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Huskers hurting at I-back

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska football team continued spring practice Monday, but the Cornhuskers still remain thin at I-back.

No. 3 I-back James Sims, with an injured right hamstring, and I-back Chad Eicher, who hurt his knee, were held out of Monday's practice.

Top I-back Ahman Green practiced after missing Saturday's scrimmage with a sore quadricep.

No. 2 Will linebacker Ryan Terwilliger has a muscle pull in his right calf. Osborne said he didn't expect Terwilliger back any time soon.

Also not expected to return soon is No. 1 tight end Tim Carpenter. Carpenter sprained his knee Saturday. He may be out of action until fall practice begins, Osborne said.

No. 4 quarterback Frankie London practiced Monday but did not finish after suffering a minor shoulder injury.

Tickets on sale until this Friday

From Staff Reports

Students tickets for the 1996 football season will be on sale until Friday at the South Stadium ticket office.

Tickets for next season's six home games cost \$87.50, and will be sold through a lottery basis. Only full-time students can apply this week.

The ticket office is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. Applications can be picked up at the ticket office, student accounts room 110 in the administration building and at the East Campus Union information desk.

Swimmers, divers finish season strong

By Vince D'Adamo
Staff Reporter

It has been a season of comebacks and setbacks for the Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

And despite some rough moments along the way, Cornhusker coach Cal Bentz said, the year was a success.

"I thought both teams competed well," Bentz said.

On the women's side, senior breaststroke extraordinaire Penny Heyns led the way. The native of Amanzimtoti, South Africa, punctuated her Nebraska career by becoming the first Cornhusker to win a gold medal at the NCAA Championships last month in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Bentz, the Big Eight men's and women's coach of the year, said the 1996 South African Olympian would be missed.

"Penny's absence will be felt most," Bentz said. "But you lose people every year, and that's part of the process."

Among others competing in the 1996 Olympics are Australians Melanie Dodd and Jane Glazebrook.

The Husker women started the season strong with wins over Southern Illinois, Colorado State and Arizona State. And after losing three of four meets, Nebraska finished the year by pummeling Iowa State 153-71 and winning the Big Eight championship in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Huskers finished with a 5-3

record and placed 10th at the NCAA Championships.

Next year's squad features several key returnees. BriAnna Wilkins, Julia Russell and diver T.D. Rowe will lead the Husker squad.

On the men's side, the Huskers got an up-close look at future Big 12 rivals, Texas A&M and national champion Texas.

"No question, Texas will be a tough opponent," Bentz said. "We'll set our sights toward them."

The Huskers took their lumps en route to a 2-7 start, including losses to nationally ranked California and Stanford. But Nebraska rebounded to defeat nationally ranked Iowa on the way to the NCAA Championships in Austin, Texas, where the Huskers finished 22nd.

"We took some big hits," Bentz said. "The only way you get better is by playing tough opponents."


Like its female counterparts, the men's squad finished the season strong. The Huskers knocked off conference foes Missouri and Iowa State to finish at 4-7 overall. Four weeks later, Nebraska brought another Big Eight championship trophy back to Lincoln.

Strong performances by Juan Benavides, Francois Boshoff and divers Travis Niemeyer and Danny Bergman paced Nebraska throughout the season. Benavides, Bergman, Josh Mathias and Mark Bennett are a few of the key returnees for next year's veteran squad.

"It's nice having the same people back," Bentz said. "They've dedicated themselves to making it a good program."

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Miller

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Nebraska coach John Sanders said Miller was not only a valuable asset to the team because of his skills as a multiple-position player. Miller is one of the hardest working and most dedicated players on a team that features 24 newcomers.

"Corey is a very competitive person," Sanders said, "and he works awfully hard at what he does."

Through 28 games, Miller is hitting .227 with 19 RBI and 21 runs scored. But his value to the team is not evident without taking a closer look at his statistics.

He has been hit by a pitch 20 times this year, and with the season only half over, he needs to take only four more lumps to break the school record. Miller's on-base percentage of .429 is fourth among the Nebraska starters.

