

NU cancels Czechs' bid for exhibition win

By Paul Domeier
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Choking defense let the Nebraska men's basketball team go on a 19-point run near the start of the second half to smash the Czechoslovakian National Team Tuesday, 92-71.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee described the victory, Nebraska's final exhibition, as a step from the Cornhuskers' first exhibition, a 128-89 win over High Five American on Friday.

"I was especially pleased with the second-half defensive effort," Nee said. "We went out and went after them."

The Huskers needed to come out strong after a sluggish start, which can be attributed to recent practices.

Nebraska, playing before 7,149 spectators at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, trailed 15-9 after seven minutes into the game, and led by one at halftime, despite shooting only 34 percent from the field.

"We had a very heavy practice yesterday," Nee said.

The workout included a method of conditioning torture known as the 1-11-1. Rich King described it as a "kind of death."

In the first part, the players are to run the length of the court in five seconds. After a 10-second break, they run down, back and down in 15 seconds. After a 15-second break, the run down, back, down, back and down in 25 seconds and rest 50 seconds, and so on, with a few seconds added for the longer stretches.

When they hit 11, they start counting back to one. Except the coaches added another 11 in the middle, King said.

"At first we didn't understand what he wanted, but then they explained it to us," King said.

Nee said he wanted to get the

Huskers in shape for the San Juan Shootout in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 23-25, which will include three games in three days. And Nee wanted to equalize Tuesday's game by making Nebraska as tired as the Czechs, who have played seven games this fall.

For 20 minutes, the teams were too equal for Husker tastes. A tip-in by Tony Farmer at the first-half buzzer gave Nebraska a 45-44 lead.

Ales Kocvara scored the first basket of the second half to give the Czechs their last lead and their last points for the next eight minutes.

The Huskers, meanwhile, scored 19 points to go up 64-46. The run came from consistent defense, though, not from fast-break points like most long runs. Ten of the game's 52 fouls were called during the streak.

Nebraska forward Tony Farmer, who fouled out with 12 points, said the officiating broke up the flow.

"After a while we tried to put them away, but with the traveling calls and the foul calls, we had trouble," Farmer said.

It caused enough trouble that Farmer pulled his head back when told about the 19-point run.

"I didn't realize that at all," he said.

Nebraska extended the lead to as many as 29 points before faltering.

"We stalled at the end," Nee said. We were stuck at 84 and 88 for what seemed like an hour."

The drought at 88 lasted almost four minutes and kept the Huskers from reaching 100 points.

King, who led Nebraska with 29 points, said the true Nebraska team played in both the first and second halves.

"Put them both together," the senior center said. "We can adjust, go in

at half, make some adjustments, and come out strong."

In each exhibition the Huskers have flourished in the second period.

"I don't think it's ever been a tendency for this team to have a strong second half," King said.

The Nebraska defense held a capable Czech team to 24 percent shooting in the second half. The Czechs were able to mash Marquette Saturday, 79-62, drive to Chicago and give DePaul a stiff challenge yet that night, losing 88-65.

King said the defense is needed. Last year, Nebraska set team records for points scored per game, 80.7, and points allowed per game, 86.1.

"Our problem last year was not a lack of offense," King said. "You can score 90 points a game. It doesn't matter if it's a record if the other team scores more."

Czechoslovakians 44 27 — 71
At Nebraska 45 47 — 92

Czechoslovakians — Michalik 5-11 4-6 14, Sibal 2-8 4-6 8, Novak 2-4 2-3 6, Kamenik 3-5 4-5 11, Michalko 2-7 2-2 7, Becka 2-5 3-3 7, Kovar 1-3 0-0 2, Hruba 0-2 2-2 2, Jelinek 2-7 2-2 8, Vyoral 1-3 2-2 4, Kocvara 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 21-56 25-31 71.

Nebraska — Owens 4-8 4-4 12, Hayes 3-12 0-6, King 9-16 10-13 29, Scales 3-7 3-4 9, Reid 3-6 2-2 9, Chubick 1-2 1-2 3, Farmer 4-11 3-4 12, Piatkowski 2-3 5-5 10, Moody 0-2 0-0 0, Lively 0-1 2-2 2, Cresswell 0-2 0-0 0, Hoffman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-70 30-36 92.

