

## NU swim team loses at Minnesota

■ Nebraska's Shandra Johnson wins again as the Huskers defeat Iowa State.

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The Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving team had an up-and-down weekend in a pair of dual meets.

The teams started out strong by sweeping Iowa State, but hit a roadblock as they were swept by Minnesota.

Against No. 22 Iowa State, the No. 14 NU men narrowly avoided an upset, prevailing 125-117.

Winners on the men's side include Danny Bergman in the 1- and 3-meter springboard, Michael Windisch in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles, Valery Kalmikovs in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard Intermediate Medley, Adam Pine in the 100-yard butterfly and Anthony Rogis in the 100-yard

freestyle.

The eighth-ranked NU women crushed the ISU women 155-84. At one point the women ran off victories in 12 straight races.

Leading the Husker women were Amanda Zins in the 1- and 3-meter diving competition, Helene Muller in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles and Ingrid Gotchel in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard IM.

In Minneapolis, the Husker men were defeated by the No. 10 Gophers, 171-129, while the NU women were upset by the 13<sup>th</sup>-ranked Minnesota women 170-130.

Winners on the women's side were Shandra Johnson in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles, Beth Karaica in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles, Terrie Miller in the 100-yard breaststroke and Sara Jowsey in the 200-yard IM.

For the men, Pine and Windisch were double winners, with Pine taking the 100- and 200-yard butterfly, and Windisch taking the 500-yard freestyle and 400-yard IM.

## Brown gets record as Huskers win ISU quadrangular

From staff reports

The 11<sup>th</sup>-ranked Nebraska women's gymnastics team ushered in its season with a victory at the Iowa State quadrangular on Friday.

In the win, senior Courtney Brown garnered individual honors with a school record-tying score of 9.925.

"I was in a good position in the lineup and had a good routine," Brown said. "I didn't feel any pressure and did my job."

Junior Heather Brink won the all-around with a score of 39.05 and was tops on the vault with a 9.75.

Brink tied with freshman Bree Dority for second on the uneven bars with a score of 9.825.

Senior Misty Oxford also took home a first place in the floor exercise with a 9.90.

## Vering scores upset as NU trips ASU

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and asked Scott (Munson) and J.R. (Plienis) if one of them could get a fall," Neumann said. "Scott just looked at me."

However, Munson (20-4 and 12-2), who is known for his big moments in big matches, did just what Neumann had hoped for at 197 pounds. He earned a pin over Eric Gladish at 1:43 of the first period and put 6 points on the board for NU.

Down by two, NU looked to heavyweight Plienis (15-7 and 10-4) to secure a Nebraska win in the final match and keep the Huskers alive in the tournament.

Plienis faced the Sun Devils' Randy Leydecker in the final match

of the dual. With Plienis earning an escape in the second period, Leydecker chose the down position in the final period and got the escape. Leydecker got called for stalling at 1:09, and Plienis won the match 2-1 as NU edged ASU 19-18.

"There's not many times you're in a tournament and if you win your match, then the team wins," Plienis said. "It makes it 10 times more fun out there, knowing that the last match was riding on my shoulders."

Nebraska opened the tournament with a 22-10 win over Cal-State Bakersfield, which set up a dual with No. 1 Oklahoma State in the second round of competition.

Recording a 26-12 loss to the top-ranked Cowboys, NU was led by a

redshirt freshman, 12<sup>th</sup>-ranked Bryan Snyder, as he earned a big win over the Cowboys at 157 pounds in an 8-4 decision over No. 6 Jimmy Arias.

Plienis, who leads NU with five pins this season, claimed revenge on OSU's Dave Anderton after a 5-0 loss Jan. 3. Plienis captured the victory with a pin at 6:30 in the match.

Despite the three losses Nebraska suffered over the weekend, Neumann is optimistic about the Huskers' remaining season.

"This was such a great experience for these young guys," Neumann said. "I think this was the same team that was ranked 21<sup>st</sup> about two months ago. Now, we're trying to do better than getting sixth in the nation."

## Hamilton scores 25 in BU win

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Following his performance at home against Kansas State and at BU, Hamilton was named the Big 12 player of the week.

He averaged 21 points and 9.5 boards over the week.

Nee said much of Hamilton's success came from timely play from Cochran, who heightened the Bears' awareness and divided their attention with long range 3-pointers and deft field shooting.

As has been his role for much of the season, Cochran came off the bench and relieved inside pressure on Hamilton, forcing the Bears to respect the Huskers' outside game.

"We're really pleased with Cochran," Nee said. "We can't ask him to do much more. The last two games, he's made significant contributions at the offensive ends. He's made people play us honest."

Cochran had a career-high 14 points and was 4-6 (.667) from the 3-point line, including two 3s in a row in the second half that proved to be the silencer for the Bears, who had pulled the game closer, 40-33.

"I still have the same role," Cochran said, when asked if he felt comfortable in what may be perceived as his new role at the helm of the Husker offense.

"I take my opportunities when I can get them," Cochran said. "I'm not going to be doing any killer crossovers or anything. It's very basic - I get a look, I knock it down."

NU will keep to the road with a 7:05 p.m. contest at 25 Oklahoma on Wednesday.

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