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# Track team upbeat despite injuries

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

Wins last week at the UTEP Spring Time Invitational have given Nebraska's track and field team momentum heading into its first home outdoor track and field meet this season, Nebraska coach Gary Pepin said.



**Pepin**  
how hard they have worked."

The Huskers will try to build on those first-place finishes when they

play host to Colorado State, Minnesota, Wichita State and Northern Colorado at the Ed Weir outdoor track Saturday.

But despite the win, Pepin said, he has lost some key athletes to injuries, making it hard to gain any extra ground as the team advances throughout the season.

On the women's side, senior All-Americans Shanelle Porter (sprints) and Theresa Stelling (distance) are out for the upcoming meet. Porter is suffering from a foot injury, and Stelling is having problems with her back.

For the men, senior pole vaulter John Nichols, the top returner, is out with a back injury from the indoor season. Senior Andy Mittan also suf-

fered a back injury in the indoor season and will not compete, while senior Sean Buckley was injured at the Texas-El Paso meet.

"We went from one of the best pole vaulting cores we've ever had, and now we're struggling to find someone to go over 16 feet," Pepin said.

Despite the injuries, Pepin said, emotions remain relatively high, because the Huskers were named the nation's top men's and women's dual teams in the May issue of Track and Field News.

Pepin said he expected even more out of the outdoor team.

"We place a bigger emphasis on the outdoor track and field team," he said. "And I think we have a chance to be better outdoors."

# Tennis men hopeful despite 4-12 mark

By Tim Pearson  
Senior Reporter

Although the Nebraska men's tennis team is 4-12, the Huskers' season is far from over, Cornhusker coach Kerry McDermott said.



**McDermott**  
and at Kansas Saturday. The Huskers will also take on Missouri Sunday.

"We feel like we're a pretty good 4-12 team," McDermott said. "We're not going to quit just because we're 4-12. We just need more experience."

That experience may come this weekend. The Jayhawks and Shockers are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the region.

"For sure, we know we'll come out 1-2, unless the van breaks down on the way to Columbia," McDermott said. "We feel like we can compete with Kansas and Wichita State, though."

Nebraska is coming off two home losses last weekend to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

"Against Oklahoma, we had chances to win at the second, third, fifth and sixth positions," McDermott said. "We feel that Oklahoma and Kansas are pretty much of the same ability."

The Cornhuskers are capable of upsetting either Wichita State or Kansas, but McDermott isn't banking on it.

"Wichita State will be a warm-up match for Kansas," he said. "We feel we can be competitive against both squads."

"If we're going to pull any upsets, we need to at least pull the doubles points and be consistent in the top positions."

McDermott is looking more toward next weekend's matches against Colorado and Iowa State.

The Huskers would like to get a No. 5 seed in the Big Eight Championships April 22-24.

To do that, McDermott said, the Huskers will most likely have to win two or three of their four remaining conference matches.

"These last couple weeks are important," he said. "We need to try and hold our own against Iowa State and Colorado."

"And if we play out of our minds against Kansas, we'll be in good shape."

## Women's tennis wants turnaround

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska women's tennis team will try to rebound from two conference losses last weekend when it travels to face Kansas State, Kansas and Missouri this weekend.

The 7-6 Huskers lost to Oklahoma and Oklahoma State last week in Lincoln.

"Oklahoma State was tough and Oklahoma just killed us," Nebraska coach Scott Jacobson said. "We're hoping all our Big Eight schedule isn't this tough."

The Huskers will find out on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Annie Yang, Nebraska's No. 1 singles player, was the only Husker to win a match last week. Yang is 8-4 on the season.

April Yarmus, at No. 3 singles, was the only other Husker to take her match to three sets last weekend. Yarmus, who is 9-4, lost to Oklahoma State's Carolina Hadad 7-5 in the fifth.

# Big turnout expected at state games in July

From Staff Reports

The 10th annual Cornhusker State Games, to be held July 9-17, will expand to 44 events, which are expected to draw a record 20,000 participants.

"We expect this to be the biggest and best Cornhusker State Games yet," Executive Director Tom Ash said Thursday at the annual preview luncheon.

