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I-back Calvin Jones hurdles a defender during the Red-White game Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The Red team, made up of the No. 1 offense and No. 2 defense, beat the White squad (No. 1 defense and No. 2 offense) 33-21.

Football fans cheer for Red and White

By Thomas Clouse
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Go Big Red — and White.

Saturday's 43rd annual Nebraska Red-White game offered more than 24,000 Cornhusker football fans at Memorial Stadium a glimpse of next year.

The Red team dominated the White team 33-21 to win the intra-squad game.

Coach Tom Osborne said the game was a "typical" spring game.

"I thought today we looked pretty good at times," Osborne said. "At times it was kind of disjointed, which is natural. I thought it went pretty well."

One problem area was fumbles, Osborne said. Both teams combined for five fumbles with two lost.

"You have a lot of different combinations with quarterbacks and centers, who are not used to playing with each other," he said. "You don't like the turnovers, but that is part of it."

The victorious Red team (No. 1 offense, No. 2 defense) was led by redshirt freshman quarterback Tony Veland.

Veland led the Reds with 55 yards on 10 carries. He also went 4-for-9 passing for 49 yards.

Veland said he had improved his passing since last fall.

"I'm a lot more confident than I was," he said. "I wasn't sure if I was ready for this level of competition, but (Osborne) kept encouraging me."

Osborne said he thought that overall, the quarterbacks played well this spring.

"The quarterbacking will improve, but we just need to keep working at it," Osborne said.

"Today, I don't think was probably their best day I've seen the quarterbacks have this spring."

Veland gave the White team an assist, throwing an interception to Tyrone Byrd, who ran it in for a 10-yard touchdown.

Byron Bennett missed the extra point, and the White team led 6-0 with 10:07 left in the first quarter.

The Reds came back with a 57-yard drive that ended with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Veland to Vincent Hawkins. Tom Sieler added the extra point to put the Red team ahead 7-6.

After a White (No. 2 offense, No. 1 defense) drive ended with a punt, the Red team put together a 12-play, 85-yard scoring drive that ended with a 12-yard touchdown run by full-back Cory Schlesinger.

In the third quarter, the Red team took its second drive of the half 48 yards in three plays for another touchdown. Veland finished the scoring drive with a 37-yard scramble off a broken pass play.

Another Sieler extra point gave the Reds a 21-6 lead.

The White team took the next drive 75 yards in 14 plays and added a 27-yard field goal by Byron Bennett to make the score 21-9 with 3:21 left in the third quarter.

The White team scored again early in the fourth quarter when middle guard Bill Humphrey picked up a Joel Cornwell fumble and returned it seven yards for a touchdown. The extra point was no good, which left the score at 21-15.

The Red team took the next drive 49 yards in six plays for another touchdown as I-back Derk Brown ran it in from one yard out. The score remained 27-15 after the two-point conversion failed.

After three stalled drives, the Red team increased the margin when Jon McMillen scored from one yard out after a 30-yard, five-play drive. Jeff Lang missed the extra point to give the Red team a 33-15 advantage.

Late in the fourth quarter, the White team answered with a 59-yard scoring bomb from Matt Jones to Duane Wiles. The two-play, 74-yard drive took 15 seconds to narrow the Red lead to 33-21.

Veland said he was confident about the team's chances in the fall.

"I think we made a lot of progress, but then again everyone makes mistakes," Veland said. "We still have a long way to go, but we have the possibility of having a really good team."

NU runs away with Drake Relays

By John Gardner
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's track team turned in one of the best performances in the history of the Drake Relays this weekend.

Thanks to a sweep of the three sprint relays at the two-day meet in Des Moines, Iowa, the Cornhusker women have now achieved a record 29 individual titles over the years.

In the 800-meter relay Friday, Kathy Travis, Kwani Stewart, Shanelle Porter and Denise Lucas set a Big Eight- and school-record time of 1 minute, 33 seconds.

The time was only .41 seconds away from the American record set by Louisiana State in 1989.

Men's sprints coach Dave Harris said the women's performance was one to remember.

"It probably went about as well as it's ever gone for the women," Harris said. "It's not too often when a team can sweep three relays, so it's a major accomplishment."

On Saturday, the same four won the 400 relay in an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 44.37.

Later, the 1,600 relay team consisting of Stewart, Lucas, Susan Rehm and Porter finished the sweep in a time of 3:38.06, which is a provisional qualifying time.

Lisa Graham grabbed Nebraska's fourth title, and only individual win, by winning the 800 in a time of 2:07.24.

Harris said it was nice to see Nebraska place in every event it entered. "We had good placings in all events we entered," he said. "It always would be nice to get more titles and receive more watches, but it was a team thing, and everyone did real well."

On the men's side, Kevin Coleman had the only title for Nebraska. Coleman won his 10th-straight shot put competition of the season with a toss of 63-5 1/2.

In other events, Nebraska's 1,600 relay placed third with a time of 3:08.16, which wasn't quite good enough to qualify the Huskers for the NCAA championships in June.

Stephen Golding placed fourth in the 110 hurdles in 14.13. Golding won the event last year.

