

Huskie middle guard looks to press NU quarterback

By Tony West
Staff Reporter

Following a season where he was hampered by a knee injury, Washington middle guard Mike Lustyk is looking to prove himself of old.

Lustyk, a senior, said he's looking to anchor the Huskies' pass rush when Nebraska visits Seattle on Saturday.

And he's also eager to put some heat on Cornhusker quarterback Mike Grant.

"We're going to get upfield and we're going to try to get as many hits on him as possible," Lustyk said.

Last season, Lustyk was a part of Washington's 36-21 win over the Huskers in Lincoln. But the week following that game, he injured his knee in the Huskies' victory over Kansas State.

He returned three weeks later and

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helped the Huskies to a 12-0 mark and a share of the national championship.

But gone from that team is the NFL's top draft choice last spring, defensive tackle Steve Emtman.

Lustyk said that the Washington defense is still adjusting to the loss of Emtman.

"Steve's gone," Lustyk said. "He's

going to do very well in the NFL. But we're still around here and now it's time for us to do our thing."

The 6-foot-3, 270-pounder said the key to Saturday's matchup will be controlling Nebraska's ground attack.

"Nebraska is an explosive team with fast backs and a strong offensive line," Lustyk said.

Lustyk said that Nebraska may be the most talented team Washington will see all year, but he added that the Cornhuskers' size and speed will force the Huskies to improve on a lackluster start to the season.

"I attribute the yards we've given up early to the first couple game jitters.

"But all this talent on the side of Nebraska means we may have to turn it up a notch," Lustyk said. "And I think we will."

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environment. The Huskers will have a chance to utilize all of their weapons in dry weather, but if it rains, then the Washington defense will reign as well.

Bad weather will hamper Nebraska's passing game more than Washington's, since Hobert and Brunell could probably each pass for 250 yards in a blizzard. Therefore, the Huskers will be forced to run the ball.

And when Nebraska is forced to be one-dimensional without the passing game, it usually spells the beginning of the end for the Big Red.

Tickets available for Tokyo game

From Staff Reports

Fans wishing to purchase tickets to the Nebraska-Kansas State game at Tokyo on Dec. 5 may do so through the UNL ticket office.

The game will be the first ever outside the United States for the Cornhuskers.

The tickets cost \$80 and \$230 each and must be ordered through the ticket office by Wednesday, Sept. 23. For more information, call 472-3111.

Visa and MasterCard orders will be accepted.

Rainy weather this weekend would be like Captain Ahab going into Moby Dick's home territory, and instead of using a harpoon, the captain tries to conquer the whale by throwing rocks at him.

So if the Huskers are to achieve these five goals, Nebraska just might leave Washington with a surprising victory. If not, another generation of Husker fans will have to keep track on their calendars and wait for the next time Nebraska will be able to pull off an upset on the road.

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Cross country coach expresses optimism about first track meet

By Phil Carter
Staff Reporter

With the first meet of the season only two days away, Cornhusker cross country coach Jay Dirksen is optimistic.

"Overall we look pretty good for both men and women," Dirksen said. "The girls seem to be in good shape, and the men are average as of now, but later in the season they should be pretty good."

Both the men's and women's cross country teams open their season Saturday at Pioneers Park in the Woody Greeno/Nebraska Invite, which is scheduled for a 10 a.m. start.

More than 22 schools and 306 runners will take part in the meet, but Dirksen said the Huskers were using the meet as a tuneup for upcoming weeks.

"It's our first meet and when it's this early in the season I'm never really concerned," he said. "It's not a high-pressure meet, but we need to take a look at our own runners. We've got a lot of competition on our own

teams right now."

The men's top runner — All-American candidate David Itteffa — will sit out Saturday's meet. Itteffa, who missed all of last season with a hip injury, will run in two weeks at the University of Minnesota.

"We want him to train harder this week, and get more mileage under his belt before he takes part in any meet," Dirksen said. "Right now, the men

have a lot of good people behind him, so down the road it looks pretty good."

Leading the way for the Husker women are two standouts returning from last season.

Senior Fran ten Bensel and junior Theresa Stelling both qualified for the NCAA national meet last season.

According to Dirksen, ten Bensel could be one of the best runners in the nation this fall.

"She's outstanding, and I think she's one of the best individual runners in the United States," he said. "We have a lot of athletes on the

women's team who are very good. Theresa Stelling is very good, and the list goes on."

Missing from the women's team this Saturday, however, is third runner Michele Schafer. Schafer may miss most of the season because of a stress fracture she sustained in practice.

"There's been a lot of competition on the women's side," Dirksen said. "And they have a lot of depth, so we just have to wait and see. Right now we're concentrating on volume and miles because it is the first meet."

Teams from the University of South Dakota, Nebraska Wesleyan, Wichita State, Drake and University of Nebraska-Kearney will be among those participating in the meet on Saturday.

The meet is named for Woody Greeno, a former cross country coach at Nebraska Wesleyan, and is hosted by both Nebraska Wesleyan and the University of Nebraska.

Men's tennis team hopes to play better than previous opening tries

By Beau Finley
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's tennis team is hoping this year's debut won't be a repeat performance.

The Cornhuskers enter the 1992-1993 campaign this weekend in South Bend, Ind., competing in the Notre Dame Invitational. Sixteen teams from across the country will compete.

Last year, the team failed to get a player into the semifinals and only Mike Garcia, a freshman at the time, made the quarterfinals in his bracket.

Garcia said he had not forgotten the poor team performance.

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"We took it in the chin last year ... we've got something to prove," Garcia said.

Despite the players' focus on the tournament, coach Kerry McDermott

said he wanted to make the event a steppingstone.

"Our main goal is to improve," McDermott said. "We want to establish our top six and the doubles teams and then build momentum for the Big Eight season."

The team momentum will center on the return of redshirt senior Matthias Mueller. Mueller, the top NU player two years ago when he was ranked as high as 26th nationally, also has something to prove.

"(Mueller) had a good year but didn't finish strong," McDermott said. If experience is any indication, the NU tennis team should not be at a loss for depth strength.

Red Sox players settle scoring feud

BOSTON (AP)—Roger Clemens and Wade Boggs cooled their simmering feud Wednesday, a rare bit of good news in a frustrating season for the last-place Boston Red Sox.

They held peace talks with manager Butch Hobson less than 24 hours after Clemens said he had lost respect for his teammate for influencing an official scoring change that increased Clemens' ERA.

The change didn't help Clemens' chances for a fourth Cy Young Award. "I've got Roger's respect back," Boggs said after the 25-minute session before Boston's game against the Milwaukee Brewers. "That's all I need."

"When you get cards out on the table and talk about it, it's over and done with," Clemens said. "We'll go on to try to finish up the season strong, look forward to next year. It's been frustrating on everybody."

Asked if two of the greatest players in club history had apologized to each other, Hobson said, "They shook hands."

All three said the controversy was behind them.

The play that launched it was a hard fifth-inning grounder by Tony Phillips in the Detroit Tigers' 9-5 win Saturday. It went between Boggs and third base and was ruled an error.

After talking with Boggs, official

scorer Charles Scoggins changed the call to a hit. The two runs Detroit scored in the inning became earned, raising Clemens' ERA from 2.24 to 2.31. Clemens (18-9) still leads the American League in ERA. Kevin Appier of the Kansas City Royals is second at 2.46.

Clemens became upset Tuesday after hearing that the scoring change was made after Boggs questioned the decision.

"I hope (the controversy) doesn't get in the way of what I'm trying to accomplish" by winning the Cy Young Award, Clemens had said Tuesday night, "but I'm going to need my teammates' help."

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