

# NU aims to move up Big 12 standings

■ **Coach Sanderford says correcting past mistakes is the key to success against Kansas tonight.**

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Coach Paul Sanderford got right to the point when describing the Nebraska women's basketball team's 14-point loss at Iowa State Saturday.



Sanderford

"It hurts like hell to me," Sanderford said. "I'm very disappointed personally and also for our basketball team. But it's over, and we have to try to get ready for Kansas."

The loss halted a three-game winning streak for the Cornhuskers and forced them down one spot to fifth in the Big 12 Conference standings with six league games remaining and the NCAA Tournament looming around the corner.

Sanderford said NU (17-7 overall and 7-3 in the league) now has an opportunity to turn last week's wrong into this week's right when it plays host to the Jayhawks (15-5 and 7-3) tonight at 7 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

With a win over KU - ranked third in the conference - the Huskers could

move into a tie for third in the league.

"We need some big-time victories," NU forward Anna DeForge said. "We need to upset some teams to improve our RPI and get a good seed in the tournament."

If the Huskers hope to begin a successful run tonight against the team that dominated them only a month ago, Sanderford said, NU must correct the mistakes it committed last week against the Cyclones.

Defensively, Sanderford said, the Huskers allowed ISU too many opportunities.

And offensively, the Huskers failed to take advantage of opportunities.

"You can't execute like we did in previous games and then totally look like you picked up five people off the street and threw them out there to play," Sanderford said.

DeForge, who leads the Huskers in scoring (18.4 points per game) and rebounding (7.3 per game), said Nebraska has refocused for tonight's game.

"From here on out, this is the time when the good teams start stepping up, and I think you'll see us do that," DeForge said.

One player who has stepped up is Brooke Schwartz, DeForge said. The sophomore guard provided NU with a bright spot Saturday, scoring a career-high 21 points while connecting on five 3-point shots.

"I think I'm capable, and I think coach realized I was capable of doing that," Schwartz said, "but I don't know why it took me so long to do it. It does-

## Women's Basketball Starters

Today, 7:05 p.m.  
Bob Devaney Sports Center

Nebraska 17-7 (6-4)			
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
G	Anna DeForge	5-11	Sr.
G	Nicole Kubik	5-10	So.
C	Charlie Rogers	6-2	So.
F	Jami Kubik	5-11	Sr.
F	Emily Thompson	6-3	Sr.

Kansas 15-5 (7-3)			
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
G	Suzi Fitzmaurice	5-11	Jr.
G	Jennifer Jackson	5-10	Fr.
C	Nikki White	6-4	Fr.
F	Lynn Pride	6-2	So.
F	Naida Sanford	6-3	Jr.

## Men's Basketball Starters

Today, 7 p.m.  
Rollie White Coliseum  
College Station, Texas

Nebraska 13-10 (4-6)			
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
G	Tyronn Lee	6-0	Jr.
G	Coolidge Belcher	6-3	So.
C	Vanson Hamilton	6-10	Jr.
F	Andy Markowski	6-8	Jr.
F	Larry Florence	6-5	Jr.

Texas A&M 6-14 (0-10)			
Pos.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
G	Brian Barone	6-0	So.
G	Steve Houston	6-1	So.
C	Larry Thompson	6-9	Sr.
F	Jerald Brown	6-8	So.
F	Sharna Jones	6-5	Jr.

## Sports Opinion

### Sam McKewon FOX opens door to more shock TV

Shock TV in the world of sports has moved to another level.

Last Thursday night on the FOX Network, the site of 1994 Winter Olympics - Lillehammer, Norway - was revisited.

Covered in the program was the most memorable aspect of the Olympics: the tainted affair of the American figure skaters Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding.

For those who don't remember, Harding and her hired goons tried to injure Kerrigan's knee to keep her out of the Olympics so Harding could win.

Trouble was, Goons Inc. was a bunch of bumbling idiots. And like all bumbling idiots, they got caught. Harding wasn't arrested, but her image was shot. Kerrigan failed to win the gold medal in Norway. So did Harding.

