

Preparation

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any other major changes to prepare for Florida State.

"You can't really do a whole lot different," Osborne said. "We played well last year, we just didn't win the game."

While the Huskers won't change

much in terms of preparation, Osborne said, Nebraska might throw the ball more in the Orange Bowl than it did in the last two regular-season games.

"It will be a little warmer in Miami than it was here for the Iowa State and Oklahoma games," Osborne said. "With the warmer weather, we will be able to throw the ball a little better, and you have to do what the conditions will allow you to."

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NU women split games in weekend invitational

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's basketball team split two games in the Idaho Invitational last weekend.

Nebraska dropped its first game 102-79 to Brigham Young University, but the Cornhuskers bounced back in the consolation game with a 107-74 victory over Idaho.

The BYU defeat was the team's second-straight loss after it lost to Arkansas State Tuesday.

Coach Angela Beck said the Huskers suffered a tough week on the road.

"I was a little disappointed after that BYU game," Beck said. "We haven't become a very good road team. This was kind of tough because our first two games on the road have been against really good teams."

Nafeesah Brown led Nebraska

with 26 points, making 12 of 16 shots from the field and grabbing a team-high nine rebounds against BYU. Meggan Yedsena added 12 points and nine assists in the loss.

"I was really pleased with the way we came back against Idaho," Beck said. "We had some meetings and talked about our last two losses and about getting back on track."

Brown again led scoring with 27 points, while Yedsena scored 14 and contributed nine assists.

Beck said she hoped the win would provide a boost for the 3-2 Huskers when they travel to Southwest Missouri State Wednesday.

"I hope it gives us a little momentum going into Southwest Missouri," she said. "It will be another tough challenge. We need to be real positive going in there because that's a tough place to play."

Banquet to honor Osborne, assist Nebraska youth

From Staff Reports

A February banquet to honor Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne's 200th win will also help junior high and middle school youth in Nebraska, banquet chairmen announced Friday at a press conference in Omaha.

Walter Scott Jr. and George Abel said funds for the Tom Osborne Endowment for Youth would be solicited at the Feb. 3 dinner in Lincoln.

The dinner committee has set a goal of \$250,000 for the Osborne Endowment.

Abel said the endowment project was Tom and Nancy Osborne's idea.

"We learned that for the past few years Tom and Nancy have been setting aside \$10,000 from their income to support a program they initiated to stabilize life for boys and girls at the junior high level who were identified by their schools as being 'at risk,'" Abel said.

Piatkowski

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Sports Network didn't come close to making up for losing in the game's final seconds.

"I had a great game, but I wouldn't say it was my best game," he said. "If I was looking at it personally, then I'd be very happy."

"Recognition-wise, it was on Prime Sports, but that's as far as it goes. Our main goal is to win basketball games, not individual stats."

The 6-foot-7 senior has been mentioned in some publications as an All-American candidate and a repeat pick for All-Big Eight.

But Piatkowski isn't letting the All-American hype get to him.

"If you start thinking about those All-American things and All-Big Eight repeat, that puts pressure on you," he said. "I'm not going to think about that stuff."

"I'm just going to go out and play basketball the way I know how to play basketball."

Piatkowski already has garnered one award so far this season. He was named the Ameritas Classic's most valuable player last weekend.

Being named MVP didn't make up for his performance at Appalachian State, though, he said.

"It made the pain go away a little," he said. "I didn't shoot a great percentage, but I stayed focused. Gradually as the season goes on, I'll get better."

"One of my goals is to improve

with every game, and by the end of the season to be at a high level."

Along with improvement, Piatkowski, one of four seniors on the squad, hopes to display leadership. But he doesn't consider himself to be the one player the team will look to when things get tough.

"All four seniors are doing a better job than any other year I've been here of providing leadership for the team," Piatkowski said. "They'll maybe look to me more so in a big game, but they can do a lot of great things."

"When we go out there focused and playing up to our potential, we're very, very good and we're going to challenge for the Big Eight championship. But if we go out there not focused, then things could go real bad."

Peter

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had to watch everybody else play while I sat on the bench," Peter said.

McBride said Peter's transition after his redshirt season was not as smooth as the average Husker.

"He had a little trouble getting everything straightened out," McBride said. "He has had great ability, but he just had to learn that he was not going

to play until he learned that he had to do things our way, not his way."

Peter said the coaches were correct in saying that it took him awhile to adjust.

