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Schedule prepares NU soccer team

By Trevor Parks
Senior Reporter

Nebraska soccer coach John Walker knows it's not time to celebrate yet.

But Walker said he was excited about the way the Cornhuskers had played so far in their spring exhibition season. Last weekend, Nebraska beat two teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference, the premier soccer league in the nation, defeating Clemson and Duke.

"It's the spring season, so we don't want to make too much out of it," Walker said.

The Huskers beat the Tigers 2-1 and then defeated the Blue Devils 2-0. Clemson and Duke both made the NCAA Tournament last season.

The week before traveling to Durham, N.C., Nebraska lost 2-1 to Texas A&M. The Aggies finished last season ranked No. 9 and were also in the NCAA Tournament.

"We've set our schedule up so we are playing against teams who are powerhouses," Walker said. "We lost to Texas A&M, but we learned a few things losing to them."

To keep learning throughout the spring, Nebraska will play at Kentucky on March 31, and conclude the spring playing Notre Dame and Portland, the two participants in the NCAA Championship match last fall.

The Huskers will play Portland on April 6 and national champion Notre Dame on April 13.

"Most teams like to schedule teams that are nearby," Walker said, "but for our players to understand what it is like to play top competition, now is a good time for them to learn."

Of the 14 players eligible to play this spring, only 11 are healthy. Tanya Franck and Stephanie Vacek

are still recovering from anterior cruciate ligament injuries, and Tanya Wright is out with a broken leg. Junior goalkeeper Rebecca Hombacher is sitting out after transferring from Virginia last year.

"We're not worried about finding playing time," Walker said. "It's a tight-knit group that likes to get out and play."

Walker said five players from last year's 10-8 team — Sarah Determan, Dawn Riesberg, Katrena Bevins, Andi Bigham and Stephanie Brennan — had agreed to leave or had been cut.

In addition to the exhibition games this spring, the Huskers also have added four recruits for next season. They are:

● Lindsay Eddleman, a 5-foot-10 striker from Lakewood, Colo. Eddleman played on the same club team as Husker midfielder Kari Uppinghouse. She picked Nebraska over Vanderbilt, Texas and William & Mary.

● Jenny Benson, a native of Huntington Beach, Calif. Benson played on the same club team as two Nebraska starters, Erica DeVitis and Sandy Smith.

● Jill Nelson, a 5-8 midfielder/sweeper from Newport Beach, Calif. She chose Nebraska over UCLA and San Luis Obispo.

● Sharolta Nonen, a 5-7 midfielder from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Walker said those were the only four players Nebraska attempted to recruit, presenting him with a different situation from last year.

"We tried to recruit players who we thought could only play at the top 10 to 15 programs in the country," Walker said. "It's kind of amazing how quickly things can change. Last year we had to make a great sales pitch just to get girls to come here."

Split

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"When you've got a cold day, you have to move guys around to score runs," Sanders said. "You have to have people in scoring position."

Senior Jason Allen held the Cowboys scoreless through the first five innings, giving up just one hit.

Miller was hit by a pitch for a team-high 10th time this season to open in the fifth inning.

Senior leftfielder Matt Meyer was walked after Miller's plate appearance. Junior catcher Pete Jenkins capped the inning by roping a two-out single to left, scoring Miller and Meyer to give the Huskers a 3-0 lead.

Wyoming shortstop Ron Cincera scored Wyoming's only run of the game in the sixth inning on a single by

first baseman Wes Brasher.

Allen, who improved his record to 1-1, finished the sixth inning for the Huskers and lowered his earned-run average to 3.60. Allen gave the Huskers their best performance from a starting pitcher this season, holding Wyoming to just three hits and one run in six innings. "Allen pitched well," Sanders said. "That was good to see."

Freshman Mark Rogers took the loss for the Cowboys, allowing two earned runs on two hits in six innings.

Nebraska added a run in the eighth when Todd Sears scored on a single to right by Josh Dalton.

Junior Spencer Van Linge secured the 4-1 victory and earned the save after retiring the final three Wyoming hitters, striking out two.

Freshman Jarod Bearinger started the second game for Nebraska by retiring the first nine batters he faced. But Wyoming began the fourth inning with

Track coach honored again by Big Eight

From Staff Reports

Nebraska track and field coach Gary Pepin was named the Big Eight men's and women's indoor coach of the year Monday for the second straight year.

