

NU men's golf team third

By Vince D'Adamo
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The Nebraska men's golf team was in action this weekend, placing third in the Ben Hogan Intercollegiate Tournament in Fripp Island, S.C.

Freshman Josh Madden led the way, firing rounds of 74, 72 and 73 for a total of 219. Madden's efforts tied him for fifth place.

As a team in the 54-hole competition, Nebraska rang up 894 strokes to earn a third-place finish.

Individually for Nebraska, Ryan Nietfeldt tied for 10th place with scores of 78, 72 and 73 totaling 223. Trent Morrison had scores of 74, 78 and 77 to total 229. Jacques Paiement scored rounds of 76, 75 and 76 for a 227. Steve Friesen fired rounds of 79, 80

and 73 for a 232. The next action for the Husker men comes at the Waterwood Invite in Huntsville, Texas, March 18-19.

On the women's side, Nebraska placed 16th in the Fripp Island Women's Intercollegiate golf tournament. The final round was canceled Sunday because of bad weather.

The women shot a 684 in the 36-hole competition.

Rachelle Tacha led the Cornhuskers with a score of 168. Next for Nebraska was Michelle Patterson shooting a 170. Maureen Regan was third for the Huskers at 173. Molly Mullin shot a 177, and Heidi Wall turned in a two-day total of 179.

The next tournament for the women's team is March 25-26 at the Rainbow Wahine in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Pitchers need improvement, Sanders says

By David Wilson
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Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders has one concern entering the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno, Calif., this week.

"We want to get our pitching straightened out," Sanders said. "We're only as good as our pitching. We have a goal to get our pitching stabilized, and a tournament like this should do it. We have six games against good competition."

The 4-11 Cornhuskers will begin tournament play today at 10 a.m. against Portland State. Nebraska is scheduled to play St. John's on Tuesday at 4 p.m. and Fresno State on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Junior Steve Fish, 2-2, will start for the Huskers today.

Senior Jason Allen, 1-1, will start Tuesday against St. John's. Allen threw six innings against Wyoming last Tuesday, holding the Cowboys to one run on three hits and lowering his ERA to 3.60.

Freshman Seth Williams will make his second start of the season Wednesday against 7-12 Fresno State.

"We want to improve on all phases," Sanders said. "But we have to get better on the mound."

Gymnasts' win over Gophers Taylor-made

By Gregg Madsen
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A trip to Minneapolis produced victories for the Nebraska men's and women's gymnastics teams Saturday night.

While the Cornhusker men were boosted by the efforts of true freshman Marshall Nelson, the women were again stabilized by senior Joy Taylor, who led the

No. 8 Huskers to a 193.125-192.950 victory over Minnesota.

The New Palestine, Ind., native won the balance beam with a career-high 9.875 and placed fourth in the vault with a 9.65. Even more impressive than her scores, Nebraska coach Dan Kendig said, were the circumstances under which she performed.

Taylor learned Friday that a close friend had died from a stroke.

"We weren't even sure that Joy was going to perform this weekend," Kendig said.

In addition to dealing with her friend's death, Taylor had to deal with the highest pressure of the night. When she began her beam routine, Nebraska was leading by only 1.1 points, and two of the first five Husker gymnasts had fell off the beam.

"It doesn't take a mathematician to

figure out that if she didn't hit, we don't win," Kendig said. "Joy's routine was a take-your-hat-off-to-it performance."

The Huskers also had to compete without freshman all-arounder Misty Oxford, who sprained her ankle on Friday and competed only in the uneven bars.

Junior Shelly Bartlett finished second in the all-around with a 38.8.

For the men, the injection of Nelson into the starting lineup provided a much-needed boost in the Huskers' 225.925-224.125 victory over the 5th-ranked Golden Gophers, coach Francis Allen said.

Nelson, who has missed two meets this year because of a wrist injury, had career-highs on the pommel horse (9.7) and horizontal bar (9.5). He added a 9.35 performance on parallel bars.

Senior all-arounder Jason Christie finished second in the all-around, scoring a 56.05. A Lincoln native, Christie tied his career-high mark on vault with a 9.3.

"Christie missed a little bit on floor," Allen said. "He's a 57-point gymnast, so he's still a point off."

Ted Harris won the rings with a season-high 9.825. Ryan McEwen won the pommel horse (9.75) and horizontal bars (9.75), both career-high scores.

"We were pretty pleased that we beat Minnesota at Minnesota," Allen said. "When teams go up against us, they want to beat us, so it was good to pull it out."

Wrestling

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a bad situation. He wasn't.

Arias' win helped the Cowboys take the team race. They finished the meet in first place with 70 points, six points ahead of second-place Nebraska. Oklahoma finished third with 60 points, and Iowa State finished in fourth, scoring 59 team points. Missouri closed the field with 24 points.

"This team has surprised me throughout the year," Oklahoma State coach John Smith said. "Again here, they found a way to win."

Nebraska tied Oklahoma State in one category. Both teams will send nine wrestlers to the NCAA Championships March 21-23 in Minneapolis.

Kraft won't wrestle any more this season, but the rest of Neumann's team, however, is in good shape for the NCAA Championships.

Nebraska's Temoer Terry at 158 pounds and heavyweight Tolly Thompson claimed their second individual conference titles. Terry, last year's champ at 150 pounds, defeated Oklahoma State's Hardell Moore with a last-second takedown to end the match 3-1.

Thompson, last year's heavyweight

national champion, beat Trey Swann of Oklahoma 8-3 in the finals. Thompson said he saw the Big Eight title as a stepping stone to another national championship.

Only two wrestlers, Jeramie Welder at 126 pounds and Chad Nelson at 167 pounds, didn't qualify outright for the tournament. Both were selected among the five at-large bids chosen by the conference coaches after the medal round.

The at-large wrestlers are chosen from those who don't place in the top three.

Other than Kraft, no Nebraska starters will miss the trip to Minneapolis.


Brad Canoyer qualified at 118 with a 2-1 double overtime win against Oklahoma State's Teague Moore. At 134, Tony DeAnda lost 4-2 in the finals to Steven Schmidt of Oklahoma State.

Dusty Morris, who was seeded fifth, added team points by placing third in the 142 pound weight class. He won 2-1 in overtime.

Two straight Husker wrestlers dropped one-point losses in the finals. Erik Josephson advanced to the finals at 177, but lost to Joe Wier of Missouri 3-2.

No. 4 Ryan Tobin took on top-ranked Oklahoma's John Kading at 190 pounds, but Kading edged Tobin 9-8 in the finals.


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