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After qualifying for NCAA meet, high jumpers' goals rise higher

By Tony West
Staff Reporter

Petar Malesev and Sheldon Carpenter are more than just high jumpers on the Nebraska track and field team.

"I feel we have a partnership," said Malesev, a junior from Novi Sad, Yugoslavia.

And that partnership has climbed to new heights.

Malesev and Carpenter have already provisionally qualified for the NCAA indoor championship meet in March. Malesev jumped 7-3 1/4 at the Nebraska Open last Saturday, while Carpenter went 7-3 at the Nebraska Wesleyan indoor meet on Jan. 16, to qualify.

Despite those marks, Malesev said he wouldn't relax until he reached the NCAA's automatic qualifying mark of 7-4 1/2. Malesev and Carpenter will have a chance to better their marks when the Nebraska track and field team travels to Oklahoma City for the Sooner Indoor meet.

"There is no pressure taken off," Malesev said. "I think I can even go higher."

Carpenter said he was pleased with



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NU high jumper

best in 1991 when he jumped 7-4 1/2 at the European Junior Championships in Greece.

"Since I came to Nebraska, I haven't got a personal record," Malesev said. "It's time for me to get a personal record now."

Malesev said his ultimate goal was to reach his full potential.

"I want to go 7-foot, 6 1/2 inches," Malesev said. "I think I can do that later in the season. But for now, I just want to be the best I can be."

Carpenter said he also had some higher goals.

"I want to be an All-American either in indoor or outdoor," he said. "And I want to be in the top two at Big Eight."

The two said they would do anything they could to help each other reach their goals.

"You try to help," Malesev said. "In practice, we compete and really push each other."

But despite their teamwork, they said, it's all individual business once the competition begins.

"We want each other to do well, but there's a rivalry there too," Carpenter said.

I'm wrestling now."

Ware came to Nebraska with some impressive credentials. He was a four-time Kansas state champion at Arkansas City High School, and he was the 1992 National High School Champion. His career record was 120-2.

But Ware's first year at Nebraska was a slow one. He was a redshirt last year, but he competed in the open tournaments and finished the year with a 20-2 record. He said he benefited from watching last year's team, which finished third at the NCAA Championships.

"It was a good year for the team, and it was nice being a part of that," he said.

his provisional qualifying mark and new personal best. His previous best was 7-2 in high school.

"It definitely takes some pressure off," said Carpenter, a sophomore from Prairie Village, Kan. "It's pretty frustrating having the same (personal record) for a year and a half."

Malesev said he knew how Carpenter felt. Malesev hit his personal

Ware came on against Fried, who hadn't been taken down all season.

That is, until he faced Ware last Saturday.

Ware stuck with Fried all three periods, scoring two takedowns, before losing 12-9.

Although he lost, Ware said, the experience was a good one.

"I walked out there and didn't have a strategy," he said. "I just kept up with him."

"It felt good to be that close to the top. It felt good to go and wrestle the top wrestler in the nation."

At the beginning of the season, Ware said, he wasn't even close to the top.

"First semester, I didn't look very good," Ware said. "I'm proud of how

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able to wrestle.

"It's a shame that only one of us can wrestle," he said. "But we'll see sometime later on this week."

Ware is on a roll going into the match with Eierman. In his last three meets, Ware has won every match but one.

He won the Great Plains Open at 142 pounds, and he lost only to Oklahoma State's Alan Fried — the top-ranked wrestler in the country at 142 — at the National Dual Meet Championships Saturday.

"I'm coming on like I knew I could," Ware said.

Slump

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offense or the whole defense.

"He just has to do his job. We've got a lot of other quality players."

The Huskers' shooting slump won't be fixed by changes in the offense, Nease said. Instead, they will just have to play through it.

"We want to run the fast break and shoot threes," he said.

If Nebraska stopped shooting three-pointers, Nease said "it would be like a doctor who's a surgeon who stops doing surgery because he had a patient die."

"It's like playing football without a football."

NOTES:

● The Nebraska Basketball Hall of Fame will honor four former Huskers at halftime of Saturday's game against

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I've seen 56 minutes of (Eric) Piatkowski not playing Piatkowski basketball. That's the reason I took him out.
— Nease
NU basketball coach

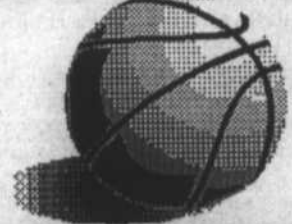
Oklahoma. Bob Cerv, who played professional baseball with the New York Yankees; Tom Russell; Nate Branch, who later played with the Harlem Globetrotters; and Andre Smith, the 1981 Big Eight Player of the Year, will be honored. Husker athletic trainer George Sullivan will receive the Hall's Special Merit Award.

● The annual Nebraska alumni game will be held at 5 p.m. prior to Saturday's 7:05 p.m. game.

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