

Husker wrestler Thompson pins Big Eight weekly honor

From Staff Reports

Nebraska heavyweight Tolly Thompson was named Big Eight wrestler of the week along with Oklahoma State's Eric Guerrero.

At the Northern Open in Madison, Wis., on Friday, Thompson, a junior who is No. 1 in the country at heavyweight, won the heavyweight division by defeating two wrestlers ranked in

the top five.

Thompson posted a 5-2 win over fifth-ranked Tony Vaughn of Purdue in the semifinals and followed with a 3-2 victory over Minnesota's Billy Pierce, ranked fourth, in the finals. Four of the nation's top five heavyweights wrestled at the Northern Open.

The Cornhuskers' next action will be Friday and Saturday at the Las Vegas Invitational in Nevada.

Ohio State's George receives Camp award

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State's Eddie George has won the Walter Camp Football Foundation's player-of-the-year award.

George, a 6-foot-3, 227-pound senior tailback from Philadelphia, rushed 303 times this year for 1,826 yards and scored 23 touchdowns. Ohio State was upset by Michigan 31-23 on Saturday, destroying the Buckeyes' chances at a national title.

The Wolverine defense held George to only 104 yards, 52 yards below his average, and the Buckeye running back was overshadowed by Tim Biakabutuka's career-high 313 yards rushing.

The Camp award is selected by

Division I-A coaches and sports information directors and honors the year's outstanding college player. Camp was a coach at Yale and Stanford in the late 1800s.

George was presented the Camp Trophy on Monday at Ohio State's Woody Hayes Athletic Center. He and teammates Terry Glenn and Orlando Pace will be honored as Camp All-Americans at the organization's banquet Feb. 17 at Yale. Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier also will be honored as a Camp All-American.

George is the first Ohio State player to win the award since Archie Griffin — now an Ohio State athletic administrator — in 1974 and 1975.

Huskers make academic team

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Six Nebraska players were named to the District VII GTE Academic All-America team Monday.

Cornhusker center Aaron Graham and linebacker Ryan Terwilliger also made the team last year. In addition to Graham and Terwilliger, fullback Brian Schuster, offensive lineman Steve Ott and Steve Volin, and linebacker Grant Wistrom made the team.

Graham, a senior from Denton, Texas, who was a second-team Academic All-American last year, also was named to the Hitachi/College Football Association scholar-athlete team.

Also, Nebraska linebacker Jared Tomich was named the Big Eight defensive player of the week.

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Frazier deserves the vote for the Heisman Trophy."

Before Friday, Frazier had 16 touchdowns passing and 14 rushing — an average of three touchdowns a game.

But after only accounting for one score against the Sooners, Frazier said his only concern was the win.

"I don't know if it hurts me, but right now I really don't care about that," he said. "That's left in the voters hands. The best guy's going to win it. If that's me, then I'll win it. If that's

Eddie George, then he's going to win it.

"I can't go out there and think about if my performance is going to help me win the Heisman or not. I was out there just concentrating on Oklahoma."

Frazier said he would rather credit the Oklahoma defense than blame himself and the Nebraska offense.

"I was just playing my game as usual," he said. "They were doing some things that caught us off-guard. I don't think I played a bad game. I went out there and did everything I normally do. I really can't grade it until I look at the tape."

George's performance Saturday

also didn't match his averages, as he moved to 1,826 yards rushing and 24 touchdowns on the season.

While Frazier and George are finished for the regular season, Wuerffel has one more opportunity to convince Heisman voters when Florida takes on Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

But don't expect Frazier to be too interested in Wuerffel's last game — he wasn't too interested in George's.

"If I happen to have the TV on that channel, I'll probably watch it," Frazier said of the Michigan-Ohio State game. "But I'm not going to make an effort to watch it."

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when you want to win a ball game."

And Osborne and Nebraska have won — especially the last three years.

After posting a perfect regular-season record for the third straight year, Osborne didn't expect to go undefeated.

"I thought there would be a chance," Osborne said. "I didn't necessarily think it would be a good chance."

Nebraska's 11-0 season marked the first time the Huskers had obtained perfect regular-season records for three consecutive years.

"I think the odds are always against you to go 11-0 no matter how good your team is," Osborne said.

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Moore added 16 points each for the Huskers, who won their first three-game regular-season tournament title since 1967.

Moore, who grabbed eight rebounds against Minnesota, paced the Huskers' rebounding effort in the championship game. Senior center Chris Sallee had seven rebounds, and junior forward Bernard Garner grabbed six boards. Nebraska outrebounded the Gophers 43-24.

Garner, who averaged 5.7 rebounds a game, and true freshman center Venson Hamilton, who grabbed 16 rebounds in the three games, helped Nebraska outrebound its three opponents 107-82. Nebraska hit 53 percent of its field goals, 42 percent of its 3-

pointers and 83 percent of its free throws for the tournament. Against Minnesota, the Huskers nailed 20 of 21 free throws.

In Saturday night's 114-106 semifinal overtime win over Oregon, Boone and Lue each scored 30 points and dished out nine assists. Lue's 30 points broke Erick Strickland's freshman scoring record set in 1993, and he added five steals. Nebraska, which trailed 30-11 midway through the first half, led the Ducks 98-95 with less than 30 seconds to play in regulation.

Boone was sent to the free-throw line, but missed both shots, and Oregon point guard Kenya Wilkins sank a 3-pointer with 12 seconds to play, sending the game into overtime.

On Friday night, Nebraska beat Toledo 72-59 behind 23 points from Strickland. Strickland and Boone were named to the all-tournament team.

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