

# Soccer team girds for Big 8 tourney

Nebraska's soccer team will compete in the Big Eight Soccer Conference championships this weekend at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

The Husker team, which has tied Iowa State and beaten Missouri in its only two matches, is paired Saturday against Oklahoma in the second game of the lower bracket.

**DEFENDING CHAMPION** Colorado will meet Iowa State in the other lower bracket match.

Upper bracket contests in the single-elimination tournament pit Kansas against Kansas State and Oklahoma State against Missouri.

Semifinals will follow the opening round matches Saturday. Consolation, third place and championship matches are on tap Sunday.

Nebraska's starting lineup includes: goalie — Doug Donnell; fullbacks — Rick Doran and Randsborgstein; halfbacks—Victor Umunna, Les Johnson and Mike Sheridan; forwards—Tom Ellison, Bob Slusar, Eric Davies, Dan Wolfe and Sampson Upaka.

Raphael Ruvwa and Ben Lockhart also will see considerable action in the tournament for the Nebraska club.

Rain hampered last year's tournament, and the lower division places could not be tabulated because of game cancellations.

**KANSAS STATE**, which has the biggest operating budget among the member schools, is expected to challenge Colorado for this year's crown.

Iowa State, Missouri and Nebraska also are considered title prospects.

Saturday games will be 60 minutes with one 15-minute sudden-death overtime period in case of a tie. Sunday games will be regulation 90 minutes.

# Netters try for .500 record

The Nebraska tennis team will attempt to bring its season record above the .500 mark this weekend.

The Husker netters, with a 6-7 mark, travel to Omaha Friday to face Creighton and return home Saturday to meet Kearney State at 10 a.m. Nebraska defeated Creighton earlier in the season, 7-0. A Nebraska team has never played Kearney State in tennis.

**NU TENNIS** coach Ed Higginbotham said the Huskers' record doesn't really indicate the team's strength. "We have been playing some good teams," he said, "and a couple of the meets could have gone the other way."

"Naturally, we would like to win more," Higginbotham added, "but we've been playing well, and the boys have all improved."

The weather has been one of the team's main problems, according to Higginbotham. "We have had rough, rugged weather all spring," he said. "We could use some favorable weather."

The tennis team's remaining schedule includes Iowa State, home, May 5; at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, May 7; at Kansas State, May 8; and the Big Eight meet at Lawrence, Kan., May 15-16.

**THE NEBRASKA** golf team is at the Wichita State tournament Friday and Saturday. Coach Harry Good's golfers will compete in the Nebraska Invitational at Grand Island on May 11, and will finish the season at the Big Eight tourney at Lawrence, Kan. on May 15-16.

# Morell: defense 'Proving itself'

by STEVE SINCLAIR  
Assistant Sports Editor

Pat Morell will be one of the biggest boosters of Nebraska's offense next fall.

It's supposed to be powerful, and he hopes it is.

But if it isn't, the defense will be ready.

"**IF IT GETS** down to relying on the defense again we will win a lot of games this fall," Morell said.

Consequently, he wasn't surprised when the black shirts dominated the offense in last Sunday's scrimmage.

"It was just a case of the defense beating the offense man to man," Morell said.

"**PEOPLE DON'T** realize it, but we have a lot of good players on defense," he added. "Last year's second team defense could have beaten a lot of teams."

Morell points to players like John Decker, Dave Morock, and Ed Periard, who have played behind Dana Stephenson, Al Larson, and Ken Geddes.

"These guys are just getting their first chance to prove themselves," he said.

The former Kansas all-stater from Wichita West is battling Bob Terrio for the starting linebacker position opposite all-America candidate Jerry Murtaugh.



Morell

**TERRIO WAS** on the blackshirts for Sunday's scrimmage after Morell had held the spot all spring, but Morell was graded higher in the films and has returned to the first team.

"Bob is a good football player," Morell said of his rival, "but I'm not going to ruin my black shirt chances again."

Despite the fact that he and Murtaugh are the only returning linebackers with experience, Morell isn't worried about depth. He said that Jim Branch and Bruce Hauge would help make the linebacking position stronger.

The sophomore in pre-dentistry added that it is a big advantage to play alongside Murtaugh. "You never have to worry about his side," he said.

**MORELL IS** a former Lincoln resident and played football as a sophomore for Lincoln Northeast before moving to Wichita. His family has since moved to Kansas City. Morell's brother Joe is a freshman at Missouri where he was a varsity wrestler this past season.

Morell saw considerable action as a sophomore, at first backing up Murtaugh and then dividing time with weakside linebacker Adrian Fiala. The 6-2, 217-pounder said his biggest thrills were playing well against Colorado and Oklahoma and stopping well established players Bob Anderson and Steve Owens.

**SPRING PRACTICE** is always physically tougher, according to Morell with practices often running over two hours in length. However, he said that this spring it has been more enjoyable than last.

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