Cornhusker men, women flood MU

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's and women's swim teams coasted to a dual win over Missouri Saturday, capturing all but three events and taking a 356-204 vic-

Husker freshman Melanie Dodd and senior Alan Kelsey led the way.

Dodd won the 50-yard freestyle and 500 freestyle and aided the 200 medley team.

Kelsey contributed by win-ning the 50 freestyle. He was also a member of the winning 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams.

Newcomers Lazelle Markgraff from South Africa and Bjorn Moller from Sweden made immediate impacts.

Markgraff won the 200 and 1,650 freestyles, while Moller won the 1,650 women's freestyle and 200 breaststroke.

Husker coach Cal Bentz said he was pleased with his teams' performance and expects both teams to be ready for their next duals. The men will swim next at Iowa on Friday, and the women will swim at Iowa State on Saturday.

Nebraska's next home meet will be against Kansas at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on Feb. 6.

Losses

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Last year's 19-10 Husker team lost three of its first four conference games, but rebounded to finish 7-7 in league

Nee said he was expecting a similar turnaround from this year's team. But, Nee said, he doesn't know if last season's team could have been as competitive as this year's 11-5 Nebraska team in the adversity of being behind on the road.

"Just comparing last year to this year, there were many times when that happened when we reached the breaking point — then the dam broke and we were not competitive," Nee

The Nebraska coach said despite starting the Big Eight schedule with a pair of losses, he was pleased with his team's effort on the road.

"I felt the Nebraska basketball team from Thursday to Saturday improved in effort, and improved in our de-fense," Nee said. "I felt Saturday, the guys showed a little bit more poise, a little bit more patience and a little bit more confidence and played much

"I thought the effort on Saturday was good enough to win — circumstances just prevented that," Nee said. "I think in both games, even in Thursday night's game, I never saw any quit - I thought we were always coming

He said his young team, which has six of its 10 regulars playing for the first time in the conference, learned the hard way about the rigors of the Big Eight.

'I think the road trip seasoned us and gave us a lot of experience, but it's a tough way to get the lesson to go 0-2," Nee said.

Jayhawks rally to beat KS

shooting slump and sparked a secondhalf rally that propelled No. 1 Kansas past Kansas State 71-65 Monday night, the Jayhawks' 10th straight victory on

the Wildcats' home court.

Kansas (15-1 overall, 3-0 Big Eight), voted No. 1 earlier in the day for the first time in three years, scored its fewest points while playing its sloppiest first half of the season and trailed 32-24 at intermission after shooting just 35 percent from the floor.

But the Jayhawks hit a sizzling 70 percent in the second half and committed only three turnovers. They also

throws in winning for the 20th time in their last 24 meetings against Kansas

The Wildcats (10-3, 2-1) took their biggest lead at 36-26 on a tip-in by Anthony Beane before Walters and Eric Pauley led Kansas on a gameturning 15-4 run, including 10 straight points in one stretch.

The Jayhawks, who have not lost in Manhattan since 1983, took the lead for good at 47-45 when Walters, who had been fighting a career-worst scoring slump, hita pair of free throws

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) - Rex wound up missing only five of 24 free high 25 points Saturday in an over-Walters broke out of a season-long throws in winning for the 20th time in time victory over Colorado and had time victory over Colorado and had been leading the Wildcats with almost 14 points a game, was held to

Out-shooting, outrebounding and outhustling their top-ranked visitors, the Wildcats reeled off a 10-0 run while Kansas went six minutes withoutscoring in the opening half. Beane's three-pointer near the buzzer gave Kansas State its halftime lead.

Walters wound up with 23 points while Adonis Jordan had 12, Richard Scott 11 and Pauley 10. Beane had 14 for Kansas State, which saw its fivewith 10:32 remaining.

Askia Jones, who had a seasongame winning streak snapped.

San Francisco's Mike Shanahan may take over as Broncos coach

DENVER (AP) - Mike Shanahan admits he wants the head-coaching job with the Denver Broncos, and although he clearly is the leading candidate, he insists it's not a done

Shanahan, the offensive coordinator with the San Francisco 49ers, is contending with four other NFL assistant coaches, including Denver defensive coordinator Wade Phillips.

