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Huskers' opening loss first since 1977

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Nebraska's left cornerback, Dennis Watkins, said he almost fell asleep in the second half. Fullback Tom Rathman said the team made "too many mistakes and just beat ourselves." Coach Tom Osborne said the Cornhuskers played some "very sloppy football."

Whatever the case, Nebraska came out on the short end of 17-13 decision against 17th-ranked Florida State at Memorial Stadium Saturday. The Huskers had not lost a home opener since 1977, when they fell to Washington State, 19-10.

The Huskers wasted little time taking their first lead of the game. They took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in four plays to score. The drive was capped by a 60-yard run by Rathman.

Rathman, a senior from Grand Island, took a handoff from quarterback Travis Turner, shot up the middle and cut to the right. He received a nice block from an official at the 50-yard line when two Florida State players tackled the referee rather than Rathman. This move left Rathman alone for the last 20 yards of the run.

"Basically it was just a 36 trap play where I go up the middle and break to the left," Rathman said. "But their defense moved the same direction so I cut back to the right. I didn't see (the official) because I was busy trying to get past their deep inside linebacker. There was a deep hole there. It was a well-blocked play."

The Seminoles tied the score at 7-7 when they took the ensuing kickoff and marched 79 yards. Quarterback Danny McManus threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Darrin Holloman with 8:11 left in the first quarter.

Florida State advanced to the Nebraska 5-yard line and had a first and goal early in the second quarter, but the Husker defense stiffened and the Seminoles had to settle for a 20-yard field goal by Derek Schmidt.

With McCathorn Clayton, a sophomore red-shirt, filling in for starter Travis Turner, Nebraska responded on the following possession with its second and final touchdown of the game. The 69-yard drive was highlighted by Clayton's 43-yard run. That run moved the Huskers to the Seminole 3-yard line. I-back Doug DuBose scored four plays later from one yard out.

However, the snap on the Husker's extra-point attempt was fumbled, so the score remained 13-10.

Nebraska's kicking woes continued through its next possession. Pinned deep in his own territory, Husker punter Dan Wingard was tackled at the 7-yard line after fielding a bad snap from center Brian Blankenship.

"Mark Cooper, who is normally our long snapper, got hit in the head and didn't know where he was," Osborne said. "We had to go with our second center for punts, who is Blankenship. Brian was wearing golf gloves."

Osborne said the gloves were soaking wet with sweat, and Blankenship was unable to get a good grip on the ball. Blankenship was unable to get the gloves off because they were taped to his hands and he didn't have enough time to take them off, Osborne said.

Florida State capitalized on the good field position when fullback Cletis Jones scored on a two-yard run up the middle. Schmidt's extra point gave the Seminoles a 17-13 lead heading into halftime.

That lead proved to be enough as the teams battled in a scoreless second half.

The second half proved to be a lesson in futility for the Huskers, who drove into Seminole territory four times in the fourth quarter only to be stopped by turnovers and other blunders.

Nebraska's first drive of the quarter stalled at the Florida State eight when the Seminole's Stan Shiver recovered a fumble by Rathman.

Four minutes later, another Husker drive stalled at the Seminole 14 when a field goal



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Nebraska punter Dan Wingard is tackled by Florida State's Jesse Solomon at the Nebraska 7-yard line. The second quarter play helped the Seminoles score the game's winning touchdown in a 17-13 win.

attempt by Dale Klein sailed wide to the left. An interception by Paul McGowan at the Florida State 44 with 3:59 left to play ended another drive.

Nebraska's final series ended at the Florida State 42 when Turner threw an incomplete pass on fourth down with 1:03 left to play.

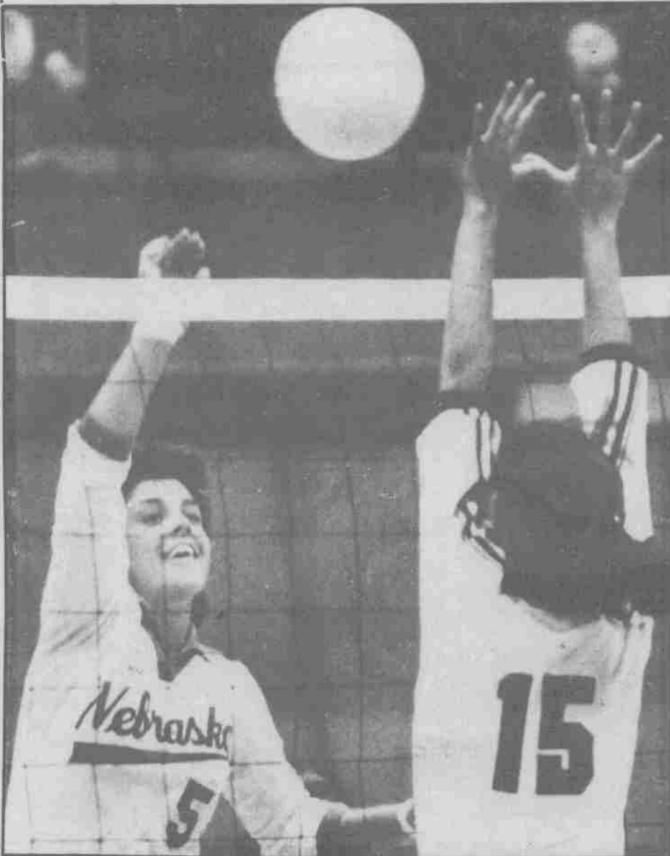
"We just made more mistakes than they did,"

Osborne said.

