

Teammates 'help' runner finish fourth

By Erik Unger
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Running alone in a pack of four isn't easy.

Joe Kirby, Nebraska's All-American senior, has spent the past two Big Eight Cross Country Championships competing against three runners from Iowa State.

It is a lot easier to run hard when teammates stay close, Kirby said.

The four broke away from the rest of the pack early and Kirby stayed close through the first 6,000 meters of the 8,000 meter race, when the three Cyclone runners began to pull away.

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Big 8 Cross Country Results

SATURDAY AT PIONEERS PARK

SCORES					
MEN	1. Iowa St.	26	WOMEN	1. Iowa St.	48
	2. Kansas St.	52		2. Kansas St.	85
	3. Nebraska	84		3. Colorado	94
	4. Kansas	103		4. Nebraska	105
	5. Oklahoma St.	111		5. Missouri	127
	6. Colorado	113		6. Oklahoma	132
	7. Missouri	195		7. Kansas	140
			8. Oklahoma St.	168	

Nebraska's Finishers					
Men's 8,000 meters		Women's 5,000 meters			
winning time: 24:31.4		winning time: 17:08.6			
Joe Kirby	4th	24:55.6	Fran tenBensel	8th	17:45.9
David Iteffa	11th	25:26.8	Lisa Graham	9th	17:57.6
Kevin Clark	21st	26:01.5	Katie Fletcher	28th	19:00.8
Frank Lee	23rd	26:11.7	Theresa Stelling	29th	19:03.7
Pat Day	25th	26:15.3	Julianne Campbell	31st	19:14.5
Todd Elwood	36th	26:43.3	Becky Hund	32nd	19:16.46
Steve Coulter	43rd	27:17.6	Sylria Veit	46th	19:56.2

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Big 8 winning streak unbroken

By John Adkisson
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The Nebraska volleyball team isn't one to play favorites.

So on Saturday, the Cornhuskers gave Colorado the same treatment they have given all other Big Eight opponents this season — a straight-game waxing.

The Huskers survived a third-game scare in a 15-5, 15-4, 15-11 win at the NU Coliseum, and improved their conference record to 6-0. Colorado fell to 5-2 in the Big Eight.

Nebraska jumped out to a 10-2 lead in the first game and never looked back. Nebraska continued to dominate in the second game behind the hitting of junior outside hitter Janet Kruse, who hit .763 for the match.

In the third game, Nebraska fell behind 3-0 before rallying for seven consecutive points. The Huskers put the match away on an ace serve by freshman Nikki Stricker.

"We did some good things overall," Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said.

"But our ball handling was erratic in the third game."

Pettit said the Huskers weren't sharp in the third game.

"They did score a lot of points, but most of them were on our errors," he said.

Nebraska was plagued by serving woes for the second straight match. The Huskers recorded 13 service errors against the Lady Buffs, which followed a 15-error performance last weekend against Oklahoma.

Pettit said he had no answers for the Huskers' serving problems.

"If you know the answer, tell me," Pettit said.

Junior Cris Hall was an exception to the serving problem, recording two aces in the match. Hall also served five consecutive points near the end of the second game. Pettit said Hall has spent time working on her serve.

"Improving her serving is something Cris has really worked on," he said. "And it's showing in the matches." Pettit also praised Kruse.

"Janet has really been focusing herself," Pettit said. "She really played well tonight."

Nebraska has now faced every Big Eight team, and Pettit said Colorado is the best of the other conference teams.

"It's not that they (Colorado) have a whole lot better personnel than any other team," Pettit said. "They just do a better job of competing when they're down."

Pettit said the Lady Buffs had trouble running their offense.

"They never got into a rhythm," Pettit said. "I think their offense is a lot better than what they showed tonight."

Nebraska plays Kansas, a team that played the Huskers well earlier this season in Lawrence, Kan.

Pettit said Kansas is similar to Colorado in terms of offense, and that should make preparation easy.

"Kansas is a well-coached team," Pettit said. "But we should be familiar with their type of offense."

Former teammates face off in NU-CU volleyball game

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It could have been déjà vu.

