

Miracle pass answers CU plea

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — This is Kordell Stewart's final season at Colorado, and so far he has made it one to remember.

Especially after leading the Buffaloes to a miracle win over Michigan.

Colorado has made a habit out of pulling the rabbit out of the hat at the last second, and the Buffaloes did it again Saturday with no time left to beat No. 7 Michigan.

The fifth-ranked Buffs were behind 26-21 with less than a minute left when they got the ball back. They were 64 yards away when Stewart dropped back and waited ... and waited ... and waited ... as the clock ticked past zero.

Nobody was open, so Stewart heaved the ball into the end zone.

A crowd of Wolverines and Buffs converged on the ball. A Michigan player tipped the ball, and Michael Westbrook came in from the left side of the end zone to pluck it out of the air for the winning touchdown in a 27-26 victory.

"Only a guy like Kordell could throw it that far and stay alive until we could get down there," Colorado coach Bill McCartney said.

Westbrook said catching the pass was more than words could describe.

"I have never had a feeling like this in my life," said Westbrook, a Detroit native whose parents and high school coach were part of the sellout crowd.

Wolverine safety Chuck Winters tipped the ball into the air, and the ball landed in Westbrook's arms.

"I did all I could do," Winters said. "I tried to knock the ball down, but it just bounced up."

Colorado, 3-0, lost an on-side kick after scoring to make it 26-21. The Buffs held the Wolverines and got the ball back on their 15 with 15 seconds left.

"It's a sad way to lose a game, but nobody's supposed to give you a win," Wolverines coach Gary Moeller said.

"You have to earn it yourself, and you have to play every play." In other Big Eight games, No. 23

Kansas State shut out Minnesota 35-0, and Kansas whitewashed fledgling Alabama-Birmingham 72-0. Oklahoma State defeated Tulsa 17-10, and Iowa State lost to Rice 28-18. Iowa State went 0-4 for the first time since 1987 and lost its sixth game in a row.

J.J. Smith rushed for 137 yards and Chad May threw for three touchdowns before a record crowd for a non-conference game at Kansas State as the Wildcats went to 3-0.

"Mentally, it was my best game of the year," May said. "We just knew the mistakes we made last week and corrected them."

Kansas needed a game and Alabama-Birmingham needed money as it tries to develop a Division I-A program. So the Blazers traveled to Lawrence to absorb a pounding.

"There's not much you can say when you get beat 72-0," said Blazers coach Jim Hilyer. "I thought we played pretty hard. At times I thought we stopped them pretty well. I'm embarrassed about the score, but I'm not embarrassed about my players."



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Nebraska sophomore Annie Yang took third place with a win against Lisa Field of Wichita State during the Husker Invitational at Woods Tennis Complex. Yang defeated Field 6-3, 6-2.

Season-opener invite nets wins for women's tennis

By Tony West
Staff Reporter

After winning eight of nine first-round matches, the Nebraska women's tennis team outlasted the weekend weather and started the fall season off on the right foot.

Nebraska played host to a seven-team field at the Bob Devaney Sports Center and Woods Tennis Complex this weekend at the Husker Invitational. The meet was originally scheduled to be played at the Cather-Pound tennis courts.

The competition included conference rival Iowa State, Drake, Texas Tech, Baylor, Creighton and Wichita State.

The Cornhuskers looked impressive, Nebraska coach Scott Jacobson said. No team scoring was kept, however.

"I think it's the best start we have ever had," he said.

Nebraska junior Michelle Waldhauser said everyone on the team was looking forward to the fall season.

"I think everyone seemed pretty satisfied with the weekend," she said.

Individually, the Huskers' only freshman, Lisa Hart, finished first in No. 3 singles by defeating Sarah Chester of Baylor 6-2, 6-2. Hart also teamed up with sophomore Annie Yang to take third place in the No. 1 doubles bracket.

Yang, playing No. 1 singles, and Cathy Liptak, playing No. 2 singles, both finished third for the Huskers in their respective brackets. Liptak and senior Jane Startin finished third in No. 2 doubles.

Waldhauser, who finished fourth in the No. 3 doubles bracket with senior Frauke Hachtmann, said this start could also lead to the team's improved Big Eight finish this season. The Huskers finished fourth in conference play last season.

"I think we should be stronger this year," she said. "And I think we definitely have a chance at finishing in the top three of the conference this season."

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Phillips led the Husker running attack with 138 yards on only nine carries, while Berringer led the passers by completing eight of 15

passes for 120 yards.

"Overall, we had a pretty good week of practice, and the intensity for a game of this nature was good," Osborne said. "We got it over with. That's what we tried to do."

Nebraska First, Second

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses.

The top 25 teams in the USA Today/CNN college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses.

Rank	School	Pts.	Rec.	Rank	School	Pts.	Rec.
1	Florida (31)	1,509	3-0-0	1	Nebraska (34)	1,510	4-0-0
2	Nebraska (22)	1,493	4-0-0	2	Florida (22)	1,498	3-0-0
3	Florida St. (4)	1,386	4-0-0	3	Florida St. (2)	1,405	4-0-0
4	Penn St. (3)	1,369	4-0-0	4	Penn St. (3)	1,373	4-0-0
5	Colorado (1)	1,334	3-0-0	5	Colorado (1)	1,333	3-0-0
6	Arizona (1)	1,199	3-0-0	6	Arizona	1,216	3-0-0
7	Michigan	1,145	2-1-0	7	Notre Dame	1,097	3-1-0
8	Notre Dame	1,083	3-1-0	8	Michigan	1,088	2-1-0
9	Auburn	1,008	4-0-0	9	Alabama	1,061	4-0-0
10	Texas A&M	935	3-0-0	10	Virginia Tech	894	4-0-0
11	Alabama	906	4-0-0	11	Texas	876	3-0-0
12	Washington	863	2-1-0	12	Miami (Fla.)	863	2-1-0
13	Miami (Fla.)	791	2-1-0	13	Ohio St.	742	3-1-0
14	Virginia Tech	735	4-0-0	14	Wisconsin	735	2-1-0
15	Wisconsin	674	2-1-0	15	Washington St.	668	3-0-0
16	Texas	666	3-0-0	16	Kansas St.	569	3-0-0
17	Washington St.	515	3-0-0	17	Oklahoma	533	2-1-0
18	North Carolina	491	2-1-0	18	North Carolina	526	2-1-0
19	Southern Cal	462	2-1-0	19	Southern Cal	449	2-1-0
20	Ohio St.	430	3-1-0	20	N. Carolina St.	413	3-0-0
21	Oklahoma	341	2-1-0	21	Colorado St.	252	4-0-0
22	N. Carolina St.	266	3-0-0	22	Syracuse	149	3-1-0
23	Kansas St.	175	3-0-0	23	Utah	122	4-0-0
24	Colorado St.	71	4-0-0	24	Illinois	119	2-1-0
25	Illinois	64	2-1-0	25	Brigham Young	105	3-1-0

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