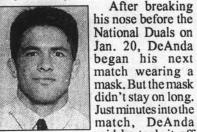




Injury doesn't mask wrestler's will to win

By David Wilson Staff Reporter

AMES, Iowa — Despite a broken nose, Nebraska senior wrestler Tony DeAnda moved up one weight class to face Iowa State's sixth-rated 142pounder in Nebraska's dual meet victory Saturday.



said he took it off DeAnda

because he couldn't see or breath well.

"The doctor said if it comes out of place again, we'll just put it back," DeAnda said.

DeAnda said his doctor told him it would take at least a week before his nose would heal.

"It's still pretty tender, but I think I can go with it now," DeAnda said.
"Every now and then I get a hit, and it bleeds real easy. But I'm getting used to the pain now."

DeAnda, a senior from South Sioux City, entered Saturday's dual as the nation's fifth-best wrestler at 134 pounds. He said he knew wrestling at a higher weight would be tough.

DeAnda said he had known his Iowa State opponent, Derek Mountsier, since high school.

"He's a tough wrestler," DeAnda said. "I just felt out-sized."

Cornhusker freshman Allen Hankins, who wrestled at 134 pounds, DeAnda's normal weight class, set the stage with a win over Iowa State's Matt Nurre. Hankins' 14-3 major decision put the Huskers on the board, lowering the Cyclones' lead to 7-4.

"It gave me momentum," DeAnda said. "We needed all the wins we could get."

After tying his match at 2-2 with an escape in the second period, DeAnda improved his chances for an upset.

But Mountsier recorded an escape with 1:55 remaining in the third period and increased his lead to 3-2. Mountsier added another point for riding time and won the match 4-2.

DeAnda lowered his record to 23-8, the same record that earned him a trip to the NCAA Championships last season. DeAnda finished third last year among 134-pounders.

DeAnda said he would return to 134 pounds against Oklahoma on Saturday and Oklahoma State on Sunday. Both meets will be held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

After his career at Nebraska, DeAnda said he hoped to enter freestyle wrestling and compete internationally.

I'm more of a collegiate wrestler, but I'll try to make the conversion.'

As for this season, DeAnda said he had a few adjustments to make before the 1996 NCAA Championships in Minneapolis on March 21-23.

"I'd like to be a national champ," DeAnda said, "nothing less."

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the return of two players. Right fielder Matt Meyer and center fielder Mel Motley will anchor the middle of the batting order along with Sears. Meyer hit .362 a year ago, and Morley batted

"Sears, Meyer and Motley are a positive sign," Sanders said. "The key for them is to try not to do too much.

They need to just do what they can." Motley, Meyer and Sears hit in the three, four, five positions last year and combined for 160 RBI. Sanders said we're something that we're not."

he was sure they could provide solid bats in the middle of the lineup again, even without Erstad, who batted sec-

The Huskers begin the season three weeks earlier than they did last year, facing New Mexico in a three-game set this weekend and Texas Tech, Arizona State and Northwestern Feb. 15-18 at the Adidas Classic in Phoe-

'Our schedule is really good," Sanders said. "We may have bitten off a little more than we can chew. But I'd rather play tough teams than play teams that we can hit around on and think

1996 Nebraska Baseball

| Position | | Class | Ht. | Wt. |
|----------|----------------|-------|------|-----|
| C | Pete Jenkins | Jr. | 6-0 | 200 |
| 1B | Todd Sears | So. | 6-6 | 185 |
| 2B | Corey Miller | Fr. | 5-11 | 170 |
| or | Ken McMurray | Jr. | 5-8 | 180 |
| 3B | Josh Dalton | Fr. | 6-0 | 168 |
| SS | Larry Hartzel | Jr. | 5-11 | 185 |
| CF | Mel Motley | Sr. | 6-4 | 185 |
| RF | Matt Meyer | Sr. | 6-3 | 195 |
| LF | Eugene Jenkins | Sr. | 5-9 | 170 |
| SP | Steve Fish | Jr. | 6-1 | 185 |
| SP | Jay Sirianni | Fr. | 5-10 | 175 |
| SP | Jason Allen | Sr. | 6-1 | 190 |
| RP | Jonas Armenta | Jr. | 6-1 | 220 |
| RP | Justin Gomes | Sr. | 6-6 | 200 |

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Kansas State, Iowa State and Nebraska finished together in the standings, one team could be left out of the tourna-

He said the tournament selection committee would look closely at the games between the three teams to determine if all three would make the tournament.

But Kansas State and Iowa State have yet to face Kansas. The No. 3 Jayhawks are 4-0 in the Big Eight after beating the Huskers 88-73 on Sunday

Nee said Iowa State and Kansas

team in the Big Eight.

After losing at home, Nee said his team must find a way to win on the

Kansas State is 2-1 at home in conference play. The Wildcats have lost to Oklahoma and beaten Iowa State and Oklahoma State at Bramlage Coliseum.

A win tonight would give Nebraska a 4-2 conference record and a chance to finish the first half of the Big Eight season with a 5-2 record.

If any of the three teams jumbled behind Kansas can win five of their first seven league games, Nee said, it would be a major accomplishment.

"That would be a heck of a record." State would soon find out how diffi-cult it was to play against the the best games. That's the way I look at them."