

Chief liaison for World Cup combines learning, fun

By Kevin Schnepf

Frank Sevigne's trip to West Germany last month for Track and Field's first World Cup was a learning experience and a vacation.

Sevigne, UNL head track coach, was the chief liaison for the World Cup held in Dusseldorf, West Germany Sept. 2-4. Sevigne said he helped the United States team prepare for the meet, but it was also a vacation for he and his wife.

"I helped with a pre-meet we had in Ludenscheid," Sevigne said. "We were there for five days. My wife and I were in Germany about two weeks before the team arrived."

The World Cup included eight teams: the United States, West and East Germany, Africa, Asia, Oceania, and North and South America and Europe. The three-day meet displayed the world's top track and field performers. Some organizers called it the "nearest thing to the Olympics."

Sevigne said the meet was a financial success and the organizers are definitely planning another meet.

"This was the first one ever," Sevigne said. "There were 33,000 fans on Friday and Saturday nights and

53,000 to 54,000 fans on Sunday afternoon. It was quite successful and the meet ran very smoothly."

Foreign teams

Sevigne visited with the West German national coach in Mainz where the university is located and said the West German coach taught him a lot about foreign teams.

"I spent quite a lot of time with the Germany coaches," he said. "I picked up a lot of little things about their system and organization. They have a very good program."

West Germany placed third in the meet only a few points behind second place United States and first place East Germany. Sevigne said there is an intense rivalry between East and West Germany track teams.

East Germany overtook the U.S. in the last race - the 1600-meter-relay.

"The final race had to stand out as the most memorable event," Sevigne said. "We were fighting for the team championship and we felt we were going to win. If we would've won that race, we would've won the meet."

Injured anchorman

Sevigne said the U.S. 1600-meter-relay team was in

the lead until the anchorman pulled out with a hamstring in his right leg.

The 800-meter-race between the favorite Mike Boit of Kenya and Cuban Alberto Juantorena was the most exciting race, Sevigne said. Juantorena and Boit ran stride for stride rounding the final turn until Juantorena edged out Boit by one-tenth of a second.

"That was without a doubt, the most exciting race," Sevigne said.

The U.S. 400-meter-relay, with University of Kansas Cliff Wiley running third, broke a world record when they beat the second place team by six yards.

"That team ran super. They broke a world record by running a great race," Sevigne said. "The whole team ran great. He (Wiley) was the only Big 8 performer there."

Sevigne's trip to Germany did not mark his first experience with international track and field meets. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Committee in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City. In 1975, Sevigne was the meet director for the Soviet Union dual with the United States. He also was advisory coach for Jamaica during the Commonwealth Games and now is the chairman of Track and Field Region VII for the AAU.

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UNL women's tennis coach proves the lack of one arm is no handicap

By Jim Hunt

Winning three varsity tennis letters in high school and four college letters in tennis is not an unusual feat, but it was for UNL women's tennis coach Henry Cox.

Cox, 32, was born without a left arm.

Cox said he started playing tennis when he was five years old. He earned his varsity letters at Lincoln Southeast High School and at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

At Wesleyan, Cox was the number one or number two player, he said.

In 1962 and 1963 he played at Nebraska open tournaments, placed second in singles and won a doubles title, Cox said.

To serve, Cox learned to toss the ball up with the hand he uses to hold the racquet. Cox said it was difficult at first, but he had to learn to serve that way if he wanted to play competitive tennis.

"When you never had one (a left arm) you just learn to compensate," Cox said. "I just thank my parents and other people for helping me along."

Cox said he started playing tennis because it was a

way to express himself and gain confidence.

"I gained a lot of confidence playing tennis," Cox said. "You can gain confidence in other things too, but I gained a lot of mine in sports. A lot of people said I couldn't play tennis so that made me try that much harder."

Besides coaching tennis, Cox also is a probation officer, a job he has held for six years. As a probation officer, Cox works with college-age-kids.

"I took the job at Nebraska for two reasons," Cox said. "I like coaching tennis and I like working with youths. I like to think I would be the last person not to give somebody a chance."

Cox said he applied for the UNL position after Sig Garnett, last year's *Daily Nebraskan* Coach of the Year, took a job as a tennis professional in Hawaii.

Last year, Garnett led the Huskers to the first Big 8 Conference tennis title in UNL history.

