

# Sports

## Tennis team loses to KU Jayhawks

By Jeff Apel  
Staff Reporter

Pat Carson chose to take a Brian Bosworth approach when he entered the Cornhusker men's tennis team's match against Kansas, but his actions spoke louder than his words.

Carson, the Huskers' No. 6 singles player, said he used a strong mental approach to post a come-from-behind, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory against the Jayhawks' Kevin Brady.

But that victory was one of the few bright spots for Nebraska, as the Huskers lost all three doubles matches en route to dropping a 6-3 decision to Kansas Saturday at the East Campus tennis courts.

Carson said he developed his new mental approach recently after a discussion with men's tennis coach Kerry McDermott.

Carson said McDermott emphasized that a match wasn't over after the first set. Carson said he used that philosophy — along with the Bosworthlike trick of sporting a shaved head with "NU" cut into it — to defeat Brady.

"I was really happy with the way I played," Carson said. "I hit at the ball instead of holding back, and I was able to convince myself that the match wasn't over after the first set."

Carson said the Huskers decided to wear short hair cuts after they

won five of six singles matches to defeat Wichita State earlier this season.

Just one day after Nebraska defeated the Shockers, Carson said, the Jayhawks defeated Wichita State 5-4.

Carson said that outcome gave Nebraska confidence entering the meet against Kansas, but it wasn't enough as the Jayhawks' Mike Wolf, Craig Wildey and Chris Walker posted singles and doubles victories.

"We're never happy about losing, but we thought we played pretty well," Carson said. "We felt pretty good."

Kansas coach Scott Perelman said the Huskers' determination was impressive for a losing team.

Perelman said if Nebraska is to compete successfully in this weekend's Big Eight Conference championships in Oklahoma City, Okla., Nebraska must play better doubles.

He said that the Jayhawks' victory will place Kansas in a deadlock with Oklahoma State for the conference lead.

Perelman said that if the Jayhawks are to win the 1987 conference title, they must continue to improve.

"I can't say I'm really pleased this season," he said. "We've got to improve, because I don't think over all we're playing as good as we can."

## NU track wins 7 relay events at Kansas Relays Saturday but still needs to improve says coach

By Tim Hartmann  
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Nebraska track coach Gary Pepin said he was pleased with the performance of the Cornhusker track teams at the Kansas Relays Saturday in Lawrence, Kan. No scoring was used at the meet, but Pepin said his teams fared well.

"They don't keep score, but if they did we probably would have won," Pepin said. "They don't keep score at most of the big relays."

Nebraska won seven events, three in the women's competition and four in the men's competition. The men's distance team of Jean Verster, Terry Goods, Regis Humphrey and Robert Gonzales won two events: the two-mile relay and the medley relay. They won the two-mile event with a time of 7:28.4 and the medley relay with a time of 9:50.82.

Other men's winners were Bill Trott, who won the 100-meter race with a time of 10.40 seconds, and Jody Fischer, who won the 5,000-meter run.

For the women's competition, Renita Robinson broke the meet record in the triple jump, her 43-foot jump broke the record of 41-5 1/4 set last year by Nebraska's Sha-ri Pendleton.

Nebraska also won the top two positions in the women's long jump. Karen Kruger won with a jump of 21-0 1/2, and Kim Guthrie finished second with a jump of 20-6. The women's two-mile relay team of Carol Nunnally, Heidi Christiansen, Juliet Prowse and Sharon Powell won that event with a time of

8:53.10.

Sammie Resh and Tammy Thurman turned in second-place finishes for

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—Pepin

Nebraska. Resh competed in the 3,000-meter run, and Thurman competed in the high jump.

Joe Dial, a former Oklahoma State athlete who now competes unattached,

broke his own American record in the pole vault with a jump of 19-4 3/4.

Pepin said that despite Nebraska's strong showing, he sees room for improvement on both the men's and women's teams.

"There are a lot of areas we have got to start doing a little better in," Pepin said. "Our improvement needs to come mainly from those who have been injured. We'll need them in the later meets and in the conference meet."

"I don't think we have anyone who is doing poorly," he said, "but we have to get those who have been injured back competing. Otherwise we are not going to have two really strong teams."

Several Huskers will compete in the Midland Invitational today in Fremont, and on Friday and Saturday the team will travel to Des Moines, Iowa, for the Drake Relays.

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Nebraska quarterback Gerry Gdowski (13) looks for an open receiver during Saturday's intra-squad football scrimmage. Gdowski, who was listed as the Cornhuskers' No. 1 quarterback last week because of injuries to Steve Taylor and Clete Blakeman, completed eight of 19 passes for 172 yards and three touchdowns, and rushed for 44 yards in the game.

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