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Stelling leaves the shadows, ines as NU team leader

By Tony West Staff Reporter

Theresa Stelling spent almost all of last fall's cross country season in the shadow of Fran ten Bensel, a three-time All-American and the ninth-place finisher at last year's NCAA Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

But since ten Bensel's graduation in May, Stelling has moved to the front of the women's team and into

the limelight.

Cross country coach Jay Dirksen said he couldn't be happier with Stelling's leadership this season.

"She's an absolutely great leader," Dirksen said. "She was certainly over-shadowed by Fran last year and Lisa Graham before that. But I think this year she's taken on the responsibility as a leader more."

Huskers simulate game crowd noise

From Staff Reports

In preparation for Saturday's game against Colorado, the Nebraska football team used simulated crowd noise while practicing at Memorial Stadium on Wednesday.

Coach Tom Osborne said defensive tackle Kevin Ramaekers returned to practice after missing one day with the flu.

Linebacker Ernie Beler, who has a sore shoulder, was held out of practice and linebacker Ed Stewart left practice early, also suffering from a sore shoulder, Osborne said.

He said none of the injuries appeared to be serious or would prevent the players from play-

try team, but she still is concentrating on her own improvement. Stelling said she wanted to continue to focus on her personal goals as well as the

"I want to make it to nationals and become an All-American," Stelling said. "Ithink I can achieve it, if every-

thing goes right.'

Just making it to nationals wouldn't be good enough for Stelling, though, she said. She wants to improve on her finish from the past two years. As a sophomore, Stelling finished 109th in 1991; she was 75th last year as a

"My placing is improving every year at nationals, and I think I can improve on it again this year," Stelling

Stelling has made an effort to prove als," Stelling said.

This year, Stelling finally is leading the Nebraska women's cross counimprovement this season. At this year's Minnesota Invitational, Stelling finished second. Last year she was 11th at the same meet.

Stelling's improved leadership and performance please Dirksen, he said. But he is most impressed by one other attribute Stelling has brought to the

"(The other runners on the team) really have a lot of respect for her," he said. "In fact, the other day one of the younger runners came up to her for help in balancing her checkbook."

That respect is something that may just lead the women's cross country team to the improvement it needs to succeed, Dirksen said.

"There's no one that works any harder than her," he said.

"I think we can make it to nation-

Huskers to face game as one more obstacle

By Derek Samson Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Cornhuskers have posted a 7-0 record by approaching each game as their most important,

intended to do again Saturday, despite recent increases in intensity sur-rounding Nebraska's game with Col-Several Nebraska players said the

players said, and that was what they

upcoming battle with Colorado was just another obstacle they needed to hurdle to finish the season undefeat-

"When you play in the Big Eight, you play so many teams year after year that every game is a big game," linebacker Trev Alberts said. "Every team plays you tough at some point, so Colorado is really no exception.

'We're looking forward to playing against a team with great players like what Colorado has. That's what col-lege football is all about."

Alberts said Nebraska's annual game with Colorado was turning into a rivalry because the Buffaloes had emerged as one of the nation's top

Any time you have a team that is ranked high, it is going to be treated as a rivalry," he said. "For the last few

It's not real. Oh, the pain. Dreams are

cus on Colorado. The CU Golden

Felons are coming into the game with

a formidable ground attack and ah, ah, a formidable ground attack. Real-

ly, let's cut the crap: Is Kordell Stewart

I watched Stewart, and if he doesn't

My only real concern with the game Saturday is that the Huskers

uil throwing that ball around, some-

Now the Husker Du's need to fo-

Finley

so damn unreal.

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really going to hurt us?

body is going to lose an eye.

years Colorado has been that team that is ranked high."

Offensive lineman Ken Mehlin said there was a different atmosphere when Colorado was involved.

'It is a lot more of an intense feeling than some of the other games,' Mehlin said. "That is what I remember most about the past games with Colorado, and that intensity seems to rub off into practice before we play them." But Colorado coach Bill

ka as the Buffaloes' key rival hasn't necessarily rubbed off on Nebraska Tight end Trumane Bell said the

McCartney's designation of Nebras-

Colorado games couldn't be com-pared to Nebraska's longtime rivalry with Oklahoma. "I really couldn't say it is that big

of a rivalry because I approach every game as my own personal rivalry," he said. "As far as our schedule goes, I guess you could say this game is right up there, but I don't think it is as big as Nebraska-Oklahoma was.

I-back Calvin Jones said the Cornhuskers did not need any extra emotion for Saturday's game.

"There is no need for a lot of rahrah because we know what's on the line and what is at stake," Jones said.

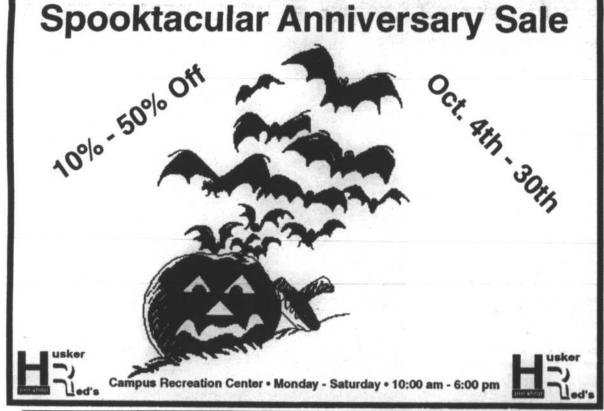
will be looking past Colorado to the Iowa State game still two weeks away.

All right, enough of wussy sportswriter wishy-washiness. I've got a prediction: I say Nebraska will beat the Snuffaluffagoes by 10 and go on to the Big Eight championship. I also predict I'll lose consciousness at some point during the game.

In fact, I say bring on Notre Dame. It's not that I care about beating Lou Holtz or tearing down that Irish mystique - it's that I want to see this lusker juggernaut take out that "Rudy" guy.

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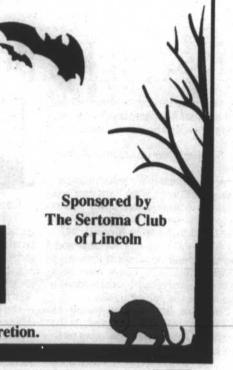
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