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Netters end streak; Wildcats, ISU fall

The Nebraska men's tennis team broke a five-match losing streak last weekend, defeating Iowa State, 5-4, and Kansas State, 6-3.

Against ISU, Scott Klaus and Dale Christian won singles matches while the Husker doubles teams of Kent Lysgaard-Scott Baker, Scott Klaus-Hal Koch, and Kerry McDermott-Dale Christian won their matches.

Koch, Lysgaard, Klaus and Christian won singles matches against KSU. The doubles teams of Klaus-Koch and McDermott-Christian also won for the Huskers.

The Huskers finish their dual season with an 18-11 record, and will close their season with the Big Eight meet in Oklahoma City May 14-16.

Table tennis players net first, third places

Todd Peterson won first in the men's division singles and Yumi Kayama won third place in the women's division singles of the Ninth Annual Intercollegiate Table Tennis Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

To qualify, both UNL students won tournaments at college and regional levels. Altogether, over 1,000 colleges and universities throughout the United States were represented.

A round-robin format involving 14 regional winners and a winner from the host college determined the national champions in both men's and women's singles and mixed doubles competition.

The championships were made possible by a grant to the sponsoring organization, the Association of College Unions-International, by Gernal Sportcraft Copmany Ltd., Halex of London, and Stiga.

Three Nebraskans earn spots on next U.S. Gymnastics Team

Three Nebraskans—Jim Hartung, Phil Cahoy, and Larry Gerard—won spots on next year's U.S. Gymnastics Team last weekend at the United States Gymnastics Federation Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Hartung, a Husker sophomore, scored a 9.55 in the pommel horse, a 9.7 in the rings, and a 9.75 in the high bar to capture three first places in the individual events Saturday.

Friday, he finished second in the all-around to UCLA's Peter Vidmar—just a .3 off of Vidmar's 114.9 mark.

Former Husker Gerard was third in the all around, and Cahoy was fourth.

Cahoy won the parallel bars with a 9.7 in the individual competition Saturday; Iowa State's Ron Galimore won titles in the floor exercise with a 9.75, and vault with a 9.9, capping an all-Big Eight first place finish.

Hartung was third in the floor exercise (9.65), and sixth in vaulting (9.4).

Gerard was second in the pommel horse (9.35) fourth in the rings (9.5) third in the parallel bars (9.35) and fifth in the high bar (9.4).

Cahoy finished third in the high bar at 9.45.

Husker Scott Johnson was sixth in the parallel bars with a 9.4.

The top 14 all-arounders become the U.S. team for next year.

It's official.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Gymnastics Federation officially announced that Nebraska Coach Francis Allen will be the U.S. Olympic Gymnastics coach.

Allen, who has led the Huskers to back-to-back NCAA championships, succeeds former Indiana State Coach Roger Council, who stepped down from the Olympic post to become president of the USGF.

Allen chose Bill Meade, head gymnastics coach at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, to be his assistant.

Gymnasts Bart Conner and Kurt Thomas are petitioning the USGF to go to the U.S. Olympic team trials in Jacksonville, Fla., May 25. The top seven from that meet could represent the United States in the Olympics.

Conner and Thomas were unable to compete in the USGF championships because of injuries.

Soccer team wins final game, 7 - 0

By Joni Kramer

Finishing up their spring season, the NU soccer team shut out Northwest Missouri State 7-0 in the Huskers' only home game this season.

"The defense worked really well together," said team member Mike Lanning. "They kept the ball away from the goal a lot, and our goalie (Paul Hornby) did an excellent job of defending our goal when the ball got too close."

Nebraska's tenacious defense was the key factor in its ability to keep the ball away from the Husker goal during the game, team member Jim Nabity said.

In the first half of play the Huskers scored two goals. The first was on a penalty kick by Bob McDonnell and the second was scored by Phil Strevey.

During the second half, Nebraska netted five more goals to end the game. Goals in the second half came from Neil Johnson, Rich Bene and Todd Burgman, who scored one each. Tim Fields scored two during the second half.

Strevey was the only Nebraska player injured, although Rob Frank and Jim Sanders sat out the entire game because of previous injuries.

With a majority of the team members scoring, it was frustrating for some who didn't, according to team member John Sunnygard.

Net frustration

"During the game, I experienced what's known as frustration in front of the net," Sunnygard said. "I had so many shots, but none would go in."

Team member John Hunter attributed the win Saturday to the team's improvement during the season, combined with good team attitude.

"Our attitude was helped a lot by the crowd support," said team member Mike Bosilevac. "It was our first home game and the turnout was good."

Even though it was the team's last season game, they will scrimmage this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mabel Lee Field against the Internationals, a team of NU students.

Big Eight tourney

Last weekend the Huskers competed in the Big Eight tournament, where they had the fourth-best playing record, but finished seventh because of the structure of the tournament. Missouri won, with Kansas second and Colorado third.

Matt Brickell said the team fared well in its closing tournament game against Oklahoma, winning 4-1. Scoring goals for Nebraska in the game were Strevey, Mike Ford, Fields and McDonnell.

The NU soccer team finishes its regular season with some injuries, a lot of hope for next year and no money, Strevey said.

"I feel we should have done better at Iowa State and Big Eight both, but we learned a lot from this season," he said. "Since our team is mainly underclassmen, we have a couple of more years to build and play together. We had planned on a couple more games this season, but our funds ran out, so we are ending our regular season."



Photo by Mark Billingsley

A Nebraska baseball player attempts to pick up extra bases during Saturday's game against Missouri.

Defense, Hunter lead UNL by Tigers

Nebraska, led by strong pitching from Cliff Faust and Steve Gehrke, and consistent hitting from third baseman Jeff Hunter, won three of four games against Missouri, and took the Eastern Divisional lead from the Tigers.

The Huskers, now 12-4, need to win the first game or split in next weekend's final four-game home stand against Kansas to earn a berth in the Big Eight playoffs.

In Friday's opener, the Huskers lost to the Tigers 3-3-0, but came back in the second game to win 2-1 splitting the double header.

In Friday's second game, with the score tied at 1-1, Husker centerfielder Joe Scherger singled in the bottom of the eighth inning, and then stole second base, before Hunter hit him home for the deciding run.

Saturday, Hunter hit Chris Chavez home in the top

of the first inning for the game's only score.

Pitcher Cliff Faust allowed only four hits, struck out seven, and got 10 Tiger batters out on ground balls, while the Husker infield turned two double plays.

In Saturday's second game, pitcher Steve Gehrke retired 14 straight batters before giving up a triple to Ed Woelbel in the fifth inning. In the seventh inning, Woelbel, the leading hitter in the series, singled up the middle to score Lindy Duncan, and send the game into extra innings.

Missouri's Phil Bradley was left stranded at second in the eighth inning, and then, with one out, one ball and two strikes, Hunter hit his home run over the right centerfield fence.

"I knew it was gone the second I hit it. I really hit that ball," he said.