

NU soccer team tops No. 6 Duke

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"It was scary," Walker said. "But it's worth it now. We didn't let it bother us."

Walker said the team stayed focused on the task at hand.

"We encouraged them to study because they could not go out of the hotel," Walker said.

NU fell behind 1-0 in the first half, marking the only time the Huskers have surrendered a goal this season. But Nebraska's trend of breaking games open after the intermission continued. NU scored three second half goals to put the game away.

Freshman Lindsay Eddleman scored NU's first goal to even the contest. Kari Uppinghouse put the Huskers ahead to stay 10 minutes later, and Kim Ratliff's goal put the game out of reach.

The victory marked Nebraska's first-ever win against a ranked opponent. Walker said it was great to defeat the Blue Devils.

"It's a big measuring stick for us," he said. "But I'm not interested in what other people think of us. I'm only interested in the players believing in themselves."

Colorado outslugs CSU behind Detmer

QUARTERBACK DETMER and tailback Herchell Troutman lead Buffs past CSU.

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Koy Detmer passed for two touchdowns and ran for another, and No. 5 Colorado survived an early scare to outslug in-state rival Colorado State 48-34 Saturday night.

Backup tailback Lendon Henry caught one of Detmer's scoring throws and ran for two more scores, while starter Herchell Troutman rushed for 184 yards.

Detmer completed 31 of 42 passes, including 14 in a row during one stretch in the first half, for 364 yards.

CSU's Moses Moreno and Geoff Turner hooked up on 37- and 38-yard TD passes in the second half. Calvin Branch also scored twice for the Rams, once on a 96-yard kickoff return.

CSU (1-1) stunned Colorado (2-0) with three big plays in taking an early 14-7 lead.

After a Colorado fumble barely two

minutes into the game, Damon Washington broke loose on a 44-yard jaunt, setting up Branch's 5-yard scoring run with 11:03 left in the opening quarter.

Colorado State will play Nebraska in Lincoln on Sept. 28, and CU will visit Memorial Stadium on Nov. 29.

In other Big 12 action this weekend, Nebraska hammered Michigan State 55-14; Texas beat New Mexico 41-7; Texas Tech beat Oklahoma 31-3; Wyoming beat Iowa State 41-38 in overtime; Baylor topped Louisiana Tech 24-16, and Texas Christian defeated Oklahoma 20-7.

Also, Kansas State destroyed Indiana State 59-3 in Manhattan, Kan.

Indiana State, a Division I-AA school, found itself in a major mismatch.

"They're too big. They're too strong. They're too fast," Sycamores coach Dennis Raetz said. "We could play them from now until Christmas and they'd still beat us."

Brian Kavanaugh threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns for Kansas State (2-0). Marlon Charles rushed for 195 yards, and Kevin Lockett caught seven passes for 140 yards.

NU defense impresses MSU coach

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you're in trouble."

However, Saban said the most disappointing thing Saturday wasn't the score. It was Michigan State's lack of preparation for the Huskers.

Saban said he was disappointed with the way the Spartans prepared in practice for the game. Michigan State opened its season with a 52-14 win over Purdue a week earlier.

"If you have highly motivated players and a highly motivated team, you get consistency in performance," Saban said. "I don't think we got that."

One reason the Spartans didn't have any consistency was they played 14 freshmen Saturday.

"We have to be able to get these players to take what they did last week and then be able to re-focus," Saban said. "We have a lot of young players who went to the prom in May, then beat Purdue last week and said, 'Hey, this is easy.'"

The one positive side to the game, Saban said, was the Spartans allowed Nebraska only 184 yards rushing.

Spartan struggles continue with pair of losses to NU

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don't have that."

What the Spartans do have is sophomore Julie Palvus. The inexperienced setter has been given the huge responsibility of leading MSU back to the NCAA Tournament. The 5-foot-8 Palvus has had problems consistently connecting with her hitters.

"We have a young setter who has never set at this level," Erbe said. "The hitter selection is not always correct. The matchups we're creating are not good."

Erbe, the AVCA 1995 coach of the year, is quick to acknowledge that his team's problems go beyond adjusting to a new setter.

Saturday's match was a comedy of errors for the Spartans. At times, MSU was confused and unorganized, Erbe said. The Spartans, who had problems passing the ball, experienced several breakdowns in their serve-receive and defensive coverage.

"We're just not passing the ball well," Erbe said. "That's been our Achilles' heel this whole season. When we pass, we can run our sys-

tem. When we don't, we're really vulnerable."

MSU's front line had a difficult time at the net. The team hit only .125 with 29 errors. The Spartans also hurt themselves with 13 service errors, including four by All-Big Ten outside hitter Jenna Wrobel.

Nebraska Coach Terry Pettit thinks MSU will rebound from this weekend.

"When you change one person on a team, the chemistry is different," Pettit said. "They are not in trouble. If I had to bet, I would say that MSU is still the strongest contender for the Big Ten title. I'm not concerned that they won't have a great season."

MSU has a week off before returning to action in the Cleveland State Invite, in which the team will play two unranked teams, Niagara and West Virginia.

"When you perform below expectations, that tends to frustrate a team," Erbe said. "They know they're not playing consistent at a high level. I'm just glad this is happening at the beginning of the season and not the end."

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