

## Sports Opinion



### Trevor Parks Green's show leaves Tigers gasping for air

Ahman Green had Missouri singing the blues Saturday.

Green rushed for a season-best 161 yards on 12 attempts. Twice he rumbled for more than 50 yards. The biggest run, but not the longest, was a 56-yard scamper around the right side of the Nebraska line. On that run, Green showed no effects of a turf toe injury that has plagued him since Oct. 5.

He broke through the grasp of two would-be tacklers and once he turned the corner — looking like the Green people have waited to see all season — he glided 56 yards to the end zone.

With that run, the real Ahman Green is now back, and that's scary news for Nebraska's final two regular-season opponents.

"I've only played a full five or six games as opposed to most players, who at this point have played in nine or 10," Green said. "I will have a little bit more energy as we head down the stretch."

Last year, with a depleted Husker I-back corps, Green was the workhorse. That showed in the final two regular-season games, when he rushed for 99 yards and no touchdowns.

Later in the third quarter, Green took a pitch from Matt Turman and took off on a 70-yard jaunt. But after about 50 yards, he looked as if he was pulling a plow, and a Missouri player tracked him down from behind.

But with all the practice he's missed, you can't blame the fastest Cornhusker for not being in top form.

"It was the fact of not getting my normal reps in practice," Green said. "I just didn't have that stamina or that extra burst."

Green has not played like the I-back who last season rushed for more than 100 yards five times. He has two 100-yard games this season.

"Ever since that toe injury, he has not been able to get some things done that he normally does," NU Running Backs Coach Frank Solich said. "It's been real disheartening to him. He's wanted to play well. He's wanted to be the guy who can make the big play for his ball club, and he's struggled."

But on a day when the Husker offense was having problems, Green was its solution. Not only will that do his mind good, but it will do his body some good as well.

Green has spent the majority of the last month focusing on Saturday and trying not to re-injure his toe in practice, leaving little time to work on basics.

Saturday, Green's best medicine was a good performance, and it left Missouri sick.

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**NEBRASKA SOCCER TEAM** members (from left) Lindsay Eddleman, Isabelle Morneau, Kim Ratliff, Erica De Vitis, Kari Uppinghouse, Becky Hornbacher, Tanya Franck and Jenny Benson hoist the Big 12 Tournament trophy Sunday in St. Louis. NU beat Texas A&M 1-0 in double overtime.

## Huskers win league title

### Eddleman scores game-winner with just more than two minutes to play.

By VINCE D'ADAMO  
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ST. LOUIS — On a brisk afternoon at the Anheuser Busch Conference and Sports Centre, the fifth-ranked Nebraska soccer team had to sweat it out Sunday in the inaugural Big 12 Soccer Tournament.

However, the Cornhuskers left the Gateway to the West with their perfect record intact and some championship hardware to lug back to Lincoln.

On Saturday, the Huskers edged

Missouri 2-1 in the tournament semifinals. Despite the win, Husker Coach John Walker was not satisfied. He said his team lacked intensity.

Nebraska's effort on Sunday was nothing short of intense in winning the tournament championship. The Huskers (21-0) squeaked out a 1-0 double-overtime victory over seventh-ranked Texas A&M (19-3).

With 2 minutes, 13 seconds, remaining in the sudden-death second overtime — facing the possibility of a shootout — freshman Lindsay Eddleman sliced through the Aggie defense to seal the win.

"We knew it was going to be a battle," Eddleman said. "We were going to put in hard tackles. They were going to put in hard tackles. We knew it wasn't going to be an easy goal. We knew it was going to have to be fought

Missouri	1
Nebraska	2

Texas A&M	0	2 OT
Nebraska	1	

for."

The game's only goal came seconds after first-team All Big 12 goalkeeper Melanie Wilson challenged Eddleman once the NU striker had already beaten the Aggie defense.

Nebraska had defeated A&M by the same count in Lincoln on Sept. 29. In Sunday's game, Texas A&M outshot Nebraska 19-18, the first time this season that the Huskers have been outshot.

"It was a heavyweight fight," Walker said of the Huskers' 13th shut-out this year. "It was a battle of two teams going at it really hard."

Defensively, NU erected a wall of red and white. Nothing the Aggies tried could knock it down.

"The defense played tremendous," Walker said. "Becky Hornbacher had some nice saves."

Stephanie Vacek, Sharolta Nonen and Tanya Franck often put up roadblocks to keep the Aggies from putting a dent in the scoreboard.

"Heather (Brown) and Tanya did a nice job," Vacek said. "It was just our job to clean up."

Early in the second half, Vacek — who earlier this season played with a broken tailbone — limped off the field with a bruised knee, but she later returned.

"I still wanted to play even though I was injured," Vacek said. "I'll be

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## NU slams Tigers, ISU

By SHANNON HEFFELFINGER  
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The Nebraska volleyball team faced the challenge of finding motivation to play at a high level against the two worst teams in the Big 12 Conference this weekend.

Missouri and Iowa State entered the weekend with just one conference win between them, and that was Iowa State's victory over Missouri.

The Cyclones had lost 49-consecutive matches to the seventh-ranked Cornhuskers, while the Tigers had not posted a win over NU since 1982.

Despite the lack of competition, Nebraska stayed intense and did not falter, sweeping both teams in front of season-high crowds of 4,483 on

Missouri	3	2	5
Nebraska	15	15	15

Friday and 4,519 on Saturday at the NU Coliseum.

Although they were unaware of it at the time, the Huskers (21-3 overall and 12-1 in the Big 12) secured sole possession of first place in the conference with their 15-5, 15-5, 15-3 victory over Iowa State on Saturday. Texas A&M, previously tied with NU, lost to Baylor in four games Saturday night.

Husker middle blocker Megan Korver — who recorded four block assists against Missouri and hit 438 the following night against ISU, said the team didn't have a problem finding motivation to play.

"I think we just came out and had fun," Korver said. "Before the match, we were excited to play, and

Iowa St.	5	5	3
Nebraska	15	15	15

it was definitely a different level of play."

Saturday night, Iowa State Coach Jackie Nunez said her team hurt itself in almost every aspect of the match.

The Cyclones (5-21 and 1-13) recorded only 21 set assists, which led to a dismal .031 hitting percentage. ISU also had problems at the serving line, scoring only 13 points in the match while posting nine errors.

"We just killed our own momentum by missing our serves," Nunez said. "It's just staying focused and concentrating. We've been plagued with that problem all season."

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## McClain leads Huskers to 22-point win

Nebraska All-Stars	62
Nebraska	84

By SAM MCKEWIN  
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Saturday's season-opening exhibition was a tale of two games for the Nebraska women's basketball team.

The best of times was an 18-1 run in the last 5 minutes, 25 seconds of the Cornhuskers' 84-62 win over the Nebraska All-Stars at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The worst of times came midway

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