

NU offense hits stride

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yards and three touchdowns and added 35 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

Split end Brendan Holbein, who caught three passes for a team-high 69 yards, said Frost has proven that he is capable of running the Husker offense.

"Scott has taken a lot of knocks lately," Holbein said, "but he has proven what kind of quarterback he can be."

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne also said he was impressed with Frost's 12 completions on 16 attempts. Of his four misses, Osborne said, two were intentionally grounded to stop the clock and two were dropped.

"The perception is that we threw the ball all over the place," Osborne said. "We only threw it 18 times. We just threw it better. I was impressed with that."

Though NU tallied 595 yards against Kansas, Frost said, a good offense must put up big numbers week in and week out.

The 6-1 Huskers, ranked No. 5, have lost 10 fumbles this season — including three in their loss to Arizona State — and thrown two interceptions. Against Kansas, Nebraska lost only one fumble, on a first-quarter punt return.

"The thing about being a great offense is you have to be consistent," Frost said. "The No. 1 thing we need to do is stop stopping ourselves."

The Huskers will travel to Norman, Okla., Saturday to play 2-5 Oklahoma. Despite the "difficult environment," Frost said, Nebraska's level of play should not drop.

The Huskers' only loss this season came on the road to Arizona State and in their other two road games, NU posted its two smallest margins of victory.

"As far as I'm concerned, we've played two games that weren't up to par, and both of them happened to be on the road," Frost said. "I don't think that's a pattern of the team. This team has traditionally played well on the road. I think there has just been a couple of games where we weren't as focused as we should have been."

But against Kansas, Frost said, the Huskers were focused.

"I think (the team's focus) is the best it's been since I've been here. Now that we've done it once, I think we'll be able to repeat that."

6 freshmen to bolster NU lineup

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was sixth in the all-around at the 1995 Canadian Nationals, and the national champion on the uneven bars.

A former member of the London Gymkips in Ontario, Wilkinson said the team-oriented atmosphere of Nebraska gymnastics is a welcome change from the intense club competition.

"There's a lot more team spirit," Wilkinson said.

Ohlendorf's versatility will provide the Huskers with valuable depth in every event, Kendig said.

"I think she's strong on all four events," Kendig said. "She'll provide a lot of depth for us, because she can perform well on all four."

Both Brink and Wilkinson said they felt like welcome additions to the team.

"The upperclassmen don't look down on us," Brink said, "they treat us as equals."

Twin sisters Arica and Alisha Lamb, from Lincoln, and Rachel Tschauner from Omaha also join the 13-member team this season.

The Huskers will hold an intrasquad meet in Mabel Lee Hall on Dec. 6, but the new freshmen won't see their first competition until Jan. 11, when Nebraska opens its season at Iowa State.

CU star Wacholder wants win in Lincoln

By JAY SAUNDERS
Staff Reporter

For Colorado senior Rachel Wacholder and the rest of the CU volleyball team, Lincoln has never been a hospitable town.



Wacholder

Wacholder, a 5-foot-9 swing hitter from Laguna Beach, Calif., has never beaten the Cornhuskers in Lincoln. In fact, the Buffaloes have beaten the Huskers only twice in

Wacholder's career — once in the finals of the Big Eight Tournament and once in Boulder.

That sets the stage for tonight's 7:30 match at the NU Coliseum. The Huskers have already beaten the Buffaloes this year in Boulder. In that match, Wacholder had 17 kills and 16 digs.

"I would love to beat Nebraska in their gym," Wacholder said. "When I first got here, I didn't know who was in the Big Eight, but from day one I found out that Nebraska was our rival."

Wacholder said she is excited to make the trip to Lincoln one last time.

"It is probably the hardest place I have ever played," Wacholder said. "There is red everywhere. We know it will be loud."

Colorado is coming off a five-game road win over Texas Tech and a sweep of Baylor last weekend. In the Tech match, Wacholder had 27 kills, two away from her career high. The Colorado captain is leading the team in kills (251) and service aces (23).

Despite her impressive stats, Wacholder said she has not been thrilled with her play this season for the 11-6 Buffs.

AVCA Top 25

Volleyball

Rank	Team	Record
1	Hawaii (59)	22-0
2	Florida	23-1
3	Long Beach St.	23-0
4	Stanford	17-2
5	Michigan	18-0
6	Penn St.	19-2
7	Nebraska	17-3
8	Loyola Marymount	18-2
9	Texas	14-4
10	Texas A&M	18-3
11	Washington St.	13-3
12	Southern Cal	13-5
13	Wisconsin	17-3
14	Washington	18-4
15	Ogish St.	18-3
16	Pacific	16-4
17	Louisville	17-2
18	Cal-Santa Barbara	16-6
19	Texas Tech	20-3
20	UCLA	13-8
21	Georgia Mason	18-2
22	Oral Roberts	18-2
23	Kansas St.	18-3
24	Notre Dame	13-6
25	Oregon St.	18-0

"I am just trying to be consistent," Wacholder said. "I would like to play better and I would like to see our team play better."

Although the Buffaloes are the underdog tonight, she said, CU will come to Lincoln ready to play.

"Playing Nebraska is always a big one for us," Wacholder said. "It is the match that we get the most excited for."