No other Husker has been hit more than three times this year. When asked why he is drilled so much, Miller just smiled.

"Lucky, I guess," he said. "After a while, you can tolerate it and there is no more pain."

Sanders had an explanation for Miller's luck.

"He is a very tenacious hitter and is very willing to find a way to get on (base) no matter what it takes," Sanders said.

Miller's presence on and off the diamond will be a key to helping the Huskers turn around their 10-17-1 season, Sanders said.

"Corey is a diligent worker and really spends time at what he does," Sanders said. "He's always trying to get better."

Golfers earn 2nd place

By Mike Kluck
Senior Reporter

By the end of the first round of the Tanglewood Invitational in Dallas last Friday, Nebraska men's golf coach Larry Romjue was questioning his decision to enter the tournament.

The Cornhuskers were in 13th place of the 18-team, three-round tournament with a score of 312 after battling through a cold and windy round.

Romjue decided not to say anything to his team during its break. He instead opted to let the Huskers battle through their scores and the rough weather.

Nebraska responded with a 297 in the second round and followed that score on Sunday with a tournament-best 288 to finish in second place with an 897. Southern Methodist won the tournament with an 886.

"The last day, despite the wind, was the best day we played all spring."

Romjue said.

The Huskers were just one of four teams to finish the final day under 300 and one of only three teams to shoot two rounds under 300.

Sophomore Ryan Nietfeldt led Nebraska with a score of 222, finishing in a tie for seventh place as he fired a two-under-par 70 in the final round.

Nietfeldt, from Grand Island, said he was inspired by freshmen Steve Friesen's 70 in the second round. Friesen finished the tournament 12th with a 223, and teammate Josh Madden finished 14th with a 224.

"When Steve shot a two under in the second round, we learned we could all shoot low," Nietfeldt said. "All we had to do was go out there and do it. It helps to have one team member playing good because it makes everybody else step up to a higher level."

Nebraska will next compete in the Wheatsucker Invitational April 15-16 in Wichita, Kan.

Sooners

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home runs and 48 RBI.

On the mound, Oklahoma posts a 5.90 earned-run average, allowing opposing hitters to hit .324.

"They're probably hoping they would pitch a little better," Sanders said. "They have some solid pitching. There's no question."

Freshman left-hander Chad Mead will start today for the Sooners. Mead owns a team-low 2.15 ERA and has struck out 24 batters in 29 1/3 innings pitched.

Nebraska outfielders Matt Meyer and Mel Motley are the only seniors

to have started in all 28 games. Outfielder Eugene Jenkins, the only other non-pitching senior on the Husker roster, has started in only 16 games.

"I want our seniors to step up and really put it up in the last half," Sanders said. "And of course we want a great spirited effort."

Meyer owns a .339 batting average and a team-high eight home runs and 37 RBI. Meyer also leads the Husker offense in runs, doubles, triples, total bases, slugging percentage, walks and stolen bases.

Junior Patrick Driscoll will start on Wednesday at 1 p.m. for Nebraska. Junior Joe Victory is scheduled to pitch for the Sooners.

Alberts

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habilitation. After dislocating his elbow in his final regular-season college game, Alberts re-aggravated the injury before his rookie season, forcing him to have surgery and miss most of his first professional year.

Last season, he played the entire year for the Colts, who lost to Pitts-

burgh in the AFC championship game.

"It's been an up and down year," he said. "Last year was like my rookie season. This is really the first off-season that I haven't been rehabbing."

Following a season in which the Colts participated in the playoffs for the first time since 1987, Indianapolis coach Ted Marchibroda's contract was not renewed. With new coach Lindy

Infante, Alberts said he hoped the Colts could finally reach a Super Bowl.

"Don't become too good of friends with anybody on the team," Alberts said. "It's like a revolving door. People come and go."

"It's so different than at Nebraska. I never had a coaching change while I was here. The coaches have all been here for like 20 years."

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