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Nebraska gymnasts looking to rebound against Sooners

By Mitch Sherman
Senior Reporter

For the first time in 10 years, the Nebraska men's gymnastics team began its season with a loss.

But after two weeks of hard work in the gym, Cornhusker coach Francis Allen said his team was prepared to fare better on the mat this weekend against Oklahoma.

The defending national champions, 0-1, play host to the Oklahoma Sooners in a 7 p.m. dual Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Allen said senior Richard Grace, who was the only Husker to compete at the Winter Invitational last weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo., would need to step up for Nebraska against the Sooners.

"He should be our leader," Allen said.

But he said Grace could not lead the team alone. Junior Jason Christie and senior Rick Kieffer need to perform better than they did in Nebraska's first meet, a loss to New Mexico at the Rocky Mountain Open, Allen said.

He said he was disappointed with the scores of Kieffer and Christie at the Rocky Mountain Open. Kieffer, a three-time All-American, posted an all-around score of 48.55 in the Huskers' season opener. Christie, Nebraska's other returning all-arounder, scored a 50.15.

"Those other guys should be storming in the whole time," Allen said. "They'll be chasing Grace. I do feel this week you are going to see a lot better Christie and Kieffer. They've had two more weeks to prepare."

Grace, Christie and Kieffer will be Nebraska's only gymnasts competing in the all-around Saturday, Allen

said. William Mulholland, a freshman all-arounder, tore an anterior cruciate ligament at the Rocky Mountain Open. Mulholland will have surgery Saturday and sit out the remainder of the season.

Allen said Nebraska's injury problems paled in comparison to those of Oklahoma. The Sooners will hobble into Lincoln this weekend without sophomores Jeremy Killen and Casey Bryan.

Without Killen and Bryan, Oklahoma's top two all-arounders, Allen said Nebraska should win the meet without much of a fight.

"Oklahoma is hurt," he said. "If (Killen and Bryan) do compete, they won't be in the all-around. That's really going to take the sting out of them. You are going to see Nebraska pretty good."

Husker pressure on in Kansas

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

If there is any time for the Nebraska women's basketball team to have to play No. 19 Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., it is now, Nebraska coach Angela Beck said.

The 11-8 Cornhuskers travel to Lawrence tonight for a conference game against 14-5 Kansas, but Beck said the Jayhawks had proved that Allen Fieldhouse didn't mean as much this year.

Kansas has lost three out of its last four games after dropping games to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State in Lawrence and a loss to top-ranked Connecticut in Kansas City.

"I think they're a little more vulnerable than in the past at home," Beck said. "It might make it more

difficult for us that they are coming off of three losses in their last four games, and I think they gained a lot of confidence against UConn. At least we know they can be beat at home."

To beat Kansas, Beck said, Nebraska must shut down 6-foot-2 senior Angela Aycock, who is averaging 23 points a game.

"If Aycock has a great game, we're going to be in trouble," Beck said. "If we can slow her down, we should have a good chance. But really, the pressure is on Kansas. They have to beat us and, considering we are a pretty good team, that won't be an easy task."

After Nebraska faces the task of playing Kansas tonight, they travel to Manhattan, Kan., to play Kansas State Sunday.

The Wildcats beat the Huskers 74-

70 Jan. 6 in Lincoln.

"Kansas State is a good team and a team that we've had some luck with down there," Beck said. "They beat us here, so that will add some adrenaline for us. I think there will be some what of a revenge factor in that game."

The Huskers are 5-3 in Manhattan in Beck's eight years at Nebraska.

Nebraska hopes to use this weekend to improve on its 2-5 conference record, which isn't the kind of mark Beck had expected.

"Our goal at this point is to finish in the top half of the Big Eight," Beck said. "We have finished in the bottom half only once since I've been here. I sure don't want this to be the second, and none of the players want that to happen. We have a lot of pride in this program, so we want to finish in the top half."

Kansas dual is Huskers' last chance

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

Members of the Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving team have one last chance to prove themselves to Coach Cal Bentz before the Big Eight Championships.

Nebraska plays host to Kansas Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center in the Cornhuskers' last dual meet before the conference championships Feb. 22-25 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Bentz said he would use this last

dual to determine who would compete for the Huskers in the championships.

"This meet is important for three reasons," Bentz said. "Number one, it will determine our conference team. Number two, it's the University of Kansas. And number three, we're honoring those seniors competing in their last dual meet."

Bentz said it wouldn't be easy for those competing in their last duals to go out winners against Kansas' men's team.

The Jayhawks defeated Iowa State — the team the Huskers lost to in a dual two weeks ago — last weekend.

"We know it's going to be very tough," Bentz said. "I can't remember the last time we didn't have a tough meet when we swam against Kansas. So we have to be prepared."

With only the Big Eight and NCAA Championships remaining, most of the Huskers know what they need to do for a win, Bentz said.

"At this point, either the hay is in the barn or it isn't," Bentz said. "From that standpoint, our heavy work is done. But there is still a lot we can work on for the Big Eights. We're beginning to move toward the end, and it does get exciting this time of year."

Nebraska's women hold down the No. 14 ranking, while the Husker men are ranked 19th.

Bentz said a win over Kansas Saturday would be a perfect way to end the regular season.

"It isn't that it is a must-win, but it is of relative importance to us," he said. "Competing with Kansas over the years, we know they're one of our toughest competitors."

Minor

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Minor said he was worried that his team might overlook Nebraska because of the Sooners' success in Norman.

But that probably won't happen with new Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson, who replaced the departed Billy Tubbs.

Minor said the transition was smooth, and the Sooners' 16-4 record showed that.

Oklahoma won just 15 games last season.

"Coach Sampson came in, he didn't know what to expect when he got here, yet we did a good job of supporting him, and he did a good job with our effort."

"Coach really stresses making plays and being consistent," Minor said. "That's been a big deal about having a lot of confidence. The coach has a lot of confidence in me and my teammates."

Huskers look better and higher for meet

By Tony West
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska track and field team will be taking the next step in competition this weekend in Champaign, Ill.

The Cornhuskers will go against Arkansas, Illinois, Clemson and Wisconsin.

In the first two meets of the 1995 indoor track and field season, track and field coordinator Mark Kostek said both the Nebraska men's and women's team performed well.

But in the first meet, the competition wasn't at a really high level. In the second meet, the Huskers did not go against a full field of teams. The meet was a dual against North Carolina.

And this weekend is another step up the ladder. With each step the

Huskers make, Kostek said improvement was evident.

"A majority of our athletes have got lifetime bests in the first two meets," Kostek said.

Last season, the Husker women won the triangular in Lincoln by scoring 30 points more than the Arkansas women. The men, however, were edged out at the meet by Arkansas, which has won 11 consecutive NCAA Indoor National Championships.

This season, Kostek said that the team's main focus at this meet was to start preparing for the Big Eight Championships on Feb. 24-25.

"Coach (Gary) Pepin has taken the emphasis off of the winning aspect," Kostek said. "We're going there with the idea to do the best we can and score the most points that we can."

"If we win, fine. But if we don't, it won't be a major blow to the team."