

## Huskers' Brohawn back in the saddle

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Nebraska's Troy Brohawn stood on the pitcher's mound at Buck Beltzer Field for the first time this season Friday night against Oral Roberts.



Brohawn

Before the season, the All-American left-hander from Woolford, Md., expected to make his home debut under the gray sky of a February day, instead of on a cool, dark April night.

Brohawn, who went 13-0 last season, also expected to have eight or nine wins and a batting average better than .300.

But this season has not gone as planned for Brohawn. Instead of leading the Huskers on the field, Brohawn has been rehabilitating the left foot he broke in the season opener on Feb. 18.

He earned his first win Friday and will go for his second today in the first game of a doubleheader against Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.

"It was real tough to just sit and watch," Brohawn said, "especially when we weren't playing well and guys were down. I just wanted to be out

## Baseball team to play today

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska baseball team's scheduled game with Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan., was postponed Tuesday because of bad weather.

The 19-16 Cornhuskers, winners of seven of their last eight games, will play a doubleheader starting at noon today.

The Huskers will be trying to improve on their 3-7 record in the Big Eight. The Wildcats are 11-23 overall and 2-9 in the conference.

there playing and helping us win."

Brohawn returned to the lineup on April 1 — a week earlier than his doctor suggested — as the designated hitter against Oklahoma State.

Brohawn played with a screw in his foot, a steel plate and a cushion in his shoe. He also had a protective coating of athletic tape around his foot.

"I was nowhere near 100 percent," Brohawn said. "I would say I was at

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## Upset gives tennis team hope for weekend matches

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The Nebraska men's tennis team may have been given a new life Saturday after beating Wichita State, the No. 2 team in the region.



McDermott

After upsetting the Shockers, Nebraska lost to Kansas 7-0 Sunday and beat Missouri 7-0 Monday.

But Cornhusker coach Kerry McDermott said the 4-3 victory over the Shockers was just what Nebraska needed.

"This gives us a little hope," he said. "It gives us some confidence. We felt like we were capable of playing with the top two or three seeds in the region."

McDermott said the 6-13 Huskers may be on the rebound in what has been an up-and-down year. "We're not very consistent as a team," he said. "Against Wichita State, we got that consistency and we got the win. It seemed like everything worked out real well for us."

Nebraska's consistency was enough to shock Wichita State. McDermott said No. 1 singles player Fredrik Riesbeck, No. 2 singles player Andy Davis and No. 4 Henrik Andersson played well despite losing. Omar Acevedo won at No. 3 singles. Brad Bernthal won at No. 5 singles. And at No. 6 singles, Adrian Maizey won.

Nebraska's No. 1 doubles team of Maizey and Davis, and the No. 2 doubles team of Bernthal and Riesbeck, upset the Shockers' No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams.

"They probably took us lightly and we surprised them," McDermott said. "I just felt like we were more ready to play."

McDermott said the Huskers needed to be ready again this weekend.

Nebraska's seed in the Big Eight tournament may hinge on this weekend's contests against Colorado on Saturday and Iowa State on Sunday in Ames, Iowa.

"We feel like this weekend could be anyone's match," McDermott said. "We'd like to come out 2-0, but if we come away 1-1, I'll be pleased. We really have to get one if we want to finish where we expect in the Big Eight."



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Nebraska freshman tennis player April Yarmus has attained an 18-8 record this season.

## Match of emotions

### Athlete confronts mother's cancer off court

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Nebraska tennis player April Yarmus fights two battles whenever she steps on the court.

She first tries to remember how she's going to play her opponents.

She then tries to forget the thing that has made this season more difficult than any other — her mom's bone cancer.

"When I go on the court, I just try to clear my mind of everything," Yarmus said. "If I worry, then I get in trouble."

Yarmus, a freshman from Mesa, Ariz., has had plenty to worry about this year.

On her first day in Lincoln in August, she found out her mom, Karen, had bone cancer.

"It was really hard for me because I couldn't be there for her," Yarmus said. "We are very close because I am the youngest and have always been my mom's shadow."

Yarmus has worked hard this season to escape from the shadow of her mom's debilitating disease.

