

Pollsters

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Moran said Florida State deserved to be ranked above Nebraska in the coalition poll simply because of the recent matchups the Huskers and Seminoles have had.

"The games between Nebraska and Florida State have been no contest," Moran said. "(Nebraska) has the same coach, the same offensive system and the same defensive system. Until they can prove they can beat teams like Florida State at the end of the year, they will not get people's respect."

The Huskers, who lost 27-14 to the Seminoles in the 1993 Orange Bowl, have switched from a 5-2 to a 4-3 defense this season.

Some critics say the Huskers' six-straight losses on New Year's Day keep them low in the rankings but Sherman said the opposite is probably true.

"Tradition goes both ways," he said. "The reason they're ranked this high is because of their tradition. Nebraska people think that it is their birthright to be ranked high."

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Chicago Tribune
sportswriter

Iowa State coach Jim Walden defended the Huskers earlier this week when he said Nebraska should be ranked second ahead of Bobby Bowden's Seminoles.

"I think a lot of writers have gotten into this 'let's do it for Bobby' mentality," Walden said. "I'll be so damn glad when that guy finally wins one so we can get on with doing things the way we have done them for the past 25 years."

However, Sherman defended his fellow sportswriters.

"(Walden) should try as hard to get a .500 record as he does knocking other coaches," Sherman said.

Tough tourney will challenge No. 8 Huskers

From Staff Reports

After taking five titles at the Wyoming Open last weekend, the Nebraska wrestling team will be hard-pressed to match that figure this weekend at the Omaha Open, Cornhusker coach Tim Neumann said.

"I was pleased with the results last weekend," he said. "If you go a level higher, the results would be drastically reduced."

The Huskers, ranked eighth in the country, will face competition from Top 20 teams in Omaha.

The competition will include Iowa, last year's national champion, Iowa State, Minnesota and Northern Iowa.

"There are five or six good Top 20 Division I programs at this meet," he said.

Neumann said the No. 8 ranking was a surprise to him to start off the season.

round of the Big Eight tournament.

The Big Eight's second- and third-place teams face each other and the first- and fourth-place team square off in the tournament's first-round, Nov. 26.

Pettit said his team would be ready for both matches if they had to play the Sooners twice in the span of a week.

"We need to win them both," he said. "We need to take care of this one and then take care of the next one."

The Huskers are now in second place in the conference behind Colorado with a 9-2 mark. The Buffs stand at 10-1. If it wasn't for the loss to the Sooners, the Huskers would be tied for the lead.

But that's out of their hands now, Aspegren said. The Huskers have to depend on sixth-place Missouri to defeat the Buffs Saturday to tie for the title.

"We just have to put the Oklahoma loss past us," Aspegren said.

Kansas golf champion recruited

From Staff Reports

Rachelle Tacha, a four-time Kansas state champion and 1992 Midwest Golfer-of-the-Year, has signed a national letter of intent to play golf for Nebraska, Cornhusker golf coach Robin Krapfl said.

"Rachelle was our No. 1 recruit," Krapfl said. "She possesses a well-rounded game with no weaknesses. She has the ability to start for us as a freshman and become one of the top players in the conference."

Tacha, the No. 1 junior golfer in

Kansas, led the Manhattan (Kan.) High School girl's golf team to the 1993 state championship.

Nebraska men's golf coach Larry Romjue signed Ryan Neitfeldt of Grand Island and Judd Brewer of Lincoln Pius X to national letters-of-intent earlier this week.

Neitfeldt won both the state junior match and medal play tournaments in 1993. Brewer won the Nebraska State High School tournament last spring. Brewer also finished 14th at the National PGA Junior Championship this summer.

NU to compete at Minnesota

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving teams will be in action at the Minnesota Invitational in Minneapolis this weekend.

The women's team, which beat Southern Methodist University in Dallas last weekend, will face two teams that finished in the top 30 last season, including Kansas, the defending Big Eight Conference champion.

The men's team, which lost to SMU last weekend, will face six Top 20 teams from a year ago.

The Nebraska women's victory last weekend was an early-season

upset. SMU was coming off a fourth-place finish at last year's NCAA Championships.

Melanie Dodd won the 200 and 100 freestyle and led the Husker 400-meter medley relay team to victory. Penny Heyns won the 200-meter breaststroke, and Jane Glazebrook was the winner in the 200 breaststroke.

Jennifer Harnly won the 1-meter diving competition.

The Husker men were led by Chris Ford, who finished first in the 200-meter backstroke. Francois Boshoff took the 100-meter freestyle, and Gyorgy Kovacs was the champion in the 1,000-meter freestyle.

Revenge

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"We were constantly working on different things."

Pettit said he hoped those things would pay off against the Sooners tonight and maybe again next Friday in the Big Eight tournament.

If the conference standings stay the way they are, the Sooners and Huskers will meet again in the first



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