

Huskers told to forget disappointing season

Nee tells players to take vacation from basketball

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

Nebraska coach Danny Nee has ordered his players to take a vacation from basketball.

After finishing 18-14 after a 65-59 loss last Tuesday to Penn State in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament, the Cornhusker players don't want to take a break.

To avoid a similar season next year, forward Terrance Badgett said the off-season would be the biggest key.

"Coach Nee always prints out something for each person to do in the summer to get better," Badgett said. "We have to do those things day in and day out. You have to have some kind of self-discipline that you want to help the team get better, so we're not the same team we were this year. We have

to get better."

But Nee said the Huskers needed to rest, regroup and come back ready next season.

"I told them, 'Get away from basketball, forget about it and take some time off,'" Nee said. "It's been a long time since Oct. 15. I'm going to go recruit, and then we're just going to try to build through the spring and summer."

Nebraska ended a season of firsts for many players, including the first time that any of the players did not compete in the NCAA Tournament.

Nee said the season was especially disappointing considering the talent the Huskers had.

"I felt it was a year Nebraska basketball didn't reach its potential," Nee said. "I think we're better than we showed. I'm talking about all facets of the game, not just winning and losing. I never felt when we hit the competition that we reacted like we should have."

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you're on your home court, you have to find a way to win, and we have not done that consistently."

Jason Glock, a junior in his fourth season at Nebraska, said this season was the most disappointing.

"I don't think we played to our potential or played like I know we can play," Glock said. "It was disappointing we didn't make the NCAA Tournament, but then we had another chance here. This year has just been kind of frustrating because we've been

so up-and-down."

But Jaron Boone said that even though the season was a disappointment, just winning a game in the NIT would help next season when the Huskers returned everyone except Melvin Brooks.

"After the four-game losing streak at the end of the season, I think it helped to come back and win one," Boone said. "Even though we lost this game, we still did a lot of good things that I feel we're over the hump."

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Nebraska baseball team splits KSU doubleheader

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska baseball team continued its hot hitting, but it could only salvage one of two games against Kansas State Sunday at Manhattan, Kan.

The Cornhuskers are now 13-9 and 2-3 in the Big Eight. Kansas State is 9-9 and 1-4 in the conference.

The first game went back and forth, and the Huskers finally pulled away with four runs in the eighth inning to take an 15-11 lead. Jonas Armenta got the win after holding the Wildcats scoreless over the last four innings.

In the second game, Darin Erstad gave the Huskers a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning with a two-run home

run. Erstad hit two home runs in the doubleheader.

But the Huskers lost the game in extra innings when pinch-hitter David Hendrix hit a home run to win it.

The past nine games the Huskers have averaged almost 15 runs per game while going 7-2. Nebraska's team batting average has risen 36 points from .289 to .325.

Washington found the Huskers nearly impossible to get out March 21.

Nebraska set school records by scoring 35 runs and pounding 32 hits in a 35-15 win over the Huskies in Las Cruces, N.M.

The Huskers tied an NCAA record by scoring 17 runs on 14 hits in the fourth inning.

Huskers getting ready for Red-White Game

From Staff Reports

For the first time since defeating Miami 24-17 on Jan. 1 at the Orange Bowl and claiming the national championship, the Nebraska football team will take the field today.

Spring practice begins today and ends on April 22 with the annual Red-White Spring Game. In all, Nebraska will work out 14 times, not including the spring game.

The Huskers will scrimmage each Saturday and practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday — except Friday, April 21.

On that night, the Memorial Stadium gates will be opened to Husker fans for a national championship celebration. Last season's highlight videos will be shown on HuskerVision, and the players will be given their national championship rings.

Husker swimming, diving coach hopes for top-10 NCAA finish

By Trevor Parks

Staff Reporter

The NCAA Championships could be something special for the Nebraska women's swimming and diving teams, Coach Cal Bentz said.

And if Thursday was any indication, Bentz could be right.

Nebraska's 400-yard medley relay team of Jane Glazebrook, Penny Heyns, Mikaela Lauren and Melanie Dodd advanced to the finals and set a school-record time of 3:40.65 at the NCAA Championships in Austin, Texas.

The Huskers won their heat but had the second fastest qualifying time of the day. In the second leg of the medley, Heyns swam a 59.85 in the breaststroke.

"To our knowledge, her mark is the first time anyone has swam the 100-yard breaststroke under a minute," Bentz said. "We feel we've got everything to win in that event and nothing to lose, so we're going after it."

The Cornhuskers began competition at the NCAA Championships Thursday, and the meet will run through Saturday.

Nebraska has qualified a school-record 11 swimmers for competition in 18 of 24 events.

Bentz said his team hadn't shown its best performances yet, and he hoped

they would come this weekend.

"This week is precisely the week for our team to have them," Bentz said. "We're hoping to do what no other Nebraska swim team has done."

That would be to finish in the top 10.

The key for this year was qualifying 10 swimmers and one diver.

Heyns leads the Husker swimmers, competing in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke.

Last year Heyns finished second in the 100 and sixth in the 200.

Bentz said Heyns should be able to win this weekend if her leading times in both events were any indication.

Dodd will compete in the the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle. Dodd is ranked in the top 10 nationally in all three events.

Glazebrook will be looking to improve on last year's NCAA backstroke performance.

Glazebrook finished 39th in the 100-yard backstroke and 17th in the 200-yard backstroke last year.

Freshman Mikaela Lauren will compete in the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly.

The lone diver, Jennifer Harnly, finished sixth at the Zone D meet last weekend to qualify for the NAAs.

Bentz said everyone's performance would be important if Nebraska were to crack the top 10.

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