

Cornhuskers scrimmage

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Taking advantage of its open date this weekend, the Nebraska football team scrimmaged Friday in Memorial Stadium.

The Cornhuskers' top offensive units scored three times against the No. 2 defense but fumbled twice, losing both fumbles. The top three defenses recovered two more scout team fumbles.

Nebraska's top I-backs got good

workouts as well. Derek Brown led all rushers, carrying six times for 105 yards and a touchdown while Calvin Jones ran for 100 yards and a touchdown on nine carries.

George Achola added 36 yards on five carries.

Tom Haase led the Husker quarterbacks, completing 5 of 7 for 46 yards. Mickey Joseph and Keithen McCant added 67 and 61 yards, respectively, and passed for one touchdown each.

Husker reaches goal

Eighth volleyball player makes 1,000 kills

By David Moyer
Staff Reporter

Nebraska outside hitter Eileen Shannon said she was fired up for the Illinois game, and she proved it by compiling 15 kills against her home-state school and her younger sister, Kathleen.

"I couldn't sleep," the junior from Elmhurst, Ill. said. "Ever since Kathleen committed last year, I've been looking forward to this game."

Not only did the two sisters get to play against each other, but Shannon got to play against friends from home.

Several Illinois players played on her club and high school teams.

"Every time I would go home they would say 'We are going to kick your butt Oct. 6; be there,'" she said. "We've been talking about it a long time."

But Shannon and the Huskers proved them wrong as Nebraska defeated the Illini 15-7, 15-7, 15-1.

Despite the win, the younger Shannon did get a stuff block on her older sister.

Eileen passed a personal milestone during the match. In the first game with the Huskers leading 6-2, Shannon got her fifth kill of the game and

her 1,000th of her career. She became the eighth player in Nebraska history to reach the plateau, and she finished the game with 1,010 kills.

She joins teammates Cris Hall, who got her 1,000th against Kansas on Wednesday, and Janet Kruse in the 1,000-kill club. Hall now has 1,022 kills, and Kruse leads the group with 1,070.

Shannon said she wasn't paying attention to the mark.

"I had no idea," she said. "I didn't even know I was close to it."

Kruse and Hall also said they were not aware that they were nearing the 1,000th mark kill when they accomplished the feat.

Hall was less than impressed with the milestone.

"A lot of people have done it, so to me it's a nice goal to have, but I really haven't concentrated on it," she said. "It wasn't like I was looking for it or it was some big deal."

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said he can't remember ever having three players of that caliber on one team.

"I think that's a pretty unusual situation," he said. "Most teams have one or two players (capable of 1,000 kills), and to have three players like that is certainly a plus."

The players didn't agree with Pettit, though. They all said it was far from unusual.

