

## Big 12 Notebook

In the second week of the football season, the Big 12 went 9-1 Saturday. Iowa State's 56-10 setback to Wyoming was the league's lone loss. Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes, whose team did not play last week, said the Big 12 is a conference to be reckoned with in 1997.

"Every team in the Big 12 is a good football team this year," he said. "That's good news for the Big 12, and really bad news for any team that plays (against Big 12 teams)."

The Big 12 offensive player of the week is Oklahoma sophomore tailback De'Mond Parker, who ran for 239 yards on a career-high 31 carries in the Sooners' 36-34 win over Syracuse on Saturday.

The Big 12 defensive honors went to Colorado sophomore strong safety Rashidi Barnes, who returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown in the Buffaloes' 31-21 comeback win over Colorado State. Barnes also recovered a fumble and totaled four tackles.

Oklahoma outside linebacker Travian Smith was named Big 12 special teams player of the week. Smith blocked two punts, including one returned for a touchdown against the Orangemen.

The leading receiver in the conference isn't at Colorado or Texas, but Iowa State, where senior Ed Williams leads the conference in both receptions and yardage with 14 catches for 233 yards. Coach Dan McCarney said Williams can be one of the best in the nation.

"He knows what he wants to do as a player, and he's exactly what you want in a senior," McCarney said. "He can catch anything."

Texas' 48-18 victory over Rutgers was a costly one. The Longhorns lost several players during the game to injuries, including senior quarterback James Brown, who left in the second quarter with an ankle injury.

Brown's backup, senior Richard Walton, led UT to 28 points in the third quarter against the Scarlet Knights.

Texas coach John Mackovic said little will change in the Texas offense this week if Brown is not cleared to play in the Longhorn's game against UCLA in Austin, Texas.

"Richard knows what the offense wants to do, and we're not going to change a lot right now," he said. "We have geared a lot of our offense toward James, but he is not out for a long-term situation."

Blake Owens, the son of Oklahoma athletic director Steve Owens, died Saturday night of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police in Norman, Okla., who responded to a call at Blake Owens' home, said there was no indication of foul play.

Big 12 football results from Saturday: Colorado 31, Colorado State 21. Kansas 17, Texas Christian 10. Oklahoma 36, Syracuse 34. Wyoming 56, Iowa State 10. Texas A&M 59, Sam Houston State 6. Texas 48, Rutgers 14. Missouri 44, Eastern Michigan 24. Kansas State 47, Northern Illinois 7. Oklahoma State 31, Southwest Louisiana 7. Baylor 37, Fresno State 35.

Lisa Reitsma, who had 69 kills in the Nebraska volleyball team's three wins in the First Bank Invitational last weekend at the NU Coliseum, was named the Big 12 player of the week Monday.

Big 12 Notebook compiled by staff reporter Sam McKewon.

# NU golfers begin slowly

## Huskers need strong finish to catch Tigers

BY SAM MCKEWON  
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A slow start on the first nine holes of the season left the Nebraska women's golf team 15 strokes behind team-leader Missouri after the first two rounds of the Chip-N Club Tournament at HiMark Golf Course Monday.

NU shot a 307 in the first round Monday morning with senior Shirin Hornecker posting the best score, a 76.

The Tigers finished the first round with a 295, six strokes in front of second-place Kansas State, which finished with a 301. In the afternoon, NU shot a 297 overall, while Missouri shot a 294. For the two rounds, NU shot a 604, compared to 589 for the Tigers.

Coach Robin Krapfl said she was disappointed with the way in which the Huskers began their morning round of the tournament, which helped Missouri jump out to the big lead.

"We played very tentative for the first nine holes of the round," she said. "We didn't get good scoring at all, and the team wasn't going after any shots. It was first-day jitters."

Another problem that the Huskers had during both rounds was their play on the par-3s, which might have been caused by a shift in the wind.

