

Osborne wants quicker start

By Mark Derowitsch
Senior Reporter

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne hopes the No. 10-ranked Cornhuskers decide to show up for the start of Saturday night's game at Memorial Stadium.

Osborne said the Huskers have been a slow starting team so far this season, but that that attitude better change soon. He said it will take a four-quarter effort to defeat Arizona State.

"Maybe we've talked so much about being a great 4th quarter team that we thought we didn't have to play in the 1st quarter," Osborne said of Nebraska's slow starts. "They seem to be very confident that we're going to be really good in the end. So maybe we need to emphasize a fast start a little bit more."

Kickoff for Saturday's game is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. and will be televised by ESPN (Cablevision channel 23).

In Nebraska's first three games, opponents outscored Nebraska 35-14 in the 1st quarter. Nebraska's 14 1st-quarter points were all scored against Utah State.

But Osborne said the Huskers usually make up for their slow start with a strong 2nd half.

"We also did not play well early in New Jersey (a 23-14 win over Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic)," Osborne said. "Then, the last three quarters, we played satisfactorily. Particularly, in the last half of the games, we've played well. But I don't think we can afford to do that and have a good season. So we need to play well early, and we need to play well through the whole ballgame."

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Arizona State coach Larry Marmie said he doesn't think the Huskers will play any different in the 1st quarter than they do in the last quarter.

"UCLA got a couple of big plays early in the game, but those things happen," Marmie said. "I don't anticipate either team winning or losing the game in the 1st quarter."

Marmie, who succeeded John Cooper as Arizona State's coach last January, said the Sun Devils must contain Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor.

Taylor, a senior from Fresno, Calif., has rushed for 230 yards on 41 attempts in leading the Huskers to a 2-1 record. He also has completed 32 of 61 passes for 393 yards and four touchdowns thus far this season.

Last season against Arizona State, Taylor gained 122 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns, and threw for another score.

"I think I saw enough of him last year," Marmie said. "I wish I could see someone else back there this year. He's a great athlete and he's a little underrated. I think he's a great quarterback who happens to be a great athlete. He can beat you so many ways and he has a lot of football smarts."

But Osborne said Sun Devil quarterback Daniel Ford could be as big a factor as Taylor.

Ford, a senior from Tulsa, Okla., has completed 65 percent of his passes this season, including three for touchdowns.

"They're a lot like UCLA in that they have a good quarterback (who) throws very well and who is very experienced," Osborne said. "They'll

About the Opponent

September 24, 1988—6:15 p.m. (CDT)—Memorial Stadium—Lincoln, Ne

School location	Tempe, Arizona 85287
Enrollment	41,540
Nickname	Sun Devils
Colors	Maroon and Gold
Conference	Pacific-10
Head Coach	Larry Marmie (Eastern Kentucky, 1965)
Basic offense	I- and split back
Basic defense	multiple
1987 record	7-4-1
1987 Pac-10 record	3-3-1, fourth place tie
Lettermen returning	33 (18 offense, 13 defense, 2 specialists)
Lettermen lost	16 (6 offense, 10 defense)
Series record vs. Nebraska	1-1-0

Last season, Nebraska I-back Keith Jones sprinted 62 yards to the Arizona State 8-yard line, setting up a 3-yard touchdown run by Steve Taylor with 3:37 remaining, giving the Cornhuskers a 35-28 win. Jones led the Huskers with 145 yards on 17 carries.

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throw the ball enough so that we'll have to concentrate on both the run and the pass."

Marmie said Ford has improved since last year.

"We think he's a big asset for us," he said. "Danny's started 12 games

for us, and we have a record of 9-2-1. He's gained a lot of experience. He's been playing much better."

Marmie said Arizona State will have to run the ball well to beat

See SUN DEVILS on 10



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Nebraska freshman outside-hitter Monica Carey prepares to return a shot during practice Wednesday at the NU Coliseum. Carey and the rest of the Cornhuskers will begin play in the Nebraska/Prairie Maid Invitational at 7:30 p.m. against Wyoming Friday at the Coliseum.

Wyoming wants fans in the stands

By Jeff Apel
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Any homecourt advantage that the Nebraska volleyball team has in this weekend's Nebraska/Prairie Maid Invitational will quickly disappear when the Cornhuskers face Wyoming.

Wyoming volleyball coach Mike English said the Cowgirls plan to negate the Huskers' homecourt advantage by using their Nebraska ties to their advantage. The Wyoming roster includes four native Nebraskans who will play key roles in the Cowgirls' success by contributing on the court and placing Wyoming fans in the stands.

Nebraska will open its portion of the tournament against Wyoming at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the NU Coliseum. A 5:30 p.m. match between Indiana and Kansas State precedes.

