

NU moves to No. 4

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska football team moved up one spot to No. 4 in both major polls on Sunday after Ohio State's 13-9 loss to Michigan Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

Michigan's win opens the door to a national title for Nebraska and No. 5 Colorado, who play at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium for the Big 12 North Division title.

If the North Division champion wins the Big 12 championship game, it will likely play in the Sugar Bowl against No. 1 Florida or No. 2 Florida State, who meet Saturday

in Tallahassee, Fla.

No. 3 Arizona State completed a perfect regular season Saturday night with a 56-14 win over Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

In other college football news, Notre Dame announced Sunday that Defensive Coordinator Bob Davie will replace Lou Holtz as head coach at the end of the season.

Alabama Coach Gene Stallings, whose team downed Auburn 24-23 Saturday, resigned after the game, ending a seven-year stint at Alabama that was highlighted by a 1992 national championship.

Adding to the coaching woes, Baylor's Chuck Reedy was fired Sunday.

Associated Press Poll

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1. Florida (6)	10-0	1
2. Florida St. (5)	10-0	3
3. Arizona St. (4)	11-0	4
4. Nebraska	9-1	5
5. Colorado	9-1	6
6. Ohio St.	10-1	2
7. Brigham Young	12-1	8
8. Penn St.	10-2	7
9. Virginia Tech	9-2	9
10. Notre Dame	8-2	10
11. Michigan	9-2	11
12. Washington	9-2	12
13. North Carolina	9-2	13
14. Kansas St.	9-2	14
15. Texas Tech	8-2	15
16. Syracuse	8-2	16
17. Virginia Tech	9-1	17
18. Michigan	8-3	21
19. LSU	8-2	18
20. Virginia	7-3	19
21. Wyoming	10-1	20
22. Iowa	8-3	24
23. Miami	9-3	23
24. Army	9-1	22
25. West Virginia	8-3	25

Coaches Poll

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Reitsma, Korver lead Huskers to two wins; Longhorns next

By GREGG MADSEN
Staff Reporter

After a sluggish four-game win on Friday night over No. 21 Texas Tech, Nebraska Volleyball Coach Terry Pettit was concerned with the Cornhuskers' lack of intensity and aggression.



Nebraska dropped the first game to Tech, losing 15-13 after holding a 13-7 lead. The Huskers then dismantled the Red Raiders 15-2, 15-3, 15-5, breaking a school record for the fewest points allowed in four-game match.

But there was no lack of aggression on Saturday night, when the Huskers rebounded to demolish Baylor 15-5, 15-1, 15-2. The wins pushed the fifth-ranked Huskers to 25-3 overall and 17-1 in the Big 12 and extended Nebraska's home winning streak to 30 matches.

"We were very focused and alert and quick tonight," Pettit said after Saturday's match. "We were quick off

the floor and quick to the ball. And it was a difficult situation for them. I had a feeling we'd have played well tonight no matter who we were playing."

The Huskers used the power of middle blocker Megan Korver and outside hitter Lisa Reitsma to exploit Baylor at the net.

But the main factor in the victory may have been NU's attitude.

"I think the big difference between tonight and last night was just the enthusiasm," Reitsma said. "We just came out really ready to play and fired up — and you could tell it made a big difference."

Reitsma had 11 kills and eight blocks in the match, which lasted only 65 minutes.

The Bears, who fell to 18-14 and 7-11, did not record a single block and were held to a minus-.010 hitting percentage.

"They were everything we knew about, even more," Baylor Coach Brian Hosfeld said. "They seemed definitely pretty efficient in what they were doing."

Pettit said the efficiency of Nebraska's serving allowed the Huskers to be effective in blocking. Offensively, the Husker attack was equally devastating.

Texas Tech	15	2	3	5
Nebraska	13	15	15	15

Baylor	5	1	2
Nebraska	15	15	15

Korver led the charge with a 13 kills and a .632 percentage. After game two, the 6-foot-1 sophomore was hitting a red-hot .909.

In their final regular-season action at the coliseum, Husker seniors Kate Crnich and Maria Hedbeck also played well.

Crnich served the end of all three games and pounded four kills. With Crnich serving at 12-2 in game three, Hedbeck hammered a kill — only her third of the season — from the back row that brought the 3,344 fans to their feet.

Against Texas Tech, the Huskers were led by sophomore outside hitter Jaime Krondak, who pounded 20 kills and hit .425. Sophomore setter Fiona Nepo served 14 points against the Red Raiders, using an effective jump serve.

