

Coaches say tourney outdated

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Big Eight tournament has outlived its usefulness, regardless of how much money it pours into conference coffers, two conference coaches said Monday.

Iowa State coach Johnny Orr said he believes that playing in the Big Eight tournament this week in Kansas City could actually lessen his team's chances of gaining a NCAA bid. The Cyclones finished 19-11 overall but have a 5-9 record in the Big Eight.

"I'd just as soon do away with the tournament," Orr said Monday. "I don't think it serves any purpose getting more teams into the NCAA. At first it did. But it's outlived that purpose."

The league, which had a 97-13 record against non-conference foes, hopes to get six teams into the NCAA field, but Orr said a loss in the tournament won't help a team's chances of

getting selected.

Roy Kramer, the chairman of the NCAA committee, recently indicated that a losing conference record could be a major impediment to a team's getting taken, he said.

"I have no idea what the (selection) committee is thinking," Orr said. "We've beaten (nationally ranked) Kansas, Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, and we beat Iowa and Minnesota."

"My feeling is we should be in the tournament," he said, "but that puts a lot of pressure to win on the first-round (Big Eight) game."

"I think we'd be in (the NCAA tournament) if we didn't have to go there," Orr said.

Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs said he feels the same as Orr. Tubbs said the 24th-ranked Sooners' opening round match against Nebraska on Friday "will be the toughest first-round game in the tournament."

"You feel like you've proved yourself as champion, and Kansas rightfully has," Tubbs said. "Over 14 games they've proved they're the best in our league."

"Now all of a sudden, they have to go out and prove they're the best team to get the No. 1 seed," he said.

"It's kind of ridiculous. I would say that I think our league has to take a look at our Big Eight tournament as far as serving the purpose of putting teams in the NCAA tournament," Tubbs said.

The tournament has worn out its welcome, he said.

"I don't know that it's going to help any longer," Tubbs said. "It could hurt in the future."

"From a fan standpoint, it's terrific," he said. "It will be the best conference tournament in the nation, beyond a shadow of a doubt."

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the two teams have met in the tournament opener. Husker fans can't possibly forget last season's 117-113 overtime thriller, but they would probably like to forget the 78-65 loss the year before.

These frequent meetings in post-season play have helped spawn a rivalry between the two teams which has provided fans with some exciting games the past two seasons.

Along the same lines, the Huskers could follow the same path last year's team took through the tournament.

Should Nebraska beat Oklahoma, it will most likely play Kansas in the second round — the same team the Huskers played in the second round last year.

A win over Kansas could mean a meeting with Missouri in the championship game. Is this starting to sound at all familiar?

— Oklahoma players are still cocky. Sooner cockiness, thought to be on a decline from the days when Oklahoma was a mainstay in the Top 10, resurfaced in Saturday's 106-97 win over Nebraska.

In the closing seconds, Sooner players stood at half-court and mugged for the crowd — the same type of

behavior which made Oklahoma the team most Big Eight fans loved to hate in the latter part of the 1980s.

— Big Eight referees still don't have a clue.

Officiating last season might have been bad, but this season Big Eight officials have given new meaning to the word pathetic.

Almost every game has been a display of ineptitude filled with missed calls, no-calls and other peculiarities that make one wonder just where Big Eight referees come from. There's a rumor circulating that YMCA leagues across Big Eight country are losing officials to some other league — but it's not exactly known for sure where they've gone.

Just watch the Big Eight Tournament and you'll most likely find them.

— Along the same lines, Anthony Peeler still doesn't get called for fouls.

Probably the best player of the conference, but also the most guilty of offensive fouls. Just watch him during the Big Eight Tournament and you will see him pushing off on defenders while driving to the basket.

The same was true of Tiger star Doug Smith last season. Maybe referees are afraid of Missouri coach Norm Stewart.

— No matter how many times Kansas appears on television, the cameras will eventually swing to the rafters and show viewers a shot of the

sign hanging there.

You know the one: "Pay heed, all who enter. Beware of the Phog." This is a reference to Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, for whom Kansas' basketball facility is named. The sign is just a cute way of saying it's tough to win at Kansas — which is true for the most part, but not because of a sheet hanging on the wall.

If that's the case, maybe Nebraska should put a sign up in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Something like "Bring feed, all who enter. We have a hungry hog."

We'll work on that one. — Nebraska basketball will take a back seat to Nebraska football.

Even though Danny Nee has brought excitement and renewed fan interest to the Nebraska basketball program, many Nebraskans will continue to refer to Husker basketball as "the sport played in that big building named after our legendary football coach."

As hopeless as the above conditions may seem, one shouldn't give up hope. Change is on the horizon.

With the incoming recruits Nee has, it's possible that Nebraska will be respected a little more next season.

The odds are good that we won't see another Nebraska-Oklahoma matchup in the first round of next year's conference tournament.

Peeler will be gone. And the referees . . . well, some things never change.

Hytrek is a senior news-editorial major and the Daily Nebraskan sports editor.

"The very most important ball game is the one you play next," he said. "The way to win five games is to win one in a row five times."

Now that the Huskers have been tested, Wolforth said he was confident in his team's chances down the road.

