

# Husker teams victorious in cross country invite

By Kevin Warneke

Despite temperatures in the 40s Nebraska's men's and women's cross country teams each captured first place in their respective divisions at the Husker Invitational at Pioneers Park Saturday.

In winning the men's title, Nebraska runners captured the first four places and five of the top seven places. Nebraska finished with 17 team points, far ahead of South Dakota State University's 48 points. Midland College finished third and Northwest Missouri State fourth.

In women's competition, Nebraska won the first three places and edged out Kansas University by a 53-63 margin. Southwest Missouri State placed third, with the University of Nebraska-Omaha fourth, South Dakota State University fifth and Midland College sixth.

Wally Duffy covered the 10,000-meter course in 31:19.4 to capture first place, edging out teammate Gerard O'Callaghan, who finished with a time of 31:51.2.

Nebraska's Kurt Russell placed third, right ahead of Mark Adam. Mark Gokie placed seventh for Nebraska.

Jill Noel outdistanced Nebraska teammate Karlene Erickson, covering the women's 5,000-meter course in 17:52.3.

Nebraska's Laura Wight was third, followed by South Dakota State's Kristine Asp and Southwest Missouri State's Lisa Einheuser.

While the men's victory was expected, Nebraska Coach Jay Dirksen said the women's wasn't.

"I knew we'd need a good effort to win," he said.

One pleasing aspect of the men's victory, Dirksen said, was that all five of Nebraska's top finishers were only a minute apart.

"When you have someone as good as Duffy and the others only one minute behind, that's pretty good," he said.

The victories point out that other Big Eight schools shouldn't take Nebraska lightly, Dirksen said.

"We may not win the Big Eight," he said, "but we'll be competitive."

# 'Hacks' accusations proved as Huskers 'thrash' OSU

The events of the Nebraska-Oklahoma State game in Stillwater Saturday made obvious what had only been conjecture before: The Nebraska Cornhuskers, The Greatest Collection of Scholar-Athletes Ever Assembled, have been running up the score to attract the attention of pollsters and Heisman voters. The evidence was there for all to see in the powerful Huskers' 14-10 thrashing of the Cowboys.

Sure, there had been accusations from various sports hacks across the

manned Oklahoma State, he has to embarrass them. Four points! Worse defeat of the year for them. Why, those Huskers shouldn't be playing the Oklahoma State Cowboys, they should be playing the Dallas Cowboys!

The weight of the evidence falls squarely on the side of the accusers this time. Most obvious is the fact that Turner Gill and Mike Rozier played virtually the entire game; Gill, in fact, was never lifted, despite the lopsided score.

Much the same use of first-string personnel was true on the defensive side of things. As late as the last play of the game, the Huskers had the starters in. Indeed, Husker starting defensive back Bret Clark made the interception on the last play of the game to finish the humiliation.

Even more revealing was Osborne's play selection. In the third quarter, for example, with the Huskers only behind by three lousy points, Osborne had Turner Gill throwing the ball. The inevitable result: a touchdown to Todd Frain to put the Huskers ahead for keeps. Then, to add insult to injury, rather than simply having the Huskers fall on the ball to kill time, Osborne — get this — had them line up for the extra point! Sure enough, the Huskers executed the conversion, giving them their final four-point bulge. It should also be noted that first-team place-kicker Dave Schnieder came in for the conversion, despite the late stage of the game.

When will powerhouses like Nebraska stop running over weak sisters like Oklahoma State by such laughably one-sided scores? Very likely it will continue until the pollsters start taking it into account when they draw up their Top 20 lists. This could be the week. Just to show us that they won't stand for these runaways anymore, they might vote Texas number one.



Pat Clark

country that the Huskers were laying it on a little thick, but such accusations had been so numerous and so full of vituperative frenzy that it was hard to distinguish well-considered opinion from flights of vengeful fancy. Besides, one could always point the finger of blame at the Huskers' lackluster opponents, who at times appeared to force Husker offensive players across the goal line, despite their best efforts to dive out of bounds or trip themselves up after modest gains.

Such was not the case in the Oklahoma State game. With the Cowboys, Nebraska was getting a test at last; a team with a good rushing defense that had been knocking on the back door of the Top 20, playing before a stadium full of their own manic fans. When the overwhelming four-point margin was flashed across the nation, you could almost see the raised eyebrows and cynical smirks on veteran sportswriters everywhere. "Tom Osborne's at it again," you can almost hear them say. "It's not enough to beat poor under-

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Scheele said a team must average 2.5 or better at the end of the season in order to qualify for the playoffs, but that once in the playoffs, it must score at least 2.5 in each game to continue playing.

"We figured 3.0 is about an average score, so 2.5 is less than average. We don't think that should be that hard a mark to get," Scheele said.

John Grafentin, captain of Harvey Smithers, said his team felt let down after the ruling.

"It just doesn't seem fair," Grafentin said. "But you have to go by the rules."

Scheele said one team had received a score below 2.5 earlier in the playoffs, but still was allowed to continue because of "unusual circumstances."

"In that case, the team in question got a 2.5 or better from everyone except the opposing captain. And he gave them a 1.0. We thought that that was a vindictive rating, and really not an accurate account of the game. So we let the team continue playing," Scheele said.

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