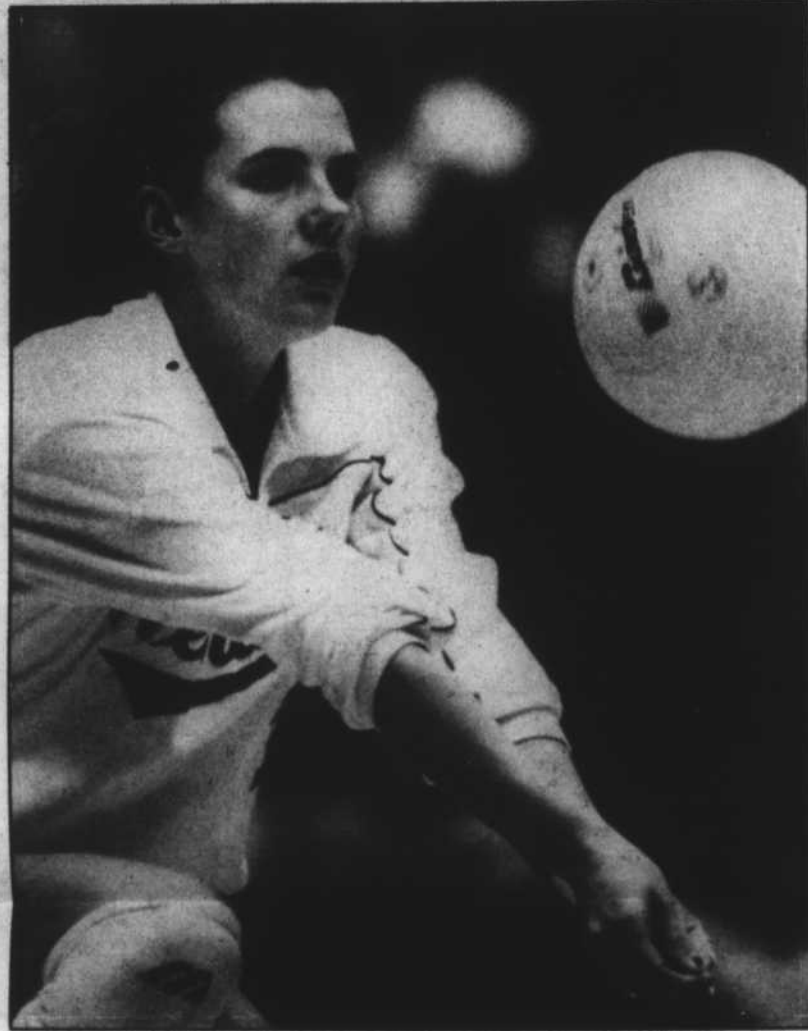
"With our team, we are real balanced and we have a lot of attackers that can put the ball down," Kruse said. "You are going to have a lot of people with a lot of kills."

Shannon attributed the accomplishment to the amount of playing time players received as freshmen. The more playing time they got, the more kills they would have, she said.

And Hall credited the evolution of volleyball for the record.

"I think it shows how much the game of volleyball has increased since the other players have come through," she said. "I don't think we are any better caliber athletes than the players before us."

Stephanie Thater, who has 622 kills, is the next Husker in line for 1,000.



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Nebraska's Eileen Shannon.



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NU women runners take third in Minnesota meet

By Benji Greenberg
Staff Reporter

Thanks to a first place finish from junior Fran ten Bensel, the eighth-ranked Nebraska women's cross country team placed third Saturday at the Minnesota Invitational.

The Cornhusker women finished behind Virginia and Big Eight rival Kansas. The women scored 102 points, 15 points behind first-place Virginia.

Ten Bensel, a two-time All-American, ran the course in a time of 17:12, nine seconds ahead of runner-up Sandy Ham of Colorado.

Nebraska coach Jay Dirksen said that ten Bensel ran the best race she's run since becoming a Husker.

"Fran ran a super race, and her finishing first is a tribute to all the hard work she's put in," Dirksen said. "This is the type of runners she'll see later in the year."

After ten Bensel, the only other Husker woman to place in the top 10 was senior Lisa Graham, at 10th.

Other top-50 Husker finishers were Teresa Stelling, 18th; Stephanie Quandt, 28th; and Michelle Schafer, 50th.

Dirksen said the team ran well, considering the quality of the field. Fifteen teams were entered, and 140 runners crossed the finish line.

"The field was very good and competitive, and to only be 15 points off the lead was very encouraging," Dirksen said. "My main concern after the meet is that we need to get our fifth runner to finish closer to our first runner; except for that, the girls gave a great effort."

The Husker men's team finished

13th out of 33 teams.

The first Nebraska runner to cross the finish line was sophomore David Itffa. Itffa finished the 8,000-meter course at 20th with a time of 25:03. The next Husker to finish was Renier Henning, who came in 78th.

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NU cross country coach

Dirksen said that this weekend meet was a learning experience for his younger and unseasoned athletes.

"The men ran a good race, and they learned a lot from it," Dirksen said. "This was a huge field, with 265 runners finishing, and we got too far back at the beginning to be a factor in the meet."

"I think this meet opened up the eyes of our younger runners of what they need to do to be successful, come conferences and nationals."

Dirksen said he hoped both teams learned that they must run as a pack and stay up with the front runner.

"All in all I think this meet was great for us because it gave our younger runners an indication of how they have to run to beat better competition," he said.