3-point goals — Czechs 4-12 (Jelinek 2-3, Michalko 1-2, Kamenik 1-1, Hruba 0-2, Vyoral 0-2, Michalik 0-1, Kovar 0-1), Nebraska 4-8 (Piatkowski 1-2, King 1-1, Reid 1-1, Farmer 1-1, Cresswell 0-2, Scales 0-1). Rebounds — Czechs 33 (Novak 7), Nebraska 52 (Reid 8). Assists — Czechs 15 (Kamenik 4), Nebraska 22 (Moody 7). Turnovers — Czechs 24 (Michalik 5), Nebraska 21 (Farmer 5). Total Fouls — Czechs 26, Nebraska 26. Fouled Out — Novak, Becka, Farmer. A — 7,149.



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Nebraska's Rich King and Carl Hayes attempt to block the shot of Czechoslovakia's Martin Sibal in an exhibition game Tuesday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Cornhuskers beat Buffs, secure conference title

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska volleyball team blew out Colorado in the final three games to stave off an upset bid Tuesday at Boulder, Colo., winning 5-15, 11-15, 15-3, 15-7, 15-5.

In doing so, the Cornhuskers (26-2, 11-0 in the Big Eight) secured their 15th straight conference title.

The home team, playing before a crowd of 723 at the Coors Events Center, hit well in the first two games to put the second-ranked Huskers in a hole.

In the first game, the Buffaloes (15-12, 7-3) had 14 kills and only one error with a .406 hitting percentage. Colorado hit .333 in the second game, while Nebraska posted .171 and .135 marks in the first two games.

Once the Huskers were a game away from being upset, though, everything changed dramatically. In the third and fourth games, Nebraska hit .419 and .541 and held

the Buffaloes to hitting .097 and .098.

Nebraska had a .316-.174 advantage in the decisive game.

Cris Hall bore the brunt of Nebraska's attacking load and led the team with 21 kills, but Janet Kruse and Stephanie Thater got their most out of their attempts. Kruse had 17 kills and a .378 hitting percentage, while Thater had 18 kills and a .654 hitting percentage.

The Huskers also had a 24-14 advantage in blocks, led by Thater with three solo blocks and seven assists.

Michele Kohler led Colorado with 20 kills, while Tiffany Jestadt had 15 and Wendy Van Wyhe had 10. Setter Nicole Vranesh added eight kills. Katie Zabransky caused problems with seven service aces.

Linda Barsness was Nebraska's fourth player in double-figures in kills with 12, picking up for Eileen Shannon, who had two kills and hit .188 while playing in three games.

NCAA Volleyball Top 20

1 UCLA	26-1	1
2 Nebraska	25-2	2
3 Stanford	22-3	3
4 Texas	24-4	4
5 Hawaii	26-2	5
6 Hawaii	22-4	6
7 UC-Santa Barbara	26-4	7
8 Penn St.	37-0	8
9 Long Beach State	21-8	12
10 Wisconsin	24-7	10
11 San Jose St.	20-5	9
12 BYU	22-6	14
13 Texas Tech	26-2	13
14 New Mexico	17-5	11
15 Ohio State	19-6	15
16 Pepperdine	21-5	16
17 Louisiana St.	26-6	17
18 Pittsburgh	27-5	18
19 San Diego St.	20-9	-
20 Florida St.	24-8	19
tie Purdue	21-7	-

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Baldwin crosses line in game's key plays

By Todd Cooper
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Nebraska I-back Scott Baldwin has been "toe-ing" the line all season, ready to explode.

In Nebraska's 41-9 victory over Kansas on Saturday, Baldwin crossed that line with 170 yards on 21 carries. And he did it despite a persisting turf toe injury suffered against Baylor on Sept. 1.

"The toe is still giving me problems," Baldwin said. "Right now it's a mental thing. I've been doing a good job blocking it out."

