

Muller scores big for Huskers

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team. Junior Shandra Johnson won the 100 and 200-meter backstroke events with times of 1:03.48 and 2:17.69 respectively.

The women now have a 2-6 dual record, and Muller was quite frank in saying that the dual record basically means little to nothing to anyone at Nebraska.

"Every team has a different goal, short-term and long-term goals. We have long-term goals, and today was basically just like another workout and preparation day for us," Muller said.

On the men's side, senior Michael Windisch led by example, winning three events individually, including coming back from several lengths in the final 150 meters to claim the 400-meter freestyle (3:57.91).

The men are now 2-5 in dual meets, and Windisch says the season hit a dramatic upswing last week for the men.

"Last week, in a dual against (Southern Methodist), I was shocked at the split up of the team," Windisch said.

"The environment at the Dallas

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tournament the next day, though, really brought us together, and I think that we saw that we had something in us."

Although the senior men still have a home meet remaining in a few weeks against South Dakota, Saturday was their official Senior Day, and it was a goal "to go out with a bang," as Windisch would say afterwards.

Senior Valery Kalmikovs won two events in 200-meter breaststroke (2:18.12) and the 200-meter individual medley (2:06.00).

Adam Pine banged out a win in the 100-meter fly at 53.71 and helped boost the 200-meter medley relay team to a victory.

Another key factor that has the Husker coaches smiling, has been the

performance of the divers of late.

"Despite the Band-Aids and bubble gum we're using to hold us together, we're doing a great job, with only two people who aren't injured," NU diving coach Jim Hocking said.

Nebraska swept both the 1-meter and 3-meter diving contests with Erik Cook laying claim to victory for the men and Tami Bernth cashing in for the women.

When all the performances are added up, Bentz was a very content coach.

"We're getting faster and seeing the effects of where we are now and I think we're going to be where we want to be when the season ends," Bentz said.

Nelson back in NU lineup

From staff reports

After spending a season rehabilitating a knee injury, Nebraska senior gymnast Marshall Nelson began his comeback in a big way Friday and Saturday with a strong performance in the Rocky Mountain Open.

Nelson helped No. 3 NU to the team title Friday night, as the Cornhuskers edged No. 4 Oklahoma, 222.975-222.875. Nelson, the 1998 NCAA parallel bars champion, won three events and tied a career high in the pommel horse with a score of 9.90.

"Marshall was everything we expected him to be and more," said NU Coach Francis Allen after Nelson's performance on Friday. "We had some first-meet jitters, and we're a little banged up. But he did what we expected him to do. He's in great position to win a few events tomorrow."

Nelson also won the parallel bars with a 9.675.

Fellow co-captain Derek Leiter also did his share as the senior won the vault with a score of 9.80 and the high bar with a score of 9.70. Leiter tied a career best in the vault with a 9.90 on Friday.

—TRACK AND FIELD—

Lavy lands in U.S. Trials with big jump

■ The former Husker set a Devaney Center record in the long jump.

By Sean Callahan

Staff writer

The Nebraska Open is the only meet that gives former and current Nebraska track athletes a chance to compete together at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

On Saturday, former Cornhusker high jumper Shane Lavy, who graduated last year, used that opportunity to jump a Bob Devaney Sports Center record of 7-foot-7.

"It's not that big of a surprise," Lavy said. "I knew that I had the ability. To jump this early is a surprise, but it doesn't expand past my goals."

Lavy's mark of 7-foot-7 ranks second in the United States and 13th in the world this year and qualifies him for a spot in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Sacramento, Calif.

Besides the Nebraska Open, Lavy said he plans to compete in the Millrose game in New York and the U.S. Indoor meet.

Nebraska Coach Gary Pepin, who coached Lavy in the high jump, said he couldn't be any happier to see him clear the mark.

"That's a wonderful jump indoor," Pepin said. "I think he was rested well, and a better jump couldn't happen to a nicer guy."

Overall, the current Huskers finished the day with 11 individual champions in 12 total events.

Among those 12 first-place marks were four NCAA provisional qualifying marks.

In the 20-pound weight throw, junior Melissa Price qualified with a throw of 62-5 1/4 feet. In the 35-pound weight throw, senior Jeff Armitage qualified with a mark of 65-0 1/2.

The other two qualifiers were junior Carrie Braness in the high

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jump (5-11 1/2 feet) and junior Daniel Johnson in the triple jump at 51-9 feet.

Other top performances for NU came from freshman Emily Waibel, who set a Nebraska Open record in the 60-meter hurdles (8.49). Waibel also placed third in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.69.

Junior college transfer Chris Chandler took third in the 60-meter dash (6.75) and won the 200-meter with a time of 21.94.

Chandler was a national indoor champion at the junior college ranks in the 55-meter dash.

Other Nebraska champions were senior Dalhia Ingram in both the long jump (19-5 1/2) and the triple jump (41-1 1/2). Freshman Mike Kamm captured the men's 1,000 meters with a time of 2:33.24, and Liz Biehl captured the women's title with a time of 3:00.92.

Yelena Stanislavjevic and Vesna Kostic, both from Yugoslavia, also fared well on Saturday. The pair joined the team in January. Kostic won the 60 meters (7.66), while Stanislavjevic captured the 600-yard title with a time of 1:20.64.

The Huskers will compete at home again on Saturday against Oklahoma and North Carolina in a triangular dual.

NU 4-2 in Duals

From staff reports

Behind superb performances from its two captains, seventh-ranked Nebraska claimed a fifth-place finish at the Cliff Keen/NWCA National Duals at State College, Pa., defeating No. 17 Arizona State 23-20 in the fifth-place match.

Brad Vering, a 197-pounder, and 157-pounder Bryan Snyder went a combined 11-0 in the tournament. Vering scored three pins and a technical fall in his matches, and Snyder notched a pin and two major decisions.

Nebraska fell to No. 4 Oklahoma State 28-14 in the consolation semifinals to drop into the fifth-place match.

After dominating last year's Division II championship, Pittsburgh-Johnstown, with a 31-7 score and victories in eight of 10 weight classes, NU squared off against No. 5 Oklahoma in the second round of the winner's bracket.

The Sooners lead 17-16 heading into the deciding heavyweight matchup and then captured the dual when Nebraska's Matt Zutavern suffered a concussion in the second period and was forced into an injury default forfeit, which sent Nebraska to the consolation bracket.

In the consolation round, NU demolished No. 16 West Virginia, 35-6. After the matchup with the Mountaineers, NU discarded Cal-State Bakersfield 28-18.

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