

# Swimming, diving play host to tough meet

BY TOBY BURGER

The Nebraska swimming and diving team will be keeping busy this weekend as they play host to the Husker Shoot Out and the Sprint Classic at the Devaney Center Pool.

The 18<sup>th</sup>-ranked Husker men hope to regain their Husker Shoot Out and Sprint Classic titles. The team will be challenged by capable teams such as UNLV, Washington and NCAA Division II Drury University.

Retaining the title also is the aim on the 21<sup>st</sup>-ranked women's side, but they too will face stiff competition in UNLV, four-time NCAA Division II National Champion Drury and Division III power Kenyon College.

Interim Assistant Coach Doug Humphrey said the meet should be hotly contested on

both the men's and women's side. He said all teams had a chance to come away with the titles.

"It should be a dogfight," Humphrey said. "On paper, it's anybody's meet. I like our chances simply because we are home, and we don't like losing."

Both teams are attempting to rebound from close season opening losses.

Texas A&M narrowly beat the Huskers 166-127. The loss came after the Huskers won seven of the 16 events in the competition.

The loss to Colorado State for the women was even closer than the men's. The women fell in a slim 156-144 meet to the Rams. The women won eight of the 16 events in the contest.

Yet those losses are more of a growing pain than a setback according to Interim

Assistant Coach Jon Haggerty.

"Basically, if we can go through the year just swimming faster each time ... we can't ask for anything more, and they can't ask anything more of themselves either," Haggerty said.

The Huskers are striving for a complete team effort in this weekend's meets.

"There is no one person we're looking for to move into any spots," Humphrey said. "We're just looking for everybody, a whole group, team effort and coming together as a group, as a whole."

The Husker Shoot Out starts today at 11 a.m. with the evening session at 6:30. The meet continues on Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. The Sprint Classic begins at 6:30 Saturday evening. The Classic is being televised live and statewide by NETV.

# Huskers look to continue perfection

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Pilakowski in BU's Oct. 11 loss to the Huskers.

Cepero posted a season-high 11 kills on .611 hitting percentage and also had 32 assists to lead Nebraska to a .388 hitting efficiency.

Pilakowski slammed down 11 kills at a .529 hitting percentage and dug seven balls.

Holmquist also racked up 11 kills at a .500 hitting percentage and added eight blocks.

The Huskers defense reduced Baylor's team hitting percentage to a mere .052 and out-blocked the Bears 12-2.

Baylor is coming off a two-game losing streak as it fell to Colorado last weekend in four games and lost to No. 23 Texas A&M on Wednesday in three. The Bears' record going into

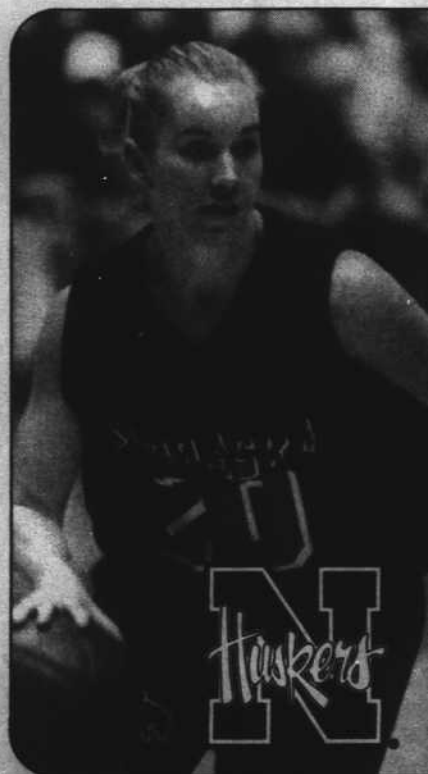
Saturday's match is at an even 14-14.

"Baylor is a dangerous team," Cook said.

"They can have a really great night one night and then the next night struggle through five games. That makes them dangerous."

The focus of Nebraska is very clear this weekend, Cook said.

"Just win, baby. And play Nebraska volleyball." Cook said.



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