

# Beautiful win not necessary to make Coach Darlington a happy man

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If Nebraska's football team would have competed in gymnastics Saturday, the Cornhuskers probably wouldn't have received many perfect scores during its 26-18 win against Missouri.

Nebraska secondary coach George Darlington, speaking at the Extra Point luncheon Monday at Dillard's, said the Cornhuskers didn't grade out as a perfect 10 against the Tigers.

"You know we have a fantastic gymnastics program and the fans in the state have really learned that the important thing is what kind of points you get for a performance," Darlington said. "And that feeling has permeated the fans in Nebraska to think that a win is not really good enough. It has to be a beautiful win — you have to have a rating of 9.7, 9.8 or 9.85."

Darlington said he doesn't care what kind of performance the Huskers give, as long as they come out on top.

"If we win the next four games, and (the fans) don't really happy about it, tough luck," Darlington said. "If you don't like how it was done or it wasn't beautiful, that's the breaks of the game. We are not a gymnastics team — football's a different game. I was very, very pleased to beat Missouri."

Darlington said the Huskers, 8-1 overall and 4-0 in the Big Eight, had a difficult time matching up against Missouri. The Tigers shut down the Huskers' offense in the first half and led 6-0 at halftime. The Tigers limited Nebraska to 116 yards rushing on 52 attempts for the game.

"Missouri was a fine, very strong and physical football team on both sides of the ball," Darlington said. "They matched up with us extremely well. They were horrible on pass defense. They had a very good rushing defense."

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The Tigers blitzed about 70 percent of the time, Darlington said. Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor completed 3 of 9 passes for 153 yards and a touchdown. But Taylor was held to minus-38 yards rushing on 13 carries.

"The only chance to win was to take a lot of chances on their blitz

game," Darlington said. "They did an excellent job with it for part of the game. The problem is, the game is 60 minutes long, not 30 or 35. You're going to be shut down playing a team that blitzes. But suddenly, someone runs down an open field with the ball."

Although the offense struggled against the Tigers, the Nebraska defense played outstanding, Darlington said.

Nebraska held the Tigers to 97 yards passing and 253 yards of total offense.

"As a defensive coach, I was pleased with the way the defense played," Darlington said. "I think the defense controlled the line of scrimmage very well."

**NOTES:**

- The only change on the depth chart this week was at right outside linebacker, where sophomore Mike Croel moved up and is now sharing first-team with Jeff Mills. Croel, from Sudbury, Mass., made one tackle and blocked a punt late in the second half against the Tigers.

- Only one Husker was seriously injured Saturday. Reserve fullback Brian Harchelrod sprained his right knee and will not play against Iowa State Saturday in Ames, Iowa.



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**Nebraska I-back Tyreese Knox gives the Cornhuskers their first lead of the game with a 1-yard, third-quarter touchdown run Saturday against Missouri at Memorial Stadium. Nebraska was held to 116 yards rushing on 52 carries during the Huskers' 26-18 win.**

# Glasnost Bowl a possibility for Cornhuskers

It sounded like a bad joke at first. The Glasnost Bowl. What's next — the Kremlin Classic? The battle for the little brown jug of vodka?

But don't scoff at the Glasnost Bowl.

Raycom Communications will televise the Glasnost Bowl from Moscow on Sept. 2, 1989. Participating teams haven't been selected yet.

But what if the good folk at Raycom realize that the Vladimirs of the East might pay top ruble to see the Big Red of the West?

It's possible. Nebraska is a sure bet to be competitive each year.

In a Lincoln Star article last week, Tom Osborne seemed less-than-enthused about the possibility of playing in the game.

Osborne said those before-the-season, invitation-only games make for short summers.

But better to have a short summer than to have a long, dull fall for players who openly admit that it's tough to get motivated for paties.

Acting as a perfect opportunity to make good on an otherwise embarrassing non-conference schedule.

No offense, Jerry Dunlap. But get that jersey off your back.

Dunlap, a reserve quarterback from California, wears No. 12. He should go back to the equipment room and shop for another jersey. Any jersey — but not No. 12.



That goes for all Huskers. The number worn by Turner Gill — Nebraska's finest quarterback — should have been retired five years ago.

College quarterbacks — at least the great ones — need to run, pass and lead. Gill did it all, running a flawless option and rarely throwing into traffic.

Gill was a prince, one of Osborne's favorites. He earned the respect of Mike Rozier, Irving Fryar and big-name offensive lineman.

Let's put No. 12 in a trophy case.

Better late than never.

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"Top-ranked UCLA has fallen to Washington State."

Those words came from an ESPN sportscaster Saturday afternoon. And they made my day. Probably my semester.

It wasn't long ago that I was sitting in the Rose Bowl. Nebraska was trailing UCLA 38-7.

An unprovoked Bruin fan turned to me, my friend and a subdued Nebraska fan and said: "Hey farmers, go warm up your mobile homes and drive back to the drought."

I cringed. It hurt like ketchup in a canker sore.

So here's a belated reply to the smart aleck and the other 51,000 fair-weather Bruin fans who filled half of the Rose Bowl Saturday and watched UCLA go down in flames:

"Hey coastal clods: Go warm up your BMWs. Drive to that drug store near the fault line and buy a tube of lipstick. Then pucker up and kiss your national championship goodbye — again."

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Nebraska coaches have taken heat in past seasons for recruiting lesser athletes to play in the defensive secondary.

