

Defense runs NU show

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rush. Against Missouri last week, NU held the Tigers to just 47 yards on the ground and 170 yards of total offense in a 51-7 win.

The reason for the strong defensive performances is the Blackshirts are now comfortable with each other, Mike linebacker Jon Hesse said.

"This spring," Hesse said, "we really felt like we had something special. We felt like we had a chance to become a great defense, and I think that has happened this year. I think we've come together as a team. We've got 11 guys out there every time we play that care about each other and really care about our defense."

The team attitude on the field, Hesse said, will allow the Husker defense to reach its maximum potential.

The Blackshirts have been dominant early this season, holding Kansas State, Baylor, Kansas and Oklahoma to three plays and a punt on their first possessions.

"I don't know what it feels like to be on the offensive side," Hesse said, "but when you come out, and right away the defense is getting in your backfield — that's got to be frustrating for them."

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The NU defense has accounted for 51 points this season — on seven touchdowns and one safety — while allowing opponents just 77 points. And the No. 1 defensive unit has allowed just four touchdowns, none of which have come via the rush.

"Our offense has carried us for 20 or 30 years," tackle Jason Peter said. "So I guess it's time for us to start paying them back."

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Nebraska Offense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LT	77	Adam Trou	6-6	306	Sr.
C	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	Jr.
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4	306	Jr.
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3	215	Jr.
IB	30	Ahman Green	6-0	215	So.
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10	205	So.

Iowa State Offense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LT	77	Tim Kohn	6-5	307	Sr.
C	65	Patrick Augafa	6-2	335	Sr.
RT	66	Mike Bakala	6-3	296	Sr.
QB	7	Todd Doxzon	6-1	191	Sr.
FB	42	Joe Parmentier	5-11	250	So.
PK	45	Jamie Kohl	6-0	187	So.

Nebraska Defense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DT	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6	310	Sr.
RR	96	Grant Wistrom	6-5	250	Jr.
MIKE	44	Jon Hesse	6-4	250	Sr.
LCB	20	Michael Booker	6-2	205	Sr.
BOV	10	Mike Minter	5-10	190	Sr.
P	19	Jesse Koch	6-0	185	Jr.

Iowa State Defense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LE	97	Rudy Ruffolo	6-3	268	Jr.
RDT	72	Bill Marsan	6-5	264	Fr.
ILB	48	Dave Becka	6-2	233	Fr.
RCB	14	Dawan Anderson	6-8	184	So.
SS	20	Mike Lincavage	6-1	202	Sr.
P	16	Matt Harris	5-11	202	So.

NU uses exhibition as measuring stick

By JAY SAUNDERS
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's basketball team looks to fix its problems and learn something about its place in the Big 12 Conference at 7 tonight, all in an exhibition game against Club Uralmash at the Bob Devaney Center.

Club Uralmash, a select team from Russia, entered a Thursday night game against Creighton in Omaha with a 5-1 record. Two of Uralmash's wins were against Oklahoma and Missouri, both of which NU will play later this season in the Big 12.

Coach Angela Beck said her team's performance against Uralmash should serve as a measuring stick, comparing the Huskers to Big 12 competition.

"This is as good of a team that we can play without it counting," Beck said. "I know this is boring, but this will help us find out where we are at."

Beck said Club Uralmash is an offensive-minded team with a good

Basketball

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transition game. Beck said Nebraska was lacking in its transition defense during its 84-62 exhibition win over the Nebraska All-Stars last Saturday.

"If any area will be exploited, it will be that," Beck said. "We have the guys' team (in practice) run their break on us, and that makes the girls sprint real hard."

Tonight's game will mark the end of the Huskers' two-game exhibition season. NU begins its regular season Nov. 22 against Illinois State in Normal, Ill.

"It gets the jitters out," Beck said. "You develop chemistry and find out what combinations work. That is hard to do when you scrimmage each other and the guys' team."

Doxzon enjoys best season as a senior

By TREVOR PARKS
Senior Reporter

Iowa State quarterback Todd Doxzon is well aware that he gave up the chance to play for a two-time national champion, opting instead to win eight games and lose 33 over the past four years.

But heading into Saturday's 1 p.m. game against fifth-ranked Nebraska, Doxzon's decision does not bother him.

"We haven't had the wins we'd like to have had," Doxzon said, "but I'd like to think we are the ones setting the stage for the future of Iowa State football."

Doxzon, a graduate of Millard North High School, was recruited by NU in 1993 along with Cornhusker quarterback Scott Frost. Frost signed with Stanford and Doxzon chose ISU instead of waiting to replace Tommie Frazier.

Frost transferred to Nebraska in 1994 and Doxzon entertained thoughts of transferring to NU as well. But he chose to stay in Ames after Coach Dan McCarney replaced Jim Walden in 1994.

