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## Big 12 Notebook

The format for the men's Big 12 Conference basketball tournament has been announced.

The winners of the North and South Divisions will be the top two seeds of Big 12 Men's Basketball Tournament and receive first-round byes. The next two teams, regardless of what division, also receive first-round byes in the tournament. After that, the remaining five through 12 positions will be determined by a team's conference record.

Currently Kansas would be the No. 1 seed representing the North, while Texas would get the No. 2 seed from the South Division.

The tournament format is the same for the women.

The rugged play of Missouri guard Jason Sutherland has caused some controversy. Sutherland has developed a reputation around the league for his hard fouling but Texas A&M Coach Tony Barone insists that Sutherland's rough play has been blown out of proportion.

"He has stepped over the line at times, but he just plays hard all the time," Barone said. "When he fouls you, you know you've been fouled."

Nebraska's Feb. 10 basketball game at Kansas State has had a time change. Tipoff was originally slated for 8:30 p.m. as part of ESPN's Big Monday package, but the start time has been moved up to 8. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

The Big 12 Player of the Week is Kansas forward Raef LaFrentz. LaFrentz joins Texas Tech's Cory Carr as the only players to win the award twice this season.

LaFrentz averaged 19.5 points per game in wins over Colorado and Texas A&M. His 21-point, 14-rebound performance against CU was his 10th double-double of the season and 25th of his career. Texas A&M's Jerald Brown was named the Rookie of the Week. Brown is averaging 11 points per game.

The women's Big 12 Player of the Week is Kansas guard Tamecka Dixon. In two wins, Dixon averaged 27.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. Against Texas A&M she scored 29 points and in a win over Colorado she scored 26 points, 20 of which came in the second half.

Kansas swimmer Seth Dunscomb died last Wednesday after collapsing during a Jayhawk practice at Robinson Natatorium in Lawrence, Kan.

Coaches and athletic trainers tried to resuscitate Dunscomb, who was taken to Lawrence Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 5 p.m. Dunscomb, a 21-year-old senior from Sullivan, Ill., was the teams co-captain.

Big 12 Notebook compiled by staff reporter Patrick Wyman.

## Henry aims for another long jump

BY VINCE D'ADAMO  
Staff Reporter

A year ago Nebraska long jumper Angee Henry leaped her way to NCAA indoor and outdoor national championships. Now she looks to make a jump into the history books.

Henry won the indoor long-jump title with a jump of 20 feet, 11¼ inches. In the outdoor championship, she followed with a career-best leap of 21-11½. And this season, the Bellevue West graduate could become the first long jumper in NCAA history to repeat as the outdoor champion.

The last and only long jumper to defend her indoor title was Louisiana State's Daphine Saunders. Saunders won the indoor title in 1993 and repeated in 1994.

Henry also has a chance to tie Carl Lewis for the most long jump titles in NCAA history. Lewis won four long collegiate long jump crowns.

But Henry is not leaping ahead of herself.

"Just because I did it last year, doesn't mean I'm going to do it this year," Henry said. "I thought a lot about my goals because it's my senior year. I hope to win nationals but that's not my goal right now."

In addition, the senior is also NU's top returner in the 55-, 100- and 200-meter dashes. Henry also figures to be a vital member of the Cornhuskers' 4 x 100 and 4 x 400-meter relay teams. Her development as a sprinter figures to ease the departure of Kathy Travis Miiller.

In last year's Big Eight indoor championship meet, she placed second in both the 55- and 200-meter dashes.



SCOTT BRUHN/DN  
ANGEE HENRY attempts a long jump in the Nebraska Open Saturday. Henry is the defending NCAA indoor and outdoor long jump champion.

Henry said her daily practice regiment consists of jumping, then sprinting, followed with more jumping. That routine enables her to stay fundamentally sound, she said.

"Being both a sprinter and jumper keeps me in shape to do a lot of jumps," Henry said. "Doing both helps me because a lot of the technique work ties over and keeps me in good shape."

NU Coach Gary Pepin said

Henry has great size and speed — the combination that makes a great long jumper.

"One of the prerequisites to being a good long jumper is being a good sprinter," Pepin said. "You look at the world level, the best men long jumpers like Carl Lewis are also good sprinters."

Pepin, who also is the NU jumpers' primary coach, said those

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## Huskers look to rebound

NU gets four days of rest before facing four ranked foes.