Nebraska will face Kansas State and Wyoming will square off against Indiana at 10:15 a.m. Saturday. The two-day tournament will then be closed out with a Nebraska-Indiana match at 3:30 p.m. Saturday and a Wyoming-Kansas State match at 6 p.m.

English said the presence of three Nebraskans in the Cowgirls' starting lineup will work to his team's advantage. The Nebraskans that start for Wyoming are freshman outside hitter Kim Smith of Lincoln, junior outside hitter Darcy Cudaback of Exeter and senior middle blocker Katie Donahue of Inland.

Wyoming's remaining player with Nebraska ties is Karen Soukup, a freshman outside hitter from Millard. In addition, the Cowgirls' assistant

coach Julie Hermann played for the Huskers Nebraska from 1981-84.

English said he has spoken to Smith, Cudaback, Donahue and Soukup about performing in front of a home crowd.

"We've talked about it and they're planning on putting a lot of spectators in the stands," English said. "They know they want to have a strong showing in front of their home crowd."

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English said Smith was forced into the starting lineup earlier this season when outside hitter Ginger Bruere suffered a season-ending Achilles tendon injury. He said Bruere's loss was a big one because the 6-5 Cowgirls are now inexperienced at the outside hitter position.

"We're just hoping our system starts pulling itself together," English said. "We haven't been pleased with the way we've been playing but at this point we're just taking one match at a time."

Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit is looking forward to the tournament because of its high level of competition. He said he is also anxious for it to begin because the invitational will mark the Huskers' first home appearance since they defeated Florida and Pacific in the Nebraska/Firs Tier Invitational on Sept. 3.

"Our fans are chomping at the bit to get back and see us play," Pettit said. "We need to spend some time in Lincoln. It's a time we can devote to training, studies and mowing our lawns."

Pettit said he is concerned because the 8-2 Huskers have not put together lengthy scoring spurts. He said defense and ball handling problems have prevented Nebraska from becoming an explosive offensive team.

"We haven't been scoring like we have in the past," Pettit said. "You score points on defense. You score points when you pass and put the ball in play."

Indiana volleyball coach Tom Shoji said offense hasn't been a problem since the Hoosiers reeled off six-straight victories after opening their season with losses to Notre Dame and Stanford. He said Indiana is getting "better and better" each time it takes the court.

"We've won six matches in a row, so I'm confident we will play well," Shoji said. "We're approaching this tournament with a lot of confidence."

Shoji said his team is looking forward to facing Nebraska. He said the Hoosiers would gain some needed national recognition if they beat the Huskers.

"It's a challenge to us," Shoji said. "It's going to be a real eye opener."

Cal Bentz to appeal 'unfair' FINA ruling

By Richard Cooper
Staff Reporter

Nebraska men's swimming coach Cal Bentz said Thursday he thinks Cornhusker swimmer Peter Williams is being treated unfairly by the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur.

FINA met this week at the Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, and disallowed the world record time of 22.18 seconds that Williams posted in the 50-meter freestyle at an April 10 Olympic time trial qualifying meet in Indianapolis. The story first appeared in Tuesday's edition of USA Today newspaper.

Bentz said that although he has not received any official notification from FINA, he is upset

about the way Williams is being treated.

"I'm fired up," Bentz said. "I think the way Peter is being treated in this incident is unfair. FINA could have at least notified Peter about the decision before they released it in a press release."

Bentz said that FINA's reason for its decision was that Williams could not prove he was not a member of the South African Swimming Federation.

South Africa is not a member of FINA and is banned from Olympic competition because of its apartheid racial policy.

Williams said Wednesday that the last time he swam in a meet sanctioned by the South African Swimming Federation was in February 1987 and the last time he signed with the SASF

was in October 1986.

Williams said that when he and Bentz applied to FINA for the 50-meter record, they were not asked to produce evidence proving he was not a member of the SASF. He said the incident is ridiculous because athletes in South Africa register with the SASF in six-month time periods.

"I can prove to them that I'm not a member of the South African Swimming Association," Williams said. "Technically, I'm a member of the American Swimming Association because I swim here at UNL."

Bentz thinks FINA made the decision so Tom Jager's old record of 22.23 could be broken in the Olympics' 50-meter final Saturday.

"It's a hell of a lot easier to break a world record when it's slower," Bentz said. "I think FINA wants a new world record broken at the Olympics."

Bentz said that when he does get official notice from FINA, he will appeal the decision. Williams, a sophomore, said he suspected FINA would deny his record. He said the incident — whatever the outcome — will motivate him to swim even faster.

"I really don't care what happens even though it's unfair," Williams said. "This kind of thing motivates me to swim faster and if they take the record away from me, then I'll just have to go out and break it again."