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Nebraska's Michelle Shoemaker (middle), and Colorado State's Christy Green (top) and Carrie Meese compete in the 200-meter dash Saturday in the Nebraska Invitational at Ed Weir Stadium. Shoemaker placed sixth for the Cornhuskers.

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put, winning the event with a throw of 61-9, an automatic NCAA qualifying mark.

Andy Meyer let loose in the discus, winning with a throw of 193-9, also an automatic mark.

Finally, Roddy James led a 1-2-3 Nebraska sweep in the javelin, taking the event with a throw of 216-5.

The women won 11 events en route to their victory.

Pepin said the women's score was a little deceiving.

"We didn't really place our entries for scoring," he said. "There were a lot of people who weren't in their events."

Kathy Travis and Denise Lucas were split up in the meet, with Travis taking the 100 in 11.63, a provisional qualifying mark, and Lucas winning the 200 in 24.01. Both Travis and Lucas ran legs on the winning 400 relay (45.20).

Shanelle Porter won the 400 in 53.10, a provisional qualifying mark,

and ran a leg on the winning 1,600 relay, which won easily in 3:43.65.

Lisa Graham won the 800 in a provisional mark of 2:07.07 and also ran a leg on the 1,600 relay.

Kwani Stewart had two fine performances, winning the long jump with a leap of 20-0 1/4 and placed second in the 100 with a provisional qualifying mark of 11.65.

Other Nebraska winners included Theresa Stelling in the 1,500 (4:28.57), Michele Schaefer in the 10,000 (35:52.14), Kris Hall in the 100 hurdles (14.29) and Krista Mader in the shot put (47-9).

Coach 'ecstatic'

Women nip Oklahoma in tennis

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

While this weekend's cold weather didn't cool off the rackets of the Nebraska women's tennis team, it helped keep the men's tennis team's rackets frigid in the last home Big Eight matches for both teams.

The women Cornhuskers pulled off the biggest upset in conference play thus far by beating Oklahoma 5-4 on Sunday at Woods Tennis Center. The win capped a 1-1 weekend for Nebraska after it lost 6-3 to Oklahoma State on Saturday.

In Sunday's surprise, the Huskers were down 1-2 in doubles play to the Sooners before rebounding to win four of six singles matches to pull off the shocker.

Nebraska coach Scott Jacobson said netting the win over Oklahoma was a thrill.

"I'm ecstatic. This shows we're a program with a group of kids that is consistently getting better," Jacobson said.

Nebraska senior Rachel Collins, who won at No. 4 singles 6-2, 6-0, said the win was special since it was her last match in Lincoln.

"Since I've been here we've never

beaten Oklahoma, so it's a good win," Collins said. "It was a nice way to finish and I feel good ending on a positive note."

Other Husker singles victories came from No. 3 player Ann Flannery 6-0, 6-3, No. 5 Heidi Junius 7-5, 6-0 and No. 6 Tina Coutretsis by default.

Coutretsis didn't need a default in doubles though, as she and Frauke Hachtmann beat their Sooner counterparts at No. 3 doubles 7-5, 6-3, assisting in the Husker victory.

Jacobson said Sunday's win should have a positive effect on his team.

"Psychologically it's got to help our team," Jacobson said. "So much of this game is confidence, and now I think they feel that whenever they step on the court, they can play with anybody."

The Huskers improved their overall record to 5-5 and Big Eight mark to 2-2 with Sunday's win.

The men, on the other hand, weren't as fortunate as they dropped to 7-10 overall and 1-3 in conference play by losing to the Oklahoma schools.

Nebraska opened the weekend by losing 8-1 to Oklahoma State on Saturday and followed that effort with a 9-0 blanking at the hands of Oklahoma on Sunday.

The Huskers' only individual victory over the weekend came at No. 2 doubles against the Cowboys, in which Oklahoma State defaulted the victory to Nebraska.

Nebraska coach Kerry McDermott said he was disappointed with his team's desire.

"I can take losing, but not like this," McDermott said. "They (the Oklahoma schools) wanted it worse than we did and there just wasn't enough team spirit out there."

Nebraska No. 1 singles and doubles player Joseph Rahme agreed with his coach.

"It's shocking. The whole OU team had unity and we didn't have any," Rahme said. "Right now we're definitely lacking a combination of confidence, motivation and team unity."

Husker freshman Mike Garcia, who plays at No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles, said some positives have come out of Nebraska's recent losses.

"Something I've learned so far is that in Big Eights it's going to be a battle every time you play," Garcia said. "We've taken a lot of beatings lately, but we've all improved and are getting a lot better."

Baseball

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"Steve was real aggressive," Sanders said. "He performed like he was capable. He won the matchups."

While the Oklahoma State power hitting was dispelled by the wind, Nebraska used a line drive, running and bunting game to put its runs on the board.

The Huskers broke through in the third inning. Scott McGuire and Dale Hagy had back-to-back singles to right field. Sean McKenna was then hit by a pitch to load the bases. McGuire scored on a groundout by Jeff Murphy.

Cowboy coach Gary Ward said Nebraska was the team that came out ready to play on Sunday. Ward said he thought the weekend was one that would be all pitching, and that he was surprised by the scores of some of the games.

"I went into every game thinking it would be 2-1 or 3-2," Ward said. "If you can't pitch in this situation, you can't pitch at all."

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