Saturday at the NU Coliseum.

In years past, the result of a Ne-

But this season, an improved Mis-

would be a foregone conclusion.

deciding who the victor will be.

By Jeff Singer

Senior Reporter

NU Coliseum.

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## Colorado

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"We're going to have to be sharp Saturday," Brown said. "It's a great caliber defense Colorado has. They're strong up front, real aggressive.

As far as the Huskers are concerned, Osborne said he had no worries about freshman Tommie Frazier starting at quarterback

Frazier made his first start last week against Missouri and threw for 157 yards, ran for 77 and scored three touchdowns.

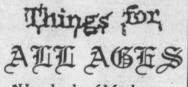
He's played in a lot of important ball games over his career so I think he has pretty good poise," Osborne said. "I think he'll do well. If we didn't think he would, we wouldn't start

The importance that Colorado puts on its matchup with Nebraska is no secret, but the circumstances dictate the importance of this season's game, Osborne said.

"Certainly they're going to be focused on this game because it's going to represent a lot as far as who wins the Big Eight championship," he said.

Brown said he had noticed that Colorado put out a greater effort against the Huskers.

"When they play, they do play a lot harder than what I've seen in past games," Brown said. "I think that's great. It makes the game that much,



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# SATURDAY NIGHT

October 31, 7:30 p.m. Nebraska Coliseum

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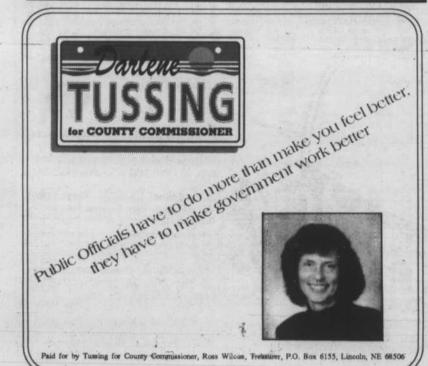
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#### DN weekend picks

Daily Nebraskan staffers pick the winners of the ten major college football games this weekend, with winners in bold:

Kansas St. at Oklahoma Oklahoma St. at Kansas Missouri at Iowa St. Michigan at Purdue Georgia at Florida Texas at Texas Tech West Virginia at Miami Florida St. at Virginia Ohio St. at lowa Stanford at Washington

Nebraska 27, Colorado 24

Last week: 7-3 Season: 46-23 (.667)

#### Notes:

 Nebraska has a 34-14-2 record against Colorado, but is 0-2-1 against the Buffaloes in the last three meetings. Nebraska last beat Colorado 7-0 in 1988 at Lincoln.

 Playing on Halloween hasn't haunted the Huskers in the past. Nebraska is 15-0 in all games played on

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"We played really well 90 percent well 90 percent and the played really well 90 percent and the p of the game in those two games," Bickert said. "But it's the little things that make big plays. And that's what

Bickert has never lost to Nebraska and Colorado is undefeated in the Big Eight during his career.

"It's a real important game to me and the other seniors," Bickert said. "This is our big game of the year, and to go out without a loss in the conference would be a great accomplishment.

"I want to finish my college career by beating Nebraska three out of four

times," Figures said.

Saturday NU Coliseum braska-Missouri volleyball match Nebraska (14-2), (8-0) Stephanie Thater 6-2 souri team will wait until after Saturday's match is played before Eileen Shannon **Kim Tonniges** 5-11 OH Laura Luther Allison Weston Nikki Stricker Fifth-ranked Nebraska will battle 6-0 5-10 the Tigers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the The Cornhuskers have won the last Missouri (15-8), (4-5) 23 meetings between the schools and Cindy Atteberry Shannon Brown Yvette Buhlig Gwen Mullens have a career 36-2-1 record against 5-11 OH 5-9 OH But the Tigers have improved on last year's marks of 1-11 in the Big Eight and 10-22 overall to 4-5 and 15-Cara Reichel Melinda Wrye 5-10 5-7 Missouri volleyball coach Craig Sherman said it was easy to see why the Tigers had improved so much in "We've had a lot of young kids that are maturing," Sherman said. "They play well together and they work well The brightest spot for the Tigers

Nebraska's Kim Tonniges (left) and Eileen Shannon put up a block last Saturday against Colorado. The Cornhuskers, 8-0 in the Big Eight, will host Missouri in a 7:30 p.m. match

Improved Missouri team

Probable Starters

Missouri at Nebraska, 7:30 p.m.

