

UNL tennis team scores double victory

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Tina Coutretsis kept her perfect Big Eight singles record intact during the Nebraska women's tennis team's 8-1 and 6-3 victories against Iowa State and Colorado on Friday and Saturday.

Coutretsis, a freshman with a 21-6 record overall and a 5-0 mark in the Big Eight at No. 6 singles, is assured of a top-four seed at the Big Eight tournament, which is a week away. She said she is confident entering the tournament because she is playing better than she did in the fall, when she was 10-2.

Coutretsis said she is looking for more success at the conference tournament.

"My goal is to win the Big Eight title," she said.

Nebraska coach Gregg Calvin gave her the ultimate Big Eight vote of confidence.

"She's got a good chance against the Oklahoma State girl," he said.

The Cowgirls are the defending conference champions, as they totaled 130 of a possible 135 points in Big Eight play in 1989. Oklahoma State will face the Cornhuskers on Sunday, after Saturday's Nebraska-Oklahoma match.

The Huskers kept themselves in first-division contention with their dual victories over two of the Big Eight's less-talented teams.

Nebraska rolled over Iowa State, the probable seventh-place finisher in the league, Friday at the Woods Park tennis bubbles.

Saturday at the Cather-Pound

courts, the Huskers outlasted Colorado, a team that uses baseline tactics.

Nebraska's Meghan Quinn won the longest "determination match," as Calvin called it, beating Elke Schaumberg, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, in about three hours to make the score 3-3 after the singles.

"Meghan's was a huge match for us," Calvin said. "She won some 50-ball rallies."

That's 50 balls, as in hitting the ball over the net 50 times for one point.

"(The Lady Buffs) don't have a lot of players that make the opponent serve and volley," Calvin said. "They don't do a lot with the ball."

Coutretsis said matches like Saturday's, which started at 2 p.m. and ended at 7:30 p.m., can wear on the players.

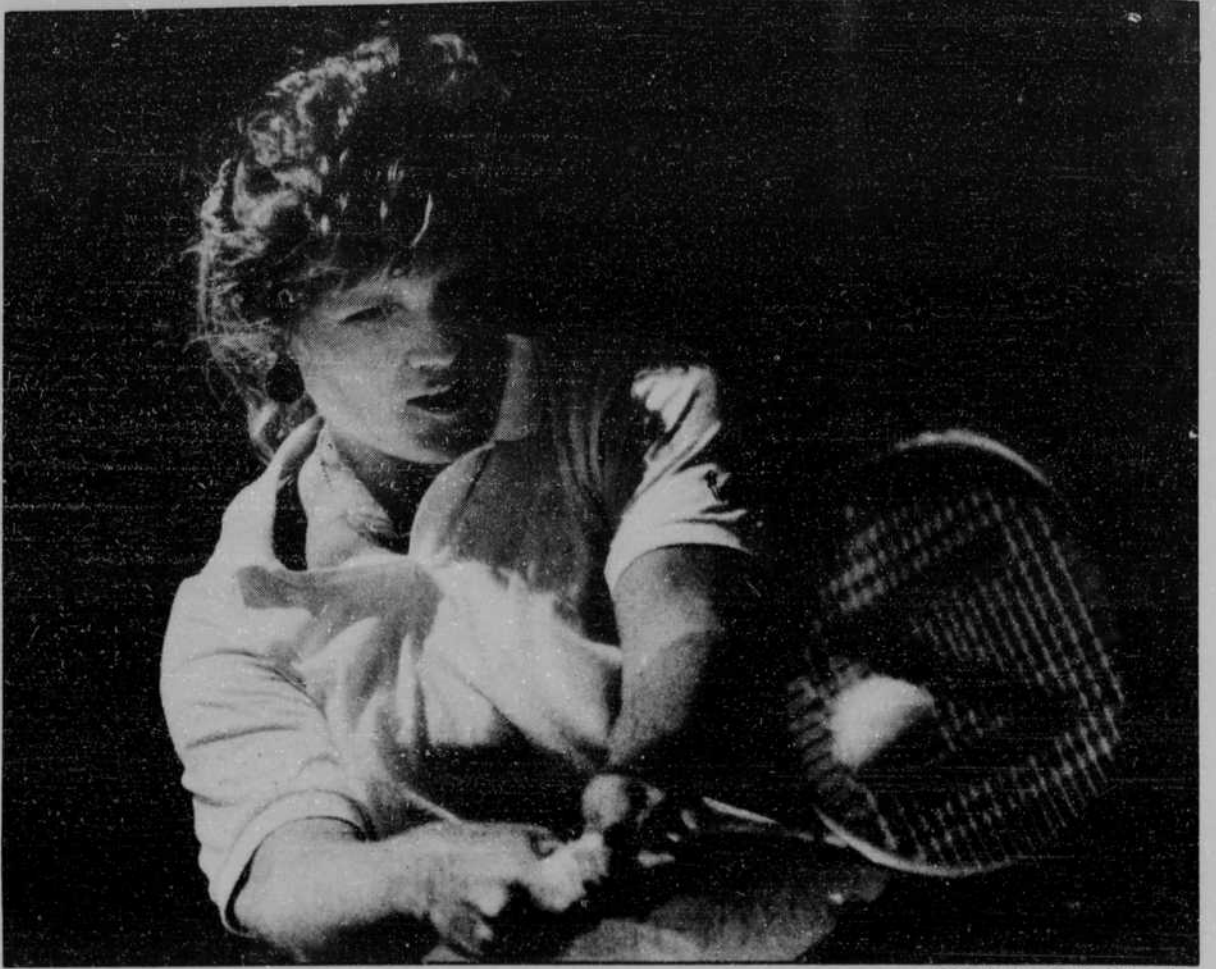
"When you're not playing that well in certain matches, certain points, it gets frustrating," she said.

