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# Panthers pleased with coach

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Dom Capers brought his defensive expertise to the Carolina Panthers on Monday, but he said stopping opponents wouldn't be his only target as he becomes the NFL expansion team's first coach.

"It's like going into a game," Capers said during a news conference formally introducing him as the head coach. "You do extensive planning, you do your homework, and then you have to react."

"I believe that a head coach has to have knowledge and control of all phases of the game. I assure you that I will know as much about what's going on with the offense and the kicking game as I will with the defense."

Capers, the defensive coordinator

for the Pittsburgh Steelers, will have a long time to get his hands on all facets of the Panthers, who begin play next September in the NFC West. He received a five-year contract. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

"I think it indicates the type of commitment," he said about the length of the contract. "When you start talking about free agency and putting together a top quality coaching staff ... it's important that you have a contract that gives you the ability to put together the kind of people you would like."

The 44-year-old Capers became the center of attention for the Panthers after former Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs turned down Charlotte's overtures. As assistants

from other NFL teams began departing for other jobs, the Panthers went to the Steelers for permission to talk to Capers.

Although the Steelers granted permission, the league fined both teams for allowing those talks to occur in the midst of the season. The Panthers received a \$150,000 fine and lost two draft picks for their actions.

"That's behind us," said Carolina president Mike McCormack. "We got the man we wanted, and we're pleased with that. We think he fits our organization so well, so we're just going on from here."

The next step for Capers, McCormack and general manager Bill Polian will be to assess the talent available from the veteran allocation draft on Feb. 15.

## Colorado

Continued from Page 7 getting better. I'm not talking about our talent comparing to year's past. I just enjoy the way they work."

Colorado's recent success has brought about a great deal of parity among the league's eight teams. Each of the eight teams stood at 1-1 after two conference games. Only Kansas, several Big Eight coaches said, has the ability to pull away from the league.

But Jayhawk coach Roy Williams

said he thought the race would come down to the wire this season, unlike a year ago when Missouri pulled away en route to a perfect 14-0 Big Eight mark.

Williams agreed that Kansas may have an advantage at the end of the year as a result of the Jayhawks' tough schedule. Kansas has defeated three ranked teams, including top-ranked Massachusetts, and will take a break from conference action Saturday, when they play undefeated No. 2 Connecticut in Kansas City, Mo.

"I'm not sure how intelligent that was to schedule UConn," Williams

said. "It's good for college basketball. It's not the brightest thing I've done by any means, but we are going to play it and see what happens."

### NOTES:

• With three non-conference games remaining on Big Eight teams' schedules, (Kansas vs. UConn on Saturday, Iowa State at Northern Iowa on Wednesday, Washington at Colorado on Feb. 22) the conference has a non-league record of 88-17. One more victory would assure the Big Eight of its second best non-league record in history.

## Jenkins

Continued from Page 7 start off the season with three straight wins.

But Jenkins suffered a sprained ankle on her final landing in the floor exercise against Utah State. The injury has hampered her early-season performance.

The school record-holder in the vault said she was disappointed to get injured in the first meet of the season.

"Right now I just have to stay as healthy as I can to compete well at the end of the season," Jenkins said.

Kendig said Jenkins' leadership

was important to the Huskers.

"She is somebody that we would like to have in the lineup all the time," Kendig said. "We have just been holding her back a little bit on the balance beam."

On the balance beam Jenkins has struggled, scoring a 9.0 at a triangular against Boise State and Southern Utah.

Jenkins also fell off the beam twice in the first meet of the season against Utah State, but she still won the vault and the uneven bars.

In the vault last year, Jenkins scored 9.875 twice, once against Iowa State and once at the Big Eight Championships.

Over the weekend, competing on her sore ankle, Jenkins finished sixth in the all-around with a score of 37.8 at Boise, Idaho.

Jenkins said she was optimistic to see Nebraska start off with two performances with more than 190 points.

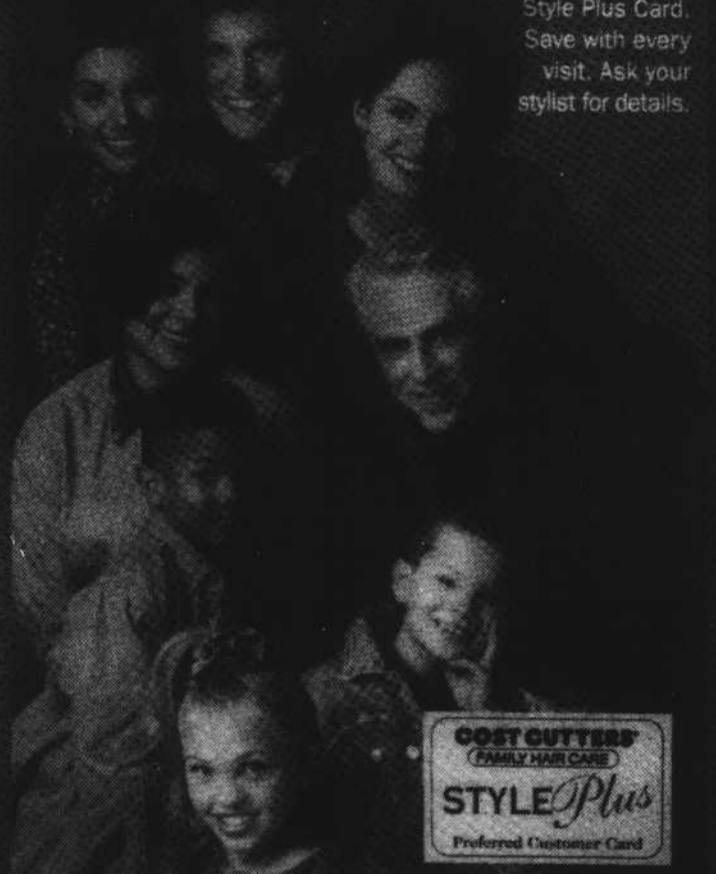
"The team pulled together really well," Jenkins said. "I think the start will get us on a good roll for the rest of the season."

That togetherness could help the Huskers keep improving throughout the rest of the year.

"We don't want to start out strong our first meet," Jenkins said. "We want to keep building and getting better each meet."

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