Baldwin did an exceptional job knocking Kansas defenders out of his path Saturday. The 6-foot-1, 200-pound sophomore from Roselle, N.J., broke several tackles en route to runs of 67, 19, 12 and 22 yards.

The 22-yard run broke Nebraska out of a third-and-10 hole at its own 22-yard line late in the first half. More importantly, it led to Mickey Joseph's touchdown pass to tight end Johnny Mitchell with 11 seconds remaining in the half.

But if it was up to Baldwin, Nebraska should not have had to go to all the trouble after his run.

"I tripped up," Baldwin said. "I thought I had a touchdown there, but the old toe got a little weak and I blew it."

It didn't take long for Baldwin to atone for the stumble. On Nebraska's first play from scrimmage in the second half, Baldwin took a pitch right, faked a reverse and after bouncing off a Kansas defender, ran 67 yards to the end zone.

"He's such a long strider," Cornhusker running back coach Frank Solich said. "Once he's moving, he covers an awful lot of ground."

Baldwin proved he can cover short distances, too. After runs of 5, 19 and 9 yards during a fourth-quarter drive, Baldwin loped over a Kansas de-

fender at the 3-yard line, kept his balance and scored.

Those three yards were not only indicative of Saturday's game, but of Baldwin's preferred style of play.

"I don't like anybody coming and tackling at the ankles," he said. "They were more of a power team coming to hit you up top. It gives me a much better chance to show my ability and what kind of running back I am."

And Baldwin says he's more comfortable at back-up I-back, despite his performance Saturday.

"Right now, I think I'm a better No. 2 man than No. 1," he said. "Leodis has been starting all year, and just to come out of nowhere and come in the game being No. 1 I-back is pretty rough."

"Leodis usually wears them out a little bit. Then when I come in, it's a little bit easier to run my men over."

Although he hasn't played as much, Baldwin's statistics rival Flowers'. Both I-backs average 6.6 yards per carry. Baldwin has 575 yards on 85 carries while Flowers has 948 yards on 140 attempts. Baldwin's longest run of the year came Saturday on his 67-yard run, while Flowers' longest run was 70 yards against Iowa State.

But Nebraska assistant coach George Darlington said Baldwin is comparable to a former Husker running back who also played much of his career as a back-up to Mike Rozier.

"He tends to be a Roger Craig type of back," Darlington said. "And he probably will see a lot of playing time against Oklahoma."

Baldwin can't wait for the opportunity.

"This is my first time going against Oklahoma," Baldwin said. "Oklahoma and Nebraska is one of the biggest games in the Big Eight, so I'm looking forward to this game and doing some great things."

NU swimmers, divers defeat S. Dakota

By Vicki Burge
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Nebraska men's swimming coach Cal Bentz said Saturday's dual victory over South Dakota showed that the Cornhuskers have a lot of work to do.

The men's swimming and diving teams defeated South Dakota 153-56 in Nebraska's first dual.

"The meet was a good indication of our training and concentration on the team," Bentz said. "All in all, they have made good progress and the other coaches and I hope to see even greater progress after the meet at

Arkansas."

No individual scoring was done at the meet.

Distance coach Rick Paine said the Huskers had planned on using experience and depth to beat South Dakota, an up-and-coming program.

He complimented a pair of Cornhuskers — William Campbell and Kyle Seebach — for their performances.

Before the meet, Paine had predicted fast times for the men, but times were slower than expected since the swimmers had a workout an hour and a half before the meet.

"Maybe they worked a little too

hard, and that's my fault," Paine said. "I don't think it affected our overall scoring, but the guys were really tired."

Nebraska, with four divers, also dominated the diving competition against South Dakota's one freshman diver.

Nebraska's Thad Follett and Matt Eastin were back full speed. With Diving Coach Jim Hocking in Colorado with the women's diving team, graduate assistant Becki Clark coached the men.

"For this time of the year, they were not scoring too low," Clark said.

Nebraska divers captured first, second and third place on both the 1- and 3-meter boards.