

Sports Opinion



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No glamour needed to be a role model

Who is your hero? If you are a male reading this column you probably would have said somebody like Michael Jordan, Joe Montana or Nolan Ryan.

But if you are a female reading this, and your response follows a national trend, more than 70 percent of you would have said somebody like your mom, grandmother, aunt or older sister.

When I first heard about who people look up to — which happened to be before a WNBA game — the information really disappointed me.

Not because women in this country don't have a sports or national figure to admire. But because when I answer that question, my dad didn't come to my mind.

Why must my hero be somebody who can slam a ball through a hoop or throw a 50-yard touchdown pass or a 100-mph fastball?

Why do I look up to people who have million-dollar contracts, shoe endorsements and are cheered by thousands of people every time they take the court or field of competition?

Is there something wrong with looking up to a simple man whose only goal is to provide for his family?

My father will never have thousands of people cheering for him. The only ones who stand and wait for him are the 1,400 swine he feeds every morning. My dad owns a hog operation and farms about 700 acres.

There is no offseason for him. His job is a seven-day-a-week, 365-day-a-year employment. He usually starts his day at 8 a.m., and if he's lucky he calls it quits about 7 p.m. However, depending on the season, those days can be a lot longer.

There's no training camp or time off for a sprained ankle or finger.

He will never see a shoe contract, and the only shoes he ever wears at work are boots — usually covered in pig crap.

He does all this not for fame or fortune, but to see that his family, including me, is taken care of.

I was adopted, but that hasn't made a difference in my father's eyes. He has always stood by me just like my two brothers and my sister.

Even though he hasn't always agreed with the things I have done, including the time I quit teaching to go back to school when I was 28, he has been there to support me.

I turn 31 Tuesday, and in the near future I hope to be covering somebody like a Jordan, Montana or Ryan. But more than anything else, I hope to try to live up to the standards that my hero — my father — has set for me.

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Huskers remain unbeaten

By JAY SAUNDERS
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Five Nebraska soccer players scored goals in a pair of wins this weekend that improved the Cornhuskers' record to 4-0 and steered the team in the right direction.

On Sunday the No. 6 Huskers disposed of No. 14 Vanderbilt 2-0 in front of 183 fans on a muggy, 90-degree after-

Soccer Score

Nebraska	5
Colorado	1
Nebraska	2
Vanderbilt	0

noon in Nashville, Tenn. The Huskers were powered by goals from sophomore Isabelle Morneau and junior Kim Engesser.

NU senior goalie Rebecca Hornbacher collected her first shutout of the year, facing only three shots the entire game.

On Friday Nebraska defeated Colorado 5-1 in Boulder, Colo.

Nebraska coach John Walker said Vanderbilt's field was narrower than the Huskers' field, giving the Commodores an advantage. He

said the Commodores played a defensive game, waiting for Nebraska to attack the goal and then counter-attacking. The Husker defense held the counter-attack in check for 90 minutes.

"They were tough to break down," Walker said. "It was a difficult place to play. They sat on their end of the field and waited for us to come at them."

NU did come at the Commodores and recorded seven shots on goal, but the Huskers didn't convert on any of their first-half chances, leaving the score tied at zero at the half. The scoring drought continued for both teams until Nebraska scored its two goals in the last 15 minutes of the game.

