

Increased requirements could hurt UNL athletes

Osborne: proposal may shut out some

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A revision to Proposition 48 passed at last year's NCAA Convention and reviewed again this year will have a major effect on Cornhusker athletics, football coach Tom Osborne said.

The new rule, which requires athletes to have a 2.5 high school grade-point average, 13 core courses and score a 21 on the ACT or 900 on the SAT, goes into effect Aug. 1, 1995.

If the revised standards would have been applied to current Cornhusker athletes, up to 40 percent of the Nebraska football and basketball team members could have been found academically ineligible, Osborne said.

"It's going to hurt the kids who were not as focused early in high school," Osborne said. "And that's not their fault, depending on their upbringing. We see several players every year who realize they can get a scholarship by their junior year, so they focus."

"But an athlete who has a 1.8 (GPA) and only one or one-and-a-half years to get it up to 2.5 is going to be eliminated. They pretty much have to know what they're doing from their freshman year."

Currently, Prop 48 requires incoming freshmen to have a 2.0 high school GPA, score a 17 on the ACT or 700 on the SAT and carry 11 core courses.

Assistant Athletic Director Al Papik said student-athletes who did not have the required 2.5 GPA could still meet the requirements. This is because a scaling system was created at last year's convention and reviewed again this year.

If student-athletes have lower than a 2.5 GPA but higher than a 2.0 GPA, they can meet the requirements by scoring better than a 21 on the ACT or 900 on the SAT. The test-score requirements go up as the GPA goes down.

"Research and data shows us that Prop 48 has been good since it went into effect in 1986," Papik said. "But, of course, the new developments

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haven't been tested yet."

Osborne said he understood the purpose of Prop 48, but was worried that some athletes may miss out on college because of the raised requirements.

"I think some will miss everything," Osborne said. "They won't even go to college because they can't afford it. That's unfortunate because there is a direct correlation between a family's socioeconomic status and the children's education."

Cornerback Barron Miles and defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers are among the Huskers who attended college for a year before they qualified and joined the team the next season. Both Miles and Ramaekers have said the experience helped them, but Osborne said not all Prop 48 stories had such a happy ending.

"There are a couple, three players each year that come because they can get by on a Pell Grant or a loan, but at some schools they can't do that," he said. "The Big Eight is one of the few conferences in the country that allows Prop 48ers to enroll."

"They could go to a junior college and get two years at a major college if everything goes okay, but that doesn't always work out."

The problem, Osborne said, may lie in the eyes of the policy-makers. He said many of the voters at the conventions were not familiar with the athlete's backgrounds.

"A lot of the people who make these rules assume other families are like their families," he said. "For the most part, (the policy-makers) are very stable, well-off people who push their kids toward college from a young age."

"That just is not the situation for a lot of the kids that come here on football and basketball scholarships."



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Nebraska guard Tanya Upthegrove puts the pressure on Oklahoma State's Yogi York in the first half of the Cornhuskers' 81-75 loss Sunday.

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with 10:48 remaining when Nebraska looked to be putting together a comeback. The Huskers went on a 10-2 run to cut the lead to 65-55 with 8:21 left.

The Cowgirls once again denied Nebraska's comeback when Yogi York finished off a 3-point play at the free-throw line to put Oklahoma State's lead back up to 13.

Nebraska didn't put a scare into the Cowgirls until a big run cut the lead down to single digits with just over a minute remaining.

Brown led Nebraska with 25 points and 11 rebounds, while Lis Brenden added 10. Stacy Coffey led 14-6 Oklahoma State with 24.

The loss drops Nebraska to 13-10 and 4-5 in the conference. Nebraska now trails Oklahoma State, 5-4 in the conference, for third place in the Big Eight. More impor-

tant, the Huskers' NCAA-tournament hopes are dwindling, Beck said.

"We needed this game," Beck said. "This was a big game for a chance at the NCAAs. This was big for a lot of things. We kind of dug ourselves a hole."

Nebraska had extended its winning streak to four games Friday night with a 82-76 win over Oklahoma. Brown led the Huskers with 21 points and nine rebounds.