The addition of a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and disc golf should push the number of participants past the

20,000 mark, Ash said. Last year's games had 18,522 participants.

But the 20,000 mark wasn't the only big number tossed around.

In recognition of the games' 10-year anniversary, Ameritas Life Insurance Co. has donated 10 \$1,000 scholarships, which will be awarded to state games participants.

Participants may apply for the scholarships through the entry handbooks, which are available at more than 900 locations across the state.

The scholarships, intended for Nebraska postsecondary institutions,

will be awarded on July 16.

In addition, one male and one female state-games participant will be selected as the athlete of the year.

They will then join representatives from the 39 other state games at a dinner in Washington, D.C., where the CITGO State Games Athlete of the Year national winners will be named.

Registration for the games will last until June 27 for most events. However, entry deadlines are May 15 for last-chance bowling and June 8 for basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball.

## Defense

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In addition to respect, Stewart said, the Blackshirts gained momentum from their 2-point setback.

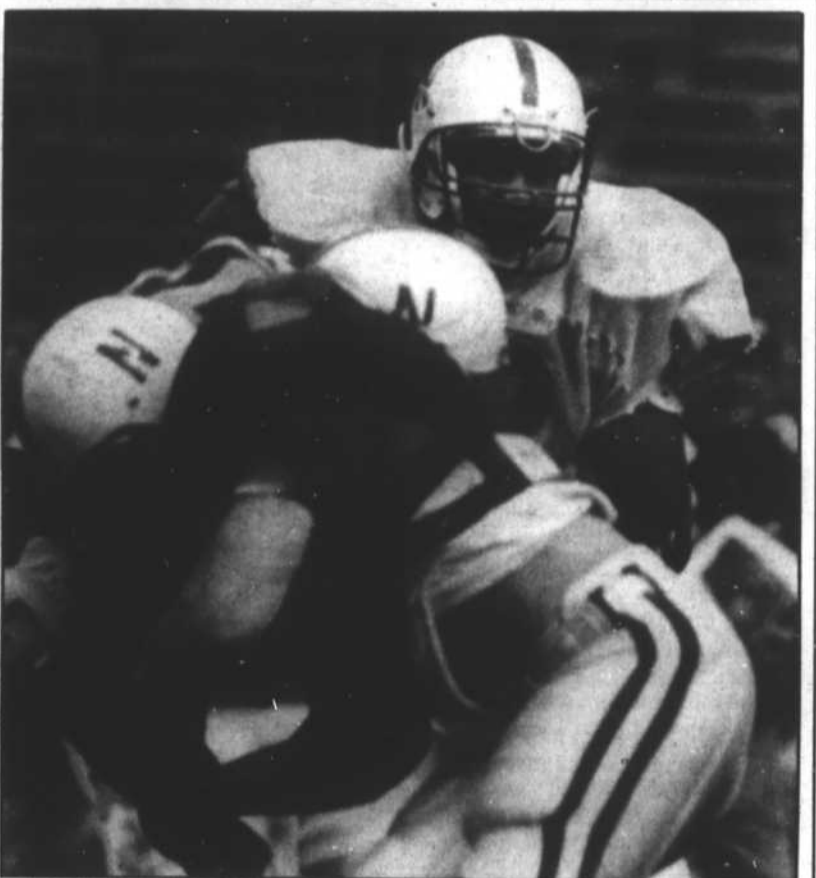
"We accomplished a lot of things last year," Stewart said, "and I know it was a great letdown for our seniors to go out like that. But nobody can take away what we did last year, and hopefully we can get in that situation again."

Harris said the Huskers could do it again.

"I think our defense will be a whole hell of a lot better than last year," Harris said. "That last game was like a stepping stone, because we plan on being back there next year."

But in order to get back next year, the Huskers will have to focus on their play, Stewart said, and not what other people think about it.

"This year we aren't going to be worried about proving to other people what our defense can do," he said. "We think our accomplishments last year speak for themselves, and anyone who still doubts Nebraska's defense—I don't know what's wrong with them."



Nebraska's Ed Stewart peers over the pack during the Husker football team's scrimmage Saturday. Jeff Haller/DN