Cox said he expects the Huskers to be strong again this year.

"We've only practiced a few times, but I have seen a few of the players in competition before," Cox said. "We should have a good team."



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Henry Cox, new UNL women's tennis coach.

Huskers' defense 'big improvement', Van Zandt's philosophy tested again

By Rob Barney

UNL Head Coach Tom Osborne praised the Husker defense Monday at the Extra Point luncheon at the Cornhusker Hotel.

It was the biggest improvement this week, Osborne said about the Huskers' 31-10 win over the University of Baylor.

"We didn't make as many errors and our hitting effort was as good as it has been all year."

Senior right cornerback Ted Harvey agreed.

"I think we (the defense) made fewer errors against Baylor than we did in the first two games," he said. "But Baylor was not as good an offensive team as the other two."

The two-year starter from Lexington said he was pleased with his performance, especially after a disappointing game against Washington State.

"The first one (Washington State) was a bad one," Harvey said.

"There is no question about that. All of us have bad days. You just have to forget them."

"The Baylor game helped my confidence in playing man-to-man," Harvey said. "A defensive corner can't make mistakes, everybody sees them. But I played last year so I know that I can play."

This season the Huskers have faced a new defensive philosophy. The philosophy of defensive coordinator and defensive back coach Lance Van Zandt is different from last season's defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, Osborne said.

"Coach Van Zandt's defense is a more gambling one," Harvey said. "It's hard to say which one is better. They both have great philosophies. You just have to believe in what you're doing."

The Van Zandt philosophy will be tested by the University of Indiana Hoosiers this Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Osborne had praise for the Hoosier offense. He said the Indiana club has the second best offensive team the Huskers have faced this season, second only to Alabama. "They have a great tailback in (Darrick) Burnett. He is as good as ours and we think we have some pretty good ones," he said.

They have speed, they run good options and they can run wide. "They pass about 15 to 20 times a game. They are



well balanced," he said.

The Huskers should go into Saturday's game in good shape with few injuries, Osborne said. He added that he is optimistic about the return of I-back Rick Berns. Berns received a hip pointer in the first quarter of the Baylor game. Berns has averaged 100 yards a game this season.

"If Rick is anywhere near full speed by Wednesday or Thursday he'll play Saturday," Osborne said.

The only serious injury Saturday was suffered by sophomore quarterback Jeff Quinn. On his third play of the game Quinn injured a knee.

"We were thinking of redshirting Jeff, but we wanted two experienced quarterbacks returning next fall," Osborne said. "If his injury turns into a four or five week injury, we'll go ahead and ask for a hardship ruling to get him another year."

Wingback Curtis Craig sprained an ankle against the Baylor Bears but should be ready for Indiana, Osborne said.

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coaches. There is no fee for players. The clinic will feature all aspects of the UNL program, including weight training. Husker head coach John Sanders and his assistants, John Johnette and Dave Underwood are in charge of the clinic. Persons interested should write: Nebraska Baseball office, 200 South Stadium, Lincoln, Neb. 68588. Persons can call Sanders for more information at 472-2269.

The third annual Pioneer Fun Run will be 9 a.m. Sunday and will cover four and eight mile courses. Runners of all ages can register by paying a \$1 entry fee and signing up at Mabel Lee Hall, room 232 or the Coliseum, room 140. Runners not pre-registered can register the day of the race from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at Lee's Restaurant's parking lot, West Van Dorn St. For more information, call Dave McBride, 432-7511. The run is sponsored by the UNL physical education department and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

UNL soccer team downed Nebraska Wesleyan University, 7-0, Saturday after leading 1-0 at halftime. Dave Egr led the Huskers with two goals.

UNL women's athletic department will host a high school swimming and diving meet Friday at the Sports Complex. The meet begins at 3:30 p.m. and includes teams from 12 high schools.

Students wanting tickets for the Oklahoma State-UNL football game at Stillwater, Okla. Oct. 29 should contact the South Stadium ticket office. Applications for lottery tickets will be accepted Oct. 10, 11, 12 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. The \$8.28 cost must be paid upon application. Students planning to sit together must apply as a group. Group applications cannot exceed six. Winning lottery numbers will be published in the Oct. 14 *Daily Nebraskan*.

The first annual UNL fall baseball clinic will be Saturday Oct. 3, for all high school and American Legion coaches and players. The clinic fee is \$10 for