"We're used to a south breeze, but it was pretty much north all day," she said. "We didn't play the par-3s well at all. We were short on everything, and we didn't score well on them. The wind may have affected us, but we still should have played them better than we did."

The afternoon round did feature some bright spots for the Huskers. Sophomore Hanne Nyquist shot a team-low 72, while junior Gretchen Doerr shot a career-best 73. Nyquist led all Huskers with a 149 for the two rounds.

Krapfl said the Huskers were more focused and better prepared to play in the afternoon.

"The team looked a little more loose, and they were a lot less tentative," she said. "They did some good things in the afternoon. Gretchen had her career low, and Hanne looked very good, too."

Krapfl said the course is recep-



MATT MILLER/DN

NU GOLFER HANNE NYQUIST led the Huskers by shooting a 149 through the first two rounds of the Chip-N Club International at HiMark Golf Course Monday. Nyquist is in sixth place heading into the final round today.

tive to low scores, something the Huskers will need if they want to catch the Tigers in today's final round.

"We feel good about our chances in the last round," she said. "We're going to have to shoot some really low rounds to catch Missouri, but we get a few breaks going our way and we make a couple putts that we didn't make, we'll be in it. If Missouri plays like they did today, though, they're going to be really tough to catch."

Krapfl said she feels confident there will be no front-nine funk in the final round.

"We've got the problems out of the way, I think," she said. "In that last round, we were a little more focused and ready to jump on it right away."

## Chip-N-Club Results

Team	1st Round Score	2nd Round Score	Total Score
Missouri	295	294	589
Nebraska	307	297	604
Kansas St.	301	313	614
Oral Roberts	322	313	635
North Texas	325	313	638
Creighton	326	326	652
Missouri.KC	323	329	652
Texas Pan Am	332	335	667
Brief Cliff	346	331	677

  

Top 10 Individual Scores		
Jane Yi	Kansas St.	145
Lefita Moses	Missouri	147
Stefanie Mitchell	Missouri	147
Amelia Moses	Missouri	148
Tobi Probst	Missouri	148
Hanne Nyquist	Nebraska	149
Gina Spalitto	Missouri	151
Brooke Bell	North Texas	152
Shirin Hornecker	Nebraska	152
Elizabeth Behensky	Nebraska	152

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# Miller sparkles in NU return

BY SAM MCKEWON  
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Amid all the sloppy play, lost intensity and disheartening injuries of Nebraska's scrimmage on Friday, one bright spot that emerged was freshman fullback Willie Miller, who came back from a shoulder injury to scrimmage for the first time since last spring.

In the scrimmage Miller had two carries for 46 yards, including one 35-yard run in which he broke free of several would-be tacklers.

"We're really glad to see Willie

Miller back to his old form," Coach Tom Osborne said. "He can be a great player for us."

Miller provides another solid fullback at an already strong position, Osborne said.

The redshirt freshman from Omaha is entering his second season. Miller said he was happy that he finally could participate in a scrimmage this fall.

"I had been waiting for this for a while now," he said. "I am 100 percent now and I know I can contribute to this team in a positive way."

Miller said his bull run during the scrimmage through the middle of the

Husker defense wasn't too difficult.

"It was a pretty simple run, really," Miller said. "I got through the hole and I tried to run as fast as I could after that. There was a lot of green in front of me, and I tried to get to the end zone as fast as possible."

Miller has been through a lot since he arrived on campus last year as a true freshman. Miller was a high school All-American selection at Bellevue West, where he rushed for 1,527 yards his senior season.

Miller said he came to Lincoln with the wrong attitude to be a good fullback.

"I came down here thinking I was

going to be I-back at the fullback position," he said. "But that was the wrong thing to think. I've had to learn to change my game a little bit from high school."

That transition has gone well for the most part, Miller said. But he gives most of the credit to the players in front of him, especially senior Joel Makovicka.

"I tried to watch (Makovicka) as much as possible during spring and see what he was doing," Miller said. "He showed me a lot in how to go

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