Duval vaults Husker gymnasts to title

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team improved to 6-0 overall by winning a quadrangular meet Sunday in Norman, Okla.

The Cornhuskers' score of 192.05 outdistanced second-place Oklahoma, which finished with a score of 189.90. Texas came in third at 186.025 and Air Force finished fourth, scoring a 177.05.

Nebraska was paced by Nicole Duval, whose score of 38.95 in the all-around tied a personal-best set last season against Iowa State.

In addition to winning the all-around, the junior from Lincoln won the balance beam (9.85), while plac-

ing second in the vault (9.725) and third in the floor exercise (9.65).

"Duval hit two awesome routines for our team today," Husker coach Dan Kendig said. "She won the beam with an awesome routine and then she hit another awesome routine on the floor exercise."

Juniors Martha Jenkins, Kristi Camp and Jennifer Hawkinson also performed well for the Huskers.

Jenkins won the vault with a 9.775 and Hawkinson finished third in the same event, scoring a 9.725. Camp finished second behind Duval in the beam with a 9.8.

Kendig said he was pleased with the overall performance of the team.

"We competed well," he said. "We

started out strong on the bars. Then we hit three out of six routines on the balance beam. We struggled a bit on the floor exercise but then we hit five solid routines on the vault."

"We're getting stronger and we're getting better. The key for Nebraska is to stay healthy and keep up the pace."

In addition to the strong showings of the juniors, sophomore Joy Taylor and freshman Kim DeHaan tied for first place in the uneven bars with a 9.825. DeHaan also finished third in the all-around (38.10). Freshman Shelley Bartlett tied for third in the balance beam by scoring a 9.775.

The Huskers' next match is Friday against Iowa State in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Two Cyclone pins deny win for Nebraska

From Staff Reports

Tenth-ranked Iowa State used two crucial pins to help secure a 21-19 victory over No. 6 Nebraska Sunday night at Ames, Iowa.

The Cyclones' Derek Mountsier (134 pounds) and Dan Troupe (190 pounds) recorded pins, giving the Cyclones' crucial bonus points.

The teams each won five matches, but Nebraska scored just one pin by 142-pounder Justin Ware. Iowa State's two pins accounted for the difference.

Nebraska wrestling coach Tim Neumann said the loss to the Cyclones was frustrating, especially after the Cornhuskers beat them 32-11 two weeks ago.

"It was a real disappointing loss,"

he said. "We had a couple different opportunities to win the dual, just by doing things we have done against them in the past."

The loss dropped Nebraska to 9-6 in dual competition. Iowa State improved to 7-5.

"We have to get our guys healthy and get ready for Big Eights," Neumann said.

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The Huskers weren't dead yet as they battled to within one at 86-85 on a three-pointer by Erick Strickland and a layup by Boone.

But Woodberry, who led Kansas with 25 points, put the nail in the coffin with the three-pointer.

"He's their go-to man, and he came

through when he had to," Strickland said. "We were right there and then he hit the three-pointer."

See said winning was well within the Huskers' grasp, but Kansas deserves credit for coming back.

"I felt we answered a lot of their charges, but we could never get over the hump," he said. "It was a really good effort, but you have to have a little luck."

Nebraska... 40 47 — 87

at Kansas... 44 50 — 94

Nebraska — Johnson 3-8 2-2 9, Boone 5-9 0-11, Piatkowski 8-20 9-26, Badgett 1-6 2-2 4, Chubick 4-9 6-7 14, Brooks 1-5 0-2, Strickland 5-14 1-2 15, Moore 2-2 2-6. Totals 29-73 22-24 87.

KANSAS — Richey 4-7 3-4 12, Scott 1-3 0-0 2, Osterlag 6-11 3-7 15, Vaughn 5-7 2-3 13, Woodberry 7-15 8-9 25, Pollard 0-1 3-4 3, Pearson 5-10 2-3 13, Gurley 1-3 0-0 3, Rayford 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 3-5 2-8. Totals 32-63 23-32 94.

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