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# Eierman stays home; Huskers move ahead

By Antone Oseka  
Staff Reporter

As Nebraska coaches wait for a decision on the eligibility of recently reinstated Mike Eierman, they still have to prepare the team to wrestle this weekend.



Neumann

Nebraska travels to Bloomington, Ind., Saturday to wrestle No. 10 Illinois and No. 12 Indiana in a double-dual meet at 2 p.m.

"Mike and the team's handling it well," Nebraska coach Tim Neumann said. Eierman, whose status came under question after last weekend's duals with Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, will sit out this weekend anxiously awaiting a verdict, Neumann said. He was dismissed from the team earlier this year for disciplinary reasons and reinstated before last weekend's duals.

The controversy stems from a hardship year Eierman was granted for the 1993-94 season when his brother's girlfriend and one of his best friends were killed in a car accident. The hardship was granted by Big Eight officials.

On second look, the 142-pound fifth-year senior may not have fit the qualifications. If he is ruled ineligible,

Nebraska will have to forfeit its win last weekend over Oklahoma. The Huskers lost to Oklahoma State.

Freshman Jake Roe will fill the hole at 142 for Nebraska, while Jason Kraft takes back his spot at 150 pounds, where Eierman came away with two pins last weekend in his first action of the season.

"We'll be able to win both duals," Neumann said. "Starting four freshmen makes me nervous, but I'm excited. That's the future of this team."

Tenth-rated Brad Canoyer will start the Huskers out at 118, followed by Darin Giese or freshman Matt Infranca at 126. Then fourth-rated Tony DeAnda hits the mat for Nebraska at 134 pounds.

Nebraska's lower weight classes haven't fared as well as the higher weights this season.

"We're banged up and had tough competition," DeAnda said. "Both have hurt us this year."

Chris Steele, a freshman, will see his second week of action for Nebraska, filling in for injured All-American Temoer Terry at 158.

Freshman Kalin Makaiwi will get his first start at 177 this weekend because ninth-rated Erik Josephson will be resting after finding a bulged disk in his back. Josephson also won't make the trip.

Fourth-rated 190-pounder Ryan Tobin and No. 2 heavyweight Tolly Thompson round out the Husker lineup.

# Mitchell gets Big 8 honor for January

From Staff Reports

Nebraska senior shot put and discus thrower Paulette Mitchell has been named the Big Eight track athlete of the month for January.

The four-time NCAA All-American is continuing her assault on the record book. Earlier this season, she set a Cornhusker and Big Eight record in the shot put with a toss of 56-feet, 11 1/2-inches. That moved her into sixth place on the all-time collegiate chart.

Mitchell ranks second nationally this season behind UCLA's Valeyta Althouse in the shot put. Althouse recorded a throw of 58-1/2 at a meet earlier this season.

Mitchell, Althouse and South Carolina's Dawn Ellerbe, who is the all-time leader in the 20-pound throw, will battle this weekend in the Husker Invite at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Also this season, Mitchell broke her own record in the 20-pound weight throw with a heave of 63-4 1/2, almost four feet better than her previous personal best.

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# Huskers focus on Wildcats

By Mike Kluck  
Senior Reporter

The 12 members of the Nebraska women's basketball team may say they don't care about the Big Eight race, but with two conference games this weekend, the Cornhuskers have a chance to dramatically improve their league standing.

The Huskers, who are fourth in the conference with a 5-4 record and 15-6 overall mark, face Kansas State (11-12 and 3-4) at 7 tonight at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kan.

On Sunday, Nebraska will play Kansas (13-8 and 6-3) at 2 p.m. at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. The Jayhawks are tied for first place in the conference with Oklahoma State and Colorado.

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said it was more important that the Huskers continued to improve their chemistry instead of spending a great amount of time focusing on their opponents.

"The unique thing about our team right now is that really at any time somebody's capable of scoring a lot of points," Beck said. "They had been focusing a lot in the Big Eight on Anna DeForge early on. Now they're going to have to focus their efforts on Tina McClain."

DeForge led the Huskers in scoring the first five games of the season, but has been the leading scorer only once since Big Eight competition started.

Over the past three games, McClain has averaged 21 points per game.

"Our number one focus is Kansas State," Beck said. "We really want to concentrate on playing well there. We're going to stay with the system we have."

# NU runner sprints to recovery, victory

By Vince D'Adamo  
Staff Reporter

Injuries are always a part of sports. But the best athletes find a way to overcome those setbacks. Cornhusker sprinter Kathy Travis Miiller is no exception.



Miller

Miiller said she doubted if she could ever come back.

"The thought crossed my mind quite a few times," Miiller said. "I kept asking, 'Is it really worth the pain of rehabilitation and surgeries?'"

The annual Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational will be held Friday and Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, bringing to Lincoln some of the world's top collegiate talent. Miiller said she welcomed the challenge.

"Husker Invite is one of the highlights of the indoor season," Miiller said. "We really gear up to run our best performances of the year."

In addition to winning NCAA and Big Eight championships in relay events, Miiller is a two-time Big Eight 55-meter dash champion. She has won a Big Eight indoor championship in the 200-meter dash and ran a 6.83-second 55-meter dash this year, tied for the best mark in the nation.

Miiller was a member of the Junior World Track and Field team in Seoul,

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**BILLY MAXWELL**  
Nebraska sprints coach

Korea, in 1992, achieving third place in the 4 x 400-meter relay.

Husker sprints coach Billy Maxwell is in his first year at Nebraska. The former coach at Louisiana State and Texas, who has coached more than 100 All Americans, said he admired Miiller's character.

"A great athlete is very tenacious. She has persevered," Maxwell said. "She has the attributes of a champion. That's the difference between an NCAA champion and a talented athlete."

Adjusting to coaching styles can be difficult for any athlete. But Miiller said she had welcomed Maxwell's philosophy.

"He's a tough coach," Miiller said. "He's brought some fresh ideas." Maxwell said it was a privilege to coach Miiller.

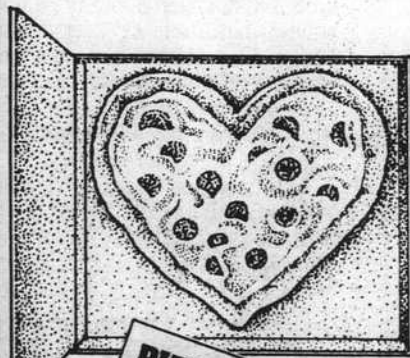
"She definitely leads by example," he said. "She's not a rah-rah type. She wants to be a great athlete, and she'll put in the time to do it."

Miiller said she believed this season would be one of the most important seasons in her running career. She said she hoped her success would earn her a chance to compete in the Summer Olympics.

"It's not a thought in my mind right now," Miiller said. "But I want to give it my best shot depending on if my bones can stay in one piece."

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body participating because this meet tells us a lot about who is going compete at nationals this March," Pepin said.

According to Pepin, this year's women's and men's teams rank among the best groups in Husker history.

"We have a very fine team with some of the best athletes in the United States," Pepin said.

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