Florida State didn't have a turnover, a statistic that impressed Osborne.

"It's quite a credit to their football team to play as hot as it is with as many inexperienced people and not have a turnover," he said.

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Nebraska's Annie Adamczak spikes the ball during a match Saturday with Kansas at the Coliseum. The Huskers defeated the Jayhawks 15-6, 15-9 and 15-5. They defeated Iowa Sunday 15-8, 15-1 and 15-4.

Nebraska volleyball season opens with victories over Kansas, Iowa

By Jim Ballard
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The Nebraska volleyball team swept two matches over the weekend to start their season undefeated. Nebraska beat Kansas for its 350th career win and their 11th straight season opener on Saturday. They then defeated Iowa on Sunday in three quick games, 15-8, 15-1, 15-4.

The Cornhuskers got off to a shaky start against Iowa in the first set, giving them a 2-1 lead, but then took the lead with three straight points to hang onto the victory in front of a small Parent Day crowd.

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit gave many players experience with a different starting line-up in each set.

"I think I know which line-up plays best now," Pettit said. But he said he's looking for which "one works best six weeks down the line."

Freshmen Lori Endicott, Michelle Stratbucker and Angie Millikin got playing time to give the team depth, Pettit said.

"Iowa was more organized than Kansas," Pettit said, "and we were more consistent."

Nebraska also had fewer serving errors against Iowa, with Annie Adamczak, Karen Dahlgren and Tish Delaney each having one ace serve.

"I thought Annie Adamczak played very consistently," Pettit said.

Adamczak led the Cornhuskers in a powerful hitting performance with 13 kills. She was followed by Enid Schonewise with 10 and Dahlgren with seven.

Linda Gensing and Lana Kuiper each had four kills to lead the Hawk-eyes.

"Our middle attack was better," Pettit said.

With abnormal heat on Saturday, Nebraska rolled over Kansas 15-6, 15-9, 15-5.

"We did what we practiced," Kansas coach Frankie Albitz said. "We did real well, but we need to work on different things, but they did what we coached them."

Nebraska ran two offenses against the Jayhawks. They ran a 5-1 during the first two sets and a 4-2 in the third to

give Endicott setting experience and Delaney attacking experience.

"This was Tish's first match setting for us, and she played well," Pettit said. "As the season goes on she'll be a great player."

Pettit said the heat might have affected the team.

"I thought Enid got fatigued the second set, and Kathi DeBoer held up pretty well until the third," he said.

Albitz said the heat wasn't a problem for her team.

"We practice in worse than this," she said.

Nebraska's next opponent is the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"I expect UNO to be stronger, and more comfortable playing us because they are from Nebraska," Pettit said.

He said that this would be the biggest game of the season for them.

"They will be unpredictable, because it is an emotional game for them," Pettit said.

The game will be Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Coliseum.

Freshman team to clash with Iowa State

By Chuck Green
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Nebraska's freshman football team opens its 1985 season today when it hosts the Iowa State junior varsity at 1 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

Coach Dan Young, now in his third season at Nebraska, expects a good game.

"I'm sure the Iowa State players will want to do as well as they can," Young said.

The Cyclone's roster features several players from Nebraska, including former

Omaha defensive end Shawn Starks.

"Starks may have been declared ineligible due to academic problems, though," Young said. "I'm not sure if we'll see him or not. We'll just try to do a good job against whoever they (Iowa State) bring."

Quarterback Steve Taylor, 6-0, 182 pounds will lead the Husker offense.

Dave Clare and Tyreese Knox will alternate at I-back. Knox, 5-10, 210 pounds was granted a hardship season last year after he suffered leg and shoulder injuries. John Roschal, 6-3, 255 pounds, will anchor the offensive line.

Defensively, the Huskers' line possesses size and strength in tackle Greg Ching, middle guard Cleo Rice, and end Broderick Thomas. Thomas selected Nebraska over Texas, Houston, Oklahoma and Texas A&M.

The linebackers will be Steve DeShazer, 6-3, 230 pounds and Leroy Etienne, 6-2, 235. Etienne, a Parade Magazine All-American his senior year at Louisiana's New Iberia High School, was the Louisiana Defensive Player of the Year two seasons in a row.

The secondary is led by safety Chad Murrell and Marvin Sanders a 6-1, 175-

pound cornerback from Markham, Ill., who has :04.5 speed in the 40. Murrell was an honorable-mention American selection by USA Today during his senior season in high school. Also in the secondary is Charlie Fryar, the cousin of former Husker All-American Irving Fryar.

The kicking game will be handled by Scott Beckler, a punter from Grand Island and Chris Drennan, a kicker from Cypress, Calif. Drennan turned down soccer scholarships from Columbia and UCLA and an appointment with the Air Force Academy to sign with the Huskers.

Young said he and the team "are anxious to play in a game and see how well we do. We think we have a good squad, and I think they've progressed well."

Last season, the Husker Freshmen defeated Coach Dana Deines' Iowa State team 27-10 in Ames. Young says he "doesn't know much about this year's (Cyclone) team."

"We now the offensive and defensive schemes they'll use," he said. "But we're not really sure of their strengths and weaknesses because we haven't been able to scout them."