After Doxzon went 0-10-1 as a sophomore, he fought through an injury-plagued junior year, missing five of the Cyclones' 11 games.

Doxzon has remained healthy this year, and he is having the best season of his up-and-down career.

He has started every game for the 2-7 Cyclones, passing for a career-best 11 touchdowns and 1,338 yards. Doxzon is also the team's third-leading rusher with 182 yards.

"I'm very proud of his improvement this year," McCarney said. "Last year, he was injured most of the time, and this year he has only missed four plays."

The 6-foot-1, 191-pound senior said ISU's offense has contributed to his improvement.

"I can use my physical skills better in this offense," Doxzon said, "and since I've been healthy, I've been really confident."

Playing well against his home-state school during his final game in Ames, Doxzon said, would end years of frustration.

"It's a big game for our program," he said. "And if we won, that would be a huge victory — not only for me but for everyone."

NU men favored to win

By GREGG MADSEN
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's and women's cross country teams will travel to Peoria, Ill., Saturday for the NCAA District 5 Championships.

"I think we're ready," Coach Jay Dirksen said. "Practice has been good, and I can tell that they're ready for the meet."

Juniors Jonah Kiptarus and Cleophas Boor will try to extend their streak of finishing 1-2 in every race this season.

Dirksen said the ninth-ranked

men's team should be in the driver's seat to win the team title. The top two teams in each of the NCAA's eight districts will advance to the NCAA Championships, Nov. 25 in Tuscon, Ariz. Three men's teams and six women's teams will be given wild-card berths to the championships.

The No. 23 Nebraska women will be led by senior Christina Blackmer and junior Nora Shepherd, both of whom qualified for the 1995 NCAA Championships.

Freshman Jaime Pauli and sophomore Melissa Wilson, who finished 22nd and 24th last week at the Big 12 Championships, should also be key runners and finish well, Dirksen said.

Belcher ices Husker win

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stage for Belcher's heroics.

"I don't think I could have asked for a better on-the-job training situation," NU Coach Danny Nee said.

Marathon Oil is now 5-2 on its pre-season tour.

"We wanted to win this basketball game," Nee said. "We wanted to show the fans that we could beat a team of this magnitude."

Sophomore point guard Tyrone Lue, who fouled out with 2:07 remaining and NU leading 75-70, led Nebraska with 22 points, making 10 of

13 field goals.

"That will get our confidence going," Lue said.

Confidence helped Belcher, who played a team-high 35 minutes, to finish with 21 points and hit all 3-point shots.

"Tonight I felt it a lot," Belcher said. "I just wanted to keep shooting."

The four first-year players scored 38 points in 86 minutes, nearly outscoring the four veterans, who scored 44 points in 114 minutes.

The Huskers open the regular season Nov. 23 at Texas.

Huskers face must-win at K-State

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— is still pleased with his team's effort this season. Kansas State has already bettered last season's 21-12 record.

Tonight's 7:30 match isn't for the league championship, but it does have postseason implications for both teams. Moore said defeating Nebraska could help the No. 18 Wildcats (22-5 overall and 10-4 in the league) gain a better seed in the NCAA Tournament next month.

"This is a program that's trying to build," Moore said. "I had a strong feeling we'd be better this year. We're a physically gifted team, and we're right where I thought we'd be."

If Nebraska (21-3 and 13-1) is to win the first Big 12 title, it needs to beat No. 20 Kansas State tonight and Kansas (9-19 and 3-11) Saturday at

7:30 p.m. in Lawrence, Kan., NU Coach Terry Pettit said.

"We are in a must-win situation if we want to stay in the hunt for the conference championship," Pettit said.

Although KSU has never defeated Nebraska in 53 matches, Pettit said he anticipates a hard-fought match. The Wildcats own a four-match winning streak and a 10-0 record at Ahearn Field House.

If the Huskers win tonight, defense will be the key, Pettit said. The last time the two teams met in Lincoln, Nebraska held KSU .080 at the net, its second-lowest percentage of the season, in a five-game Husker win on Sept. 28.

"Kansas State is solid at every position," Pettit said. "But if we can defend at the same level we did in the coliseum, it's going to be a very interesting match."

Kansas State is led at the net by

Kate DeClerk, who is averaging three kills per game while hitting .371.

Pettit said the Huskers will have to regroup quickly after Friday's match with KSU before traveling to Lawrence, but he is not overly concerned with the Jayhawks.

"We have a history of taking care of things," Pettit said. "Very few times we've lost to teams we were supposed to beat."

But the Huskers' main focus this weekend will be Kansas State, which Pettit said has improved greatly since losing in Lincoln six weeks ago.

Moore agreed and said his team is looking forward to tonight's contest, even if it isn't for the conference crown.

"Before we beat Texas Tech two weeks ago, I wasn't sure that we had improved all that much," Moore said. "But I feel more confident about our chances against (NU) now."

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