With Nebraska leading Colorado 10-8 in the third game of Saturday's match at the NU Coliseum, Lady Buff Michele Kohler smashed a spike off of the hands of Nebraska's Val Novak for a side out.

It could have been H.L. Richards High School all over again.

Four years ago Novak and Kohler were teammates in Oak Lawn, Ill., when their volleyball team won the

state championship.

Saturday night they were rivals. "To tell you the truth I didn't even register it was Val," Kohler said after the Cornhuskers won in straight games, 15-5, 15-4, 15-11. "I was just happy to get a hit."

Despite being rivals on the court, the two said they are friends away from the game.

"We get along really well," Novak said. "It's a lot of fun playing against someone you know."

Novak said playing against a former teammate gives her an edge.

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Coach: Swimmers, divers strong

By Benji Greenberg
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Nebraska men's swimming coach Cal Bentz said his returning swimmers started out this season better than they started last season.

The men's swimming and diving team, and the women's diving team began their season last weekend with an intrasquad meet — the Pumpkin Classic — at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool.

"We were pleased to get the year started and we were glad that our swimmers got to compete in many different events," Bentz said. "This weekend gave us (the coaches) an indication of what we need to do to compete better."

Bentz said that the two men's teams for the intrasquad meet were divided evenly, shown by the close team scores,

with the white team beating the red team, 937-916. The meet was up for grabs until the white team won the last relay event.

"This meet showed the coaches how much depth we have and it showed we have a lot of talent to pick from," said Rick Paine, men's assistant coach.

"The question we must answer this season is where we stand on the national level."

Paine thought that the distance swimmers dragged, but that was a result of some exhaustion from extra hard training, but overall he was impressed with the swimmers' efforts.

The women's diving portion of the meet was dominated by team captain Amy Aarsen. She won both the 1- and 3-meter boards.

Although competing against their

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ISU coach smiles with satisfaction despite NU victory

By Cory Golden
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AMES, Iowa — The were no veins bulging out of Iowa State coach Jim Walden's neck after the Cyclones 45-13 loss to Nebraska Saturday in Ames.

The last two years Walden, had stormed away from reporters with a red, sweaty face after giving an angry monologue on how the game was unfair. He complained again this year. But this time he was smiling.

"I don't like to lose, but we're the 55th best team in the nation — they're No. 2, so I shouldn't be frustrated today," he said. "We're 55th. They're No. 2. Who would you bet on?"

All things considered — turnovers, penalties and a lesser effort than the upset of Oklahoma a week ago — Walden said he was satisfied because Nebraska was obviously the better team.

"I thought we played pretty good, under the circumstances of one step forward, 10 steps back," he said, blasting at officiating he labeled "crappy" and comparable to high school games.

He said in two years his team has been flagged for five consecutive holding calls inside Nebraska's 20-yard line.

"You can call it accidental. You can call it anything you want," he said. "But I call it pretty yucky."

Walden went on to explain that he booted a football in frustration onto the field.

"Did it go through?" he joked after the game, because he said the officials stood looking blankly at each other after a controversial Jon Bostick catch the "whole world" saw bounce.

"I get so tired of officials saying, 'I was standing there but I didn't see it,'" he said. "Can you hear? There's

a distinct sound when a football hits AstroTurf."

Penalties aside, the Cyclones still would have lost, Walden said.

"I was just frustrated because people were interfering with the game," Walden said. "It wasn't enough to change how it ended. We probably would have got beat 38 to 24 or something."

The coach said he also was sickened over the loss of starters Larry Ratigan, Jim Doran and Marcus Robertson for the season.

Walden said he dreads playing Nebraska annually more than any other team because the Huskers "play below the waist."

While he followed up by admitting it's perfectly legal to block low on the body, he said his players aren't quick enough to avoid what happened to Robertson.

The senior All-Big Eight cornerback had a foot caught in the turf while being cut-blocked by a Husker receiver downfield. His leg was broken, ending his season.

"Our training room is usually pretty full after this game," Walden said.

With three games remaining, Walden said his roster is becoming increasingly thin.

In addition to two fumbles and an interception, Walden said his team was tired from playing what he called "murderer's row" — Colorado, Oklahoma and the Huskers — in three straight weeks. Nebraska, he said, may be the top team among them, and owns one of the top defenses in the country.

