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## Defense dooms Nittany Lion hopes

By Shelley Smith

The Nebraska Cornhusker football team decisively handed Penn State Coach Joe Paterno his 30th career loss Saturday by defeating the Nittany Lions 21-7. In doing so, the Huskers just might have proved a lot of things to themselves—and to the rest of the nation.

In front of the largest crowd ever (84,585) at Beaver Stadium in University Park, Pa. and a national television audience, the Huskers, third-ranked in the nation, racked up 445 yards total offense, while allowing Penn State only 156 of the same.

Nebraska I-back Jarvis Redwine, who has led the nation in rushing averages for two straight weeks, carried the ball 34 times for 189 yards to keep alive his Heisman Trophy hopes.

Redwine, who cut through a Lion defense thought by many to be one of the nation's best, also caught two of Jeff Quinn's passes for 49 yards, scored two touchdowns and received Nebraska's half of Chevrolet's Most Valuable Player Award.

Quinn, in his best performance as Nebraska's starting quarterback, completed 12 of 17 passes for 158 yards

and scored the Husker's opening touchdown—a one-yard dive over the goal line.

Split End Todd Brown, who caught five passes for 60 yards, and tight end Jeff Finn, who caught three for 32 yards, were an integral and explosive part of Nebraska's offense.

However, Nebraska's seemingly dominant offense had its share of problems as well.

The Huskers were penalized 10 times for 141 yards, compared with Penn State's two penalties for 10 yards. Husker Head Coach Tom Osborne said he felt at least a couple of the penalties—an intentional grounding call on Quinn, and a pass interference call on safety Russell Gary—were unjust.

Osborne said, however, that kind of problem is expected when playing on another team's home ground.

Another sore point was Nebraska's field goal attempts. Three times the Huskers had a chance to score on field goals, but two kicks by Eddie Neil and one by Kevin Seibel were no good.

Defensively, the Huskers—especially defensive ends Derrie Nelson and Jimmy Williams—accounted for an explosive afternoon.

In all, the defense was credited with causing the Lions to lose 117 yards rushing. Penn State finished with 33 yards rushing on 40 carries. Of the Lions' six fumbles, the Huskers recovered four of them and picked off three interceptions.

Monster Sammy Sims caught two interceptions, with combined returns of 43 yards. Safety Russell Gary also intercepted a pass. But most agreed it was the inside defensive pressure that paved the road for those turnovers.

Nelson, an All-America candidate, had two sacks for minus 22 yards and recovered a fumble early in the first quarter to set up Nebraska's first touchdown. Jimmy Williams also had two sacks for minus 11 yards and recovered a fumble.

Saturday the Huskers take on Florida State, previously ranked No. 9 in both the Associated Press and the United Press International polls. However, the Seminoles were upset Saturday by Miami of Florida.

## Creighton gains Husker softball championship

By Tad Stryker

Excellent pitching propelled Creighton to the Husker Fall Softball Invitational championship over the weekend.

The UNL softball team finished second. They were beaten twice by Creighton Sunday, 3-0 and 2-0. Between those games, the Huskers eliminated Kansas 2-1 in 11 innings.

Creighton pitcher Marcia Jacobsen threw a four-hitter to defeat the Huskers in the first game, while Candy Letz stopped UNL on four hits to clinch the championship.

Letz and Husker freshman pitcher Sandy Wolterman were named the outstanding players of the tournament. Wolterman won three times, including the Kansas game in which she hurled all 11 innings.

The freshman pitched 13 consecutive hitless innings

Saturday. She no-hit Tarkio 8-0 and shut out Iowa State 1-0, not allowing a Cyclone a single hit until the 7th inning.

UNL Head Softball Coach Judy Plantz said she was mostly pleased with her team's performance.

"We gave a good effort," she said. "We played some tough teams. Those two wins Saturday were good ones for us. We'd always like to finish first, but we gave a fine effort today."

The Huskers won the 11-inning marathon against Kansas with two unearned runs.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Nebraska catcher Rocky Candelario led off the inning with a walk, and pinch runner Deann Carr was then sacrificed to second by Shelly Scott. Carr advanced to third on a ground ball, and with two out, Laura Lowe stepped to the plate.

Lowe hit a sharp grounder right back to the box that KU pitcher LuAnn Stanwix knocked down. Stanwix pounced on the ball immediately but threw low and wide to first as Lowe slid headfirst into the bag. Carr scored to send the game into extra innings.

In the 11th, the Huskers loaded the bases on a single by Scott and walks by Dree McCabe and Lowe. Hoffman hit a ground ball to the Kansas shortstop, who threw to the plate. The catcher missed the ball as Scott came barreling home with the winning run.

In both losses to Creighton, the Huskers had the winning run at the plate in the 7th inning. Laura Lowe grounded out with the bases loaded to end the first game, and Nancy Wicks flied to left, stranding two runners with her third out in the final.

The Huskers' record is now 9-6.