The argument ran: Nebraska's inept secondary is a mess of pint-sized, slow boys whose biggest accomplishment was being named Homecoming king at a Class C high school.

But if coaches deserved criticism then, they deserve praise now.

Reggie Cooper, Charles Fryar, Tim Jackson and Lorenzo Hicks are outstanding athletes. They come from New Orleans, Burlington City, N.J., Dallas and Kansas City, Mo.

Cooper plays mistake-free football. Cooper is destined to be on Bob Hope's All-America show someday.

And Charles Fryar plays with a mean streak. He'd blindside his grandma if she told him to eat his peas and carrots.

It's time to get off the backs of the guys who chase the fleet afoot each Saturday. They play the game's toughest position.

And they're playing real well.

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# Huskers take championship

By Steve Sipple  
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The Nebraska women's cross country team, which placed three runners among the top 10, captured the championship Saturday at the Big Eight Cross Country meet at Stillwater, Okla.

The Cornhuskers, who also won the conference meet title in 1985, were led by senior Sammie Resh, who placed 4th with a time of 17 minutes, 3.82 seconds over 5,000 meters on the Oklahoma State Cross Country Course.

The Huskers' Yvonne van der Kolk finished 5th in 17:08.48 and Juliet Prowse was 8th in 17:25.74.

Nebraska's women totaled 41 points to outdistance Oklahoma State (61) and Iowa State (77). Kansas State finished 4th with 83 points; Missouri was 5th with 112; Colorado was 6th with 120; Oklahoma was 7th with 225 and Kansas State finished last with 230.

The Husker men's team placed third at the meet behind 1st place Iowa State and runner-up Colorado.

Nebraska coach Jay Dirksen, who coaches both the Husker men and women, said he was pleased with how well the top five runners on his women's team performed.

Oklahoma State's Sonia Barry, a freshman from New Zealand, won the race in 16:19.11 — a Big Eight record for 5,000 meters.

Nebraska's men's team was plagued by injuries, Dirksen said. The Huskers placed just one runner in the top 10 — Jacques van Rensburg, who ran a 30:42.35 and finished 5th on the 10,000-meter course.

Iowa State tallied 34 points, Colorado had 71 and Nebraska finished with 101.

Oklahoma State finished 4th with 111 points followed by Kansas State (113), Kansas (129), Oklahoma (149) and Missouri (170).

# Swim coaches happy with season opener

By Lori Griffin  
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Though the Nebraska women's swimming team didn't defeat Kansas this weekend at the Big Eight Invitational, Cornhusker coach Ray Huppert said he was satisfied with his team's performance.

Huppert said the Huskers performed well, finishing second to Kansas in their first meet of the season, held Friday and Saturday at Iowa State's Beyer Hall.

"We feel that we are right on track and that's important right now," Huppert said. "With the exception of not beating Kansas, we did the things that we need to do."

Kansas tallied 548 points and Nebraska had 433. Iowa State finished 3rd with 280 and Missouri 4th with 97. Nebraska got individual lifetime bests from Laurel Hill and Kathy Barrigan. Hill, a sophomore from Omaha, had her best perform-

ances in the 200 and 500 freestyle events. Barrigan, a junior from Laguna Hills, Calif., swam personal bests in the 100 and 50 freestyle events, Huppert said.

Huppert said he was also pleased with the performance of sophomore Jenell Garcia, who won the 200 butterfly in 2:09.20. Garcia, from Boulder, Colo., also finished 5th in the 500 freestyle in 5:15.16.

The Huskers took 1st place finishes from senior Julie May in the three-meter diving competition and sophomore Amy Aarsen in one-meter diving.

Nebraska sophomore Kristen Neuenstokt finished 2nd in the 200 breaststroke behind Jenny Adams of Iowa State. Neuenstokt also finished 4th in the 200 freestyle.

Sophomore Mindy Metheny finished 2nd in the 50 freestyle and 4th in the 100 freestyle.

Huppert said the Huskers need to improve on their swimming tech-

nique, including starts, turns and breathing patterns.

"There were some things that I saw that were problems, but they were things that I expected at this point in the season," Huppert said. "I think we need to work on our lifting. We were what I would call leg-sore."

On the men's side, Nebraska coach Cal Bentz also said he was pleased with the Huskers, who won the meet with 453 points.

Nebraska was followed by Kansas' 385 points, Iowa State's 302 points, and Missouri's 120 points.

Bentz gave the credit to the Husker assistant coaches for their preparation.

"The assistant coaches work hard to get the guys prepared for the various events," Bentz said. "I think that's a credit to them because that's a tough job."

Bentz said the Huskers are in much better physical condition and will now be able to focus on the dual meet

season.

Nebraska received a 1st-place finish from senior Lewis Meyers in the one-meter diving competition. Meyers also finished 2nd in three-meter diving behind Lee-Jay Striffler of Iowa State.

Husker senior Mike Irvin won two events — the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 16:06.30 and the 400 individual medley in 4:06.14. Irvin also finished 2nd in the 200 backstroke.

Nebraska's Mike Niewenhuis got a 1st place in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:43.84. Sophomore Peter Williams won the 50 freestyle in 20.74.

Nebraska's 400 freestyle relay team came in first with a time of 3:06.17.

Other 1st-place finishes for the Huskers included Jaco Kruger in the 500 freestyle, Rhett Talbert in the 200 butterfly and Sean Frampton in the 200 breaststroke.