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that if the Huskers could stop Buhlig, Sherman said Buhlig was vital to the match should be easy.

erally when you stop a team's best player, they usually let up," Pettit

Pettit's team hasn't let up this season, as Nebraska currently has a 12match winning streak and has won 31 games in a row. If the Huskers sweep Missouri, the consecutive-game streak will tie Nebraska's school record, which was established in 1976.

The 14-2 Huskers swept Kansas Wednesday 15-4, 15-7, 15-4, and Nebraska outside hitter Laura Luther said that score symbolized the Huskers' improvement since Nebraska

started the year at 3-2 "We've raised our level of play since the beginning of the year," said Luther, who ranks among the Big Eight leaders in hitting percentage and service aces. "All aspects of our game have improved.

But the Husker that the Tigers are most concerned with is Nebraska middle blocker Stephanie Thater.

Thater, a Missouri native, is challenging Buhlig for the Big Eight's hitting percentage title, and Sherman said it should be interesting when the two square off Saturday.

"It'll be a good battle there," Sherman said.

"If she kills the ball, we'll say "She's their best player, and gen"She's their best player, and gen"She's their best player, and gen-

# Women's, men's cross country run for conference championships

By Phil Carter Staff Reporter

Missouri's success.

After a week of rest, Nebraska cross country coach Jay Dirksen says his men's and women's teams are tuned up for a run at the conference championships.

well as service aces this season.

"I think we're ready," Dirksen said. "They've worked hard in practice, and we're pretty healthy so I think both teams have a chance.

The meet will be in Boulder, Colo., Saturday, and Dirksen said he hoped the altitude wasn't a major factor in the running conditions.

"Altitude is something you don't fear but you're aware of," he said. "If our runners can stay with it, they can perform really well."

Nebraska senior Fran ten Bensel, who won the Big Eight title last season, is the favorite to win the women's individual title.

"There's not a lot of people who can stay with her," Dirksen said. "If

probably the favorite."

Dirksen said Colorado runner Brooke Boffman would possibly challenge ten Bensel.

'She's a real good runner, and (Colorado) has a goodteam," Dirksen said. "They're at home, and the altitude shouldn't affect them.

Although the Husker women are favored, Dirksen said that Kansas State had a good team and he picked them

"(Kansas State) has a lot of balance," he said. "They have two runners in the top five of the conference, and their other runners always stay with the pack.'

On the men's side, Dirksen said the Huskers were still pretty young, but he felt the inexperience could work

"When you have a young team, you're going to be competitive or you're not," Dirksen said. "We've had a couple of guys who have some cessful season for him."

she can stick with her race, then she's colds and one has tendonitis, but we're pretty healthy.'

> The Colorado men's team is the favorite to win, Dirksen said.

> Their top seven runners are within 40-50 seconds of each other," he said. "I think anyone who has that type of grouping has a strong team.

> Kansas State and Iowa State also will battle for the top men's spot this

> "Kansas State has a balanced team, and Iowa State is strong, but they are going to be without their No. 1 runner and their best freshman," Dirksen said.
> "For us, David Iteffa has a strong chance at the individual title."

> Iteffa, a senior, has been hampered by a hip injury. He was held out of track season and has been limited to just two races this season.

"I think he's back to normal," Dirksen said. "His training has improved, and the way he's improved all year, I feel this has been a very suc-