Since the awards were established in 1987, Pepin has been honored 18 times as the league indoor or outdoor coach of the year.

"I'm pleased to win the awards, but at the same time, I didn't score any points at the conference meet," Pepin said. Nebraska sophomore Janet Blomstedt was named the Big Eight Indoor Track and Field Championships most valuable performer after winning the women's pentathlon competition on Feb. 22-24 in Lincoln.

Blomstedt set a new collegiate record, scoring a total of 4,235 points in the five-event competition. The previous high was 4,212, set in 1992 by Sharon Jaflofsky of Louisiana State.

Big 8

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"Oklahoma looks like they are playing really well," Stewart said. "But we've had good players that have always responded at this time of year."

At 16-10 and 7-7, Kansas State is also on the bubble. Wildcat coach Tom Asbury said he hoped a good tournament effort and a tough nonconference schedule would merit an at-large berth.

Friday, the Wildcats will take on Oklahoma State, which is 17-9 and 7-7 after winning four of its past five games.

"I think they'd have to look a long way not to take our ball club," said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton, whose Cowboys qualified for the Final Four last season. "I'm not saying (the season-ending wins) will help us, but it certainly can't hurt us."

two singles followed by a walk to load the bases. A single by centerfielder Brian Esterline, another free pass issued by Bearinger and a fielder's choice put the Cowboys on top 3-0.

Wyoming added two runs in the fifth inning on a two-run homer to left field by Cincera, which put the Cowboys up 5-0.

Designated hitter Mel Motley scored the Huskers' only run of game two. After a single in the sixth, he was doubled home by Sears.

Cincera knocked in the final two runs in the seventh to put the Cowboys ahead 8-1.

Sophomore Kyle Schwitzer earned the win for Wyoming, improving his record to 1-1. Bearinger dropped to 0-1.

The two teams are scheduled to play again today at 3 p.m., but Sanders said the game would likely be cancelled because of cold weather.

Nee

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Pond told the Chronicle that the four packages contained cash. But why wait four years to bring this up?

"That's the question we'd like to ask Chris Pond," Nee said. "I don't know the answer to that. I don't know why."

Byrne said he wanted to know the same thing.

"This is darn offensive to us, and it doesn't make any sense for someone to come out after four years," Byrne said.

In early January, the NCAA sent a letter of inquiry to Byrne about the basketball program's involvement with Nwachukwu and Pond. The letter did not mention anything about money, Byrne said.

The letter also requested information concerning the specifics of the Nigerian player's visit and Nee's relationship with Pond, said Al Papik, Nebraska's senior associate athletic director and NCAA compliance coordi-

inator.

Nee said the first two parts of that inquiry were answered easily, but it was difficult to describe his relationship with Pond.

To try to get more information about Nee's dealings with Pond, Papik asked the NCAA for more time. But the NCAA told Nebraska officials to send the information that already had been collected.

Nee said Nwachukwu did not come to Nebraska in 1992 because of inadequate academic information, mainly an unofficial grade transcript.

Pond told Nee he was Nwachukwu's coach, and Pond was able to supply a picture of himself with other African players, Nee said. Pond sent a videotape of Nwachukwu to Nee, but after seeing the player in person, Nee said Nwachukwu was not the person featured on the tape.

Nee's contact with Pond ended May 2, 1992, after Nee entered the hospital for back surgery.

Nwachukwu later told Nee that he did not know Pond, the Husker coach said.

"I think this could be very signifi-

cant," Nee said. "But then Chris Pond was leading us to believe that he was a very integral part of the recruiting process."

After being out of the hospital for three months, Nee said he heard from Nwachukwu in early August 1992. Nwachukwu was in New York and wanted to visit Lincoln. It was that visit that later sparked the NCAA inquiry.

Nwachukwu, who decided to attend Kilgore Junior College in Texas and is now a senior at Wisconsin, refused to answer any questions when reached at his home Tuesday night.

Nee said he was upset with the article in the Chronicle.

"I'm just telling you there is no actual facts backing that in any form," Nee said. "All it does is put the University of Nebraska, Danny Nee and our program in jeopardy, in a defensive position that we can't defend. We did not mail him any money or in any way break any rule."

Papik said Nebraska's final report would be sent to the NCAA in the next two days. A reply is expected in about 30 days, Papik said.