

# Invite was learning experience for NU tennis coach

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Senior Reporter

Nebraska men's tennis coach Kerry McDermott learned a little about Wichita State last weekend at the Husker Invitational.



**McDermott**

But, more importantly, McDermott found out a little more about his own team.

McDermott's interest in the Wichita State Shockers is because of the regional championships in Wichita, Kan., on Oct. 21-24. The Shockers will be one of the Huskers' opponents.

Region 5 consists of schools in the Big Eight and Missouri Valley conferences.

At the Husker Invite, the Iowa Hawkeyes captured the top spots in three of the first four

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**Nebraska's Andy Davis returns a shot from Wichita State's Sandor Jongert during last weekend's Husker Invitational. The Huskers will take a week off before competing in the regional tournament on Oct. 21-24.**

goals," McDermott said. "Realistically, if we can get two guys in the quarterfinals, it would be a good tournament for us. In doubles, we're still kind of experimenting right now. We can maybe get one doubles team in there."

McDermott got just what he expected last weekend at the Husker Invite.

Nebraska won three flights: Thomas Wheat in fifth-flight singles, Dino Teppara in sixth-flight singles and Teppara and Henrik Anderson in third-flight doubles. No team scores were kept.

Iowa and Wichita State also earned the top

spot in three flights each.

"It was a good tournament for us," McDermott said. "It was a pretty good tournament for us to be in, competition-wise."

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The Husker netters will have some extra time to prepare for the competition they will face in Wichita. They passed up an invitation to play in the ITA All-American Tournament, which began today in Austin, Texas.

McDermott said Nebraska decided to stay in Lincoln because of the tournament's length.

"It used to be that you went down there, you had to play in a pre-qualifying series before you got into anything at all," he said. "It took a series of days that the guys had to be away from school — probably five or six — and it didn't even guarantee anything."

"It would have been so much missed school, and since we try to emphasize academics, we'd rather just stay here and practice hard during that time."

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