

Huskers grab Big 12 lead with two wins

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us.” The Huskers opened the weekend with a 15-8, 13-15, 15-7, 15-9 win on Friday over No. 10 Texas A&M at the coliseum. The defense continued to shine for Nebraska, which held the Aggies (16-3 and 7-1 after a Saturday win at Colorado) to a .153 hitting percentage. NU had its way with A&M star Kristie Smedsrud. The junior outside hitter was held to 13 kills, hitting minus-.021 against a defense that posted 75 digs and 24 blocks. Husker setter Fiona Nepo recorded 55 set assists, six kills and tied the match-high dig total with 18. Reitsma led the way at the net with 25 kills and eight blocks. With consecutive wins over A&M and Texas, Nebraska now stands alone atop the Big 12 Conference standings. “Realistically,” Haley said, “nobody’s packed it in on winning the conference. But Nebraska is definitely in the driver’s seat.”

Husker roll continues with 2 road victories

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The Nebraska soccer team changed its playing venue this weekend but did not change its results.

The sixth-ranked Cornhuskers (15-0 overall and 7-0 in the Big 12) throttled Missouri 8-2 on Friday in Columbia, Mo., and defeated Kansas 2-0 on Sunday in Lawrence, Kan.

Nebraska, which recently concluded a 10-game homestand, posted its ninth shutout of the season Sunday against the Jayhawks (5-10 and 2-5). Junior Kari Uppinghouse, NU’s single-season scoring record holder, scored at the 22:56 mark of the first half on an assist from Tanya Franck.

The goal was Uppinghouse’s 16th of the season, and it pushed her point total to 41. Freshman Lindsay Eddleman added an unassisted goal in the second half to seal the win for NU, which attempted 27 total shots and 10 shots on goal compared to KU’s three shots and two shots on goal.

“I thought we played well,” Husker Coach John Walker said. “We really dominated the action.”

Nebraska	8
Missouri	2

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Kansas	0

On Friday, Isabelle Moreau led the Nebraska attack with three goals. Eddleman, Uppinghouse, Kristen Gay, Jenny Benson, and Sharolta Nonen also scored. The Huskers scored four times in the opening half, the first goal coming from Gay at the 2:14 mark, the fastest score in the history of the NU program.

Moreau scored all of her goals after halftime. Nebraska attempted 24 shots on goal and 33 total shots and held the Tigers (3-10 and 2-4) to eight shots and six on goal.

“I’m not very happy about giving up eight shots,” Walker said. “That’s too many. I think we can definitely play better than we did today.”

The Huskers conclude regular-season Big 12 play Friday against Baylor in Waco, Texas and Sunday against Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

NU escapes with win

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zone on third down and 8 from the NU 4-yard line, was intercepted by Robert Johnson, who returned the ball nine yards for his first career touchdown, tying the game at seven with 3:31 remaining in the opening quarter.

Following the interception, the Nebraska offense responded with a 13-play, 53-yard drive, regaining the lead on a 39-yard Kris Brown field goal with 14:13 remaining in the second quarter.

“Offensively at times, we moved the ball well against a good defense, but I was really disappointed in the execution,” Osborne said. “We need to take care of the football.”

NU committed three turnovers in the first half: Frost’s interception, a Benning fumble at the Tech 23 and a dropped pitch by Green, which gave Red Raiders the football at midfield with 1:52 left in the half.

Tech tied the game at 10 when Jaret Greaser hit a 29-yard field goal with 3:37 left in the half.

“We needed touchdowns in this game,” said Lethridge, who completed 11 of 30 passes for 112 yards. “We knew field goals weren’t going to help us out too much.”

Both teams had opportunities to grab the lead before the half, but Greaser pushed a 50-yard field goal attempt left, and Brown’s 49-yard attempt fell short as time expired in the first half.

Despite the blown opportunities, Stokes said, escaping Lubbock with a win was a great accomplishment.

“You can’t win the national championship or even the Big 12 championship if you don’t play well on the road,” Stokes said.

But there is a long road left to hoe, Osborne said.

“You just occasionally have a game like that,” Osborne said. “We had one at Arizona State, and we had one here. We’ve got to get to

work and make sure it doesn’t happen anymore.”

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