

# Huskers happy to play

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weather canceled the games.

This past weekend's blizzard forced the cancellation of the Huskers' home Big 12 Conference contest against Baylor. The Bears were just 1-7 in league play.

The postponements and cancellations have begun to take a toll on NU and has kept it from getting into a rhythm or gaining momentum for an end-of-the-season run.

"Sunday's game felt like we hadn't played in two weeks," outfielder Sarah Sinclair said. "I think we even had some preseason jitters. It seems like whenever we get something going we have to stop and wait for something to happen."

Revelle said the Huskers weren't in a groove and didn't play well against the Red Raiders at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Nebraska split against Tech, losing the first game 8-5 and winning game two 5-2. The win gave the Red Raiders their first conference victory this season as they improved their record to 34-24-1 and

1-9 in the league.

But Tech's victory and Nebraska's poor performance may become Creighton's problem, NU catcher Jenny Smith said.

"If I know my teammates like I think I do, then I'm going to feel sorry for Creighton," Smith said. "I just feel like unloading. I'm just looking forward to playing period."

Sinclair said she is also looking forward to playing the Bluejays, but for another reason.

The senior from Omaha will make her last playing appearance in her hometown.

"I grew up playing tournaments at Creighton," Sinclair said. "Now it's coming to an end and it's sad."

Being from Nebraska, though, Sinclair is familiar with the rivalry between the two schools and knows the Huskers can't afford to take the Bluejays lightly.

"They'll come out hard against us," Sinclair said. "We really handled them well and seem to do real well against them. Right now we are just ready to play."



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# Johnson is NU's lone signee

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Staff Reporter

Now that the Nebraska women's swimming and diving teams finished one of their most successful seasons in school history, the wheels to stay on top are in motion.

NU has signed just one recruit so far, but it was a huge in-state signing. Shandra Johnson, a senior at Omaha North, signed a national letter of intent in November to attend Nebraska.

Johnson is considered by some as the best women's swimmer ever in the state and NU Coach Cal Bentz is excited about signing someone who can contribute to the program in many ways.

"She is a multifaceted student-athlete," Bentz said. "She is a definite swimming talent and probably as good of a swimmer to come out of Nebraska."

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ways.

In her junior season, Johnson skipped the high school season to try out for a spot on the United States Olympic Team.

In March, Johnson returned to the state championships and shattered two of her own state records, helping North win its first title in the school's history.

"It was a lot of fun to be a part of that team," Johnson said. "It's a good feeling knowing I could help the team out."

Now, Johnson is coming to Lincoln to help out a young Husker team that won the Big 12 conference championship and had an eighth-place finish at the NCAAs. She said she hopes to make an immediate impact, but she knows the competition level will be better than it was in high school.

"It will be tough because the swimmers are so fast," Johnson said. "I will have a lot of people to train with. It should help my swimming a lot."

Nebraska is a good fit, Johnson said, because of her familiarity with the coaching staff. Associate Coach Rick Paine coached the Nebraska

Aquatics swim team, a team that swam against Johnson's club team—Metro Omaha Swim Team.

"Rick has watched me grow up," Johnson said. "I like the team a lot. It is close to home, but it is far enough away."

Although Johnson is NU's only signed recruit, Bentz said he isn't worried about signing a good crop of swimmers. The Huskers have until August to sign recruits for next year.

Bentz said it is not unusual for NU to sign swimmers throughout that time.

"We just take a look at who is available and if there is mutual interest we pursue them," Bentz said. "We are looking at spots that we have to fill."

Bentz said he will wait until the fall to make the decision about which events Johnson will compete in. Johnson, who broke state records in the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley this year, said it doesn't make a difference to her where she competes.

"I will swim wherever I can to help the team out most," Johnson said.

## Huskers sign pair

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The Nebraska wrestling team added two more wrestlers over the weekend with the signings of Zach Stalder and Brian Snyder.

Stalder, a Class A state champion from Omaha Burke, signed with NU Saturday. He is the state record holder with more than 700 career takedowns and finished with a record of 128-3 for the Bulldogs.

NU Coach Tim Neumann said Stalder is projected at wrestling at 167 pounds for the Cornhuskers.

Snyder, who was a three-time state-place winner and 1997 champion in Pennsylvania, is the third NU signee out of the Keystone State. Snyder, a 134-pounder, finished his high school career with a record of 101-12 at Easton High School.

Neumann said Snyder was one of

the Top 10 wrestlers last season at 125 pounds and is regarded by many coaches as the nation's No. 1 recruit in his weight class.

In other wrestling news, Nebraska senior-to-be Ryan Tobin captured the University Nationals 214-pound freestyle championship in Evanston, Ill., over the weekend.

Husker freshman Brad Vering also had an outstanding weekend, taking second in Greco-Roman and third in freestyle at 187 pounds. Heavyweight Tolly Thompson was second in the freestyle division, while freshman J.R. Plienis finished fourth. Plienis also finished fourth in the Greco-Roman division.

Senior-to-be Brad Canoyer had an eighth-place finish in the freestyle at 132 pounds, and sophomore-to-be Ryan Coe took eighth in Greco-Roman at 187 pounds.

## Shaw uses spring well

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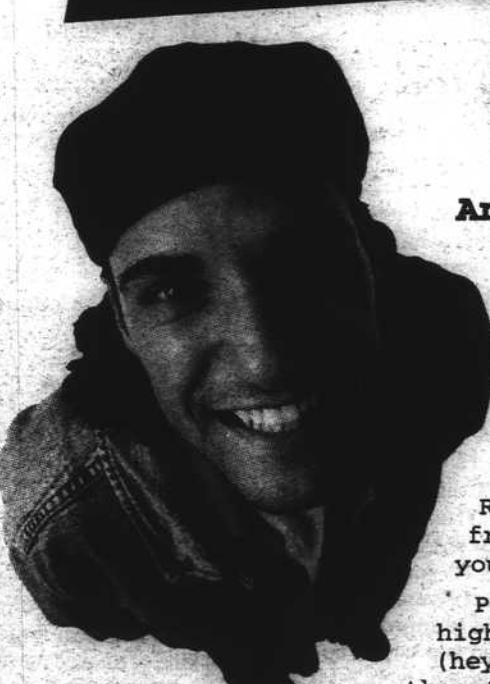
hopes to take full advantage of his opportunity.

"I'm going to have to be a play maker," Shaw said. "We're going to have another great defense, and I need to take what I learned last year and show Coach Bohl that I am a playmaker."

Bohl said with Shaw and Ortiz sharing the duties at Sam, the Huskers shouldn't have any major concerns despite losing eight defensive starters.

"We may have lost some players, but we have no reason to panic," Bohl said. "We're learning quite a bit here in spring and people like Brian are only going to help us this fall."

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