The match could mean more than just playing an old rival. A win against a team like seventh-ranked Nebraska, she said, would help the Buffaloes' chances for an NCAA Tournament berth.

"We have to start beating ranked teams, but it wouldn't hurt us all that much to lose," Wacholder said. "What we want to do is feel that we played well — win or lose."

Two gym stars commit to NU

By GREGG MADSEN
Staff Reporter

Two of the top prep gymnasts in the country have verbally committed to attend Nebraska next year.

Kathy Ligon of Houston and Amy Ringo of Phoenix both said they are happy with their decisions and are looking forward to competing for the Cornhuskers.

"It's a really good school," said Ringo, a senior at Arcadia High School in Phoenix. "Lincoln is a nice town and the team was great. They were all so close; it was kind of like a family."

Ringo had scholarship offers from Utah, Washington and 1996 national champion Alabama before picking NU.

Ringo's coach at the Xtreme Gymnastics Club in Phoenix, Jon Aitken, said he was happy with her choice.

"She's always told me that she wanted to go out of state," Aitken said. "When she met (Nebraska Coach) Dan (Kendig), she really liked him. When she came back from Lincoln, she said, 'That's it.'"

Ligon also attracted the attention of national powerhouse Utah, along with Oregon State and Auburn.

And like Ringo, Ligon said coaching was the main factor that caused her to choose Nebraska.

"Mainly, it was Dan," Ligon said. "I really liked him and I liked the girls as well. I guess Lincoln is the town I was looking for."

Kendig is not allowed to comment on the recruits until their commitments become official after signing letters of intent. The fall signing period begins

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KATHY LIGON
NU gymnastics recruit

Nov. 13. Ligon and Ringo have compiled impressive records in national competition, and both said they hope to compete in the all-around at Nebraska.

Ringo finished sixth at the 1996 American Classic and seventh at the U.S. National Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo. Ligon placed ninth at U.S. Nationals last year and won the all-around at the Texas state gymnastics meet.

Ligon is a member of the Cypress Academy of Gymnastics in Houston, the same club that produced Husker sophomore Amie Dillman.

Coach Debbie Kaitschuck said Ligon's work ethic should allow her to make an immediate impact in Lincoln.

"I think she's going to make a great college gymnast because she has a great work ethic," Kaitschuck said. "She comes from a family that has a great work ethic, and she's just very disciplined and well-rounded."

Strickland makes Mavs

By PETER MARHOEFER
Staff Reporter

Former Nebraska guard Erick Strickland officially made the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday.

Strickland is the fifth guard in a rotation that includes all-star Jason Kidd, veteran Derek Harper, Jim Jackson and Tony Dumas. The Mavericks cut Jimmy King to make room for Strickland, who was not drafted last spring.

Strickland, who averaged 14.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per game last season at Nebraska, was introduced at a luncheon with other Maverick players Monday afternoon.

"The veterans gave me a standing

ovation," Strickland said Tuesday from Dallas. "It really made me feel great to be a part of the organization. I've still got a lot to learn."

The 6-foot-3 Strickland, who has been bothered by a nagging shoulder injury, said he feels healthy and ready for the Mavericks' season opener Friday night at Denver. Dallas finished the preseason 3-4.

"I'm tired," he said. "It's hard to be enthusiastic, but I'm very happy I made it."

Strickland, who will wear No. 20, said he is hoping to be more than just the Mavericks' last guard off the bench. "I'm not content with just making the team," he said. "I want to play."

Dallas returns home to Reunion Arena to play Sacramento Saturday.

TCU, SMU up next for No. 5 NU

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska soccer team remained No. 5 in this week's NSCAA Coaches' Poll after weekend wins over Baylor and Texas Tech.

At 17-0, the Cornhuskers are the only Division-I team in the nation with a perfect record. NU will play in the Puma Classic Saturday and Sunday against Texas Christian and Southern Methodist.

Nebraska will face either Texas Tech or Missouri in the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament Nov. 9 in St. Louis.

NSCAA TOP 25

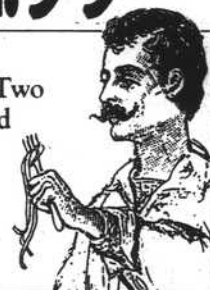
Soccer

Rank	Team	Record
1	North Carolina (1)	16-1-0
2	North Carolina (1)	15-1-0
3	Penn State	12-0-2
4	Connecticut	17-1-0
5	Nebraska	17-0-0
6	Santa Clara	12-3-1
7	Texas A&M	16-3-0
8	Maryland	16-1-2
9	Florida	17-1-0
10	Wisconsin	11-3-3
11	Harvard	12-1-0
12	UNC-Greensboro	14-3-0
13	Vanderbilt	11-2-1
14	Minnesota	14-3-0
15	Penn State	12-2-0
16	Clemson	11-5-1
17	Arizona	11-4-1
18	Kentucky	12-3-2
19	Dartmouth	11-2-0
20	Brigham Young	17-1-0
21	North Carolina St.	11-3-0
22	George Mason	10-4-1
23	George Washington	10-4-0
24	Vanderbilt	10-8-0
25	Cal Berkeley	11-3-1

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