While thoughts of her mom's illness hang over her head, Yarmus has fought to an 18-8 record at No. 3 singles for the Huskers.

And on Sunday, she scored the

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*My mom's illness has made me look at things differently. I realize how fortunate I am to be able to play sports or even just to walk.*

— Yarmus  
UNL tennis player

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biggest upset of her young career by beating Kansas' Kim Rogers, the 54th-ranked player in the nation.

"I never expected to be at this point this soon because I didn't think I was that good," Yarmus said. "When I first came here, I looked at everyone and said, 'God, I can never play like that.'"

I really didn't expect to beat (Rogers). I thought I was going to get my butt kicked."

Yarmus said she called her mom, Karen, to share the good news. She said her mom was even more excited than she was.

"When I told her I beat Kim Rogers, she got so excited she didn't even know what to say," Yarmus said. "She gets so excited when I tell her how I did."

Yarmus said she did whatever she could to keep her mom's mind off the pain.

After finding out about the cancer in August, April said she grabbed her first chance to go home to see her mom.

"She has always been really active, but when I went home the first time, she had been through chemotherapy," April said. "She had lost her hair and was really pale and weak."

"She had also lost a lot of weight and she was hooked up to tubes. It was really hard to see her like that."

Yarmus said she was not devastated by her mother's condition because her mother had to battle cancer before.

Karen Yarmus was first diagnosed with cancer nine years ago and doctors gave her just six months to live.

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## Academic awards showcase cream of NU athletic crop

Past, present and future legends were all represented at Sunday evening's Nebraska Student-Athlete Academic Awards Banquet in the East Campus Union.

The banquet, which was held to honor the 152 athletes earning a 3.0 grade point average or better, supplied much more than a room full of brainy jocks.

The keynote speaker, Gale Sayers, received a standing ovation after telling the crowd that the real heroes of today are found outside of the playing fields.

Sayers, the youngest player ever to be inducted into the National Football League's Hall of Fame, was introduced by coaching legend Bob Devaney.

In a night filled with lame jokes from many different speakers, Devaney made the audience erupt in

genuine laughter, proving he hasn't lost any spunk.

"It's extremely nice to be here tonight," Devaney said. "Of course, I'm getting to the point where it's nice to be anywhere."

He continued by saying what an honor it was to be in the same room with the "greatest backs" — Sayers and 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers.

Rodgers showed his appreciation of Devaney's recognition with a smile that flashed from ear to ear.

Despite some tough times after his Husker days, Rodgers has returned to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to earn his degree after being absent from college for more than 20 years.

It's kind of hard not to admire Rodgers for that.

And it was hard not to admire Sayers for his message Sunday night.



Derek Samson

Sayers, the former Omaha Central star and Kansas All-American, spoke bluntly about how role models should come from outside the sports world.

"Most of the real role models are people you're around every day," Sayers said. "Your parents, your coaches, your professors — those are the real role models."

But Sunday night, the audience knew there were exceptions to that rule.

Exceptions like All-American cross country runner Theresa Stelling and future legend Trev Alberts, who ac-

cepted student athlete of the year awards.

Alberts, who undoubtedly could win Nebraska's gubernatorial election in November, will shock a lot of people if he isn't a hit in the NFL.

After winning the Butkus Award, playing an excellent Orange Bowl despite an elbow injury and posting his best numbers at workouts for NFL scouts in March, Alberts had nothing else to prove at UNL.

But Sunday, he showed he could use his head for something other than nailing Florida State's Charlie Ward.

He showed what athletes could accomplish when they mixed sports and books successfully.

In his acceptance speech, Alberts said that Tom Osborne was the reason he came to Nebraska from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Osborne is without question a coaching legend in our own time, and he confirms there is much more to being in the coaching elite than winning the big one.

Even though the national championship has eluded Osborne throughout his career, he must have been proud as he watched the huge number of his athletes receiving awards for their academic achievement Sunday.

Sayers is right. Role models can — and should — be found outside the sports world.

But Sunday night showcased five sports figures — Sayers, Rodgers, Devaney, Osborne and Alberts — who would make pretty good role models for anyone.

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