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Pivotal weekend ahead for NU women

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

After dropping to 0-2 in the Big Eight, the Nebraska women's basketball team is hoping to get back on track this weekend when it faces Kansas and Kansas State.



Beck

Beck said she was pleased that Nebraska would play the stronger opponent first.

"I like it that this week we had the whole time to prepare for Kansas," she said. "We've spent a lot of our time preparing for them and have a

day for K-State."

Beck said Nebraska's two consecutive conference losses — on the road last weekend to Oklahoma State and Oklahoma — gave Nebraska added incentive.

"In order to be in the (Big Eight) title race and contend, we are going to have to get some W's this weekend," Beck said. "This weekend is real important to us. We obviously have a lot of pride on our team in the tradition we have established."

"We're at home this week and we feel we have been in both of those (Big Eight) road games. Obviously, there is a lot on the line."

Kansas, which is 2-0 in conference play, has Beck concerned.

"Kansas has an awful lot of weapons," she said. "The athleticism on their team is tremendous. They're tremendous athletes as well as basketball players. They've signed some of the top talent in the nation."

"Their defense has really been outstanding. It has been causing people to turn the ball over a lot. We have to take care of the ball."

The last meeting between the teams occurred in the 1993 Big Eight tournament championship in Salina, Kan., which Kansas won 64-60.

Beck said most of her players weren't concerned about last year's Big Eight championship loss.

"Obviously, we're going to be up for Kansas, but I think since we're such a young team that (the loss) doesn't really matter," she said. "Now we're on our own court and we're going to be ready for them."

Beck said she wasn't worried about a letdown against 6-5 Kansas State after playing Kansas only two days earlier.

"Personally, I'm not focusing on any kind of letdown," she said. "I'm just focusing on being prepared for Kansas because we have to take care of business there."

Gymnasts aim for Big 8 championship

By Mitch Sherman
Staff Reporter

First-year coach Dan Kendig is optimistic heading into his women's gymnastics team's season-opening meet Saturday against Illinois in Champaign, Ill.

The Cornhuskers take on Illinois at 7:30 p.m. in the first of nine regular-season meets.

"I like the attitude and the motivation we have going into this meet," Kendig said. "We are working well and working smart. If we hit the things we have been working on, we will compete well."

He said he hoped the Huskers, who finished second in the Big Eight last season, could challenge for the conference crown this spring.

"We feel real good about the conference," he said. "We feel like we have a chance of winning as long as we do well at the conference championships. Last year, they didn't do well at that meet and still finished second."

Leading returnees for the Huskers this season include senior Lori Phillips and juniors Jennifer Hawkinson and Nicole Duval.

Juniors Kristi Camp and Martha

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Nebraska women's gymnastics coach

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Jenkins, along with sophomores Meghan Nicolini, Jenny Slade and Joy Taylor also return from last year's squad. In addition, freshmen Shelly Bartlett, Kim DeHaan and Shelly Johnson join the team.

"We have depth in all four events," Kendig said. "I don't think we're really relying on any one person in an event. And I think that's a good thing, in case somebody gets hurt."

Phillips, the lone senior on the team, set five personal records last season after several injuries prevented her from competing in the all-around competition her first two years as a Husker. Kendig said Phillips had been working hard in practice and would be ready to go against the Fight-

ing Illini.

"She really puts a lot into everything she does," Kendig said. "She could be right there in all four events."

A year after finishing seventh at the Midwest regional competition, Kendig said the Huskers' goals went beyond that point for the 1994 campaign.

"They're ready to get going," he said. "Our goal is to get through the regionals this year and make it to nationals."

"Out of the blocks, I think our strongest event will be the vault. The beam and bars aren't too far behind, and I wish we had a little more time to work on the floor exercise, but it will get there, too."

Indiana

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Ware, from Arkansas City, Kan., is 15-4.

Nebraska's dual record is 3-2, with losses to Clarion and top-ranked Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys surprised Neumann in their Jan. 7 matchup, which Oklahoma State won 27-13.

"I wish we could've wrestled Oklahoma State a little closer," he said. "They were better than I thought they would be."

"But I thought our young kids did well."

The Huskers have to be taking Indiana seriously, Neumann said.

"Indiana's a big match," he said. "This will show me whether we're going to wrestle hungry or just sit around all season."

Neumann said the Hoosiers matched up well with the Huskers, which frightened him some.

"That helps them a little," he said. "They're tougher than heck at 126 and 134. But where we're tough, they are too."

The Hoosiers are led by two na-

tionally ranked wrestlers. At 126 pounds, Chris Russo is sixth, and heavyweight Vito Maurici is No. 8.

The Huskers hope to counter the Hoosiers with four ranked wrestlers of their own.

Senior Scott Gonyo is ranked fourth at 118 with an 18-5 record. Senior Frank Velazquez is seventh at 134, Eierman is fourth at 142, and freshman heavyweight Tolly Thompson is ninth.

Neumann said the Hoosiers were just as good as Clemson, a team the Huskers beat 20-16 on Jan. 5.

"Indiana's a Top 20 team," he said.

Rutz

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Rutz tore his anterior cruciate ligament, suffered cartilage damage and injured a medial collateral ligament in his knee in a spring practice. As a result, Rutz watched Nebraska complete an undefeated regular season and the Orange Bowl from the sidelines.

"That (the injured knee) is something I will have to evaluate in the spring," Loyd said. "I just think he deserved the opportunity. I know he's been very well-coached, and I think he is a class act. I think he'll be a

positive addition to our program."

So far, Rutz's college football career has gone in the opposite direction that his high school career went.

Rutz was a SuperPrep, Blue Chip and Super Recruiting Illustrated All-American as a senior at Putnam City West High School. He was also one of 5-Alive's top 10 players of the year.

"I watched him play two years ago and thought he was very talented, but I haven't seen him since," Loyd said. "I watched him in the All-State game and was very impressed. We would've loved to have him (after high school), but we're not going to compete with the Nebraskas and Oklahomas."

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M does compete very well at its own level, as

it produced 23 Division I players this season. It has won eight junior college national championships, with the latest coming in 1991.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, which went 10-1 this season, has produced such NFL players as Marion Butts, James Wilder, Ernie Givins and Vaughn Dunbar.

"It's not going to be one player that makes or breaks this program," Loyd said. "We've been the top junior college program, so one player isn't everything. Ben is just the type of player that we look for."

Rutz's transfer leaves Nebraska with three quarterbacks — Frazier, Brook Berringer and Tony Veland — on scholarship.

Kangaroo

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Dumas, a 6-foot-6-inch, 185-pound senior guard, averages 24.2 points per game and has scored 87 points in the past two games.

Nee said Dumas would be tough to stop, and Erick Strickland, Eric Piatkowski and Jaron Boone would share the task of guarding him.

"I don't think Erick Strickland can do it alone," Nee said. "We are going to have to play team defense. We have to have a lot of people guard him."

Senior center Dennis Jacobs and junior forward Rick Muller will give the Kangaroos a big size advantage inside against the Huskers.

"Their front-line kids are big strong guys," Nee said. "They are not really quick, but they really are spacy."

Jacobs is averaging 10.2 points and 3.3 rebounds a game this season, and Muller, at 6 feet 10 inches and 225 pounds, is averaging 8.6 points and 5.1 boards per game.

To attempt to counter that size, Nee said, junior Melvin Brooks will start in place of senior Tom Best. Brooks, a transfer from Chowan (N.C.) Junior College, is averaging 5.1 points and more than four rebounds per game.