

Notre Dame defeat shatters winning streak

Nebraska wins other two games in Dome Classic

By Tim Pearson
Senior Reporter

Nebraska's streak is now history. After 11 consecutive wins, Nebraska's longest winning streak to open the season since 1989, the Cornhusker volleyball team lost its first match of the season to Notre Dame Saturday night at the Golden Dome Classic in South Bend, Ind.

The Huskers lost to the No. 14 Fighting Irish in four games, 8-15, 7-15, 15-3, 10-15.

Nebraska senior setter Nikki Stricker said the Huskers weren't as consistent as they needed to be against Notre Dame.

"It was a good match," she said. "I can't put my finger on any one specific thing we did wrong."

"It was a lot of little things that we did wrong."

Before the Notre Dame match, the Huskers hadn't lost the first game in any of their previous 11 matches. But against Notre Dame they lost the first two games.

Stricker said the Huskers just didn't come out ready to play at the start of the match.

"We didn't come out strong in the first game," she said. "We'd make a little push, and then we'd let up."

Notre Dame made it tough on the Huskers because of good defense, Stricker said.

"They really served tough, and their defense was excellent," she said. "They played real consistently, and they were digging the hits that would normally be good."

The Fighting Irish had 79 digs while Nebraska had 62.

Sophomore middle-blocker Allison Weston led the Huskers in the losing effort with 16 kills.

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The Huskers also played two other matches at the classic, winning both.

Stricker said she thought Nebraska played well against Southwest Missouri State on Friday and Santa Clara on Saturday.

"I thought we played really well," she said. "We ran our offense the way we wanted to run it, but we weren't as consistent as we needed to be."

Nebraska picked up their 10th win of the season after defeating Southwest Missouri State 15-9, 15-7, 15-

12.

Freshman middle-blocker Jen McFadden had 18 kills and had a hitting percentage of .500. The team of Weston and McFadden also combined for eight blocks, with McFadden collecting six.

The next day, the Huskers defeated Santa Clara 15-13, 15-9, 15-3. Weston had 21 kills and had a hitting percentage of .548. McFadden again picked up 18 kills with a hitting percentage of .536.

Against the Broncos, the Huskers had an overall hitting percentage of .328.

Both McFadden and Weston were named to the all-tournament team.

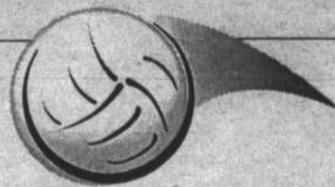
Stricker said the Huskers would work on what they did wrong and correct it before their Big Eight opener against Kansas State Wednesday.

"We'll make a lot of adjustments," she said. "Coach didn't talk to us much after the Notre Dame match, so I'm sure we'll have some hard practices."

Match stats Golden Dome Invitational

Nebraska leaders:

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| BLOCKS: | 10 | Jen McFadden |
| ASSISTS: | 53 | Nikki Stricker |
| KILLS: | 21 | Allison Weston |
| HITTING PERCENTAGE: | .548 | Allison Weston |



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Rams' hopes of staying in game ruined by penalties, bad breaks

By Tim Pearson
Senior Reporter

Colorado State was hoping to keep up with Nebraska in the early stages of its game against the Cornhuskers on Saturday.

But on the second play of the game, those hopes were crushed when Husker rover Toby Wright intercepted an Anthony Hill pass and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown. The Cornhuskers cruised from then on and won 48-13.

Rams coach Sonny Lubick, in his first season at Colorado State, said Wright's interception was tough for his team to recover from.

"That killed us," Lubick said. "We were down 7-0, and there were still 14 minutes to go in the first quarter."

Hill said he didn't see Wright until the ball was almost in Wright's hands.

"I just misjudged it," he said. "He got a good break on the ball, and I didn't see him until he had it."

"You can't let a team like Nebraska get ahead of you. We just gave it to them on a silver platter."

Lubick said penalties also killed

his team. The Rams, who dropped to 1-3, were penalized 14 times for 124 yards.

"I felt the score could have been a lot closer," he said. "We really hurt ourselves. Several times we gained 6 or 7 yards on first downs, and then we had at least three penalties bring them back."

Hill, who rushed for 65 yards and passed for 144 yards, said the Rams thought they could move the ball against the Husker defense, which gave up 326 yards to UCLA last week.

"Penalties hurt us, but it came down to execution," Hill said. "We just didn't execute."

Lubick said Nebraska, which jumped to 4-0, was a good, solid football team.

"You have to give them some credit," he said. "They just keep coming at you."

"They were as big and as physical as we thought they'd be."

Lubick said Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier and the Husker offensive line were keys in the Huskers' win.

"Frazier made things tough for us

on defense," Lubick said. "They were able to block us so we couldn't get to the quarterback."

"We had trouble tackling Frazier. He kept the drives going."

Lubick said evidence of Frazier's ability came on two plays in particular.

On third down and 18 in the third quarter, Frazier hit Abdul Muhammad with a 41-yard touchdown pass. Frazier also audibled on a third down and goal in the second quarter and found tight end Gerald Armstrong wide open for the touchdown.

Lubick had nothing but praise for the Husker sophomore quarterback.

"On the touchdown at the goal line, we were trying to stop the run, and he saw it right away and found the tight end," Lubick said. "He's a quarterback who can break tackles and run well."