Now that San Francisco's season is over, Shanahan says he's waiting for a call from Denver Broncos owner Pat

"I'm just waiting," he said Sunday after the Dallas Cowboys beat the 49ers 30-20 in the NFC championship game. "There's speculation, but I haven't talked to Mr. Bowlen. Until he calls, it's only speculation."

Two of Shanahan's closest associates on the 49ers said he had told them privately that he had not settled an agreement with the Broncos.

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-Shanahan 49er offensive coordinator

"When I talked to Mike about it, he said it wasn't a sure thing," 49er quar-terback Steve Young said. "I believe him. But I think he'll get it. Mike's awesome.

The 40-year-old Shanahan said if he is offered the Denver job, he will install the San Francisco offense.

"I would add a few other things,

but I feel very comfortable with it and believe in it," he said. Shanahan is a candidate to replace

Dan Reeves, who was fired on Dec. 28. Shanahan was fired by Reeves after the 1991 season, but he claims he has no bitterness toward Reeves or the Broncos

"I still have a lot of respect and feeling for (owner) Pat Bowlen and the organization," he said. "I was lucky to get the experience this year with another class team and organization. This has been a good year for me. I'm still learning. This was a different (offensive) scheme for me, so I got engulfed in it."

Shanahan began his pro coaching career with the Broncos in 1984 and was responsible for the wide receivers. He became offensive coordinator the next season, although Reeves retained overall control over the offense. In 1988 Shanahan was named head coach of the Los Angeles Raiders, improving the Raiders from 5-11 to 7-9 that year. He was fired after a 1-3 start in 1989.



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Beck

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were only gone for three days, but it seemed like three weeks."

The teams are also traveling in pairs this year and Beck said Nebraska's travel partner has had a terrible year and is hurting the Cornhuskers.

"Iowa State . . . is now down to six players," Beck said. "No one is really (preparing) for them. Kansas just beat them 99-33, so it's putting tremendous pressure on my players.

Nebraska's upcoming weekend is an example of why Beck is unhappy. No. 7 Colorado, the Cornhuskers' opponent Friday, is undefeated, while Sunday's opponent, Missouri, is 10-2 and third in the Big Eight.

Iowa State, the other stop for Missouri and Colorado, is 2-14 overall.

'It's tough when you have Colorado and Missouri coming to town the same weekend," Beck said. "We'll have to prepare for both those teams and I think they're the toughest travel partners that there are.'

"This is going to be a very, very difficult weekend."

The 15-0 Buffaloes will be first on the Huskers' agenda, and Beck said Nebraska must win to have any hopes of capturing the Big Eight title.

"If we don't beat Colorado, it's going to be very difficult," Beck said.
"We're going to have to win if we're going to talk about a league title."

Beck said playing Colorado first this weekend does favor her team slightly.

"If I had to pick which one (Colorado or Missouri) to play first, I'd rather play Colorado," Beck said. "Obviously, we are going to focus very hard for Colorado and then we'll have one day to prepare for Mis-

Nebraska is tied for fourth in the Big Eight with a 2-2 mark. The Huskers' two losses came at home to No. 25 Oklahoma State and on the road to Kansas.

I wish we were 3-1," Beck said. "I think our first loss with Oklahoma State was a bad loss.

'I was a little upset the way we folded down the stretch at the Kansas



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Nebraska guard Kate Galligan runs for a loose ball in a game against Arizona State earlier this year. The Cornhuskers will play host to No. 7 Colorado Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports

game," she said. "We had a nine-point lead in the second half and they turned it up and we kind of packed our plays with the intensity we have been

Beck said she saw positives resulting from last weekend's games. The play of freshmen Kate Galligan and Lis Brenden, who earned a starting spot in Nebraska's 74-57 win over Kansas State, earned praise from Beck.

"I think Kate and Lis have been playing very well for us," Beck said.

needing defensively.'

Brenden shouldered part of the scoring load against Kansas State, scoring 12 points.

"Those two were a key factor against Kansas State," Beck said. With (Karen) Jennings only scoring two points in the first half, Lis and Kate played very well.'