Iowa, Iowa State women return to tournament play

Iowa and Iowa State women's basketball teams bid for their second tournament championships this weekend.

Sixth-ranked Iowa faces perhaps its toughest challenge of the young season when it meets No. 4 Long Beach State in the first round of the Northern Illinois Fastbreak Classic on Saturday.

Iowa State opens tonight against Northeastern in the North Carolina Tournament.

Northern Iowa plays at Creighton Saturday and Drake is at Kansas State.

Last weekend, Iowa captured its own Amana-Hawkeye Classic and Iowa State took the Dial Classic in Arizona.

But Iowa State will be trying to recover from Tuesday's devastating 93-49 loss to Iowa in Ames.

"We were embarassed," ISU Coach Pam Wettig said after the

Iowa game. "A mediocre team is going to take a situation like that and throw in the towel and they're just going to lay down and die.

"A good team will take an experience like that and do something about it. I guess we'll find out what kind of team we are. We'll find out a lot about ourselves if we are able to bounce back."

North Carolina meets Michigan in the second game tonight. The consolation and championship games will be play Saturday afternoon.

IOWA COACH C. Vivian Stringer has been pleased with her team's early season work, which includes a victory over then 10th-ranked Georgia in the championship game of the Amana-Hawkeye Classic.

they have approached every game hard," Stringer said. "They've pumped themselves up, been moti-

vated and worked hard."

Iowa has been paced by Michelle Edwards and Shanda Berry, but the other starters — point guard Jolette Law and forwards Franthea Price and Jolynn Schneider — have also made big contributions.

"They're a good group and I'm sure they enjoy playing together," Stringer said. "I enjoy coaching them.

"There are a lot of teams in this world that have a lot of talent. Certainly, we've got talent. But there are an awful lot of teams that never go far because that gets in the way.

"I hope we will be able to continue to be one that continues to complement each other."

Iowa meets Long Beach State at 2 "This team has played hard and p.m. Saturday. Northern Illinois follows against North Carolina-Charlotte. Sunday's consolation is at 2 with the title game to follow.



SPURIS BRIEFLY

BASKETBALL — Former Iowa State player John Culbertson, now at Northern Illinois, is wanted by authorities in Story County for allegely firing a gun into an occupied car in May 1984 in Ames. No one was injured. Culbertson played the 1983-84 season at ISU, scoring 41 points in 18 games . . . Doug Collins of the Chicago Bulls was named NBA Coach of the Month for November. The Bulls compiled a 10-3 record for the month, including a 6-1 record on the road. The start was the second best in the franchise's history, one game off the 11-2 mark set in 1973.

FOOTBALL — Former Iowa State player Lester Williams says he expects to testify soon before a federal grand jury investigating sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. Former Cedar Rapids Jefferson all-stater Williams has acknowledged taking about \$10,000 from the agents while he was at Iowa State. He said received a subpoena two months ago . . . Columbus, Ohio, Mayor Dana G. Rinehart flew to St. Louis Thursday to meet with owner William V. Bidwill of the pro football St. Louis Cardinals about the possibility of the Cardinals moving to Ohio. Bidwill is expected to announce he will move the Cardinals before the Jan. 15 deadline imposed by the National Football League. Baltimore is considered the favorite to become the new home of the Cardinals.

MOTORSPORTS — Bill Elliott has been named NASCAR Winston Cup racing's Most Popular Driver for the fourth straight year. Elliott, who won up eight pole victories and six races, pulled away from former winner Darrell Waltrip in the final days of the fan voting. . . NASCAR stock car drivers will be involved in a drugtesting program in 1988, according to an announcement Thursday by NASCAR President Bill France Jr.

MISC. — Fulton Allem of South Africa, least-known of the eight golfers in the Million Dollar Challenge, shot a 6-under-par 66 on Thursday and took the lead after the opening round in the chase for the richest prize in golf history. A last-minute replacement, Allem won the first of four \$50,000 prizes for the best round each day. Aside from these bonuses, only the winner will get a check on Sunday — for \$1 million . . . A 30-year-old Ohio man drove a station wagon into Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium on Thursday, nearly hit four employees as he sped through walkways, then wrecked the vehicle and was kicking imaginary field goals when he was arrested on the field. The driver, Tony Morelli, underwent a psychiatric examination. Doctors released him in police custody. Charges of reckless endangerment, criminal mischief and criminal trespass were pending . . . Tampa Fla., police officer David Bryant, who was disciplined in a highly-publicized case involving New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden last winter, has been fired because of repeated violations. Police administrators said Bryant, 29, was dismissed because of five violations since February, six in 1985, and two earlier. The violations included failure to be courteous and conduct unbecoming an officer. **Associated Press**

Devaney sickened by criticism

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) -Former Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney said the criticism Coach Tom Osborne received after the Cornhuskers lost to Oklahoma made him sick to his stomach.

Devaney, who is now Nebraska athletic director, said it's too bad that some fans aren't satisfied with the Cornhuskers' 10-1 record.

"Some people have gotten spoiled," he said. "It wasn't too long ago that people were happy if we won six or seven games."

Devaney said he was rankled after reading letters in newspapers from fans rapping Osborne.

"There have been a lot of people writing in criticizing Osborne and it makes me sick to my stomach," Devaney said Wednesday at a luncheon attended by about 800 people.

"We should be happy to have him," Devaney said. "Tom is the best coach in the business. I hope I never have to hire another one." Devaney credited Osborne with getting Nebraska ready to face Colorado one week after losing to Oklahoma.

"I've never seen a person who felt as bad after a game as Tom did after the Oklahoma game," he said. "But he got the players back up and they played a good game at Colorado." Nebraska defeated Colorado 24-7. The Oklahoma loss was especially disappointing because the Nebraska coaches and players really thought they had a good chance to beat Oklahoma this year, Devaney said. "I felt that we did, too," he said. "But that day Oklahoma played great football. They had a better team than I thought they had. It's too bad the whole season is wrapped up in playing Oklahoma. It shouldn't be."

Central faces stiff challenge at Dayton

The University of Dayton, Ohio, plays its home football games at Welcome Stadium, but the Flyers don't figure to show visiting Central of Pella much hospitality in their NCAA Division III playoff semifinal Saturday.

Last week, Dayton rolled up 483 yards in total offense en route to a 38-36 victory over top-ranked, four-time national champion Augustana of Rock Island, ending the Vikings' streak of 60 games without a loss.

Dayton has lost twice in 11 starts this season, both times on the road against Division II teams.

The game will be Central's first this season on artificial turf.

That doesn't concern Coach Ron Schipper. Neither does his team's underdog status.

"They're good," Schipper acknowledges, "but shoot, we expect that at this point in the season.

"We've just got to go play. These kids have already

accomplished a whole lot more than most people thought they would."

The Flyers are led by 182-pound senior tailback Dave Jones, whose 219 yards against Augustana gave him a school-record total of 1,622 for the season. He has 23 TDs.

Quarterback Kevin Wilhelm, a 177-pound senior, has completed 83 of 165 passes for 1,312 yards.

With its entire defensive line returning from last season, Dayton has allowed an average of 91 yards rushing, 201 passing.

Central rallied in the fourth quarter to win its quarterfinal with visiting St. John's, Minn., 13-3 last Saturday in a steady rain.

Schipper said the turning point was a 52-yard punt by senior Terry Jones, a former Cedar Rapids Prairie prep. The Dutch followed it with a 50-yard scoring drive. They totaled only 131 yards, 73 on the ground. But they gave up just 87.