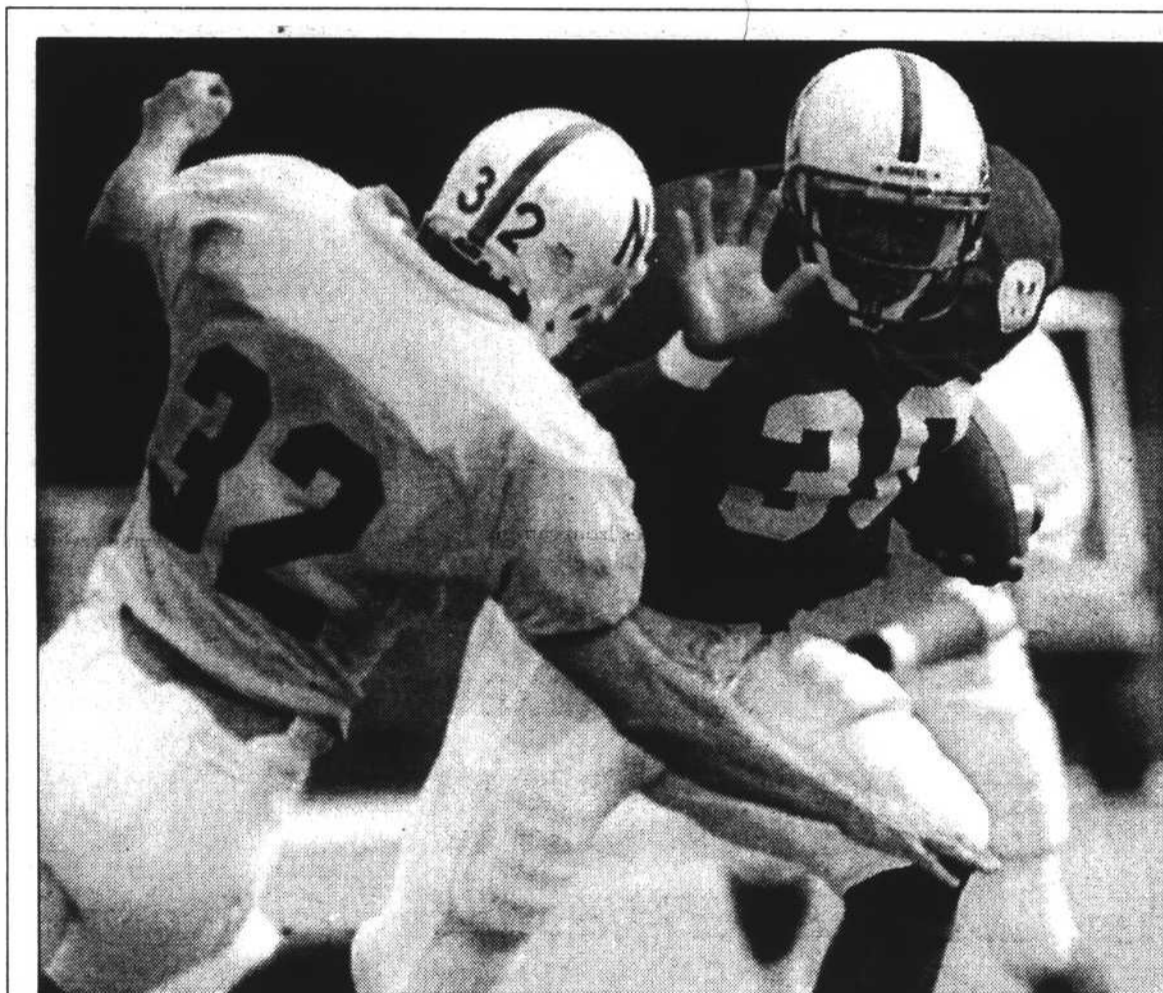
Morneau's goal at 75 minutes came on assists from Jenny Benson and Kari Uppinghouse. Engesser added the insurance goal with seven minutes remaining on a shot off a Sharolta Nonen pass. The goal was Engesser's fourth of the season and third of the weekend.

"I was much happier with the quality and intensity of our play," Walker said. "We did well up front."

The Huskers also struggled in the first half against Colorado.

For the first time this season, NU trailed at the half to a CU team that Walker called "very much improved" since last year. Donna

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I-BACK. Ahman Green fends off a scout team defender Friday during Nebraska's scrimmage at Memorial Stadium. Green rushed the ball four times for 29 yards.

Injury knocks out Gibson

■ The redshirt freshman is expected to miss the entire season.

By ANTONE OSEKA
Senior Reporter

For the early part of fall football camp, injuries riddled the Nebraska I-backs.

