

Big 12 Notebook

The Nebraska women's basketball team fell out of the Associated Press Poll Monday. The Cornhuskers, who dropped to 23rd in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll, lost to Baylor 76-71 in Waco, Texas, Wednesday.

NU will look to bounce back Wednesday at 7:05 p.m. against Texas at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The Kansas men's basketball team's 88-49 win against Texas Tech Saturday marked another milestone in the 100-year history of Jayhawk basketball. KU's 56th straight win at Allen Fieldhouse set a school record for consecutive home victories. "It was a special day for Kansas basketball," senior Raef LaFrentz said. "We were going after the record, and that is definitely special to be a part of."

LaFrentz scored 31 points and had 15 rebounds against Texas Tech and was named the Big 12 Conference player of the week on Monday. The game was LaFrentz's first since injuring his right hand a month ago in practice. "I couldn't have written a better script for how I wanted to come back."

With a 94-62 win Saturday over Texas A&M, Oklahoma State Coach Eddie Sutton became the 20th coach in NCAA history to win 600 games.

Sutton, who coached at Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky before joining the Cowboys, has compiled a 600-237 overall record.

The Big 12 rookie of the week is Texas' Chris Mihm. The freshman center averaged 27 points and 11.5 rebounds in two games last week. In a 105-91 win against Nebraska on Wednesday, Mihm scored 29 points in a 12-for-16 shooting performance.

Despite suffering its first conference loss of the season, the Texas Tech women's basketball team remained in first place in the Big 12. The Red Raiders lost to Iowa State last Tuesday.

After the victory over Texas Tech, the Cyclones looked to take hold of the conference lead, but were upset 59-57 by Missouri on Saturday.

Big 12 men's basketball standings: (through Monday)

	Conference	Overall
Kansas	6-1	22-3
Oklahoma	6-2	15-6
Baylor	5-2	10-7
Nebraska	4-2	13-6
Oklahoma State	4-3	14-3
Missouri	3-3	11-8
Kansas State	3-4	12-5
Colorado	2-4	8-8
Texas Tech	2-4	8-8
Iowa State	2-4	9-10
Texas	2-4	8-10
Texas A&M	0-6	6-10

Big 12 Notebook compiled by assignment reporter Jay Saunders.



RYAN TOBIN, left, and Abe Boomer, right, work out at practice in the Nebraska wrestling room. The Huskers have had to rely on new tactics to cut weight because of new NCAA rules passed two weeks ago. DANIEL LUEDERT/DN

NU wrestlers adjust Huskers appreciate extra 7 pounds

BY MIKE KLUCK
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Nebraska wrestlers like the new NCAA rules implemented two weeks ago.

But before NU Coach Tim Neumann declares the changes a success, he is waiting until next year.

"It worked because we were down to weight already, and then (the NCAA) said here's 7 more pounds," Neumann said. "Now, next year when these guys know that they have 7 more pounds than what they normally have, they are going to come back as big as they came back this year, and they are going to wait longer to get their weight down and that's where I start seeing problems."

Neumann was referring to a new NCAA rule that gave all wrestling weight classes an added 7-pound weight allowance. Wrestlers already had a 1-pound allowance at each weight.

So this season a wrestler competing at the 118-pound class can weigh up to 126 pounds until Feb. 1, when the 1-pound allowance is dropped. The rule is only effective for the rest of the season and will be reviewed when the NCAA rules officials meet in April.

"The NCAA knew it needed to do something to make it more healthy for the athletes."

TIM NEUMANN
Nebraska wrestling coach

Other rules implemented earlier this month include the prohibition of saunas and rubber suits for weight loss. Diuretics can't be used for any reason. NCAA rules already bar laxatives, fluid restriction, self-induced vomiting, hot rooms, hot boxes and steam rooms for dehydration. The NCAA defined a hot room as a room with a temperature above 79 degrees.

Neumann said the problem will exist next season when wrestlers return to campus in the fall thinking

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As individual, Terry provides team power

BY SARAH DOSE
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Nebraska wrestler Tember Terry is not primarily concerned with how well his team performs.

"It always sucks when the team doesn't win," Terry said. "But it's also an individual sport. I can only do what I can do. I try to win - if it helps the team, great. If it doesn't, I try to do better next time."

The senior two-time All-American is ranked fourth in the nation at 158 pounds. Terry and three other seniors head the Cornhusker wrestling team, but NU Coach Tim Neumann said Terry is truly an individual.

"He likes to have his own ideas and beliefs," Neumann said. "He's one of the most complicated athletes in that he's self-assured in most situations, yet I think deep down he wants acceptance."

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NU adds test to prevent injuries

BY SAM MCKEON
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The new drill Monday at the Nebraska football athletic-performance testing day resembled something out of an elementary school physical fitness exam.

Each player had to lie on his stomach upon two pads and hold himself above the turf for as long as possible. One pad was below his shoulders and the other was at his knees.

The new drill was designed to test for signs of weakness in the pelvic region. Groin injuries have sidelined numerous Cornhuskers in the past two seasons, including I-back DeAngelo Evans.

"It sort of a gymnastic-type drill," NU Director of Athletic Performance Boyd Epley said. "We're working with the medical team to evaluate any weaknesses on the core area of strength."

The test was part of the football team's annual fitness testing before winter conditioning drills, which begin this week. Other tests Monday at Cook Pavilion included the 40-yard dash,

pro-agility drill, and the vertical jump.

The test arose because of Evans' injury, Epley said. Evans injured his groin and adductor muscles in December 1996 and did not play in the 1997 season. Defensive lineman Luis Almanzar also missed the season with a groin-related injury.

Epley said the injuries to those two players along with other complications forced the team to measure balance and endurance in the groin area.

"With Evans and Almanzar and others, they've had problems with balance in that area," Epley said. "We don't have the answers right now, but we're working to find them."

All the players will be screened, Epley said, and the ones who are found to have pelvic weaknesses will be put on a list to work on relieving the problem.

"We'll have six weeks to correct the deficiency," Epley said. "Hopefully, that will be enough time to do it."

The drill wasn't especially difficult, freshman I-back Dahrran Diedrick said, although it did test the strength of the players.

"It didn't hurt too much until you



FRESHMAN DAHRRAN DIEDRICK participates in Nebraska's pre-winter conditioning testing Monday at Cook Pavilion. LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN

started laying there awhile," Diedrick said. "The pain started getting at your stomach and your legs a little. It was a naggy pain."

Note: Sophomore quarterback/wingback

Bobby Newcombe ran a 4.47-second 40-yard dash Monday and may have set a position record for points in the performance index. Full results will be known today. "Bobby looked really good today," Epley said. "If anybody did really well, it was him."