

Huskers travel to San Diego for tournament

From Staff Reports

The 7-1 Nebraska softball team will travel to San Diego for the Campbell/Carter Classic this weekend. The No. 11 Cornhuskers will play Northeast Louisiana, No. 7 Michigan and Southwest Texas State Friday. On Saturday, Nebraska will play San Diego State, Sacramento State and No. 6 Cal State-Fullerton.

Tennis teams to compete at home

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The Nebraska tennis teams will be in action this weekend on their home courts for the first time this season. The 4-3 Cornhusker men will play host Creighton Sunday at 4 p.m. and the 0-5 women will face Colorado and Wichita State.

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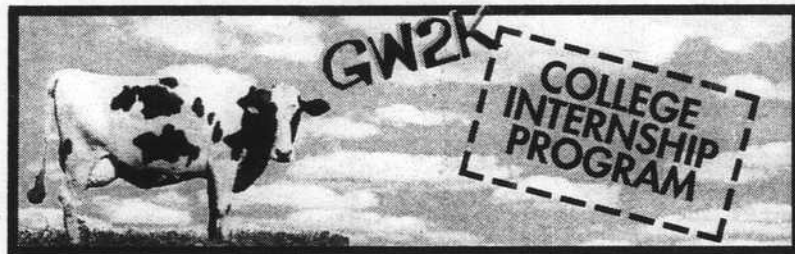
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Wildcat coach Tom Asbury changed his starting lineup before Wednesday's win over the Cyclones. Aaron Swartzendruber, who scored 22 points Wednesday, and freshman Shawn Rhodes started in place of Mark

Young and Gerald Eaker.

Strickland said he hoped Nebraska could play well and take some confidence and momentum into the Big Eight Tournament, which begins March 8 in Kansas City, Mo.

"We have a whole new season once the Big Eight Tournament starts," Strickland said. "That's the thing we've got to focus on."



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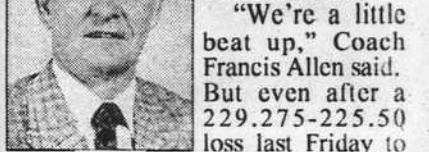
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NU gymnasts face challenges

Men recovering, hope to improve

By Gregg Madsen
Staff Reporter

With three gymnasts out and two recovering from injuries, the official colors of the Nebraska men's gymnastics team should be changed from scarlet and cream to black and blue.



Allen
huskers moved up to the No. 3 spot in this week's rankings.

Despite last week's defeat and injuries to four of his top ten gymnasts, Allen said he expected the Huskers to match or improve upon their season average of 225 points this weekend. The Huskers face the Olympic Training Center team and Oklahoma in open competition at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team will be in action against Iowa State at the same time. Allen said the atmosphere would be hectic.

"It is distracting. But if you let your teams get used to being babied, then they're going to act like it," he said.

True freshmen Marshall Nelson and J.D. Reive will miss the meet because of injuries. Reive, who has not competed this year, is battling chronic back problems. Allen said Marshall, who has competed in the Huskers' last three meets, would be missed in the pommel horse and parallel bars.

Senior all-arounder Jason Christie will be close to full speed after recovering from an upper respiratory infection, Allen said.

And sophomore Jim Koziol, who suffered a slight bicep tear against New Mexico on Feb. 18, will compete in the all-around on Sunday. Allen said Koziol had changed several elements in his routines to reduce stress on the injured muscle.

Without the support of Nelson and Reive, Allen said, the pressure to perform will be put squarely on the shoulders of the upperclassmen.

Nebraska defeated the Sooners at the Rocky Mountain Open on Jan. 19-20 and in dual competition on Feb. 11. The Olympic Training Center team won the Rocky Mountain Open with a 226.675.

Like the Huskers, Oklahoma also is missing two stars because of injury. Allen said that the Sooners' top two all-arounders, Casey Bryan and Jeremy Killen, were questionable for the meet.

"Oklahoma's a good team," he said. "But their stats don't show it. If you add Bryan and Killen, they are going to be tough."



Matt Miller/DN

Nebraska junior Shelly Bartlett competes in the uneven bars last Sunday. Bartlett and the Huskers face Iowa State Sunday night at the Devaney Center.

Kendig wants improvement

By Gregg Madsen
Staff Reporter

Nebraska women's gymnastics coach Dan Kendig looks for nothing less than perfection in every event from his team.

Even though the Cornhuskers had a 193.8 team score and won the Masters Classic over Michigan last Sunday, they posted their second-lowest score of the year on beam, 47.45, hitting only 50 percent of their routines.

That performance, Kendig said, was simply not good enough. As a result, the Huskers spent this week working to improve consistency on the beam.

"I'm looking forward to this being the weekend we jump out of this beam slump," Kendig said. "All we need to do is do it at one meet, and we'll know we can do it any time."

That time could be 7 p.m., Sunday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center when the No. 8 Huskers face Iowa State for the second time this season. The Nebraska men's team will be in action against Oklahoma and the Olympic Training Center team.

"Come Sunday, they're going to be ready to go," Kendig said.

In the first meeting of the two squads on Jan. 14 in Ames, Iowa, the Huskers defeated the Cyclones 189.775-189.6.

The Cyclones are the most improved team in the Big Eight, Kendig said.

"But we've been responding no matter who our competition is," he said, "so I don't think that really matters."

Senior Joy Taylor, who had a career-high 9.850 on vault in the first meet with the Cyclones, again will be a source of stability for the team, Kendig said.

Taylor led Nebraska last week with career bests on beam (9.8), floor exercise (9.8) and in the all-around (39.8).

Junior Kim DeHaan will compete in beam and uneven bars, but is questionable for floor and vault, Kendig said. DeHaan, who has a slightly injured knee, won the bars at the Masters Classic, scoring a career-high 9.925. Shelly Bartlett, another junior, will compete in the all-around Sunday.

Freshman Courtney Brown, who leads off for the Huskers in the bars and beam, has been another valuable performer this year, Kendig said.

On the vault and floor, the Huskers will lead off with another freshman, Amic Dillman. Dillman scored a 9.725 to pace the Huskers in the floor exercise at the Master's Classic.

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