

Huskers sign four track recruits

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's and women's track and field teams have added four new members to next year's squad that could come in and help right away, coach Gary Pepin said.

The Cornhusker women have signed two athletes to national letters of intent: Tashika Lewis and Danielle Boswell.

Lewis is a long jumper from Des Moines North High School, and on Friday at the Drake Relays — where Nebraska competed this weekend — she won the long jump with a meet record leap of 18 feet 8 1/2 inches.

Last summer Lewis defeated current Husker Angee Henry in the national Junior Olympic long jump. Lewis also runs in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash.

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Pepin said he watched Lewis closely this weekend in Des Moines.

"She had a couple of long jumps that she just fouled on that were great," Pepin said. "She's a good long jumper and athlete."

"I'm looking forward to having her here next year."

Boswell, from Fresno, Calif., is one of the nation's best prep high jumpers, Pepin said.

The Husker men have added two recruits as well: Benji Prebyl of Beatrice and high jumper Chris Gillispie of Boys Town.

Prebyl is a triple jumper who jumped 48-8 this season.

Gillispie, who has leaped 6-8 in the high jump, may be a candidate to become a decathlete at Nebraska.

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letes, Pepin said, he is worried about recruiting.

The four recruits join Nora Shepard of York and Jana Beck of Austin, Minn., who both signed letters of intent with the Huskers in the fall signing period.

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Two Huskers sign with NFL

From Staff Reports


Two of the key players on the Nebraska defense that held Florida State to 16 points in the Orange Bowl have signed free-agent NFL contracts.

Former Nebraska defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers signed a free-agent contract with the San Diego Chargers Friday.


Ramaekers, who completed his eligibility with Nebraska last fall, started all 12 games for the Cornhuskers and was seventh on the team in tackles.

Also, the New York Jets signed former Husker linebacker Mike Anderson Saturday.

Anderson, a three-year starter at inside linebacker, was fourth on the team in tackles last year.



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Tigers top Huskers in doubleheader

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The Nebraska softball team lost a doubleheader during the weekend, dropping to 21-31 overall and 1-13 in the Big Eight.

Missouri swept the Cornhuskers 13-6 and 8-3 on Saturday.

In the first game, Nebraska jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but the team was unable to hold the lead as the Tigers exploded for 13 runs in three innings.

In the second game, the score was

tied at three when Missouri scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to seal the win.

Husker shortstop Tobin Echo-Hawk, who leads the team in almost every offensive category, hit two doubles in the first game to give her 13 doubles this season, the second best total in Nebraska history.

Off the field, three Huskers were named to the Phillips 66 Academic All-Big Eight Softball first team.

Outfielder Denise McMillan, a his-

tory major with a 3.96 grade point average, was named to the first team for the third consecutive year.

Freshman outfielder Sherry Alicorn and sophomore Gloria Von Rentzell were the other Huskers named to the first team.

Other Huskers who gained honorable mention were pitcher Melanie Raimondi, second baseman Karla Knicely and utility player Sandra Brown.

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Welder

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throughout the year," he said.

Welder, who was listed at 118 pounds last season, is expecting to wrestle at 126 pounds next season. He said there would be a lot of competition for the spot, because senior Steve Baer was returning after a successful season.

"He (Baer) is definitely the best guy at 126 right now," Welder said.

Welder said the team's future was bright because of the quality of the recent recruits and the knowledge and ability of the coaching staff.

Last year's team was young, he said, and there will be a lot of talented wrestlers returning.

"There's so much talent in the room right now," he said.

Even with all the talent at Nebraska, Welder said he was glad he was a Husker.

After winning two North Dakota state championships while at Bismarck High School, Welder was recruited by Oregon State and Minne-

Welder said he chose Nebraska because of the coaching staff and because former high school teammate Darin Giese, a Nebraska sophomore, had nothing but good things to say about the program.

he said.

While he has nowhere to go but up in collegiate wrestling, he has little left to accomplish in Greco-Roman.

Even though the 1996 Summer Olympics are only two years away, Welder said he had not given the Olympics much thought. Instead, Welder said, he plans to concentrate heavily on the upcoming collegiate season, especially on improving his freestyle skills.

The Olympics can wait, Welder said.

"I'll think about the Olympics someday, but right now I have a long way to go. I'll just keep working and see what happens."

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tionship with the Special Olympics during the last few years.

Beck, who has coached at Nebraska for eight years, is the state director of Special Olympic basketball. She is also an executive board member for the Nebraska Special Olympics.

VanLengen said the events tended to bring out the emotional side of the

people involved.

"We have grown as our association with this has grown," VanLengen said. "You hear the Olympic music, and it gives you goose bumps and puts a tear in your eye."

And the event is something the Special Olympians will never forget, she said.

"It's a chance for them to come out and meet the Huskers and play on the Devaney Center floor," VanLengen said.

The Special Olympics competition was a treat for those involved and

those in charge, VanLengen said.

"They absolutely love it," she said. "The whole time it's going on, all you see is hugs and high-fives and cheers and smiles all over."

However, it wasn't always cheers and smiles, Beck said.

"One of the Special Olympians didn't get a medal, and she felt the defeat," she said. "She was crying, so I went over to cheer her up."

"I had a T-shirt hidden, and when I gave her the T-shirt, she just smiled. It made her day, and it made me feel good too."

Freshmen earn wrestling medals

From Staff Reports

Two other Husker freshmen wrestlers — besides Jeremie Welder — were among the medal winners at the 1994 USA Wrestling Espoir National Championships Friday.

Jason Reitmeier lost a 6-3 decision to Jeromy McVige in the 136 1/2-pound final.

Chad Pike finished sixth at 163 pounds.

KU edges out Kansas State

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Chris Corn threw a complete game and Brandon English drove in three runs to lead Kansas past Kansas State 13-6 Saturday in the Big Eight.

Corn (7-1) gave up six runs, all earned, on 12 hits. He struck out nine and walked three.

Kansas (32-13 overall, 15-9 Big Eight) erased a 5-0 deficit by scoring four runs in the second and two more in the third. After K-State tied the game 6-6 with a run in the top of the

fourth, the Jayhawks took the lead for good, 8-6, with two in the bottom of the inning.

English had two hits. Darryl Monroe, Brent Wilhelm and Ted Meadows added two RBIs each for Kansas.

Eric Johnson (0-3), the third Kansas State pitcher, took the loss after allowing six runs, four earned, in two innings.

Kansas State's record fell to 12-35 overall, 3-20 in the conference.

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