Iowa State, mostly a passing team, had to fight 37 mph winds at times. Nebraska with its run oriented offense passed just four times.

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NU quarterback anxious to face Colorado Buffs

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AMES, Iowa — Nebraska quarterback Mickey Joseph didn't see anything wrong with commenting.

"I guess it's OK to talk about them," Joseph said.

"Them" is the Colorado Buffaloes. Nebraska finally gets to play the Buffaloes, the last Big Eight team to beat the Cornhuskers, Saturday at 3 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Colorado beat Oklahoma Saturday to improve its record to 7-1-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference. Nebraska is 8-0.

Or, as Joseph said, "The two big teams in the Big Eight are about to bump heads."

Joseph admitted he had been waiting for the game.

"It doesn't mean the rest of the games weren't big to us," he said. "You wait on a team like that, deep down inside."

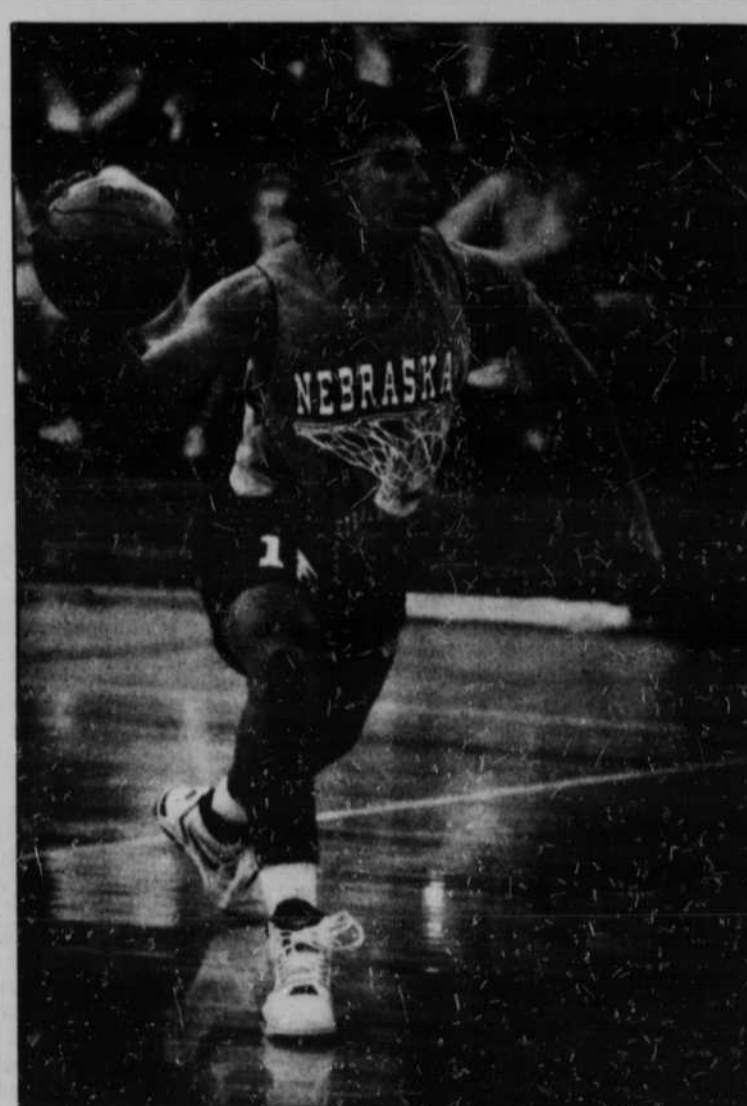
When asked, Iowa State coach Jim Walden shook his head and grinned but refused to predict a winner.

The Buffaloes came back to beat Walden's team 28-12 in Boulder, Colo., while the Huskers ran away from the Cyclones, 45-13, Saturday.

Iowa State and Missouri are the only Big Eight teams to have played both teams.

"They're (Nebraska) good, boy. Don't give me that 'They ain't played nobody' crap. They're good," Walden

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Pumpkin time

Halloween is two days away and basketball season is near. Transfer Jose Ramos looks to pass in Saturday's Red-White game at Pius X High School.