# NU debut pleases Bentz

### Pine, freshman diver highlight opener

By Sarah Dose Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's swimming and diving team finished fourth at Friday's Big 12 Relay Meet. But Cornhusker Coach Cal Bentz doesn't think either the men's or women's team had an unsuccessful weekend, mainly because of a few outstanding individual performances at Saturday's nonscored Big 12 Invitational.

"Everybody is still getting prepared," Bentz said. "You have to invest a lot of time to have a top performance this early in the season. With the training we've been doing, we're in a good place. I'm just glad the season is under way."

Bentz said he thought last week's preparations were extensive, but the team will look back on its performance and be happy. He also said he was happy with some of the individual performances of team members, including 100-meter butterfly swimmer Adam Pine and diver Amanda

Pine, a sophomore All-American from Australia, won the 100-yard butterfly Saturday with a time of 48.20 seconds, fast enough to qualify

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> AMANDA ZINS Nebraska diver

him for the NCAA Championships. He currently holds the Nebraska record in that event with a time of 46.40 seconds, which is also the fourth fastest time in collegiate histo-

"To be that close at the first meet of the season is great," Pine said. That's going to help me down the road. The faster you start, the faster you finish."

Pine will travel with part of the Huskers to the U.S. National Team Invitational. He said he's looking forward to his trip.

"It will be a good opportunity," he said. "But I want to take the season day by day.'

Bentz also had good production from Zins, a freshman diver. Zins, a graduate of Lincoln East, won the 1meter springboard competition and took fourth in the 3-meter competi-

With one meet under her belt, she said she feels more confident for the

"I was excited when I won," she said. "I didn't think I was going to do that well. I was really nervous, and I didn't know what to expect, but I ended up beating people I'd never beaten before."

Zins' goals for the rest of the season haven't changed, though. She said now she now feels more confident that she will be able to accomplish them.

"I think training harder made me better," she said. "I feel so much more confident for this week. I guess it's kind of weird now. I'm not just competing for myself, but for the whole

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"It's not like they are getting subpar athletes," Peter said. "They are getting All-American recruits."

Kelsay said the Sooners have a lot of great athletes, but just haven't been able to put it all together. He said their athletic ability worries

"Any time you have great athletes, they have the ability to put it together," Kelsay said. "If they put it together, it could be a battle."

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said he doesn't have much time to think about the past and hasn't gotten caught up in the sentimental value of this year's game. But there have been some pretty significant games played between NU and OU in the past 35 years, he said.

"In that aspect, I am sad to see it go," Osborne said.

This NU-OU game is ironic for Osborne, because he will be going for his 250th win against a team that has given him 14 of his 49 losses.

"I think it would be a great way for him to get it since they have been such a rival," Frost said. "I think it would be very special for him, and he would really remember it."

## Volleyball team looks for revenge

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nique, because I've been told that it's pretty bad," Meendering said. "But with my strength, I guess I just hit the ball and they weren't ready. It was kind of funny, but I felt bad for them. I always apologized when it happened."

While in high school, Meendering relied on sheer power. Now playing at a higher level, Pettit said, Meendering sometimes struggles to find the right technique when

"She doesn't always know where it's going," Pettit said, "and we don't always know where it's going. The opponents don't always know where it's going."

Meendering recognizes her weaknesses, and sees two opportunities to eliminate many of her hitting errors this week when the Huskers face Colorado and Oklahoma on Saturday in Lincoln. The Sooners also defeated the Huskers three weeks ago.

The Buffaloes enter tonight's match losers of three straight league aropping matches to ninthranked Texas, No. 15 Texas A&M, and Texas Tech. Junior outside hitter Sarah Lodge leads CU offensively with 4.6 kills per game.

"The thing about Sarah Lodge is that she hits the ball hard, she hits the ball high, and she doesn't error very much," Pettit said.

"When teams make runs in vol-

leyball, it's because someone is erroring, and she doesn't do that. It has to come from somewhere else on that team.'

Meendering said the Huskers have something to prove against the two teams that defeated NU three weeks ago.

'We have to show these teams that we're coming back," Meendering said. "We're playing on a higher level now, and we need to say, 'Hey we're back, and you have to reckon with us now.""

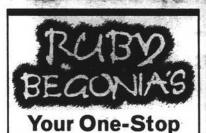
Nebraska's match with Texas Tech has been rescheduled for Nov. 11 at the NU Coliseum. The match, originally scheduled for last Saturday, was postponed because of the bad weather conditions.

Pettit said outside hitter Jaime Krondak, who injured her back three weeks ago, will continue to play sparingly. "Jaime's progress has been up and down, and we expect it to be that way for the rest of the season," Pettit said.





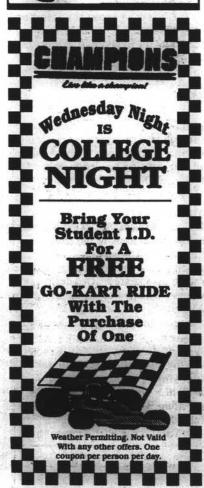


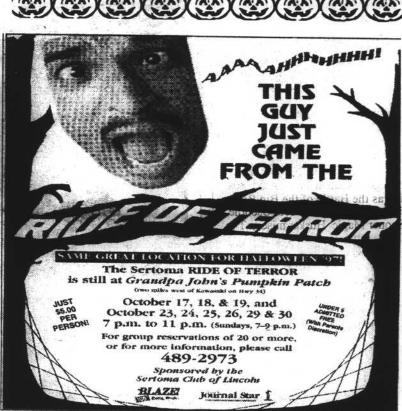


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