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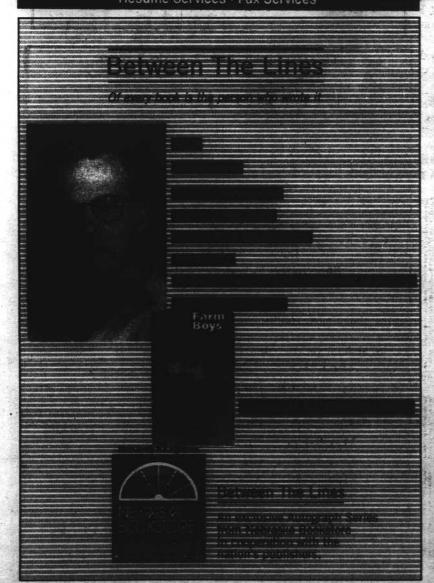


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NU enters weekend with new lineup

By JAY SAUNDERS Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's tennis team may have finally found what it needed to accomplish one of its main goals of

the season. After a 3-3 dual record over spring break, the Cornhuskers have a busy weekend ahead that weighs heavily on their regional ranking. NU (8-9 overall and 1-3 in

the Big 12 Conference) began play during spring break dropping two conference matches, losing 7-0 to Texas and 4-3 to No. 54 Texas A&M. Against the Aggies, the Huskers took a 1-0 lead by winning two of the three doubles matches. Dinko Verzi and Markus Bergerheim were the only two to earn singles wins.

"We put ourselves in a position to win against a Top 50 school," Coach Kerry McDermott said. "I feel we are getting there. The guys are getting the confidence we can play with those teams."

Verzi and Bergerheim also helped Nebraska capture third place in the California-Irvine Invitational. NU opened with a 6-1 win over Northern Arizona and after dropping a 6-1 decision to the host Anteaters, the Huskish third. NU also beat Missouri 7-0 on March 30.

"Markus and Dinko have been eyes closed." consistent all year," McDermott said. that well."

While the top players have been scoring well for the Huskers all seaproblems finding the right combina- of that group. It will be a dog fight."

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> KERRY McDermott NU men's tennis coach

tion toward the bottom of the lineup. He may have found a solution last

NU notched four out of a possible six wins in the UCI Invite at the No. 5 and 6 spots. Todd Nicholl and Andrew Wiese have also been teamed at the No. 3 doubles spot. The duo has gone 4-1 since the switch was made before the Texas A&M match.

This puts the Huskers into good position heading into the final six matches of the season.

NU has three important regional natches: with Kansas, Colorado and Wichita State this weekend. Wins against any or all of these teams will give Nebraska momentum heading into the Big 12 Conference meet April 24 through 26 at Austin, Texas.

We will have to win at least two ers won a dual against DePaul to fin- out of the last five matches to make something happen for us," McDermott said. "We are not walking in with our

NU closes out the season with five "I wish we could have done a little of its six duals at home, including better, but I am pleased the guys did matches with CU and WSU this weekend. McDermott said a home-court advantage is a huge plus for the team.

"The guys love playing at home," son, McDermott had been having McDermott said. "We are in the thick

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from the first day until now."

Lizama, who also suffered a concussion on the same play Viola injured her knee, has still been having headaches this week from the injury.

One thing that is not bothering Lizama, who is leading the team in hitting, is the move in the field. She is averaging .337 and leads the team with 19 runs scored.

"I played shortstop in high school. In fact, since I started playing softball when I was 9, I have always played shortstop," Lizama said. "It wasn't until I got here that I played second."

Lizama said she is willing to do whatever is best for the team when Revelle asked her to move to short-

Revelle said Brewer has been a pleasant surprise with the poise and courage she has shown since being used as a full-time player.

Bannon RU's coach

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and Welsh on Wednesday.

Bannon, who is from Verona. N.J., and attended St. Peter's College in Jersey City, apparently was offered the job of replacing Bob Wenzel on Tuesday night.

Rutgers, which has had five straight losing seasons, is hoping to have a news conference today.

Bannon — who has a 275-150 career record — posted a 131-103 record at Rider, taking the Broncs to the NCAA tournament in 1993 and '94 as champions of the Northeast Conference.

Rider, 14-14 this year, lost the conference championship game in '95 and '96. It was eliminated by eventual champion Long Island University in the NEC semifinals



