





Coaches look forward to duals

BY SAM MCKEWON Staff Reporter

team. One of those is senior Jeff McGinness who had to redshirt because he was beat out at his weight. Iowa Coach Dan Gable said he is

In its fifth and final year at Ne- interested in how his team reacts in braska, the Cliff Keen National Duals the 118 and 126-pound classes as well have a chance to go out with a bang. as 142 and 177.

"This has always been a big meet The National Duals, in for us because it tells us where we need their eighth year to adjust our lineup for the rest of the of existence, will season," Gable said. "We hope to get be in Lincoln for in a position to stop some of the mothe final time this mentum of Oklahoma State.'

weekend, with a Oklahoma State is led by four re- tournament. chance to make turning All-Americans, including No. even more great 1-ranked 167-pound senior Mark nament," Douglas said. "If you get memories. With a Branch. The Cowboys are the defendpossible matchup ing Big Eight champions and have between No. 1- won three of the eight dual crowns.

Cowboys Coach John Smith said homa State, the coaches of the 16 he is looking forward to a possible teams are looking forward to a high showdown with Iowa.

"We can't afford to overlook any-"It's the most exciting tournament body, but we'd like to have a chance I've ever been in," North Carolina to face lowa," Smith said.

Smith said Iowa may have a wasn't in it, I'd buy a plane ticket and strength advantage, but OSU still has come up and watch those two teams a shot to upend the Hawkeyes.

We're going to have to win six 15. The excitement is well justified. matches to beat them," he said. "We There is a good chance the Hawkeyes can't go 5-5 with them and win. There and Cowboys will meet in Sunday's will have to be some upsets."

Beyond the top two ranked teams, be the only time this season the two any team could be in position to finish well or possibly pull an upset. Iowa fending national champion, while the State, Penn State and Minnesota are all ranked in the top five. Nebraska - ranked 13th — will probably be

Iowa enters the meet as strong as the eighth seed. Eight other competit has been in the past. The Hawkeyes ing teams are ranked in the top 20. ISU Coach Bobby Douglas said NCAA meet.

on their roster and four returning na- with so many quality teams it is diffitional champions from last year's cult to pick one that will dominate the end the season," Lam said. .

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JOHN SMITH Oklahoma State wrestling coach

"There is a lot of parity in this tourpast Iowa and Oklahoma State, and it becomes an issue of whoever's hot.

"There's going to be a lot of upsets."

NU will have a difficult haul to a possible title. The Cornhuskers are 6-2 in duals this season, but have struggled against two top-ranked teams. Against No. 6 Illinois and fifthranked Minnesota, Nebraska lost by a combined score of 61-23. In last year's duals finals, Nebraska lost to Iowa 20-

Other teams in the field are No. 7 Michigan, No. 9 Michigan State, No. 17 Clarion, No. 18 Pennsylvania, 19th-ranked Fresno State, No. 21 North Carolina, Wartburg College, Missouri Valley College and Pittsburgh-Johnstown.

The tournament has become so popular among wrestling fans and coaches that some people have advocated this as a possible system for the

"I think it would be a great way to

Allen happy with NCAA's ruling

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meet last year.

Committee at the convention, said the bill was a landmark decision for all college athletes.

Cowboys finished sixth at the NCAA

have seven returning All-Americans

"That's just great news," said Harris, who is one of eight Division I representatives on SAAC. "I didn't know whether it would pass or not, but it's what is right. It kind of gives me confidence in the NCAA that ultimately they'll do what's right."

Prior to the 1995 school year, the NCAA required 7 percent of the schools participate in a sport to provide championship sanctioning. That meant about 40 Division I schools had to compete in a sport for the NCAA to sponsor it. The number of schools with men's gymnastics programs dropped way below 40 in 1994.