"I really do believe this team has what it takes to go play in the World

Series," he said. "I have taken teams down to (Texas A&M) and come back more successful and still not have been as satisfied as I am with this team."

"These kids seem to be more hungry. They now understand that every game is going to be a battle," Wolforth said. "If we learned that, then going 2-7 was worth it."

Scoreboard

Last Monday's Results

Basketball

Sandoz 6 40, Your Loss 39; Delta Tau Delta A1 58, Beta Theta Pi 53; Beer Nuts wbf over Untouchables; Alpha Tau Omega 41, St. Andrews Slicers 38; Hot Shots 31, TFD 27; Blaze 29, HSS Bad Girls 24; Schramm 6 36, Burr II West 25; Abel 6 61, Schramm 8 47; Beavers 65, Strange Brew 55.

Indoor Soccer

Piper 2 8, China 1; Army Pele's 5, Galera 4; W La Topa 2, BMR 0; Cather 13 2, Alpha Tau Omega C2 0; Chi Phi wbf over Theta Xi; Scorpions wbf over FCA.

Last Tuesday's Results

Volleyball

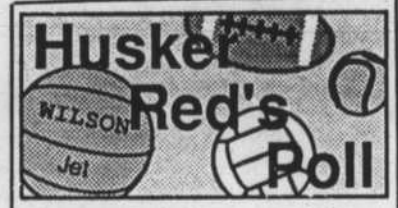
Chi Phi 2, It's Just Us 1; Triangle 2, AEAC 0; Forty Sixers 2, Dismemberment 1; Remedials 2, Misfits 0; Ace Makers 2, ASGSA 0; Law & Disorder wbf over Love 3/Cather 9; Farmhouse B2 2, Gums 0; Schlongs 2, Tappa Mi Kegga 0; Gamma Phi Beta 2, Acacia/Alpha Delta Pi 0; It's Superstars 2, Help Wanted 1; Unstoppable 2, Phi Gamma Delta/Alpha Chi Omega 0.

Basketball

BC Boys 49, Greyhounds 46; Alpha Tau Omega C1 71, Sigma Alpha Epsilon C1 41; Farmhouse C1 49, Farmhouse C2 32.



Rank	School (First place votes)	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1	Duke (62)	25-2	1,598	1
2	Arizona	24-4	1,449	4
3	Kansas	23-4	1,444	3
4	Indiana	22-5	1,354	2
5	Ohio St.	21-5	1,343	5
6	Arkansas	24-6	1,280	7
7	UNLV (2)	26-2	1,230	6
8	UCLA	23-4	1,176	9
9	Kentucky	23-6	975	10
10	Southern Cal.	21-5	959	8
11	Oklahoma St.	24-6	919	12
12	Cincinnati	23-4	787	14
13	Missouri	20-7	747	11
14	Michigan	18-8	638	18
15	Seton Hall	20-7	626	22
16	Michigan St.	19-7	510	13
17	Alabama	23-7	501	20
18	Florida St.	19-8	498	19
19	DePaul	20-7	478	15
20	North Carolina	19-8	455	16
21	Georgetown	19-8	371	17
22	Massachusetts	26-4	287	25
23	LSU	19-8	254	23
24	Oklahoma	20-7	202	-
25	St. John's	18-9	144	-



- ### Men's Basketball
- Delta Tau Delta A-1 (8-0)
 - Harper 3 (9-0)
 - Sigma Alpha Epsilon (8-1)
 - Norgas (7-2)
 - Midnight Blue (7-2)
 - Extractors (5-1)
 - Penetrators (9-1)
 - Phi Gamma Delta (8-2)
 - ABC (6-1)
 - Beta Theta Pi (6-2)

- ### Women's Basketball
- TFD (8-0)
 - Alpha Omicron Pi (6-1)
 - The Blaze (7-1)
 - Delta Gamma (5-3)
 - Snots (5-2)
 - Sandoz 6 (4-3)
 - HSS Bad Girls (5-2)
 - Hot Shots (5-2)
 - Your Loss (4-2)
 - Delta Delta Delta (4-3)

- ### Co-Rec Volleyball
- Kappa Sigma/Delta Gamma 1 (4-0)
 - Blacktops (6-0)
 - Unstoppable (5-0)
 - Siamers (4-0)
 - Ace Makers (5-0)
 - Sigma Phi Epsilon/Kappa Alpha Theta (4-1)
 - Pythons (4-1)
 - Theta Xi/Alpha Omicron Pi (4-1)
 - Sigma Nu/Alpha Chi Omega 1 (4-1)
 - The Reprise (4-1)

- ### Men's Indoor Soccer
- NU Tennis (3-0)
 - Delta Upsilon-A (3-0)
 - Alpha Tau Omega-A (3-0)
 - Phi Delta Theta-A (1-0)
 - W La Topa (5-0)
 - Piper 2 (4-0)
 - Triangle-B (3-0)
 - The Machine (1-1)
 - Soccer Heads (2-1)
 - Roscoe Pounders (1-1)
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Softball

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"Creighton will be pivotal. They have a fabulous ball club," he said. "But we're not going to change our mode of operation one bit."

The season will not get any easier, Wolforth said.

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