Travis Grant placed sixth in the 100 in 10.58, Kevin Miller took fourth in the 3,000 steeplechase (9:06.87), and the distance medley relay grabbed fifth with a time of 9:54.86.

In the individual women's events, besides Graham's victory, Nebraska placed in three others.

Kathy Travis took second in the 100 in 11.57, Kwani Stewart placed fourth in the 100 hurdles with a 13.5 and Theresa Stelling was fourth in the 1,500 at 4:26.13.

Harris said the 40-degree temperature was a factor, despite all the good performances.

"Weather really affected our high jumpers especially," he said. "It affected my sprinters a bit, too. That's one of the first things they'd say to me, is, 'I just couldn't go that hard.'"

"We really need this weather to be nice to keep improving our times. The nice weather needs to match up with the day of the meet."

Huskers' Mitchell picked in first round by NY Jets

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Jets selected Nebraska tight end Johnny Mitchell as the 15th overall pick in the National Football League draft Sunday.

Mitchell turned pro after only two years at Nebraska.

He was rated as the second-best tight end available — behind Derek Brown of Notre Dame. Brown, the 14th selection, was picked by the New York Giants.

Mitchell was staying with a friend in California and was not immediately available to comment.

"I know people are going to be shooting at me because of some of the comments I made in college,"

Mitchell said in an earlier interview published Sunday. "But I know in the league you have grown men. And I won't go disrespecting anyone."

"I think I'll probably be more on the quiet side when I get in the league," he said.

Mitchell rewrote Nebraska's record book for tight ends and receptions this season when he had a team-leading 31 catches for 534 yards and five touchdowns. He set two single-game records for catches and yards by a tight end in the season finale against Oklahoma when he caught seven passes for 137 yards.

KSU cools Husker bats in split

By Jason Bruhn
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska baseball team got off to a hot start Sunday but ended cold against Kansas State.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Cornhuskers crushed the Wildcats 12-2 on eight hits in a game decided in the seventh inning by the 10-run rule.

But the Huskers' batting cooled as quickly as the temperature in the second game as the Wildcats rebounded to win 10-0 on the strength of 13 hits.

On Saturday, the two teams split two extra-inning contests.

Nebraska won the opener 5-4 in 10 innings as the Huskers came back from a 4-0 deficit. After trailing 8-0 in the second game, Nebraska tied the score at 9-9 to send the seven-inning game into extra innings. The Wildcats won 11-10 in nine innings.

The 28-18 Huskers, 9-7 in the Big Eight, remained in third place in the conference.

The games were the last home contests of the season for the Huskers, and were also the final home appearances for five Nebraska seniors — John Izumi, Tim Seaton, Dale Hagy, Corty Kulhanek and Mike Zajeski.

In the opening game the Huskers struck first, scoring two runs in the first inning off runs batted in by Dale Hagy and Jeff Murphy. The Huskers then exploded for four more runs in the fourth inning and five in the sixth to end the game.

Brain Hierholzer took the loss for Kansas State in three innings after giving up only one hit, but five runs.

Starting Husker pitcher Josh Bullock threw a complete game and took the win to improve to 8-4 on the

season.

Coach John Sanders was pleased with the Huskers' opening performance.

"We capitalized well," he said. "Josh pitched well and it was just a good game all around."

The second game was almost the complete opposite of the first, however.

Kansas State starting pitcher Pat Ralston threw an eight-hit, complete-game shutout and the rest of the Wildcats put on a hitting display in the 10-0 win.

Kansas State led 3-0 through four innings before hammering in five runs in the fifth and one run apiece in the sixth and seventh against four Nebraska pitchers.

"It was their pitcher that got it for them," Sanders said. "He did a great job. He shut us out."

By Robert Birkeland
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The similarities were striking for the two Nebraska women gymnasts in the NCAA National Championships in St. Paul, Minn., this weekend.

First of all, Nicole Duval and Martha Jenkins are true freshmen and they were the only two Cornhuskers competing in the meet this weekend.

Jenkins and Duval were both at-large bids and when the meet was finished the two were tied for 29th with a score of 37.65.

Both fell on the uneven bars, which cost them a chance to finish higher, Coach Rick Walton said.

"Both could have finished in the top 20 if they had hit," he said.

Walton said a top 20 finish would have been respectable for them considering they went into the meet as at-large bids.

"I think they got a pretty good idea of where they (will) have to be a year

from now to be in the top 12 or 15 in the all-around," Walton said.

Both Jenkins and Duval said it was an excellent learning experience, but it was difficult for them to compete as individuals and not have their teammates there.

Duval said she thought the team deserved to be at the meet and she was looking forward to having the whole team there next year.

Jenkins said she was happy with her performance and that it showed everyone was a little nervous because nobody had their best meet.

Walton said that by watching the meet, he thought the way the Huskers competed in the last third of the season was at a top-10 level.

Missy Marlowe of Utah won the all-around title with a score of 39.65 out of a possible 40.

Utah won the team title, scoring 195.65 points to outdistance second-place Georgia, which scored 194.6 points, and third-place Alabama (193.35). The title was the Utes' seventh in the past ten years.