BY MITCH SHERMAN  
Senior Reporter

Stung by a pair of losses and confronted with the ominous memory of last season, the Nebraska basketball team must now regroup quickly or watch its season fade away.

"We've had our losses," freshman guard Cookie Belcher said. "Now it's our time to come out and shine."

The Cornhuskers' chance to shine comes Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center against No. 14 Iowa State, the first of four straight opponents ranked in The Associated Press Top 25.

With a win over ISU, 11-7 Nebraska can regain momentum heading into a crucial stretch of league games likely to define the 1996-97 season.

"Each team that we play is a different team, and each team is ready to be beat," Belcher said.

Saturday in Norman, Okla., Nebraska fell 84-77 to Oklahoma, three days after losing 75-74 at Missouri.

One year ago, NU faced a similar situation heading into its Feb. 3 home game with the Cyclones. Following losses to Missouri and Kansas, the Huskers lost 75-65 to ISU, the third of nine straight defeats. Belcher, a senior at Mexico (Mo.) High School at the time, said this team will not allow itself to fall into a funk.

"The big thing we've got to do is work on it mentally," he said. "We've

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## Back, linebacker to play for Nebraska

White, Gustafson bring NU's list of commitments to 22.

BY DAVID WILSON  
Staff Reporter

Two high school football players who were not heavily recruited by Nebraska have given verbal commitments to play for the Cornhuskers next fall.

Running back Dan White, from Ashwaubenon High School in Green Bay, Wis., and linebacker Chris Gustafson, from Gallup (N.M.) High School, became the 21st and 22nd players to say they will accept scholarships to play for NU.

White, the Wisconsin high school player of the year, was on a recruiting trip to University of Nebraska at Omaha when he called home and learned that NU Coach Tom Osborne was looking for him.

After contacting Osborne, White ended his UNO visit and was picked

up at Eppley Airfield by NU graduate assistant Mike Grant.

White, who had sent his tapes to Lincoln months ago, said he was impressed with Nebraska from the start.

"Right when I got there," White said, "(Osborne) showed me his national championship rings, all of his watches and the national championship trophy. I was real impressed."

The 5-foot-9, 185-pounder also considered Minnesota, Iowa and Northern Illinois. But those schools didn't want him to play running back.

"When I found out that Nebraska was recruiting me as a running back, my eyes really opened up," White said.

White helped his team to a state championship rushing for 183 yards, scoring three touchdowns and also throwing for one in the title game.

Ashwaubenon Coach Ken Golomski said White was the main reason they won the championship.

"He's always had the speed," Golomski said, "and he's the total package now. You can't bring him

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## Verbal Commitments

The following players have verbally committed to play football at Nebraska next fall.

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Dave Alford	OL	6-6	270	Fort Collins
Dion Booker	CB	6-2	185	Oceanside (Calif.) El Camino
Corey Buchhalter	RD	6-1	210	Compton, Calif.
Jamie Burrow	LB	6-2	230	Ames, Iowa
Ben Coleman	WR	5-9	175	Lawson, Kans.
Eric Crouch	QB	6-1	190	Millard North
Matt Davidson	WR	6-0	175	Lawson, Kans.
Chris Gustafson	LB	6-2	205	Gallup (N.M.)
Brandon Hanson	CB	6-1	170	Lawson, Kans.
Glen Matthews	DL	6-3	303	N.D. School of Science
Kyle Matthews	OL	6-8	270	Lawson, Kans.
Bobby Newcombe	QB	6-0	185	Albuquerque (N.M.) Highland
Dave Potts	OL	6-8	285	Lawson, Kans.
Jon Rutherford	OL	6-4	265	Midwest City, Okla.
Tommy Sweeney	WR	6-0	175	Lawson, Kans.
Kyle Vanden Bosch	LB	6-4	235	Inwood (Iowa) West Lyon
Mark Vedral	TE	6-1	200	Geary, S.D.
Dave Volk	OL	6-5	275	Battle Creek
Joe Walker	CB	5-11	185	Artesian (Texas) Lamar
J.P. Wichmann	RE	6-5	215	Shawnee Mission (Kan.) NW
Tracy Wilson	TE	6-5	240	Lawson, Kans.
Dan White	RB	5-9	185	Green Bay, (Wis.) Ashwaubenon

• Walker and Matthews have already signed letters of intent and enrolled at NU. They will begin workouts with the team this spring.