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## Gymnasts to compete

### Weekend Preview



**The No. 11 Nebraska women's gymnastics team will face No. 1 Alabama and No. 12 Penn State in Tuscaloosa, Ala., at 7:30 tonight in the Coleman Coliseum, the site of the NCAA finals in April.**

Cornhusker coach Dan Kendig said despite soreness from a heavy practice schedule, his team was looking forward to the top-notch competition this meet will provide.

"It will be good for us to see Alabama," Kendig said. "They are strong top to bottom, just like we are."

Kendig said freshmen Jessica Swift, who is recovering from an illness, and Amie Dillman (sore hamstring) are questionable.

The Nebraska men's team will open its season tonight in the Rocky Mountain Open in Colorado Springs, Colo. Nebraska will face competition from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Brigham Young, Air Force and the Olympic Training Center.

— Gregg Madsen

## Huskers go on road to face 'tough teams'

**By Mike Kluck**  
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska women's basketball team will have to prepare for both ends of the spectrum as it travels to the top and bottom of the conference for two games this weekend.

The 12-4 Cornhuskers, who are 2-2 in the Big Eight, will face Missouri at 7 tonight in the Hearnes Center at Columbia, Mo. Then they will travel to Boulder, Colo., to play Colorado on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Coors Event Center.

The 10-5 Tigers, 1-2 in the conference, were predicted to finish last in the Big Eight. They are coming off an emotional 72-61 victory over Colorado on Sunday.

Missouri's upset snapped Colorado's 23-game regular-season conference winning streak.

The No. 15 Buffaloes, 15-4 and 2-1, have won three straight Big Eight championships and are predicted to win the conference crown again this season.

"I think they are both tough teams," Nebraska coach Angela Beck said. "Any time you prepare for any Big Eight road game, it's a challenge."

Beck said the difference between the Huskers and their opponents this weekend would be decided by the team that showed the most maturity on the court.

But Colorado coach Ceal Barry said the Huskers should have the upper hand in maturity, starting three seniors in Pyra Aarden, Lis Brenden and Kate Galligan. Those seniors give the Huskers a lot of experience, Barry said.

"They have been through the Big Eight wars, and they know what it takes to win at this level," Barry said. "Definitely Pyra Aarden is having a great year, and I think she's tough to stop. She's a worker that constantly pounds away and has gotten better every year."

Colorado, however, is able to counter its experience with a homecourt advantage unlike any other place in the Big Eight, Beck said. Last season, Colorado ranked eighth among Division-I schools in home attendance. Sunday's game against Nebraska will be televised in Denver.

"We have great fan support," Barry said. "We're drawing fairly well and we can get anywhere from 5,000 to 9,000 people a game."

Although Missouri will not attract a crowd like Colorado, Tiger coach Joann Rutherford said Missouri was using the eighth-place preseason prediction as motivation. So far, it has worked, she said.

"We see the Big Eight Conference as being very tough from top to bottom," Rutherford said. "We believe you have to win at home. We have to play hard for 40 minutes and be able to get up and down the floor."

## Duals

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teams from all over the nation, especially Midwest neighbor Iowa. The top-ranked Hawkeyes and second-ranked Iowa State come in to the Devaney Center as the teams to beat.

The Husker captains aren't so sure.

"We're going to be tough to beat," said senior 177-pound captain Erik Josephson. "We got the firepower to go with any team in the nation. As far as duals go, we're going to be tough to beat."

Heavyweight captain Tolly Thompson said he would prefer to start with a feeding frenzy from 118-pounder Brad Canoyer, who will lead off for Nebraska Saturday.

"Everybody feeds off Brad, so we're kind of feeding off each other like animals," Thompson said. "Wrestling with emotion, and feeding off each other is what it's going to take to win this tournament."

Neumann said this is the best team Nebraska had fielded since 1993, when the Huskers upset then-No. 1 Iowa in the National Dual semifinals. This year's team is younger, having only three seniors. The 1993 team had eight seniors.

Thompson, who was a freshman in 1993, said he saw this team as better.

"We've got some horses that can go. We need everybody 100 percent, and if that's the case, we should be OK," Thompson said.

Fans from all over the country are going to pack into Lincoln for this meet.

"If you want to see the best wrestling in the nation, this is it," Neumann said.

## OSU's size advantage disappears

**By Trevor Parks**  
Senior Reporter

When Oklahoma State plays host to Nebraska on Saturday night at Gallagher-Iba Arena, the roles will be reversed from last season.

The Cowboys, 10-4 overall and 0-2 in the Big Eight, will not have the height advantage they have had when 7-foot, 290-pound center Bryant Reeves dominated Nebraska for 57 points in three games a year ago.

Those points contributed to a 93-53 thrashing of the Cornhuskers in Stillwater, Okla., last season. Oklahoma State won the other two games by 17 and 20 points.

But with Reeves in the NBA, the Cowboys' lack of size will be evident against Nebraska.

"They dwarf us with our tallest player being only 6-foot-8," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said. "We're the one that's faced with playing with interior role problems this year."

Junior power forward Jerome Lambert has done well, but he is suffering from tonsillitis and played only 10 minutes in Wednesday's 91-58 win over Cal State Northridge.

Nebraska has had improved play recently from 6-7 Bernard Garner, 6-11 Mikki Moore and freshman Venson Hamilton, who is 6-9. Nebraska has six players who stand 6-7 or taller.

(Jaron) Boone and (Erick) Strickland have always been terrific players, but the one thing that has always hurt Nebraska was inconsistent play in the pivot area," Sutton said. "I think most of the problems they had have gone away this year."

No longer can Oklahoma State depend on guard Randy Rutherford or Reeves in a key situation to pull the Cowboys through. But the Huskers have Boone and Strickland to step forward in that situation.

Rutherford lit Nebraska up for 20 points in the Big Eight Tournament, 31 points in an 82-65 win in Lincoln and 22 points in the Huskers' 40-point loss last year. Besides Reeves and Rutherford, only five other Cowboys scored in double figures against Nebraska last season.

Sutton said playing Nebraska would be one of his team's toughest tests.

"Nebraska is a very good team because they are deep and experienced," Sutton said. "Kansas is the best team in the league, but Missouri, Nebraska or Oklahoma are just behind them. Any of those teams can beat Kansas at home."

## Five Huskers to show stuff at Hula Bowl

From Staff Reports

Five former Nebraska football players will try to impress NFL scouts at the Hula Bowl in Honolulu on Sunday.

Quarterback Brook Berringer and I-back Clinton Childs are the two Cornhuskers selected on the offensive side.

Three former Blackshirts, middle linebacker Phil Ellis, safety Tony Veland and cornerback Tyrone Williams were selected to play defense.

Also, the Nebraska football team will open its 1996 schedule a week earlier than planned.

The Huskers will play Michigan State in Lincoln on Sept. 7 instead of Sept. 14. The 1996 schedule still isn't firm, however, since the Big 12 and television officials have not settled on the date for the Colorado-Nebraska game.

The Colorado game will be played on Friday, Nov. 29, or Saturday, Nov. 30.