And FOX was nice enough to reunite them for a 10-minute, face-to-face chat about the whole thing.

First, host James Brown talked to Kerrigan. Then, he brought out Harding. That's when the boredom ensued.

Nothing happened. Harding smiled. Kerrigan smiled. Harding gushed and cried. Kerrigan sat there like the bump on a log she is. Harding asked for forgiveness. Kerrigan didn't give it to her. Show over.

With almost 90 minutes of useless buildup, the payoff was a real bomb. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't try the shock TV notion again. There are plenty of sports crazies out there who would make perfect subjects for a series.

Of course, Brown is out as host. Jerry Springer is in. Networks change from FOX to the WB Network (they need the ratings).

The number of guests is endless, but here's a small list of some of the best programs:

*OJ Simpson and Fred Goldman: The Gloves Are Off:* A two-hour pilot where each man discusses his quest to act more emotional than the other.

*Latrell Sprewell and PJ Carlisemo: No Holds Barred:* A discussion about mustard, how to put it on passes and choking techniques.

*Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield: Chewin' the Fat:* An intimate talk about cannibalism, God and the WWF.

*Lawrence Phillips and Terrell Farley: Crook and Chased:* The two former Huskers speak at length about the Nebraska penal system.

*Bill Romanowski and J. J. Stokes: Hold Your Wad:* Both have guaranteed sparks (and saliva) will fly.

*Bill Clinton and Wilt Chamberlain: The Men of 10,000 Women:* Live from Silky Kink strip club.

Now, who wouldn't want to watch those shows? You can count me in.

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## Mental focus helps Welder to improve

BY SARAH DOSE  
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Two weeks ago, Cornhusker wrestler Jeramie Welder was not wrestling consistently.

But then he got tough - mentally. Now, said Mark Cody, NU's assistant wrestling coach, Welder is determined to stay focused.

That determination, a positive attitude and three years of experience have all contributed to Welder's improvement throughout the season.

Welder, a 126-pound senior from Bismarck, N.D., started the season ranked No. 7. But after a couple losses toward the middle of the season, Welder fell out of the Top 12.

But he has managed to work his way back into the rankings. Currently, he is ranked 12th with an overall record of 24-6.

"Jeramie's been wrestling really well lately," Cody said. "Plus he's had some good competition."

Welder said he realized this season is his last chance to meet his career goals.

"It's my senior year," he said. "I have only one more chance to place at NAAs. I'll go into the tournament the same as the last two years, but I set some goals at the beginning of the season. I know where I want to be by then."

It may be Welder's last year to make a difference, but Cody said Welder doesn't practice like he feels any pressure.

"He's actually pretty relaxed about the whole thing. His attitude is much better, and he's managing to stay positive."

He finished 1-2 in the NCAA tournament last year, but Welder said he isn't concentrating on the pressure to do well this year.

"I'm not going to say there's no pressure," he said. "I just try not to

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MARK CODY  
assistant wrestling coach

dwel on it too much. I try to remember that it's just a game.

"I've been working on the same things I have been for other matches. I need to keep improving, and hopefully I'll be able to improve on some past mistakes."

Welder said the way to improve is to be more intense and more focused both during practice and at meets.

That improvement is obvious, Cody said.

"He's really been focusing on wrestling hard all through the match," Cody said. "That's not something he's done consistently this season until now."

Cody said Welder's focusing problem has been prominent ever since his freshman year, but lately he's managed to break out of it.

"Sometimes it takes two or three years to learn to focus completely," Cody said. "His technique has always been great and he's a hard worker, though. It's just been in certain matches."

"I just need to focus on what I'm doing and nothing else," Welder said.

If Welder does that, Cody said, Welder will be able to do whatever he wants.

"As high as he places is up to him," Cody said. "Once Jeramie gets and keeps his confidence, he is unstoppable."

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