Now, the wingbacks are beginning to thin.

In a scrimmage on Friday, third-team wingback John Gibson suffered a season-ending knee injury. Gibson, a redshirt freshman from Papillion, tore an anterior cruciate ligament during an awkward play in which he wasn't even hit, Coach Tom Osborne said.

"He was definitely one of our top two or three receivers," Osborne said.

"If we lose him for the season, it's a significant loss. It's really a tragic thing."

To replace Gibson, Osborne said, freshman quarterback Bobby Newcombe and split end Billy Haafke will begin working at the

wingback position.

"We're going to have Newcombe playing a little bit of wingback," Osborne said. "He is a quarterback primarily. I think there's some things he can do at wingback that can help us."

Freshman rush end Brandon Wardyn also tore an ACL and will be out the remainder of the season.

Even without the injury to Gibson, the rest of the offense looked less than impressive during the scrimmage, Osborne said.

"The first offense didn't really come to play," Osborne said. "As time went on, they did a few good things, but I didn't feel the focus and the intensity was what it needed to be."

The offense did manage some scoring drives but lacked intensity over the course of the afternoon. Freshman Correll Buckhalter led all rushers with 136 yards on 10 carries and scored two touchdowns, while junior I-back Ahman Green carried four times for 29 yards.

Freshman Dan Alexander and senior Jay Sims both returned from injuries to the I-back position, and freshman fullback Willie Miller

scrimmaged for the first time this fall.

The return of these three running backs gives NU a much-needed shot in the arm. Miller rushed three times for 57 yards, while Alexander rushed five times for 73 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown run. Sims finished with three carries for 39 yards.

"Willie played very well and seems to be back to old form," Osborne said. "He could be a great player. Dan Alexander is better, and Jay Sims did reasonably well although he is not 100 percent. It helps having those three running backs return, but DeAngelo Evans didn't scrimmage and isn't ready yet."

Osborne said he thought the defense played pretty well, especially the first team.

In the first five possessions of the scrimmage, the first-team defense forced four punts and had an interception. Sophomore cornerback Jerome Peterson picked off a Scott Frost pass on the third drive and returned it 28 yards.

Shevin Wiggins returned the first punt of the day 75 yards for a touchdown.

Huskers expect to win invite

By SAM MCKEON
Staff Reporter

Playing in its backyard for the first tournament of the season has given the Nebraska women's golf team confidence as the Cornhuskers open their fall schedule at the Chip-N Club Invitational today and Tuesday at HiMark Golf Course.

"We're very confident about how we are going to play this week," Nebraska coach Robin Krapfl said. "We've been playing very well in practice and putting up good numbers, so we feel good about our chances this week."

Krapfl said NU should be the favorite going into the tournament with the main competition coming from Missouri. Other teams participating in the tournament include Texas Pan-American, North Texas, Kansas State, Oral Roberts, Missouri-Kansas City, Briar Cliff and Creighton.

The teams will play two rounds today with the final round on Tuesday.

Nebraska enters the tournament with virtually the same lineup it had last year, including seniors Shirin Hornecker and Rachele Tacha and sophomores Hanne Nyquist and Elizabeth Bahensky.

Krapfl said Hornecker has been the most consistent performer during practices and will be the Huskers' No. 1 golfer for the tournament. Following Hornecker will be Tacha, Bahensky, junior Gretchen Doerr, and Nyquist.

Hornecker may be on the verge of a breakthrough year, Krapfl said.

"She has been really hitting the ball well lately," Krapfl said. "If she can continue to do what she has done in practice, Shirin is going to have a big year."

One change about this year's tournament is that the site has been moved from Firethorn Golf Club to HiMark, which is known for its quality conditioning. HiMark does not present quite the challenge of Firethorn, and should make for some lower scores, Krapfl said.

"We should be able to put up some good scores for early in the season," Krapfl said. "HiMark doesn't bog you down mentally like Firethorn does, so it should be easier for us to get our

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