The Huskers are 4-1 with 33 points, three points ahead of last season's pace.

The biggest scare for Nebraska came early in the second set Saturday at No. 4 singles when Rachel Collins went down with a sprained ankle. Collins, though losing in singles, continued playing, and she and Nancy Tyggum teamed to win at No. 1 doubles.

The Huskers have two more matches before the all-important tourney, and Calvin warned against complacency.

"The season is in front of us," he said. "We haven't really accomplished anything."



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Nebraska's Tina Coutretsis displays the form which allowed her to defeat Iowa State's Kristin Dahlberg.

McDermott says NU men's tennis is in 'driver's seat'

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Oklahoma State helped the Nebraska men's tennis team this weekend -- and the Cornhuskers helped themselves by posting victories against Iowa State and Colorado.

The Huskers beat both teams 7-2.

Nebraska men's tennis coach Kerry McDermott said the Huskers' wins -- plus conference-leading Kansas' 5-4 victory against Oklahoma State --

places his team in a good position entering the final portion of the season. Nebraska has 27 points from four matches, while Kansas had 28 points through four duals going into its match Saturday at Oklahoma.

Kansas will play at Colorado next weekend.

"We feel like we're in the driver's seat," McDermott said.

But the Huskers are trailing the Jayhawks, adding their own dual to common opponents, and McDermott

qualified his confidence.

"We have one hand on the steering wheel, I should say," he said.

Ken Feuer, the only Husker senior, is willing to sit in back for a while.

"I don't look at it the optimistic way," he said. "I've been telling myself we have no chance."

Feuer said this year's race is looking too much like the last two years, when the Huskers challenged for the title and were jilted into second place.

He said he is going to concentrate his spots at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles.

Feuer said he is not going to worry about a team championship because he cannot control it.

"If it happens, it happens," he said. "I'd just be happy leading it going into Big Eights."

In doubles, he and Matthias Mueller are 4-0, almost assured of a top-four seed, and in contention for the No. 1 slot.

Feuer and Mueller are the two

Huskers with Big Eight tournament experience, and Feuer said they are shooting for the No. 1 seed and its first-round bye so they only have to worry about their two singles matches the first day of the tournament.

Steve Barley and Joseph Rahme also are 4-0, at No. 3 and No. 6 singles, respectively.

Barley said he is surprised by his success.

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Nebraska track teams win quadrangular meet

By John Adkisson
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Jeff Hooper can relax, at least for now.

The junior discus thrower from Carmichael, Calif., uncorked a throw of 191-feet-2 to help lead the Nebraska men's track team to a win in a quadrangular meet Saturday at Ed Weir Track.

Nebraska's men won the meet with 106 points. Minnesota finished second with 43, while Kansas State was third with 37 and Missouri fourth with 20.

Nebraska also won the women's meet with 89.5 points, while Kansas State was second with 50 and Missouri third with 26.5.

Hooper's mark was good enough to qualify him for the NCAA championships, which will be held in Durham, N.C., next month. He said he was happy to qualify for nationals early in the season, rather than waiting until the last weekend of competition as he did last year.

"This answers a lot of questions for me," Hooper said. "Knowing that I've already qualified will make me all the better for meets down the road."

Hooper said the sunny, breezy weather on Saturday helped him

throw well.

"I was looking for a head wind so I could get a good throw off," Hooper said. "And the wind was coming in really well today."

Nebraska coach Gary Pepin said he wasn't surprised by Hooper's effort.

"Jeff's really been throwing well for us," Pepin said. "He's going to need those kind of performances to succeed down the road."

Kevin Coleman and Joe Kirby joined Hooper as standouts for Nebraska on Saturday. Coleman won the shot put with a personal-best throw of 59-5 1/2 and Kirby captured the 3,000-meter steeplechase title in 8:38.95 minutes.

Kirby said he was surprised by his performance, which earned him a trip to nationals.

"I wasn't expecting to run as well as I did today," Kirby said, whose time was just short of a personal record.

Pepin said Kirby, a senior, is a runner on a mission.

"He's got his sights set on winning the NCAA championship this year," Pepin said. "It's his last year here, and he's been training really hard."

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Nebraska's Maureen Dunn flies through the air during Saturday's triple jump competition. Dunn finished second.

Shapley helps NU baseball team pound Northern Colorado

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Joe Shapley is back, and his return to form couldn't have come at a better time for the Nebraska baseball team.

Shapley, a freshman pitcher, pitched six shutout innings and picked up his second win of the year as Nebraska pounded Northern Colorado 7-0 Sunday at Buck Beltzer Field.

The win, combined with a 10-3 victory in the nightcap, gave the Cornhuskers a four-game series sweep over the Bears. Nebraska won 18-2 and 3-2 on Saturday.

Shapley, who had a 9.28 ERA coming into Sunday's game, said a mixture of pitches was the key to his success.

"I was getting both my fastball and curveball over today, but at times I was a little inconsistent," Shapley said.

Shapley's performance came the day after Nebraska announced that ace starter Mike Zajeski would miss the rest of the season with an arm injury. But Shapley said the Huskers can't use Zajeski's injury as an excuse for not winning.

"We can't dwell on the past or what happened to Mike," Shapley said. "Everybody's going to need to work a little harder now."

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