In 1995, delegates at the NCAA Convention heard the voice of SAAC, which pleaded for the future of Olympic sports participation in college to Francis Allen said the legislation's continue.

in passing a three-year moratorium to university. keep certain sports on the NCAA's endangered list alive. Men's gymnas-

tics was one of those sports.

was crucial in establishing this year's it," Allen said "You should be able to legislation.

situation at the time."

the cause of fighting for Olympic nasts even if the NCAA had withsports was Nebraska Athletic Direc- drawn its sponsorship of the sport. tor Bill Byrne.

"Bill Byrne really was big on this," Harris said. "He really wanted to help there to compete against, Nebraska us out and pass this legislation. He's would have gymnastics," he said. "But a great guy to have on your side at a without the NCAA Championship convention like this."

NU Men's Gymnastics Coach largest value comes from the incen-The student delegation succeeded tive to make club gymnasts attend a

"It used to be that the clubs told their people not to go to college be-The 1995 convention, Harris said, cause (the NCAA) was going to drop graduate from high school and go to

'Really, I think what that did was college, and not have to worry about it bought us some time," he said. "It having gymnastics dropped. So in that raised the consciousness level of our sense, we also won the recruiting war."

Harris said another force behind kept providing opportunities for gym-

"I was sure as long as people were logo, it would have lost a lot of power.

Feb. 7-8	Marylin Manson/Tool/Rage Against the Machine (a show featuring the best of all 3 groups!)	
Feb. 14-15	Phish	
Feb. 21-22	Smashing Pumpkins	
Feb. 28-March 1	Laser Mosh (featuring Panters, Slayer, Sepultura, Korn, White Zombie and others!)	
March 7-8	Stone Temple Pilots	
March 14-15	Aerosmith	
March 21-22	Led Zeppelin	
March 28-29	The Doors	
Apr. 4-5	Van Halen	han brig
Apr. 11-12	Rockin' '80s (featuring Motley Crue, Guns 'N' Roses, Bon Jovi and more!)	
Apr, 18-19	Nine Inch Nails	
Apr. 25-26	Pink Floyd: The Wall (90 min	.)*
May 2-3	Pink Floyd: The Wall (90 min.)*	
May 9-10	Nirvana	1
May 16-17	Rush (90 min.)*	1. 18 M 1.
May 23-24	The Doors	
May 30-31	Grateful Dead	
	Showtimes: and Saturday Nights; 8:00, 9:30 & except * at 8:00 and 10:00p.m. lits, \$4 for UNL students w/UNL ID	11:00p.m. except *: \$5 for all seats
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to work and then challenging them to think twice about the NBA draft, the Commissioner Mike Tranghese said. delegates followed Dempsey's plea for sanity and voted in all of the landmark legislation.

this to work out."

Among the legislation passed letes who enter the draft early and are selected must give up their remaining eligibility. If they aren't taken, they can return to their college team.

establishing a rule that does not allow players to re-enter the draft," Big East

Convention favors the athletes

Also Tuesday, the delegates voted to financially protect all men's and "I think what this convention said women's NCAA championships in is we're going to try and trust each Olympic sports. Men's volleyball and other," Dempsey said. "That we want men's gymnastics were in danger of losing their funding.

of the (original) legislation useless by

This is perhaps the most important Tuesday was a modification of the tics team, which has won eight nastep for Nebraska. The men's gymnastional titles, is now protected from extinction.

The convention, for once, finally served the people it was meant to -"The NBA has rendered the intent the student athletes. The highlight strain students? I think not."

occurred Monday when feisty, secondyear law student Bridget Niland, from the State University of New York at Buffalo, helped push through the controversial part-time work proposal.

"Consider the welfare of the student athlete," Niland said. "Look at this legislation on the principle of honesty and trust, not fear of abuse."

With the part-time jobs, the potential for abuse is ripe. Just keeping track of things could create an administrative nightmare.

But Miami Athletic Director Paul Dee may have said it best: "There's no question there are problems, but is our inconvenience a reason to con-

Depression is a serious threat to anyone that has a brain.

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