Nebraska sits in first place in the Big 12 and can clinch the league title with a win over No. 8 Texas, Friday night in Austin, Texas. NU concludes the regular season Saturday against No. 14 Texas A&M in College Station, Texas.

NU men, women finish third

By ANDREW STERNAD
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska swimming and diving teams proved Sunday that they belong among the nation's best, finishing a strong third in the Husker ShootOut at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool.

The 16th-ranked Cornhusker men finished ahead of seventh-ranked Arizona State and eighth-ranked Southern Methodist. No. 2 Auburn won the meet, squeaking past 20th ranked Florida State.

The NU women also finished third, placing behind Southern Methodist and Auburn.

Leading the way for the men was Australian native Adam Pine. The freshman broke a 19-year-old pool record with a time of 48.40 seconds in

the 100-yard butterfly.

Labeled by his teammates as the "thunder from down under," Pine said his international experience has been the key to his early-season success.

"Before coming here," said Pine, who also won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.24 seconds, "I competed on a few international teams and got to face some world-class swimmers. So I think that has helped me prepare for meets like this."

NU Assistant Coach Keith Moore said he's not surprised with Pine's season-best time in the 100-yard event. Moore said he expected Pine to make an immediate impact.

"Adam is a tremendous athlete," Moore said, "and we knew he was going to be an asset to our program."

Pool records also fell on the women's side. Senior Julia Russell broke fellow Olympian and two-time

gold medalist Penny Heyns' record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a sizzling time of 1:01.85.

"After the Sprint Classic," Russell said, "I knew I was swimming fast, and I figured I could beat the record in the 100."

The Huskers also competed in the Nike Sprint Classic on Friday. The Husker men won the meet for the fifth time. The women finished third despite Russell's record performance.

Shining for the men in the Sprint Classic was diver Danny Bergman, who won the 3-meter springboard competition.

Pine set a meet record with a time of 22.17 seconds in the 50-yard butterfly. Senior Chris Ford also posted a victory for the Huskers, claiming the 100-yard individual medley.

Nebraska will next be in action on Dec. 4 in Austin, Texas, against Texas.

Thompson scores 17 in NU win

Nebraska	79
Illinois St.	70

By SHANNON HEFFELFINGER
Staff Reporter

Nebraska Women's Basketball Coach Angela Beck was apprehensive about her team beginning the 1996-97 season on the road.

Beck's nerves were quickly calmed Friday night in Normal, Ill., where the Cornhuskers downed Illinois State 79-70 at Redbird Arena.

Nebraska (1-0) won with balanced scoring attack, receiving 17 points from Emily Thompson, 13 apiece from Nicole Kubik, Anna DeForge and LaToya Doage, and 12 points from Tina McClain, who also grabbed eight rebounds.

NU shot 51 percent for the game, jumping to a 46-31 halftime lead.

Illinois State (0-2) was led by Val Trame, who scored 21 points. ISU had four players in double figures, but the rest of its team scored just three points in the loss.

NU will play host to Southern Utah Tuesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Dirksen expects NU men to be near top

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do."

Dirksen said Kiptarus and Boor will receive stiff competition from defending national champion Godfrey Siamusiye of Arkansas.

Siamusiye is no stranger to the NU runners. In the 1994 National Junior College Cross Country Championships, Kiptarus and Boor finished second and third behind Siamusiye.

This time, Dirksen said, his runners may have the upper hand.

"Jonah and Cleophas have an advantage," Dirksen said. "They train together. They run together, and they can always kind of gauge things through each other."

It's the efforts of the next five runners that will be crucial for Nebraska to finish among the top 10.

Senior Balazs Tolgyesi, who placed 10th at districts, should provide scoring for the Huskers from the No. 3 spot. Juniors Philip Maiyo and Jim Vance will also be key runners for the men, Dirksen said.

The No. 23 women's team,

which earned a wild-card entry to the championships, has an excellent chance to finish among the top 20, Dirksen said.

Three freshmen and one sophomore will run in the Huskers' top seven. Senior Christina Blackmer, junior Nora Shepherd and senior Sherri Elwood Macfee are the only Husker runners with championship experience.

Blackmer said NU must remain focused in the intense championship atmosphere.

"The difference is that instead of being back in the 30s and 40s, you're back in the hundreds, so you have to be prepared," Blackmer said.

But the women's team is poised for an outstanding performance, Dirksen said. He said freshman Jaime Pauli and sophomore Melissa Wilson could have great performances.

"Christina has been running well, but she's due for a great race," Dirksen said. "All of them — up and down the line — still have a better race in them."

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