

Huskers set bar record

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The Nebraska women's gymnastics team posted its second-highest team score in school history Monday night at Southeast Missouri State.

The Cornhuskers scored a 195.45 to defeat Southeast Missouri State (192.075), Western Michigan (190.2) and Texas Women's University (188.8).

Sparked by a school record 49.375 team score on the uneven bars, the fifth-ranked Huskers improved their record to 4-0.

Nebraska Coach Dan Kendig said the Huskers still have room for improvement.

"I think we are where we need to be," Kendig said after the meet. "We can still make some progress. But for now, we're in good shape."

Seniors Shelly Bartlett and Kim DeHaan led the way on the bars, tying for first place at 9.925. Sophomore Laurie McLaughlin and freshman Nicole Wilkinson tied for third (9.875).

Bartlett won her third all-around title of the season with a score of 39.35. The Spokane, Wash., native won the floor exercise (9.875), tied for third on the balance beam (9.85) and was fourth on the vault (9.7).

Sophomore Misty Oxford tied for first on the beam with a career-best 9.9. Oxford was second on the floor exercise (9.825) and third on the vault (9.75).

Wilkinson finished third in the all-around with a 38.725 and freshman Heather Brink was fifth (38.65).

Kendig said sophomores Courtney Brown and Amie Dillman were held out of the meet because of injuries.

Henry goes for a repeat

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ingredients are also part of the recipe. "She has had a terrific work ethic," Pepin said. "She's intelligent, has high goals and works hard."

"Then you start mixing all of those together in the crock pot and boil them up and they come out with a pretty good product."


Besides repeating as NCAA long-jump champion, Henry said she has one other goal to add to her already lofty career.

"I would like to go to nationals in the 200," Henry said.

In Saturday's Nebraska Open, Henry triumphed in the 200-meter dash with a bolt of 24.54 seconds.

Pepin said it is not farfetched to see Henry defend her title or make the 200-meter.

"Whatever she sets out to do," Pepin said, "she's going to do a very fine job."



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Back, linebacker to play for NU

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down with one man."

White, who rushed for 2,664 yards on 345 attempts and scored 37 touchdowns his senior year, holds both career and season rushing records for the Green Bay metro area.

Golonski said he expects Nebraska to give White a shot as a running back.

"He's a natural running back," Golonski said. "He wants to carry the rock. He's going to put some more weight on and I think he's got a chance to be real successful at the next level."

White, who said he has qualified academically, said he will enroll in a class at NU this summer while working out with the team.

Gustafson, a linebacker from Gallup, N.M., made his decision Saturday, immediately after being offered a scholarship from Nebraska, Gallup Coach Jeff Taylor said.

But the 6-foot-3, 205-pounder was not initially recruited by NU.

Taylor sent tapes to Lincoln — NU was Gustafson's prime choice — and the Nebraska coaches, Taylor said, liked what they saw.

"He's got real good speed," Taylor said, "and he's got a nose for football. He's got the size to stop the inside run and he can also help out on the perimeter."

While on a visit to see quarterback Bobby Newcombe, who committed to Nebraska over the summer, Osborne also met with Gustafson, Taylor said.

At middle linebacker Gustafson has been the play caller for the Gallup defense the past three seasons, Taylor said. As a senior, Gustafson recorded 28 solo tackles, 165 assisted tackles and intercepted three passes. However, Gallup finished 3-8 in New Mexico's largest class.

The Husker coaches, Taylor said, will likely move Gustafson to outside linebacker because of his size. Taylor said Gustafson would be happy to play almost any position.

"I know he loves to play football and this is a dream he's had since he was a kid," Taylor said. "For him to do this, it's just an awesome thing."

In other recruiting news: Travis Blomgren, a safety from Doylestown, Pa., said Monday that he had verbally committed to Penn State.

Running Back Travis Minor, from Baton Rouge, La., will visit LSU this weekend and will not make an official visit to Lincoln, Baton Rouge Catholic Coach Dale Weiner said Monday.

Eric Gooden, a running back from Midwest City, Okla., said Monday that he had decided between Kansas State and Nebraska, and he will not reveal his decision until signing day, Feb. 5.

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NU looks to rebound against ISU

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got to take it one game at a time, starting with Iowa State and then worry about Kansas."

The No. 1 Jayhawks play host to Nebraska on Saturday before the Huskers face No. 18 Colorado in Lincoln on Feb. 5 and No. 22 Texas Tech on Feb. 8 in Lubbock, Texas.

"I'm not really worried about the teams we are playing," NU center Mikki Moore said. "I'm worried about us more than anything."

Moore said the Huskers failed to accomplish each of their three primary goals in Saturday's loss to the Sooners.

"That team out-rebounded us," Moore said. "We're not supposed to get out-rebounded."

OU hammered the Huskers on the boards, grabbing 40 rebounds to Nebraska's 26, just the fourth time this season an opponent has out-rebounded NU.

Nebraska also set its sights on OU guard Nate Erdmann, but the 6-foot-

5-inch senior turned the tables, burning the Huskers for 34 points on 10-of-15 shooting. The Huskers' third goal, Moore said, was to stop all Sooners transition baskets.

"We didn't do that, too," Moore said. "So I think we failed as a team. It showed on the court."

Through 18 games, Nebraska leads the Big 12 Conference with 347 turnovers, and the Huskers have hit only 56 3-pointers this season, by far the lowest total of any league team.

Point guard Tyrone Lue ranks second in the league behind Texas' Reggie Freeman with 65 turnovers, and the 6-foot sophomore has turned the ball over 29 times in six Big 12 games, tops among league players.

But Lue's stats go nowhere but up from there. In conference games, NU's on-court leader averages 21.8 points, fifth in the Big 12, and 5.5 assists, fourth in the league. Lue also ranks fourth in steals (2.5 per game), first in free-throw shooting (88.9 percent) and 10th in field-goal shooting (45.5 percent).

Last week, he averaged 28 points in NU's two losses, but in 77 minutes, he committed 13 turnovers.

"We have had good scouting reports," Lue said. "We just didn't involve the game plan too well. I think we can improve a lot, and it starts with me."

Nebraska's 3-3 league mark places it fourth in the six-team North Division. Only Missouri, which plays tonight at Texas A&M, and 0-6 Kansas State sit below the Huskers. Nebraska, 0-3 against ranked teams this year, doesn't play another unranked foe until Feb. 10, when it visits KSU.

Since the 1994-95 season, NU has won only three of 19 games against ranked teams — last downing No. 23 Texas on Jan. 3, 1996 — and the Huskers haven't beaten a ranked conference opponent since Feb. 5, 1995, when they topped Oklahoma in Lincoln.

"We're trying to get one anywhere you can," Coach Danny Nee said. "Losing is losing, and it's going to get you down. We're competing, but we're not playing well enough to win."

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