krista Mader placed high in the women's shot put, throwing 48-2 3/4, good for third place. Dirksen said the mark was a personal best for Mader, improving her previous best by one centimeter.

In the men's high jump, Petar Malesev overcame a nagging ankle injury to win at 6-11. Dirksen said Malesev was getting plenty of height on his jumps but kept knocking the bar off with his foot.

In other events, Jodee Shufelt placed second in the mile with a time of 5:08.4. The women's 3,200 relay team placed second at 9:22.33, and Kevin Clark placed third in the 3,000 (8:36.2).

Coach Gary Pepin said his teams had some fine performances.

"We did really well in the meet," Pepin said. "The performances of Coleman, Malesev and the relay were the highlights of all the results."

Gymnasts take tournament win

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team scored more than 280 points for the fourth straight time Saturday to win the Southwest Cup at Tempe, Ariz.

The Cornhuskers' 281.50 points topped the seven-team field, which included Oklahoma (276.00), UCLA (275.95), Arizona State (272.30), New Mexico (271.20), California (270.25) and Cal-Santa Barbara (268.45).

The Huskers were given a boost with a return by Josh Saccert. The junior team captain had been out since Nov. 30 recuperating from emergency surgery to remove scar tissue from his small intestine.

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