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Sports Layoff helps OSU

By Tim Hartmann Staff Reporter

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne was impressed with more than South Carolina's football team this weekend. He also liked the facilities.

Osborne expressed his thoughts at his weekly media luncheon.

Osborne noted that South Carolina brought in \$4.1 million in private contributions, while Clemson, another South Carolina school, brought in \$5 million.

"That's over \$9 million in one state," Osborne said, "They have something like 12,000 people in their Gamecock (Booster) Club," he said. Osborne said that Nebraska's booster club only has a couple thousand supporters.

One thing Osborne said he would like to add to the Nebraska facilities would be an indoor practice stadium, which would be helpful in preparing for bowl games.

"A lot of people are still talking about the Miami game three years ago," Osborne said.

The Cornhuskers had to prepare for Miami on a frozen practice field that year and lost, 31-30. The loss cost Nebraska the national championship.

"Whether that made a difference or not, I don't know," he said, "but obviously that would be helpful." Osborne said improved facilities would also help in recruiting. He said that with the facilities the Huskers have, they could lose a recruit.

"There would be some areas where we would be at a disadvantage," he said.

Osborne also addressed the comments made by defensive backs coach George Darlington, about the officiating. After the game Darlington said the officiating was the biggest "screw-job" he had seen in his years at Nebraska.

"Right after a game when everybody's caught up in the emotion of it, it's only natural to react," Osborne said.

Osborne did say that the officiating affected the game.

I don't think I've ever been involved in a game where so many significant plays were wiped out by penalties," he said. But that did not mean that South Carolina played badly.

"South Carolina played well. They're a good football team," he said.

Osborne said he was pleased with the Huskers' play in the first half, but thought that the heat played a factor in the third and fourth quarters.

"Through the first half we played pretty well," he said. "It could well have been 27-7 at the half. We were fairly dominant." In the second half, "we weren't as good of a football team. We're glad it's over and we're glad we won," Osborne said.

Among the injured from the game are tight end Tom Banderas (who is doubtful for this week's game with Oklahoma State), tight end Willie Griffin (questionable), fullback Micah Heibel(probable)and fullback Ken Kaelin also (questionable).

"We're still a little bit concerned," Osborne said. "Right now our top two fullbacks are still a little hampered."

Oklahoma State also has Osborne cornered.

"I think they're a little bit like South Carolina in that they have some fine skilled athletes," he said. "They've got a lot of players that can make things happen. We better be ready to play and play well."

Osborne said that Oklahoma State's defense is young but talented.

"They have some very fine players in the secondary," he said. "Mark Moore, I've always been a fan of his. They've had to replace a lot of guys from last year. Most of their experience on defense is in the secondary."

Osborne said he thinks Oklahoma State's two-week layoff will help their young players.

"They're young in some spots, but the young guys can play," Osborne said. "They've sen a lot of snaps (during the layoff) against Nebraska's offense and defense."

Angels defeat Red Sox to take 1-0 series lead

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Mike Witt pitched a five hitter and the California Angels jolted Boston ace Roger Clemens for four runs in the second inning Tuesday night to beat the Red Sox 8-1 in the first game of the American League playoffs.

Brian Downing drove in four runs for the Angels who scored more runs against Clemens than any team this year. They pounded him for 10 hits and eight runs, seven earned, in 7 1-3 innings.

Witt, meanwhile, flirted with the first no-hitter in playoff history, holding the Red Sox hitless for 5 2-3 innings before Wade Boggs beat out an infield chopper for a single.

Linda Story/Daily Nebraskan Schonewise Clemens, pitching for the first time since being struck on the right elbow by a line drive last week, could not find his rhythm early on the clear, 50-degree night.

Schonewise overcomes rocky start

By Rob White Staff Reporter

Enid Schonewise's college volleyball career got off to a rocky start, but if the University of Nebraska hadn't offered her a scholarship she may not have played volleyball at all.

Schonewise debated on whether or not to play volleyball or run track in college, and when she decided on Nebraska and volleyball she suffered a knee injury her second day of practice.

"I knew I wanted to play for Nebraska if they offered me a scholarship," Schonewise said. "I thought about running track, but I kind of wanted to play volleyball because it's a team sport."

After winning two Nebraska state championships in the 100-meter low hurdles, Schonewise chose Nebraska over lowa, Kansas and a number of other schools. Then came the knee injury that required arthroscopic surgery.

"There was never any question about having to get it 'scoped," she said, "I couldn't even straighten my leg out."

Schonewise said the injury was disappointing but that it didn't cause her to change her mind about volleyball.

"It was very disappointing because I was nervous all summer and I had trained pretty hard all summer because I was nervous," she said. "It was also disappointing because I was the only freshman that year, and I hadn't really had a chance to fit in yet, and then I went straight to the hospital."

Schonewise returned later that year to play some front row for the Cornhuskers and since then her career has been on more solid ground.

Schonewise set the school record for

kills in a five-game match earlier this season against Arizona State. Last year, Schonewise broke the same record for a three-game match when she struck for 23 against Penn State.

Schonewise said the record set against Arizona State was partly achieved due to the length of the match.

"It was such a long game, with so many sideouts, and I suppose that when a player is hot you get a few more falls set to you," she said. "So I was just getting set a little but more than usual, and I was getting a hand on the ball."

Now that she's a senior, Schonewise said that she has put more pressure on herself to perform.

"Since I'm a senior I've put a little more pressure on myself to be more consistent. We also have a lot of freshmen this year, so the other seniors and I have tried to show a lot more leadership that we had to last year," Schonewise

Qualifying for the NCAA Final Four volleyball tournament is another thing Schonewise and fellow seniors Karen Dahlgren and Tisha Delaney are uniting their efforts toward. All want to make it there.

"Ever since I started here that's been our team goal, and we just missed last year when we lost to USC," Schonewise said. "If we made it this year it would be even more special because it's our senior year and we've worked so hard for it."

Schonewise, a Beatrice native, also competed for the North team in the 1985 U.S. Sports Festival in Baton Rouge, La.

"It was a great experience getting a chance to play with other girls and with a different coach and their idea," she said. "There's not a lot of pressure, it's just a chance to play hard and have fun."