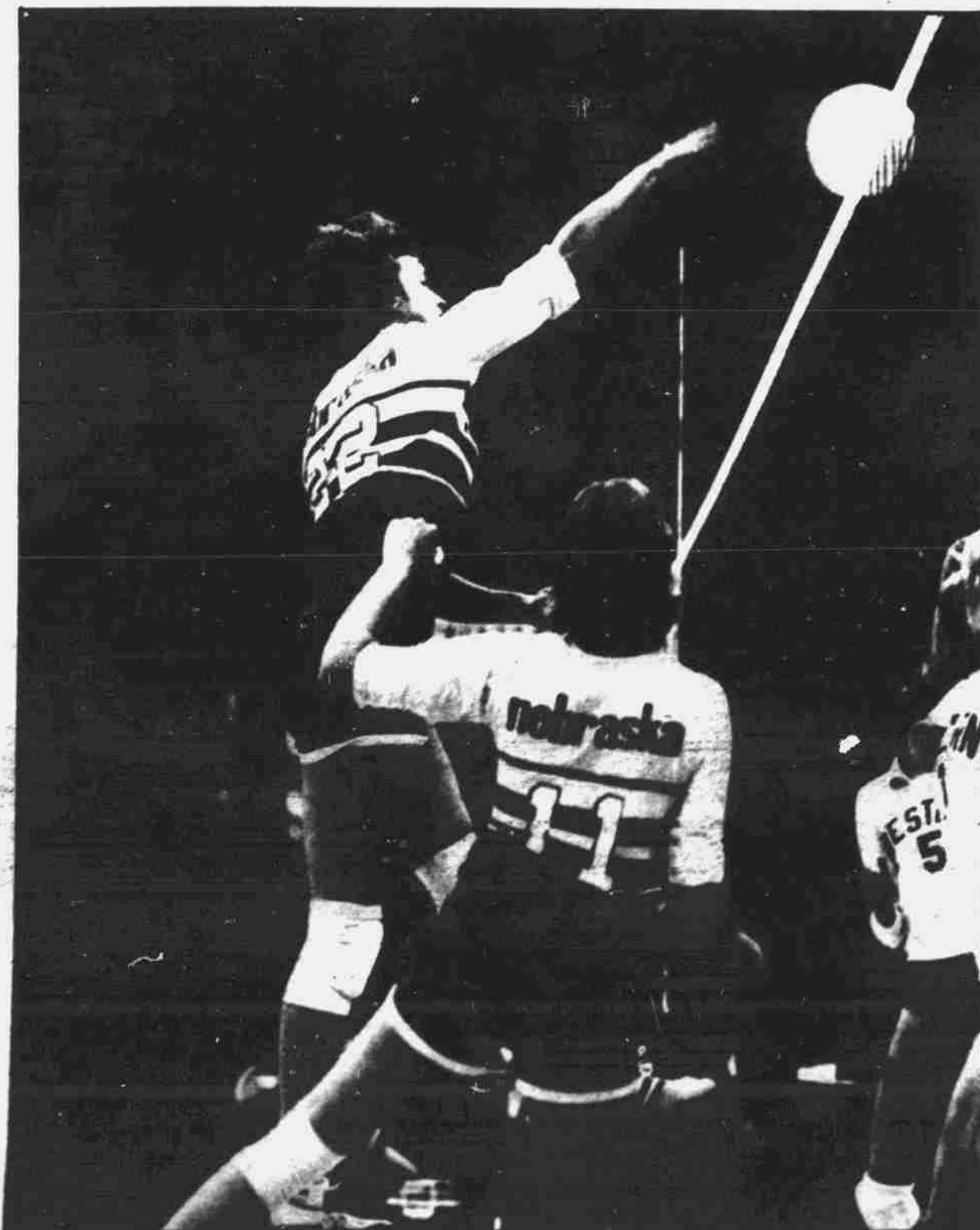


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Husker Volleyball team member Marla Lichty (22) spikes a set from Lori Melcher (11) during Nebraska's game with Western Michigan Friday. Nebraska finished fourth in the Husker Invitational.

## Women's Volleyball team finish fourth in tourney

By Pat Beecham

Nebraska's Women's Volleyball team finished fourth in the Husker Invitational Tournament, which, according to Head Coach Terry Pettit, fielded "strong teams."

Nebraska beat Iowa State Saturday morning 15-1, 16-4, to set a Nebraska-Southeast Missouri State match to see which team would advance to the finals.

Nebraska lost the match to SWMSU 16-14, 15-9, 15-11. Even with the loss, Pettit said he could see some good things in the match.

"I'm optimistic," he said. "In our match against Southwest Missouri State, we saw some technical weaknesses that we will have to make adjustments on which should make us a better team."

After their match with SWMSU, the Huskers advanced to a consolation match against Minnesota which they lost 15-2, 15-

9. Pettit said he wasn't particularly pleased with the team's performance in the match.

## Tennis team wins dual meets

The Husker Women's Tennis Team raised its record to 7-1 following wins against Wichita State (6-3) Friday and Iowa State (5-4) Saturday at the East Campus Courts.

Huskers Cindi Reiman and Sue Moore won singles matches both days and teamed

"We didn't play well in the consolation match," Pettit said. "Mentally we didn't do a good job. I wasn't pleased with the way we played, but I'm relatively certain something like this won't happen again."

SWMSU won the tournament, defeating Oklahoma in three straight sets, 15-9, 15-7, 15-4.

For the Huskers, leading spikers were Terri Kanouse and Marla Lichty. Senior Lori Melcher, who sprained her ankle and didn't play against Minnesota, was the Huskers' top setter.

UNL will travel to Springfield, Mo. Thursday for another tournament that will also field some very strong teams, Pettit said.

SWMSU, Houston, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Illinois and Nebraska will compete in the tournament.

Pettit said for the Huskers to do well at the tournament, the team will have to "try to improve in areas where we didn't do well this week."

with Tracy Schmucker and Ann Swanson to win both doubles matches each day.

Schmucker and Swanson won singles matches against Wichita State Friday and Husker Mimi Magiera won the other singles match against Iowa State Saturday.