Lubick said he hoped his team could learn from this loss.

"It's hard to talk to the team right now because they are not in the mood to listen," he said. "I hope we can use this game as a real growing experience."

Game stats Nebraska 48 Colorado St. 13

| SCORING | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Nebraska | 14 | 14 | 6 | 14 | 48 |
| Colorado State | 3 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 13 |

SCORING BY QUARTER

| Nebraska | Colorado St. | Time left |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
| 7 | St. | 14:03 |
| | | 7:32 |
| 14 | 3 | 2:49 |
| 21 | | 5:17 |
| 28 | | 0:43 |
| | | 0:00 |
| 34 | 6 | 5:18 |
| 41 | | 11:58 |
| 48 | 13 | 3:53 |
| | | 1:52 |

OFFENSE



RUSHING LEADERS

| | ATT | Net yards | Ave. | Long gain | TD |
|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|----|
| Phillips | 14 | 79 | 5.6 | 12 | 1 |
| Frazier | 11 | 75 | 6.85 | 21 | 1 |
| Makovicka | 7 | 62 | 8.9 | 22 | 1 |

PASSING

| | Comp.-Att. | Comp.-Pct. | Yds. | TD |
|-----------|------------|------------|------|----|
| Frazier | 7-13 | 53.8 | 79 | 2 |
| Berringer | 4-8 | 50.0 | 27 | 1 |

PASS RECIEVING

| | No. | Yards | TD |
|-----------|-----|-------|----|
| Muhammad | 1 | 41 | 1 |
| Bell | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| Armstrong | 2 | 15 | 1 |

KICKOFF RETURNS

| | No. | Yds. | long | TD |
|---------|-----|------|------|----|
| Dixon | 1 | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Baul | 1 | 40 | 40 | 0 |
| Benning | 1 | 57 | 57 | 0 |

DEFENSE

TACKLES

| | Total | Unassisted | Assists | Sacks | Tackles for loss |
|----------|-------|------------|---------|-------|------------------|
| Alberts | 8 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| Anderson | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Harris | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |

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Jones plays Saturday — for stats' sake

By Jeff Griesch
Senior Reporter

Calvin Jones made an unexpected appearance in Saturday's win against Colorado State.

The Nebraska defense had already given the Huskers a 7-0 lead and then forced Colorado State to punt on the Rams' second possession.

The 75,625 fans at Memorial Stadium rose to their feet as Jones jogged onto the field with the rest of the Husker offense.

On the first play, quarterback Tommie Frazier handed off to fullback Corey Schlesinger for a four-

yard gain. Jones stayed as far away from the action as he could and then trotted off the field to another standing ovation.

For Jones, his day's work was through—making it the shortest game appearance he had ever made as a Cornhusker.

After the game, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne explained Jones' unannounced appearance in the game.

"Calvin Jones participated, he did not play," Osborne said. "We decided before the game that we would run a fullback trap the first play. It was something about statistics where if he hadn't played today, he would not

appear in national statistics.

"We wanted to give him one play where he would not get hit."

Jones said that he did not become aware of the requirement for national statistics until Thursday when one of the sports information department's staff members discovered the requirement. They discovered that Jones needed to play in 75 percent of Nebraska's games to be eligible for postseason honors.

"Thank God they were knowledgeable of the situation," Jones said.

"I think it shows a lot of character on the part of the coaches and especially Coach Osborne," he said. "He

gave me that opportunity to get into the game, and I thank him for it because there are a lot of coaches that maybe wouldn't have given me that opportunity."

Doane win reflects team's depth

Seven runners place in cross-country meet

By Derek Samson
Staff Reporter

Even without its top six runners, the Nebraska women's cross country team won the Doane Invitational in Crete Saturday.

Coach Jay Dirksen said he was impressed with the team's competitiveness.

"It confirms that we have a lot of depth," Dirksen said. "Doane had a real good women's team and for us to take our seventh through 14th runners and still win is impressive."

"I think we probably have a Top 20 women's team."

Freshman Lindsey Miller placed second to lead six Huskers in the top

12 spots.

"When you run that well against that good of a team in those weather conditions is very good," Dirksen said. "With the weather the way it was, the times were slower, but not as slow as you would think. I don't think there was anybody who ran a poor race."

Miller had a time of 18:53, just 22 seconds behind the winner, Suzanne Weeder of Doane.

"Lindsey Miller really ran a good race," Dirksen said.

Sandy Fein placed third, Olivia Sanchez fourth and Kirsten Walz fifth. Dannika Hardensen came in 11th and Becky Lund finished 12th.

Only two runners from the men's team, David Rose and Mike Myers, went to Doane. Rhodes placed third in the men's 8,000-meter run with a time of 27:30.3 and Myers came in eighth

at 28:46. Jeff Novotny of Hastings won the race with a time of 26:48.1.

"Rhodes ran real well," Dirksen said. "He has really been coming on lately."

The men were also not in full force, as the top eight men sat out of Saturday's race.

"We tried to sit some of our top runners," Dirksen said. "That's why it was so good to see how much depth we have."

Both the men's and women's teams will travel to Minneapolis this weekend to compete in the Minnesota Invitational.

"Next week is our first real big test," Dirksen said.

"There should be about six teams there that will be in the Top 20. After this weekend, we will have a much better idea how we stack up against some of the best teams in the nation."

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