

Coach: Huskers benefit from difficulties

By Mark Derowitsch
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With two games left in the regular season, Nebraska's football team may only have to deal with a couple more adverse situations.

But Nebraska receivers coach Ron Brown said the Cornhuskers have proved they gain strength from difficulties.

Brown, speaking at Monday's Extra Point Luncheon at Dillard's, said Nebraska's final two games against Colorado and Oklahoma won't be any different than its past games. The Huskers will play Colorado Saturday in Lincoln before facing Oklahoma Nov. 19 in Norman, Okla.

"You never quite know where kids' minds are at," Brown said. "But I think one of the things that we're

really proud of the kids for this year is their character. They've bounced back from some adversities."

Brown said Nebraska's offense and defense have come back from games when the Huskers didn't play well to perform up to their capabilities.

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Brown said Saturday was the Husker offense's turn to bounce back. Nebraska, 9-1 overall and 5-0 in the Big Eight, defeated Iowa State 51-16

behind quarterback Steve Taylor's 154 yards rushing and 71 yards passing.

But on Oct. 29, Missouri shut out the Huskers in the first half before Nebraska managed to down the Tigers 26-18.

"I think the offense had something to prove this week against Iowa State," Brown said.

Brown said Nebraska's comeback tendencies should help the team for the season's last two games.

"The kids don't stay in the tank too long," Brown said. "They bounce back very quickly. I think it's a very important aspect of the team this year, which I think is going to be a big factor in some of the upcoming ball games."

Leading the Huskers through tough times, Brown said, will be Taylor. He said Taylor proved he could have a good game after having

a sub-par performance against Missouri.

Taylor, a senior from Fresno, Calif., was held to minus-38 yards rushing two weeks ago against Missouri. He completed three of nine passes for 153 yards against the Tigers.

Brown said Taylor has been effectively running Nebraska's option

game, especially against the Cyclones.

"I think probably the biggest factor of the game was we were able to run the option game so well," Brown said. "Steve Taylor probably had his best game for Nebraska in terms of running the option. He ran it about flawlessly. He did everything I think we wanted an option quarterback to do."

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in brief

SPORTS

UNL Women's Soccer Club undefeated

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Soccer Club capped an undefeated season Sunday with a 3-0 win against Iowa State at the East Campus soccer field.

The Cornhuskers, 8-0-1, got goals from Joanne Latoza, Kathy Klein and Tricia McGill.

McGill said the Huskers played well.

"This last game was the most consistently played game all season," McGill said. "The passing game we displayed is what really won the game for us. Iowa State couldn't keep up with us."

Nebraska remains 7th in AP poll

Nebraska kept its No. 7 ranking for the second straight week in The Associated Press college football poll released Monday.

Nebraska, 9-1, tallied 840 points in the balloting of the nation's sportswriters and broadcasters. Notre Dame, which defeated Rice 54-11 Sunday, retained its No. 1 status with 1,160 points. The rest of the Top 10 repeated last week's rankings. Southern Cal was 2nd, followed by Miami, West Virginia, Florida State, UCLA and Nebraska.

Oklahoma is again No. 8, followed by No. 9 Auburn and No. 10 Wyoming. Colorado, Nebraska's opponent this Saturday in Lincoln, entered the rankings at No. 19.

Despite loss to CSU, women swimmers performed well, Coach Huppert says

By Lori Griffin
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Despite losing a dual to Colorado State by 14 points Saturday, the Nebraska women's swimming and diving team performed well, Coach Ray Huppert said.

The meet, which took place at Colorado State's Moby Pool in Fort Collins, Colo., wasn't decided until the final event — the 400 freestyle relay. The Rams led 70-63 entering the last relay.

The Cornhuskers would have forced a tie had they won the event, but Colorado State won the relay in a time of 3 minutes, 34.98 seconds and got the dual's final points, giving them the 77-63 win.

Nebraska's foursome of Lynne Braddock, Jenny Bauernfeind, Kathy Barragan and Mindy Matheny finished in third place, behind another Colorado State team, in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:40.01.

Huppert said the Huskers' performed well in the final event despite their 3rd-place finish.

"We had one more chance to tie the meet," he said. "Colorado State had the meet won except for the last event. I think that's a real good attribute of

our kids. They're not going to give up. They work to win. It's disappointing to lose.

"I think we went in as a decisive underdog."

Nebraska trailed by as much as 22 points during the meet.

"We fought to take the meet to the last relay," Huppert said. "I'm pleased with the team. We are building, and that is what we want to do throughout the rest of the first semester."

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4:40.08. Sophomore captain Kristen Neuenfeldt, from Wayzata, Minn., also performed well in winning the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, Huppert said.

Huppert also said he saw good efforts from sophomore Jenell Garcia and junior Allison Barker in the butterfly competitions. Garcia, from Boulder, Colo., won the 200 butterfly in 2:10.14. Barker, competing in the 100 butterfly event, won in 58.75 seconds.

Nebraska also had a first-place finish in the one-meter diving competition. Sophomore Amy Aarsen won the event with a score of 273.10.

In the three-meter diving competition, senior Julie May finished second behind Colorado State's Ann Grob. May scored 267.08, while Grob earned 270.48 points.

Carole Johnson won the 200 backstroke in 2:13.33. She also finished 2nd in the 100 backstroke with a 1:01.64 clocking.

Colorado State's Jeannette Beitz won the 100 backstroke in 1:01.37.

Nebraska's next meet will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center when the Huskers meet Southern Illinois.

Injuries keep top two receivers from practice

By Nick Hodge
Staff Reporter

Nebraska's top two receivers did not complete Monday's practice because of injuries as the Cornhuskers began preparations for this Saturday's game against Colorado, coach Tom Osborne said.

Husker starting tight end Todd Millikan, who's nursing a chronic hamstring injury, was held out of the sweat clothes and helmet workout. Meanwhile, starting split end Morgan Gregory suffered a dislocated finger during a receiving drill and left practice early, Osborne said.

Gregory, a 6-foot, 185-pound, junior from Denver, Colo., leads Nebraska with 20 receptions for 239 yards and two touchdowns. Osborne said Gregory dislocated the pinky finger on his left hand, but should be alright for Saturday's game against the Buffaloes.

Millikan, a 6-foot-3, 245-pound, senior from Shenandoah, Iowa, has caught 15 passes for 299 yards and seven touchdowns so far this season. One of those scoring receptions was a 6-yarder from quarterback Steve Taylor last Saturday in Nebraska's 51-16 win over Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

Osborne said Millikan will probably miss a couple more practices this week, but should also be ready for the Huskers' season finale in Memorial Stadium.

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