"I was stubborn-headed when I got here," he said. "I thought bigger was better, and that's not the case. You've got to be willing to cooperate with the coaches. It's either their way or the highway."

"But I think sitting out helped me in the long run. It made me hungrier.

I wanted more playing (time) than I would have if I hadn't sat out."

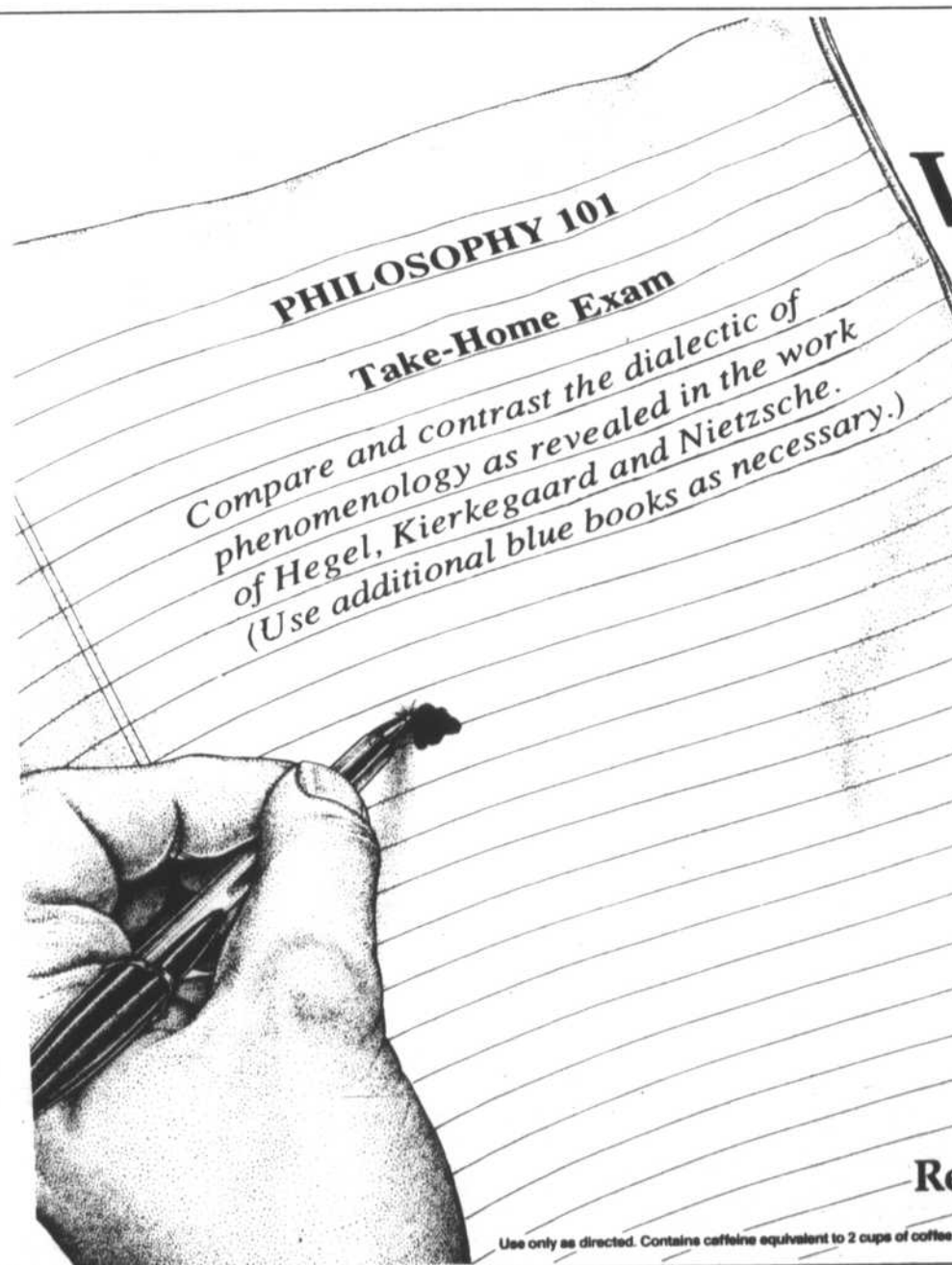
McBride said he had hoped to give Peter some significant playing time on Nov. 6, when the Huskers defeated Kansas 21-20 in Lawrence, Kan.

"It didn't work out," McBride said. "But he came around in the weeks leading up to (the Oklahoma) game."

Peter said the Oklahoma game was just a sample of what he can do on the football field.

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