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Nebraska could lose game despite score

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Nebraska wingback Abdul Muhammad is tackled by defenders during a recent scrimmage. Muhammad will lead Nebraska's wingbacks and split ends into Saturday's 1 p.m. matchup with North Texas at Memorial Stadium.

Eagles aim to upset NU, coach says

big, then maybe you ran it up." Parker said he understood why Osborne made the comment, but

had very little sympathy for the

Huskers' position. "If he feels that way, then don't

schedule us," Parker said. "No one

By Jeff Griesch nior Reporter

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North Texas coach Dennis Parker isn't about to pity Nebraska coach Tom Osborne and his Cornhuskers.

In fact, he said he didn't feel a bit sorry for Osborne after the Husker coach said he hoped Nebraska never scheduled a Division I-AA team like the Eagles again.

Osborne said the Huskers were in a "no-win situation" against North Texas Saturday. "If you win but don't win convincingly it's almost like a loss,"

Osborne said. "If you lose, it's the end of the world. If you win real

We're preparing to beat Nebraska. We're not flying to Nebraska to be their sacrificial lambs.

North Texas coach

statement to me is an admission of judgement on his part for putting us on the schedule.

Parker said he was more concerned with getting his team ready to play than with whether or not the

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forced them to schedule us. That Big game mixes quarterback's emotions

By Derek Samson Staff Reporter

North Texas quarterback Mitch

a loss," Maher said. "It doesn't matter who your opponent is. When you lose a game, it stands as a loss and you can't do anything about Maher, who completed 151 of 293 passes for 2,096 yards and 11 touchdowns in 1992, said the North Texas offense will face plenty of obstacles Saturday. "The whole defense is going to be good and we realize that," he said. "I can look at their linebackers and realize how good they are, but I can't focus on that. The same goes for the defensive backs.

"This will probably be the best

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Osborne says victory won't benefit Huskers

By Derek Samson Staff Reporter

cbraska coach Tom Osborne said his team was facing the impossible in Saturday's contest, and he wasn't talking about the opponent.

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Instead, the Husker coach said, the Cornhuskers will have a hard time getting any benefit out of the game, even if they're victorious. "It's a no-win situation," he said.

"If you win, but not convincingly, it's just like a loss. "If you lose, then it's the end of

the world. If you win big, then everybody is going to say you ran it up. It's a tough situation to play in."

A scheduling error on the part of Wyoming, Nebraska's original opponent for Saturday, left Nebraska without a foe for Saturday. Out of more than 30 teams that were contacted, Osborne said North Texas was the only one that showed interest in filling the empty spot on the Huskers' schedule.

"There is a lot of downside risk involved in games like this," he said. "We wish that North Texas had that I-A connotation behind its

that we are going to have to be ready to play. "We can't worry about whether

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than us. We just have to worry about playing as good as we can play.

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Osborne said the Huskers' defensive unit must be on top of its game for Nebraska to be successful

"North Texas runs a lot of dif-

-Parker

Maher is filled with mixed emo-tions about the Eagles' matchup with Nebraska Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

"It's a great opportunity for us," Maher said. "I'm real excited about it. There is really no pressure on us."

On the other hand, Maher said, he doesn't think the Eagles can afford to just try hard and settle for a loss. "There is nothing positive about

not expecting Nebraska to be look

ing past them. "I think they're going to be very prepared because of their coach-es," he said. "Any time you have a team like Nebraska and a coach as great as Tom Osborne, you can count on them being ready to play. Even so, Maher said, beginning

the season at Nebraska was an ex-

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name.

However, Nebraska is no stranger to I-AA teams. Last season, the Huskers defeated Middle Tennessee State 48-7 in Lincoln.

"I looked back at last year and Middle Tennessee State was more competitive than about three other teams that we played," Osborne said. "How North Texas will fare, I don't know. What I do know is

ferent formations, so our biggest challenge will be defensively," he said. "They have a good quarter-back (Mitch Maher). He threw for over 2,000 yards last year, so that shows they have a number of good receivers also.'

Osborne said probably the biggest problem would come from

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Weekend tournament to challenge Huskers, coach says

By Tim Pearson Senior Reporter

After a season-opening win against Iowa, the Nebraska volleyball team takes to the road

the Neoraska voileybail team takes to the total to play ranked competition. The Cornhuskers, coming off a 15-5, 15-5, 15-8 win over the Hawkeyes, travel to Univer-sity Park, Penn., for the Penn State Invitational. The Huskers will play three matches in the invite. The Huskers will play twice Satur-index the problem will play twice Satur-

today at 4 p.m. Nebraska will play twice Satur-day — against Pittsburgh at noon and against Penn State at 6:30 p.m.

Husker coach Terry Pettit said the three matches in two days would be a tough test for his team.

"The other teams will be well prepared for us," he said. "The Iowa win gave us some confidence, and it's a lot better for us to go in there with one win rather than a loss.

Sophomore middle blocker Allison Weston lso said the win over Iowa would give the team additional momentum.

"It'll give us some great momentum going inte a tough tournament like this," she said. "There'll be some tough teams that we'll have to play.

Penn State, the Big Ten champion last year with a 28-4 record, entered the season ranked No. 11 in the country by the coaches and No. 13

by Volleyball Monthly. Lady Lion coach Russ Rose said his team was similar to this year's Nebraska team. Both teams made it to the NCAA Mideast Regional both front and back row well. semifinals last season.

"Nebraska lost one of their best players ever in Stephanie Thater from last year's team," Rose said. "We also lost an All-American, among other players."

Penn State returns four starters from last year. But Rose said this year's team was less experienced than last year's, with no seniors on the squad.

Rose said he expected his team to face a typical Nebraska squad.

"I've been seeing them for 17 years, and I was coaching with Terry when he started, so I know Nebraska pretty well," Rose said. "They're the type of team with good athletes who play

"They've always had a competitive, excit-ing spirit for the game, and that's why Nebraska's been so successful over the past 15 years," he said.

Rose, who was an assistant to Pettit 15 years ago, said he had some doubts about his team playing a ranked team like Nebraska so early in the season. But that was only until he talked to Pettit a couple of days ago.

"I spoke with Terry yesterday, and I felt better about my team's chances after I got done calling him than before I called him," Rose said. "We're significantly down from last year, and Terry led me to believe that they're kind of rebuilding this year.