

# NU track season to open Saturday

## Coach predicts success ahead

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska will kick off its track and field season Saturday with goals set no lower than usual — Big Eight titles and high national finishes.

Coach Gary Pepin said his men's and women's indoor teams, which will host the Nebraska Open at the Bob Devaney Sports Center track on Saturday, were both good enough to capture conference championships.

Last season, the Husker teams swept the indoor conference titles, and the Nebraska women also won the Big Eight outdoor championship.

Pepin said this year's teams should repeat those performances.

"We will win both conference meets (men and women)," Pepin said. "I want to see both teams as top 10 finishers in the national indoor meet."

The Nebraska Open, which will begin at 11 a.m., will be more for individuals than teams. Team scoring will not be kept in the meet, which will have more than 600 athletes participating.

Among the teams competing are Barton County Community College, Nebraska Wesleyan, Hastings, Doane, Wayne State, Northern Iowa and Wichita State.

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“This meet we will focus on the individuals,” Pepin said. “There will be some great athletes competing.”

Pepin said the meet would serve as a tool for him to evaluate the talent on his team, especially the freshman. He also said the meet might be the chance to see where Nebraska needed to fill its holes.

“We have a lot of new people this season,” Pepin said. “I feel the men's recruiting class was real good, while we didn't get all we wanted from the women.”

In addition, Pepin said the low-key meet would give his younger athletes a chance to get adjusted to the college level.

“This is going to be a non-pressure meet for us,” Pepin said. “This meet gives us an opportunity to find out where we are with people and their progress according to other athletes.”



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Nebraska freshman Lis Brenden guards a defender in a game earlier this year. Brenden earned her first start last weekend and will start tonight's game against No. 7 Colorado.

# Husker swim teams ready to take on Iowa, Iowa State

From Staff Reports

After the Husker swim teams' sweeps over Missouri last Saturday, both the men and women are anxious to face two competitive teams in Iowa this weekend.

The men's team will face Iowa in Iowa City at 7 p.m. today, and both Husker teams will have a dual with Iowa State in Ames on Saturday.

Nebraska coach Cal Bentz said Iowa, a team which is ranked among the top 15 in the nation, would present a challenge to his swimmers.

“Iowa will always put your back to the wall and compete real hard,” Bentz said. “It's a good hard rivalry, with both schools bringing out the best of each other.”

Bentz said for Nebraska, he looked for strong performances from Husker newcomers Lazelle Markgraff and Bjorn Moller, who both made impressive debuts last week against Missouri.

“We expect to see very good times,” Bentz said. “However, Iowa State has limited space, so we will have to swim well.”

mento State, the Wildcats would probably be confident coming into the Devaney Center.

“I don't think they'll feel they have to do anything special to beat us,” he said. “We haven't shown anybody anything yet, and I'm sure they feel they have a real good chance of coming in here and beating us — if I was them, I probably would, too; hopefully we can prove them wrong.”

If Kansas State is to leave Saturday with a win, the Wildcats will probably have to do it the way they have been all season — with balanced scoring. Five Wildcat players are averaging double figures in scoring, led by guard Askia Jones' 12.8 points per game.

Chubick said playing at the Devaney Center should help combat Kansas State's numerous weapons.

“There's no place like home,” he said.

# ‘Little things’ offer big returns for freshman

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's basketball team just can't keep its freshmen on the bench.

Earlier this season, freshman Kate Galligan broke into the starting lineup after an impressive showing in a game against Arizona State.

Now it's Lis Brenden's turn. Brenden, a guard, got her first start of the season last Sunday when Nebraska played at Kansas State. She responded by scoring 12 points and helped lead the Cornhuskers to a 74-57 win.

Tonight, Brenden will see her second start of the season when the Huskers play host to No. 7 Colorado in an 8 p.m. game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Despite shining in her first start, Brenden isn't ready to proclaim herself as a fixture in the lineup just yet.

“I am not for certain that I am a permanent starter,” Brenden said.

Her offensive production has picked up as the season has progressed. Brenden is averaging almost 6 points and 2 rebounds per game.

But the main reason why Brenden has seen an expanded role for the Huskers is her scrappy defense. She said she prides herself on playing defense with all the intensity she can.

## Women's Basketball probable starters

Colorado at Nebraska  
8 p.m. Friday  
Bob Devaney Sports Center

Colorado (15-0, 3-0)

	PPG	RPG
F Amy Mathern	7.4	3.9
F Mindy Henry	11.6	6.3
C Abby Wirfs	9.5	6.3
G Stephanie Mack	5.5	1.2
G Shelley Sheetz	16.7	2.2



Nebraska (11-4, 2-2)

	PPG	RPG
F Nafesah Brown	11.4	4.5
F Karen Jennings	21.7	7.6
G Meggan Yodson	8.8	3.6
G Kate Galligan	6.6	2.1
G Lis Brenden	5.8	2.1

Scott Maurer/DN

“I just play defense hard and bring defensive intensity,” Brenden said. “If I knock them down, I'm not going to help them back up.”

“I'm not a very nice person out there,” she said. “I bang with the best.”

Brenden said she tries to model her play after her role model, Phoenix Sun forward Charles Barkley, who is known for his physical play on the court.

Brenden said making the transi-

tion from high school to college was easier than she expected.

I expected it to be more difficult here,” Brenden said. “In high school it was a cakewalk and here you have to actually play the game and be more patient.”

That patience finally paid off with last weekend's start. But Brenden said she still realized her role on the team and that she's still only a freshman.

“I keep my mouth shut,” Brenden said. “But, I beat them up with the little things I do.”

# Championship ‘only goal’ Parcels has

BOSTON (AP) — The word “championship” flowed repeatedly from Bill Parcels' lips as he returned to coaching Thursday, even if he must rebuild the New England Patriots.

Parcels, winner of two Super Bowls in his last five years as head coach of the New York Giants, takes charge of a team that tied for the NFL's worst record and has won just four playoff games in its 33-year history.

“History,” he declared, “means nothing in football.”

Patriots owner Jim Orthwein called the signing of Parcels “the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in the

history of the New England Patriots.”

At a meeting late last week, Parcels said, Orthwein asked him what it would take to make the Patriots competitive.

“I told him I wasn't interested in a competitive team, but rather if he was interested in bringing a championship team to New England, then I was his man,” Parcels said at a news conference. “That's the only goal a guy like me can have.”

New England was 2-14 in 1992, its second season under coach Dick MacPherson. MacPherson was fired Jan. 8 and chief executive officer Sam Jankovich resigned the next day.

Parcels is the Patriots' fourth coach in five years. He resigned as Giants coach four months after winning the 1991 Super Bowl and spent the past two seasons as an NBC football announcer. He said Thursday he missed coaching.

“It's like going to the schoolyard when you're a kid,” he said. “You have to grow up some time, but fortunately I haven't had to.”

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