

Talent packs soccer team

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Depth. Experience. Tradition. Those three words have never been used to describe the Nebraska soccer team. But after a 23-1 record last season and a trip to the Elite Eight, the Cornhuskers have become a national powerhouse three years after their inception in 1994.

This season, with returning first team All-American Kari Uppinghouse and second team All-American Lindsay Eddleman, Husker Coach John Walker has added reason for optimism.

"This is the first year we can say we have a pretty experienced team," Walker said. "I am feeling as good as ever. I am really looking forward to the season."

The Huskers return experience at every position on the field.

Along with Eddleman, Isabelle Morneau returns at the forward position that led a potent Husker scoring attack last season. Last season, NU scored 92 goals, 33 of which came from Eddleman and Morneau.

Uppinghouse, a midfielder, led the Huskers last season with 19 goals. She will be joined in the midfield this season by Kim Engesser, who transferred from the University of Portland. Engesser, who participated in two Final Fours with the Pilots, brings experience and adds depth to the Huskers.

"Up front we have a lot of people who scored a lot of goals," Walker said. "We have a good group up front, and in the midfield we are very strong."

Defense was one of NU's trademarks last season. The Huskers only allowed 15 goals all season.

This season the defense will be led by senior goalkeeper Rebecca Hornbacher. Last season, Hornbacher had the fifth-lowest goals against average (0.51) in the country to accompany

Soccer Top 25

Bellow are the NSCAA/Umbro Top 25 College Rankings

Rank	School	Record
1	North Carolina	25-1-0
2	Notre Dame	24-2-0
3	Portland	19-1-2
4	Connecticut	22-3-0
5	Santa Clara	18-4-1
6	Nebraska	23-1-0
7	Maryland	19-5-2
8 Tied	Penn St.	15-5-2
8 Tied	Texas A&M	19-4-0
10	Wisconsin-Madison	15-5-4
11	Virginia	12-7-2
12	Harvard	15-2-0
13	James Madison	15-6-2
14	Vanderbilt	11-8-1
15	Massachusetts	16-5-1
16	Duke	10-10-3
17	Florida	22-3-0
18	George Mason	14-7-1
19	William & Mary	14-9-0
20	Clemson	15-7-1
21 Tied	UNC-Greensboro	16-6-1
21 Tied	Kentucky	13-7-2
23	Wake Forest	14-8-0
24	Stanford	12-9-0
25	Minnesota	13-7-0

Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	DePaul	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	Southern Cal	Noon
Sept. 5	at Colorado	5 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Vanderbilt	11 a.m.
Sept. 12	at Texas	5 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Texas A&M	1 p.m.
Sept. 18	Iowa St.	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Arkansas	1 p.m.
Sept. 26	Baylor	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Texas Tech	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	Missouri	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Kansas	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	Kentucky	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	San Diego	1 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Duke	Noon
Oct. 24	at Oklahoma St.	4 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Oklahoma	1 p.m.
Oct. 31	St. Louis	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Minnesota	1 p.m.
Nov. 6-9	Big 12 Tournament	TBA
Nov. 15-16	NCAA Tour. (1st Round)	TBA
Nov. 22-23	NCAA Tour. (2nd Round)	TBA
Nov. 29-30	NCAA Tour. (Quarterfinals)	TBA
Dec. 5-7	NCAA Finals	TBA

Walker

her 14 shutouts.

The third-team All-American has a lot of support in front of her.

Stephanie Vacek is a returning all-conference player, while Sharolta Nonen, Tanya Franck and Heather Brown all look to have continued success on the Husker defense.

"Obviously we have a lot of great defense," Hornbacher said. "It makes my job so much easier."

Also hoping to make that job easier will be a talented group of freshmen. Nebraska landed the Louisiana, Nevada and New Mexico players of the year as well as some of Nebraska's best talent.

Sarah Deacon of Omaha Central and Julie Greco of Omaha Marian were both all-state players who hope to earn playing time this season.

Greco made a big statement at the fall athletic testing by shattering the

school's record for the women's 40-yard dash by .07 seconds. Walker said Greco and the rest of the freshman class may see playing time, even though the team has so much returning talent.

"They all have the potential to come in and challenge for time," Walker said. "We play whoever gets the job done. Class or year is irrelevant."

All of last year's success and expectations for this year have earned the Huskers a place near the top of the preseason soccer poll. Nebraska is ranked sixth, the same spot it finished last season, in the first NSCAA poll this season.

"We don't care what people think of us," Walker said. "The players set their own goals and expectations, and our expectations are the ones that are important."

Uppinghouse craves sensational season

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Playing on a 23-1 team last year and earning All-America honors as a junior could have spoiled Kari Uppinghouse.

Instead, it made her want to accomplish more this season.

Uppinghouse finished last season as the Huskers' leading scorer with 19 goals and 10 assists. Besides her individual scoring, she guided Nebraska to a trip to the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals and a No. 6 rank-

ing.

Because of her efforts, Uppinghouse was named the Big 12 Conference co-player of the year and was a member of the NSCAA All-Central Region first team.

"I love getting the ball and distributing it," Uppinghouse said. "My favorite part of the game is being in control and

helping to find the team's strengths."

She should be happy with her role on this year's team, because it won't change much from what she did last year.

Nebraska Coach John Walker said he will not ask Uppinghouse to do anything differently.

"We certainly like Kari to have the ball, because a lot of play goes through her anyway," Walker said. "She just fits in with the context of the team."

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